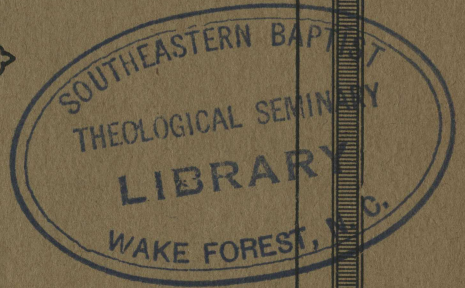


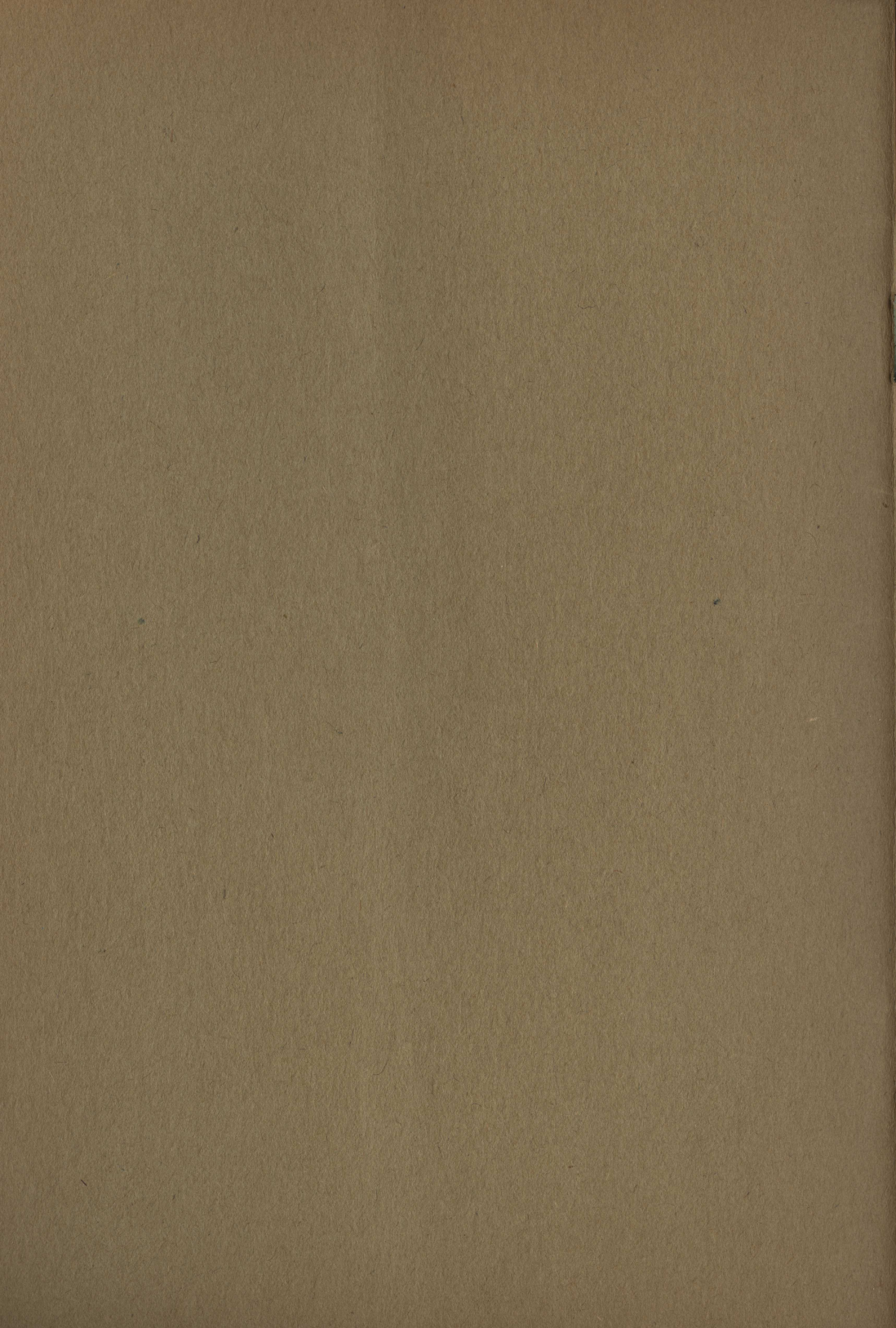
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PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

September 28th and 29th, 1926

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CONSTITUTION.

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

Membership.

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

Objects.

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

Powers and Prerogatives.

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

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

Rights of the Churches.

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

Duties of the Churches.

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

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

Organization.

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

Duties of Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MINUTES

Portsmouth, Va.
September 28, 1926.

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

Devotional exercises conducted by W. Rush Loving, who read the 23rd Psalm and led in prayer. Singing, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Bro. Ambrose R. Williams delivered a short address of welcome on behalf of Park View Church.

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

- BAPTIST TABERNACLE—Mrs. J. P. Ashley, Mrs. C. E. Plummer, Mrs. E. S. Waff.
BERKLEY AVENUE—P. M. Pritchard, Mrs. R. A. McCoy, Mrs. B. L. Rhodes.
BETHEL—F. H. Williams, Mrs. Adele Davis, Miss Viola Davis.
BLACKWATER—E. E. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Paul.
BURROWS MEMORIAL—Willis Hutchings, Mrs. U. Grant Cobb, Mrs. C. H. Beauchamp, Miss Mary Beauchamp, Mrs. M. Ayers.
CALVARY—W. T. L. Shepherd, Jos. F. Culpepper, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Curling, Mrs. A. F. Ozment, Mrs. Lem Martin, Mrs. G. W. Bailey.
CAMPOSTELLA—R. R. Pierce, Mrs. D. A. Baker, Mrs. E. J. Lowe.
CENTRAL—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Watkins, Dr. W. Tilden Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton N. Woodard.
CENTERVILLE—T. E. Etheridge, Mrs. E. T. Humphries, Mrs. W. E. Herring, Mrs. H. B. Cole.
CHURCHLAND—J. W. Cotton, Jr., E. F. Carney, T. E. Carney.
COURT STREET—M. P. Claud, John A. Morris, T. B. Lee, Mrs. J. M. Overton, Mrs. W. P. Harrell.
CRADOCK—Mrs. C. J. Rice, Mrs. V. C. Randall, Mrs. J. W. Lee.
DEEP CREEK—J. A. Willoughby.
FAIRMOUNT—W. J. Edwards, A. J. Dunning, Mrs. W. A. Shacklock, Mrs. Geo. Cook, Mrs. J. W. Gornto, Mrs. J. D. Peebles.
FIRST—E. A. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collings, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mrs. Jas. B. Abbitt, Mrs. F. C. Hough, Miss May Campbell.
FOURTH STREET—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brinson, Elmer Mays, J. R. Knight, E. C. Lewis, Mrs. T. E. Peters, Mrs. W. E. Brinson.
FREEMASON—M. Winston, W. Frank Robertson, W. G. Jarvis, L. B. Cox, Mrs. C. E. Cross.
GRACE—J. W. Welstead.
JACKSON MEMORIAL—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson, W. A. Vance, M. D. West, Mrs. J. R. Craft, Mrs. F. A. Lufsey.
KEMPSVILLE—Mrs. E. I. Herrick, Mrs. Annie Davis.
LAKE DRUMMOND—Miss Mary Lynch, Mrs. Annie F. Gordon, Mrs. Susan Sykes.
LARCHMONT—S. A. D. Parker.
LONDON BRIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Gimbert, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Owens.
NANSEMOND—J. C. Jordan, Mrs. F. M. Pierce.
NORVIEW—H. B. Cole.
NORTHWEST—Mr. and Mrs. L. Powers.

OAK GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Munden, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Simmons.

OCEAN VIEW—Horace W. Martens.

PARK AVENUE—J. D. Howell, S. O. Sale, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Mrs. Thos. H. Little, Mrs. A. T. Wood, Mrs. I. N. Fentress, Mrs. T. J. Hampton.

PARK PLACE—John E. Johnson, W. W. Gresham, J. P. Hampshire, R. J. Jarvis, R. W. Outland, Mrs. I. D. S. Knight, Mrs. W. L. Carter, Mrs. C. M. Brannon, Mrs. J. R. White, Mrs. W. T. Trafton, Mrs. L. E. Luke, Mrs. W. P. Boyce.

PARK VIEW—Ambrose R. Williams, Calvin Johnson, T. D. Roper, M. O. Lawrence, H. A. Hunt.

PLEASANT GROVE—J. B. Eason, H. L. Griffin, J. W. Smithson.

PORT NORFOLK—A. S. Walker, L. W. Collier, J. R. Brinkley, W. T. Welton, M. L. Haycock, Mrs. S. G. Blalock, Mrs. R. L. Dennis, Mrs. J. C. Collier.

RALEIGH HEIGHTS—W. S. O'Neal, I. R. Dozier.

SOUTH NORFOLK—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Forehand, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Z. R. Jernigan, Mrs. W. O. Baucom, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Mrs. O. J. Megginley.

SOUTH STREET—W. S. Parker, T. O. Williams, R. M. Diggs, Mrs. Annie Gray, Mrs. C. A. Robinson, Mrs. A. E. Curling, Mrs. J. W. Glover.

SPURGEON MEMORIAL—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gordon, L. M. Overton, Herbert Stanton, Mrs. L. W. Brabble, Mrs. L. B. Ward, Mrs. E. L. Dozier, Mrs. C. P. Etheridge.

ST. JOHNS—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Toxey, Mrs. Cecile H. Sawyer, Miss Mollie Sawyer.

VIRGINIA BEACH—Mrs. E. E. Chapman, Mrs. J. E. Jard.

WESTHAVEN—Howard Hart, C. J. Sawyer, Mrs. H. A. Parker, Mrs. C. E. Hundley, Mrs. Fannie E. Peacock, Mrs. W. E. Broadwell.

WEST NORFOLK—J. E. Dennis, Sr., Z. D. Owens, C. G. Dennis.

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

M. Winston, Moderator.

Dr. A. M. Burfoot, Vice-Moderator.

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

Report of Program Committee was made by H. B. Cole and adopted with a few changes.

L. B. Cox addressed the Association on Temperance and was followed by David Hepburn of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

Report of Ministers' Fund and Pastoral Support, prepared by James Elliott, was read by the clerk and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, through its relief fund and its annuity fund, is grappling with a great and growing problem of providing for ministers, their widows and dependent orphans in the best possible way. This Board is located in Dallas, Texas, and has made rapid progress in the work committed to it and there is a growing appreciation of its work on the part of the brotherhood throughout the South.

The Relief Fund.

The permanent relief fund is still under \$600,000.00 and the relief beneficiaries are receiving on an average less than \$150.00 per year. To provide properly for nearly 1200 beneficiaries of this fund,

the Board must have a very much larger income. Still the amount that we now distribute to aged and infirm ministers and to widows and dependent orphans of ministers is bringing peace of mind and a degree of comfort to these denominational wards that is justifiably gratifying.

The Annuity Fund.

Members of the annuity fund who have reached their sixty-eighth birthday or who have become permanently disabled, are receiving the maximum amount promised in the membership certificate, namely, \$500.00 per year.

Increased Provision Planned.

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention, which met in Houston, Texas in May last, in adopting the New Service Annuity Plan, as recommended by the special Laymen's Committee and by The Relief and Annuity Board itself, has been hailed with great satisfaction by thousands of our ministers and by the brotherhood generally. The provisions of this plan mark a distinct advance in the work of Ministerial Relief and the carrying out of these provisions will give to every participating minister, the widows and dependent orphans of participating ministers, within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, a support worthy of our great denomination, when they shall come to require it by reason of age, physical disability or dependency.

Some of the Provisions of the New Service Plan.

Some of the outstanding features of the New Service Plan are as follows:

1. An age annuity available at sixty-five for every active minister. This plan builds to a retirement annuity of approximately 50% of the average salary on a basis of thirty-five years of service, i. e., on a basis of an average salary of \$2400.00 there will be eventually given an annuity of \$1200.00 and so on. There will be guaranteed to every active minister participating in this plan, a minimum of 50% of his average salary up to \$600.00. Three-fifths of the retirement annuity will be continued to the widow.
2. Total and permanent disability prior to the age of sixty-five will entitle the participant to an annuity amounting to 40% of his average annual salary, during the five years preceding disability.
3. There will be a death benefit to the widow, after the first year of membership, amounting to 75% of the current year's salary of the minister, but not to exceed \$1,000.00.
4. Minor children of disabled ministers will participate in this plan to receive \$100.00 a year each, up to age eighteen with certain educational allowances up to age of twenty-one.

For details concerning the New Service Annuity Plan, ministers or others interested should write The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1226 Athletic Club Building, Dallas, Texas, and illuminating literature will be sent promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ELLIOT.

W. S. Royall of the Virginia Baptist Hospital of Lynchburg was introduced and told briefly of the splendid work that is being done by this institution.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed: R. D. Stephenson, Moderator, and L. F. Paulette, Clerk of Blackwater Association; Harry J. Goodwin of Suffolk, G. W. Sawyer of Battery Park, B. F. Robinson of Onancock, M. S. Noffsinger, Superintendent of the Orphanage; J. T. Watts, Richmond; Sam F. Templeman and J. H. Thayer of Elizabeth City, N. C.; L. E. Dailey, West Chowan Association of N. C., and John Tyler of New York.

After singing "My Hope Is Built" and prayer by H. B. Cole, the Introductory Sermon was preached by J. T. Riddick, his text being Hebrews 10:35.

Adjourned with prayer by A. W. Burfoot.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional exercises conducted by Ralph Mapp of Cradock.

Solo by Miss Flora Lee of Park View Church.

The following new pastors were introduced by W. V. Savage: M. Vellines, Pleasant Grove; T. E. Peters, Fourth Street; P. R. Wagner, Central; Ralph Mapp, Cradock; W. Rush Loving, Spurgeon Memorial; Elwood McGehee, West Norfolk; C. E. Anderson, Raleigh Heights, and J. D. Brame, Port Norfolk.

The following committees announced by the Moderator:

Finance—Willis Hutchings and A. R. Williams.

Time, Place and Preacher—Dr. A. M. Burfoot, Fred Williams and Ambrose Williams.

Report of Baptist Council was read by the Clerk and adopted after address by B. L. Rhodes, President.

REPORT OF BAPTIST COUNCIL

NOTES RECEIVABLE:

Loans—Calvary Baptist Church	\$ 2,000.00
Cradock Baptist Church	1,075.00
Fairmount Park Baptist Church	1,000.00
Grace Baptist Church	450.00
Jackson Memorial Baptist Church	10,000.00
Larchmont Baptist Church	10,000.00
Westhaven Baptist Church	10,000.00
Total	\$34,525.00

Liberty Bonds -----	350.00
Furniture and Fixtures -----	476.00
Cradock Baptist Church (Building and Lot) -----	3,532.12
Larchmont Baptist Church (furnishings) -----	780.00
Chinese Christian Home Furnishings -----	860.00
Baptist Tabernacle (Furniture) -----	225.00
INTEREST:	
Amount due on Loans -----	2,009.00
*Cash Balance -----	11,196.13
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Total -----	\$53,953.25

* Most of this being held for Ocean View.

There is much that can be accomplished by the Baptist Council in this Association, a few of the needy stations follow: Cradock is badly in need of a new church building and with a substantial loan from the Council this would be possible. Norview too is in hopes of building in the not too distant future. Missions are needed in many of our suburban districts, particularly Chesterfield Heights.

It should be remembered that the Baptist Council office stands ready to assist Program Committees for Conventions, Training Schools and all other denominational meetings, as well as any work in connection with the carrying out of the Co-operative Program and supplying pulpits of pastorless churches.

Recommendation From Baptist Council.

At the quarterly meeting of the Baptist Council, held at Park View Church on September 23rd, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:

“That it is the earnest desire that the churches of the Portsmouth Baptist Association give 15% of their Benevolences to our Baptist Council work, and if any church or churches cannot acquiesce in this desire we sincerely trust that they shall manifest their interest in the continuance of the work of the Baptist Council by making as liberal a contribution as possible.”

The following report on Combined State Interests was read by T. E. Peters and adopted:

COMBINED REPORT OF STATE INTERESTS

The Baptist Churches of Virginia co-operating through the medium of the General Association are engaged in the following work: State Missions, Ministerial Education, six institutions of learning, the Baptist Hospital, and the Baptist Orphanage.

The financial budget this year for the operation and development of these interests, as determined by the last session of the General Association, is \$500,000.00. In addition to this budget the Two Million Dollar Campaign for buildings and endowment for the University of Richmond was also launched by the General Association. The Woman's Missionary Union, as an auxiliary, participates in all these undertakings.

STATE MISSIONS

to which is allocated 48% of the budget, consists of several enterprises.

In 1925 aid was given to 150 Missionary Pastors laboring in twenty-seven Associations; three hundred forty-two stations were occupied, and 2,797 persons were baptized. 358 Sunday Schools were maintained, and 31 new ones organized. Eleven churches were constituted and eight church buildings completed. At the beginning of the present year thirteen of these fields voluntarily came off the Board, thus making it possible to enter new fields of great opportunity. At the present time Cradock, Ocean View, and Westhaven in the Portsmouth Association are being aided; but at some time or other all the churches in this Association except six or seven have been helped.

THREE STATE EVANGELISTS are now being supported. Last year 746 baptisms were reported by them and the offerings on their fields of labor largely support this department.

Four **MISSION HIGH SCHOOLS** are maintained; Buchanan Mission School (Buchanan County), Oak Hill Academy (Grayson County), Blue Ridge Mission School (Patrick County), and Piedmont Mission School (Nelson County). The enrollment in these schools is about 450. A majority of the students entering are not Christians but few leave without uniting with the churches. There is a great need now at Buchanan due to the burning last Christmas of the boys dormitory. The building is being replaced but for lack of room more than one hundred applicants have been refused entrance this session.

THE LAYMEN'S WORK under W. J. Kendrick, an employee of the Board, is yielding splendid results in a better informed and more truly enlisted brotherhood.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL and B. Y. P. U. Department under Secretary, Dr. J. T. Watts, is within itself a great and fruitful undertaking. This work consists in stimulating, guiding, and training our churches in Bible School and Young People's work. The value of the Summer Assemblies, the Training Schools and Institute work in city and country churches can hardly be over-estimated. The Sunday School Board assists materially in this work.

THE BAPTIST BOOK STORE is now owned jointly by Virginia Baptists and the Sunday School Board of Nashville.

ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage at Salem not only appeals to the hearts of the people but is worthy of their liberal support. 283 children are under its care. Fourteen per cent. of our State budget is allocated to this institution and many Sunday Schools are sending special offerings.

VIRGINIA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Virginia Baptist Hospital at Lynchburg was opened July 15, 1924. It has a capacity of 108 beds. A gift of \$75,000.00 by Mrs. Mundy, and the nurses home by Pres. O. B. Barker bring the total property value to approximately \$500,000.00, with a debt of \$140,000.00.

THE EDUCATION BOARD

One hundred and thirty-five students for the ministry and special religious work were aided in 1925 by the Education Board. This work is allotted 6% of our State-wide budget, and last year dispensed \$23,211.40.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND consists of Richmond College, Westhampton College, and The T. C. Williams School of Law. It has property to the value of about four and a half million dollars, of which just about half is invested in income-bearing endowment. The buildings are suitable to accommodate about 900 students, but for the last three years the enrollment has gone beyond a thousand.

The two million dollars sought in the present campaign will be about equally divided between buildings and equipment and endowment. Last year all student fees paid into the University treasury covered just 43% of the total operating expenses of the institution. If the number of students be greatly increased, the endowment must be increased to pay for teaching.

The University has no debt. It lives within its income, and all the funds realized from the present campaign will go into permanent buildings and endowment. Four per cent. of the budget is allocated to this institution.

INTERMONT COLLEGE and **AVERETT COLLEGE** are standard junior colleges for women. They owe no debts and the former has a nucleus of endowment. Both schools are doing good work and are well attended. Two per cent. to each of these schools is allocated from the budget.

BLUEFIELD COLLEGE is a standard junior college for men. The cost of its buildings and equipment has not yet been met. It has a great field for usefulness and deserves support in a financial way. Four per cent. of the budget is allocated to Bluefield.

FORK UNION MILITARY ACADEMY has a heavy debt of nearly a quarter of a million dollars incurred in rebuilding after it burned four years ago. But the work of the institution is splendid and the enrollment good. Eight per cent. of the budget goes to Fork Union.

HARGRAVE MILITARY ACADEMY has no debt and is doing a fine piece of work. Two per cent. of the budget is allocated to her.

Your committee recommends that the churches support the unified budget as far as possible as the best means of caring for all of these State interests.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. PETERS, Committee.

The various phases were discussed as follows:

State Missions—T. E. Peters.

Sunday Schools—Sam F. Hudson.

Orphanage—Supt. M. S. Noffsinger and W. V. Savage.

B. Y. P. U.—Miss May Campbell.

Motion by I. D. S. Knight that we request the Sunday Schools of the Portsmouth Association to take up a collection one Sunday in each month and forward direct to the Orphanage was seconded and adopted.

A stirring address on the Co-operative Program was delivered by J. T. Watts and a goal of \$77,000 for 1927 was adopted. Amounts to be apportioned to the churches by the officers of the Association.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

When the Baptist General Association of Virginia met in Roanoke last fall the recommendation of the Board of Missions and Education was adopted making the goal for Virginia in the Co-operative Program a minimum of one million dollars, and that body also instructed that the following percentages be used by the treasurer in allocating undesignated funds: State Missions, 24%; Home Missions, 11%; Foreign Missions, 30%; Southwide Education, 5%, Ministers Relief and Annuity, 3½%; Baptist Orphanage, 7%; Virginia Baptist Hospital, 3%; New Orleans Hospital, 5%; Ministerial Education, 3%; Virginia schools and colleges, 13%.

The Every Member Canvass was conducted December 6-13, some churches making the canvass earlier and some later, while four hundred churches, 11 of which are in this Association, either failed to do so or did not report results to headquarters. The total amount reported by 770 churches is \$726,481.36. Based upon last year's gifts, the non-reporting churches may be expected to contribute \$100,000 this year. Adding W. M. U. specials, designations and contributions there is a good outlook in Virginia, especially in view of the fact that many churches reported pledges considerably below their gifts for 1925.

By raising our goal of a million dollars, Virginia Baptists will be able to take care of their current work, reduce their indebtedness in a substantial way, and give their proper share of the money imperatively needed for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministers Relief and Annuity and other causes fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The best way to provide for all our work is to pay in full the quotas proposed to and accepted by the district associations and by them suggested to the churches. With good harvests and reasonably satisfactory business conditions Virginia Baptists will be able to reach the goal set for themselves, and possibly go even beyond that goal. The co-operation of our entire brotherhood is needed if we are to come out with victory at the end of the calendar year.

1927 Program

At Houston, Texas, in May, the Southern Baptist Convention voted to undertake, in co-operation with the states, to raise a combined goal of \$9,000,000 and the Co-operative Program Commission was directed to continue its work of promotion. The Convention adopted percentages for the allocation of south-wide funds. According to the Convention's action, should Virginia adopt that basis, Virginia would give as follows: Foreign Missions, 25%; Home Missions, 11¼%; Ministers Relief and Annuity, 4½%; New Orleans Hospital, 1%, and South-wide Education, 8¼%.

The Board of Missions and Education at its annual meeting in January instructed its Executive Committee to prepare recommendations to the Baptists of Virginia covering the 1927 Program. Subsequent to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the Executive Committee of the Board decided to recommend that the Every Member Canvass be conducted December 5-12, inclusive, or as near

these dates as practicable, for a minimum of one million dollars and that the funds raised during 1927 for objects of the Convention be distributed on the following percentages:

Foreign Missions, 30%; Home Missions, 10%; Ministers Relief and Annuity, 4½%; New Orleans Hospital, 5%; South-wide Education, 5%.

The ratio is 50% to South-wide and 50% to State causes.

The percentages for State causes were left for further consideration and report to the Board at its session just prior to the meeting of the Generation Association at Danville, at which time final recommendations will be worked out both for South-wide and State work.

In suggesting percentages at variance with the action of the Convention the Executive Committee had in mind the action of the General Association last fall, at which time the percentages being used this year were adopted. The present recommendation giving Ministers Relief and Annuity 4½% instead of 3½% as at present was made in order to enable the treasurer to send to the Board at Dallas a sufficient sum to take care of the established allowances to Virginia beneficiaries. Only because of a modest unused fund in the hands of the Board at the beginning of this year have we been able to get along without reductions being made in our allowances.

It is recommended that each association adopt as its goal for 1927 the amounts suggested for 1926, the goal for this association being \$77,000.00 and that a committee be appointed to apportion that sum to the churches as their working basis unless it is considered wiser to have the church goals suggested by the Executive Board of the Association.

It is especially urged that the Every Member Canvass be conducted in each church with the purpose of receiving subscriptions from individuals aggregating as much or more than the suggested church goals.

JOSEPH T. WATTS.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That it is the earnest hope that in every church of this Association a sermon be preached before November 1st for the purpose of creating a sense of duty toward the Co-operative Program and urging the people to rally and meet the situation."

TUESDAY EVENING

Devotional exercises conducted by J. D. Brame, who read from the 5th chapter of Ephesians, after the singing of "Standing on the Promises" and selection by choir of Park View Church.

President F. W. Boatwright of the University of Richmond was recognized and spoke on the work of that institution and the campaign for much needed funds with which to carry on its great and ever-expanding work.

Following President Boatwright's address, the following resolutions were offered by J. Elwood Welsh and adopted:

In view of the near-century service of the University of Richmond to the Baptist denomination and humanity at large, and in view of the University's present campaign for two millions of dollars, already endorsed by the Baptist General Association at its last session, be it resolved,

First, That the Portsmouth Association in annual session assembled this 29th day of September, 1926, in the Park View Baptist Church, Portsmouth, does hereby heartily endorse the present campaign of the University of Richmond for much needed funds with which to carry on its great and ever expanding work.

Second, That the churches, pastors, laymen, and the good women co-operate in every way they may find practical and feasible to accomplish the success and ultimate victory of this worthy effort in behalf of our beloved institution.

The next in order was an address by W. Frank Robertson on "The Spiritual Life of Our Churches."

Adjourned with benediction by J. F. Love.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Session was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by Vice-Moderator Dr. A. M. Burfoot.

Devotional exercises conducted by S. A. Campbell.

Under the head of Church Management, Sam F. Templeman, of Elizabeth City, N. C., gave a most interesting address.

Report on Home Missions was read by Sparks W. Melton and adopted after address by the same brother.

HOME MISSIONS

In presenting to the Association this annual report, we are profoundly grateful to God for his continued blessing upon this great department of Christian work.

There seems to be in the minds of many a grave misunderstanding as to the exact achievements of the Board during the past year. The word debt has been stressed, of necessity, but to think of this as the only achievement of the Board, is to mistake greatly concerning the real cause.

There has been severe reduction in the forces, and there has been drastic retrenchment in nearly every department, but this weakening of machinery and manpower has seemed to bring added assistance from on high, and likewise to stimulate the lessened force to enlarged endeavors.

Thus this Board, which has ever been the constructive, co-operative agency of Southern Baptists, has a report revealing tremendous triumphs in its activities. Some things not to be evaluated in figures are matters of thanksgiving, as being assuredly in the direction of a forward-going kingdom building process.

We are happy in the spirit in which the work is prosecuted and especially so when we consider the notes both divisive and undermining which come to us from many quarters. Also we are happy in the real emphasis given to worship; in the fact that in outlying districts the house of God is open for more numerous and regular services.

Speaking of our debt, and we must speak of it, we are optimistic enough to yoke it with another phase, namely, future development. Knowing both the heart of our Father and the hearts of our brethren we are absolutely confident that our present burden is a passing and only a passing distress. God knows our situation and is not deaf to our continual prayers. It only remains for us to see the facts and save the day through an immediate service, if need be unto death.

There is no longer time for delay and no further room for retrenchment or reduction. The last trench has been occupied and the work has already been jeopardized too much, and too long. Ours is a weakened condition which must be strengthened at once. We have cut off here and lopped off there, until the glorious statue and strength we could once muster and utilize is sadly marred and mangled. It is breaking the hearts of those who for so long a time have tried to carry on and come smiling through. If thousands had not taken seriously the special days of prayer, and the presentation so splendidly advocated through the press, there would have been absolute breakdown. But our God who is mighty to save has lifted up the fallen hands and strengthened the palsied limbs. We now stand supported of him who is able, and place upon you the choice claims of our present situation.

We are asking each messenger to do some real thinking, not merely to give a pleasing excuse for your former routine beliefs. Not to rationalize, not to accuse or excuse—above all not to refuse—but NOW “think on these things.”

Is not every interest of every individual Baptist served or stimulated or safeguarded by the “Home Board?” Are not stewardship, evangelism, Foreign Missions all blessed and builded strong by our work? An Indian gave \$25,000 during our 75 Million Campaign; a Russian, saved and baptized here, returned to Russia to reach his brethren there; a negro woman in the southland is supporting her daughter, working in Africa as a missionary. In reaching that Indian, Russian and Negro, the Home Board touched all kingdom interests.

Are you interested in social service and Americanization programs? While it was able the Home Board in Good Will centres and settlement homes, did more than give a tooth brush and the bath—it gave also the gospel of goodwill, and in humanizing America it has done much towards Americanizing the foreigner. Teaching neighborliness and brotherhood in Christ, it has had the winsomeness of a winning work.

Is this the work which must beg for your support and agonize for your attention? It is better to be overcome of a big task, and to overcome a small one, and the present crisis is so big and blessed that surely all will rejoice to get under and lift.

Virginia Baptists never last in any logical conclusion or liberal contribution; rally to our Board in its need, so that today with its trials may come a speedy tomorrow with its triumphs.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by I. D. S. Knight and after listening to a stirring address on this great subject by Dr. J. F. Love, the report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has closed the Eighty-first year of its great service as a clearing house of Southern Baptists for the dissemination of the gospel in the most destitute parts of the earth. These eighty-one years have been filled with perplexing problems, hard work, and often with discouragements. But there has been an almost unbroken progress in evangelistic achievements and expansion of the Kingdom of Christ. The last year was the best year in all the years of the Board's history and work.

The following facts should be carefully stored up by pastors and messengers to this association, and taken back to the whole membership of their churches:

1. Things Accomplished Last Year.

13,269 persons were baptized on our foreign mission fields during the last Southern Baptist Convention year, a gain of 1,135 over the previous year. The total membership is now 140,488. This membership is organized into 1,215 churches, 557 of which are self-supporting. These churches contributed last year \$444,258, or nearly \$4.00 per member.

We have on these fields 1,818 Sunday Schools with 76,991 scholars, and 568 women societies with 13,649 members. There are also 574 young people's societies with a membership of 13,868. Of schools of all grades, including kindergarten up to theological seminaries, we have 920 with a total student body of 36,893 before the Board's finances made it necessary to discontinue many of these schools. It is found that more than 50% of the baptisms reported for the year was among these students in our Christian schools on the foreign fields.

The medical work of the Board for the year consisted of 214,910 treatments administered to 69,583 patients, of which 5,498 were in-patients. 934 of the operations performed by the Board's medical staff were major operations.

2. A Second Fact To Be Remembered Is The Financial Condition Of The Board.

The Board started the year 1925-26, with a heavy debt and loud calls from its missionaries for reenforcement and relief. During the year the Board received from the Co-operative Program \$1,071,834.16; in designated gifts \$240,613.05; and in total gifts to the Christmas Love Offering \$811,344.11. The debt was substantially reduced, but there was left an indebtedness of \$727,000.

The Board has for more than three years denied the missionaries all equipment, such as residences, church buildings, school and hospital buildings, etc., and has now for some time discontinued appointment of missionaries, although there has been sad depletion of the missionary staff by death and resignations. The distress and disaster of these denials of missionary needs is voiced in numerous letters received from our missionaries.

The world which the Foreign Mission Board is facing is a world in desperate need, but a world ready for Christ, its only hope. Will

the Baptists of this Association suffer their beloved missionaries and their Foreign Mission Board to appeal in vain to them? Will they ignore the cries of a lost and ruined world for which Christ died and for which we have a sure and only remedy? The world needs the gospel, hundreds of young people are ready to carry it, and our people have the money to send them, if they would only give it.

We heartily commend the action of the women of our W. M. U. for their decision at the last Southern Baptist Convention to aid in the liquidation of the Foreign Board debt. It was decided by our W. M. U. that the Lotti Moon offering for this year be given for the missionary debt. They have placed \$300,000 as their goal. This amount to be raised by them from November 28 to December 5.

IRA D. S. KNIGHT.

Report on Woman's Work was made by Mrs. W. T. L. Shepherd and adopted after address by Mrs. T. H. Little.

WOMAN'S WORK

Never before in the history of the Portsmouth Association has the Woman's Work been as well organized as at the present time.

With this, the close of another successful year, marks one of wonderful achievements, but sad to state we have lost precious opportunities that will never come to us again. It is with pleasure that with this report I bring to your attention some of the things accomplished by the women of the Portsmouth Association.

This Association has a total of forty-two active churches and we are proud to say that we have enlisted in our various groups of Woman's work thirty-nine of these forty-two churches. Of this number we have thirty-six wideawake Woman's Missionary Societies, and while we feel encouraged of the work thus far done we feel there is much yet to be accomplished in lining up the remaining churches and strengthening and putting new life in the weaker ones.

We have a total of one hundred and sixteen organizations, eighty of which are Young People's Societies. While the work among the young people is very gratifying we feel guilty of falling short of our duty when we realize that we should have at least four of these Junior Societies in each of our churches, fostered by our W. M. S.

Another phase of our work, from which we reap great joy, is the study of Missions. There were 156 classes held, with the awarding of 459 seals, which was very encouraging. Central wins the banner for the past year for having the largest number of classes, South Norfolk for the largest number of Seals and Larchmont falls in line for the greatest number of Official Seals.

There has been a total contribution of \$14,899.40 from the Women and Young People for the past Associational year.

During the past year we have increased in the Educational line as we are now supporting four students in our own Buchanan Mountain School.

One church of the Portsmouth Group is receiving the greatest joy since its organization in the most pleasant task of supporting an orphan in our own Orphanage at Salem.

There has been 5 schools of Missions since our last report, which we recommend as a most excellent way of bringing our membership closer to duty once we get them interested.

The Goodwill Center, under direction of Miss Ruby Sharpley and an Advisory Board of the Portsmouth Group, with assistance from the Baptist Council, had a most successful year, with an average enrollment of 80 scholars. The Center is located 407 Middle Street, Portsmouth. One of the most gratifying features of this work was the Mother's Club, which was small in numbers but this was over-balanced by interest. It was remarkable to note how eager these mothers are to learn to read and write and to know more about the Bible stories that had been told them by the children of the Center.

The sum of \$2,693.44 was raised for our special Lottie Moon offering.

As we meet from time to time to study Missions we learn the crying need of sending the Gospel to the lost and the great number that are eager to hear about Jesus and his power to save, our souls are stirred.

We are convinced that if the men of our churches would have Mission Study Classes and learn more about the critical need that is facing our great denomination their hearts would be so thrilled that contributions to this work would be greatly increased.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. T. L. SHEPHERD.

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reported as follows:

Time: Tuesday and Wednesday after fourth Sunday in September.

Place: Centerville Church, Fentress, Va.

Preachers: Introductory Sermon, Howard I. Stewart. Alternate, S. A. Campbell. Doctrinal Sermon, Sparks W. Melton. Alternate, T. E. Peters.

Report adopted.

The following resolution was offered by I. D. S. Knight and adopted.

The Portsmouth Association, having endorsed the current effort of the University of Richmond to raise \$2,000,000, be it resolved that the moderator appoint a committee of pastors and laymen to serve as a steering committee in co-operation with the representatives of the University.

The following were appointed by the Moderator: I. D. S. Knight, Sparks W. Melton, J. E. Welsh, B. L. Rhodes, J. T. Riddick, W. Rush Loving, T. E. Peters, W. Frank Robertson, Dr. W. Tilden Smith, A. O. Lynch, Joseph Leslie, M. Lankford, W. W. Gordon, Julian Lawrence, J. E. Johnson and John A. Morris.

Adjourned with prayer by B. L. Rhodes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting was called to order by Moderator M. Winston.

Devotional exercises led by C. E. Anderson, who read from the 3rd chapter of John. Prayer by A. W. Burfoot.

At this time the Association had the pleasure of listening to the Doctrinal Sermon by C. S. Sawyer.

Digest of Church Letters, as prepared by L. C. Brinson, was read by the Clerk and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Number of churches in association, 44. No letter received from Tabernacle, East Brambleton, Knott's Island, Gilmerton, Norview, when this report was completed.

Nine churches had no baptisms.

Eight churches made no contributions to Co-operative Program.

Baptisms 1925 -----	656
Baptisms 1926 -----	641
DECREASE -----	15
Membership 1925 -----	17,665
Membership 1926 -----	18,082
INCREASE -----	417
Paid for Home Expenses 1925 -----	\$322,240.79
Paid for Home Expenses 1926 -----	259,068.18
DECREASE -----	\$ 63,172.61
Work of General Association:	
Paid 75 Million 1925 -----	\$27,399.34
Paid 1925 Program -----	37,164.03 \$ 64,563.37
Paid 1926 Co-operative Program -----	57,873.76
DECREASE -----	\$ 6,689.61

L. C. BRINSON, Committee.

Report on Obituaries was read by John A. Morris and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Your committee regrets to have to report the deaths of two of our most useful and faithful pastors, and four consecrated laymen since our last annual meeting.

Rev. Alonzo Robert Love former pastor of the Fourth Street Baptist Church, died on November 30th, at his home in Portsmouth. He was born in the city of Raleigh, N. C., fifty-six years ago and was a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of that city.

Brother Love had been the successful pastor of eight different churches, and had served them faithfully and well.

Perhaps his greatest work was done in the Hendersonville, Petersburg, and Portsmouth Churches, where he served eight, thirteen and five years respectively.

He served as moderator of this association for one year.

He was a strong, vigorous, forceful preacher and a faithful pastor, winning to an unusual degree the love and affection of his people and his brethren in the denomination.

Dr. Henry A. Griesemer, late pastor of the Park View Baptist Church of this city, died in the city of Baltimore on September 10th. He was seventy years of age at the time of his death.

Dr. Griesemer had been the successful pastor of many churches during his long and useful life.

He served the Park View Church for nearly three years and was largely instrumental in the building of the beautiful building that was dedicated only a few months before his death.

Dr. Griesemer resigned as pastor of the Park View Church last March to return to Baltimore to greet his daughter who was returning after a long stay as a missionary in India.

His was a long and useful life and he has gone to receive the crown that awaited him in his Father's House.

Owen Lee Williams, who was a deacon in the Court Street Baptist Church, died at his home in Portsmouth April 8th, at the age of sixty-three years.

He was born in Pasquotank County, N. C., but came to Portsmouth when a very young man.

He had been a member of Court Street Church for more than forty years.

He was among its most faithful and loyal supporters.

He was a regular attendant upon the sessions of the Portsmouth Association, the Baptist General Association of Virginia and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Brother Williams had been greatly prospered and had accumulated quite an estate, but he had always contributed largely to all of the causes of our denomination and to numerous organizations outside of the church.

He not only gave of his means but also gave largely of his valuable time to the work of the kingdom. He is greatly missed by his church and his brethren; his place will be difficult to fill.

Dr. Burnley Lankford, beloved physician and Christian gentleman, met his death by drowning August 4th, at Virginia Beach.

Dr. Lankford was a consecrated and useful member of the Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk.

He was one of the most useful and best beloved of the physicians in the city of Norfolk, as was his father before him.

His life was devoted to his profession but he was never too busy but that he had the time to attend the services of his church on Sunday, with his entire family.

As a physician of the highest type, he had won the affection of those he served, and in death they paid him tribute such as few receive.

His life was not only a blessing to his family, but to his church and the community.

May his life which was just beginning here be a rich legacy to his family and church and a worthy example to follow.

M. J. Kilby died the 28th day of February, 1926, at his home near Churchland. He had been a valued and consecrated member of the Churchland Baptist Church practically all of his life.

He was 68 years of age and was born in Norfolk County near what is now Churchland.

He was chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Churchland Church and was Superintendent of the Sunday School at the time of his death. He will be greatly missed by his church and all those who knew and loved him.

Claude E. Hutchins died May 15th, 1926, at his home, 929 A Street, Portsmouth. He was born in Portsmouth and was 56 years of age.

He had been a deacon in the Court Street Baptist Church for a long number of years, and was one of its most valued members. He was quiet and unassuming in his manner, kind and gentle to all with whom he came in contact. He had been a member of the church for most of his life, having joined when a young man.

He was a valued member of the Board of Deacons of the Court Street Baptist Church, and was one of the most devoted and consecrated members of the church.

He is greatly missed by his church, his family, and friends. Earth is sadder but heaven is richer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MORRIS, Committee.

Report of Treasurer as follows :

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1925

Receipts

Balance on hand from 1924-----	\$ 34.84	
Associational Fund from Churches-----	276.78	
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Total -----	\$311.62	\$311.62

Disbursements

Printing Minutes and Programs, Postage on Minutes, Stamps and Stationery-----	\$207.00	
Clerk's Salary for 1925-----	50.00	
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Total -----	\$257.00	257.00
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Balance on hand-----		\$ 54.62

W. T. L. SHEPHERD,
Treasurer,

Moved and adopted that the Clerk receive \$50.00 for his services.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the Park View Church for their generous hospitality and many courtesies.

Motion by Dr. A. M. Burfoot that a committee of three, consisting of H. M. B. Jones, B. L. Rhodes and T. O. Williams, be appointed to appear before the State Board and present the work of the Baptist Council with a view of working out a plan that will be satisfactory to both and report at next meeting of the Association. Adopted.

Motion by H. M. B. Jones, seconded and adopted, that instead of having standing committees appointed by the Moderator, as has been the custom, that the Executive Committee meet at some future date and appoint these committees.

After singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Session closed with prayer by J. A. Willoughby.

M. WINSTON, *Moderator*,
Norfolk, Va.

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAPTIST COUNCIL OF
NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH**

October 1st, 1925, to September 30, 1926.

1. Baptist Tabernacle -----	\$ 169.91
2. Berkley Avenue Baptist Church -----	333.30
3. Burrows Memorial Baptist Church -----	61.41
4. Calvary Baptist Church -----	84.92
5. Campostella Heights Baptist Church -----	15.63
6. Central Baptist Church -----	510.53
7. Court Street Baptist Church -----	42.50
8. Cradock Baptist Church -----	9.60
9. First Baptist Church -----	741.57
10. Fourth Street Baptist Church -----	135.34
11. Freemason Street Baptist Church -----	569.00
12. Jackson Memorial Baptist Church -----	136.03
13. Larchmont Baptist Church -----	45.36
14. Ocean View Baptist Church -----	25.90
15. Park Place Baptist Church -----	629.63
16. Park View Baptist Church -----	70.00
17. Port Norfolk Baptist Church -----	256.25
18. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church -----	9.00
19. Raleigh Heights Baptist Church -----	14.50
20. South Norfolk Baptist Church -----	80.00
21. South Street Baptist Church -----	405.00
22. Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church -----	281.30
23. Virginia Beach Baptist Church -----	5.50
24. Westhaven Baptist Church -----	56.20
25. West Norfolk Baptist Church -----	9.58
	\$4,697.96

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

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	Estab- lished	PASTORS	Value of Church Building and Lot	Value of Pastorim and Lot	Sundays of Preaching
1	Baptist Tabernacle	Norfolk, Va.	1922	J. T. Riddick	\$ 23700 00	\$	Every
2	Berkley Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1873	B. L. Rhodes	35000 00	10000 00	Every
3	Bethel	Norfolk Co., Va.	1889	H. B. Cole	2200 00		2nd & 4th
4	Blackwater	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1874	H. B. Cole	2500 00		Every
5	Burrows Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1894	S. A. Campbell	40000 00		Every
6	Calvary	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	S. F. Hudson	80000 00	6000 00	Every
7	Campostella Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1916	Robt. A. McKay	12000 00		Every
8	Centerville	Norfolk Co., Va.	1872	H. B. Cole	25000 00	5000 00	Every
9	Central	Norfolk, Va.	1885	P. Roland Wagner	115000 00	10000 00	Every
10	Churchland	Portsmouth, Va.	1785	W. V. Savage	55000 00	8000 00	Every
11	Court Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	J. Elwood Welsh	200000 00	12000 00	Every
12	Cradock	Portsmouth, Va.	1919	Ralph Mapp	2500 00	3200 00	Every
13	Deep Creek	Portsmouth, Va.	1869	J. A. Willoughby	30000 00	4000 00	Every
14	East Brambleton	Norfolk, Va.	1913	J. J. Gould	2000 00		Every
15	Fairmount Park	Norfolk, Va.	1909	J. D. Peebles	30000 00		Every
16	First	Norfolk, Va.	1801	Howard I. Stewart	100000 00	12000 00	Every
17	Fourt Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	T. E. Peters	44000 00		Every
18	Freemason Street	Norfolk, Va.	1848	Sparks W. Melton	14000 00		Every
19	Gilmerton	Portsmouth, Va.	1895	John W. Welstead	2500 00		Every
20	Grace	Portsmouth, Va.	1922	John W. Welstead	3000 00		Every
21	Jackson Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	R. G. Kendrick	60000 00	3000 00	Every
22	Kempsville	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1814	G. R. Tureman	10000 00	4000 00	Every
23	Knott's Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876				2nd & 4th
24	Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co., Va.	1850	J. A. Willoughby	3000 00		Every
25	Larchmont	Norfolk, Va.	1919	Robt. E. F. Aler	50000 00	9500 00	Every
26	London Bridge	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1788	J. F. Ingram	15000 00	3500 00	Every
27	Nansemond	Drivers, Va.	1891	W. V. Savage	3000 00		1st & 3rd
28	Norview	Norfolk, Va.	1925	H. B. Cole	3500 00		Every
29	Northwest	Norfolk Co., Va.	1782	J. A. Willoughby	5000 00		2nd & 4th
30	Oak Grove	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1762		2500 00	1000 00	Every
31	Ocean View	Norfolk, Va.	1910	H. H. Martens	1500 00		Every
32	Park Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1885	Floyd T. Holland	47000 00	5000 00	Every
33	Park Place	Norfolk, Va.	1902	Ira D. S. Knight	93000 00		Every
34	Park View	Portsmouth, Va.	1889		100000 00		Every
35	Pleasant Grove	Norfolk Co., Va.	1845	R. E. Vellines	2500 00	4000 00	Every
36	Port Norfolk	Portsmouth, Va.	1898	J. D. Brame	50000 00	6000 00	Every
37	Raleigh Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1898	C. E. Anderson	4000 00		Every
38	South Norfolk	South Norfolk, Va.	1893	C. S. Sawyer	50000 00	8000 00	Every
39	South Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	H. M. B. Jones	50000 00		Every
40	Spurgeon Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1892	W. Rush Loving	65000 00	4000 00	Every
41	St. John	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1856		3000 00	2000 00	Every
42	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, Va.	1908	Thomas E. Boorde	20000 00		Every
43	Westhaven	Portsmouth, Va.	1913	John Bomar	30000 00	6000 00	Every
44	West Norfolk	West Norfolk, Va.	1895	E. G. McGehee	5374 54	1900 00	Every
				TOTAL	1617774 54	128100 00	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES

	CHURCHES	ADDITIONS BY				DIMINUTIONS BY				Present Number			
		Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Statement	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Males	Females	Total	
1	Baptist Tabernacle	21	53		9	5				163	245	408	
2	Berkley Avenue	30	12		4	12		1		292	353	645	
3	Bethel	12								29	35	64	
4	Blackwater	12		5					2	44	44	88	
5	Burrows Memorial	22	15			6		15	3	272	494	766	
6	Calvary	4	11		2	9		2	4	332	462	794	
7	Campostella Heights	6	12			17			1			173	
8	Centerville	19	11		1	1		2	2	96	102	198	
9	Central	8	19	1	1	35		65	7			669	
10	Churchland								3	113	114	227	
11	Court Street	12	9		2	30			6	238	365	653	
12	Craddock	1	4			13						164	
13	Deep Creek	18	2		1	5	24			135	138	273	
14	East Brambleton												
15	Fairmount Park	8	19		4	27			2	210	223	433	
16	First	55	49		13	23		2	13			1272	
17	Fourth Street	3	10		1	17			3	382	492	874	
18	Freemason Street	61	47		3	37		27	19	601	654	1255	
19	Gilmerton												
20	Grace					3				5	10	15	
21	Jackson Memorial	23	11	1	6	30	2	52	4	249	304	553	
22	Kempville	1	2						1	48	43	91	
23	Knott's Island												
24	Lake Drummond	13			3				2	56	65	121	
25	Larchmont	8	5		1	36				64	78	142	
26	London Bridge	4	16	7		2				76	106	182	
27	Nansemond							5	3	16	18	34	
28	Norview	4	1							21	27	48	
29	Northwest	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	76	177	253	
30	Oak Grove	4		4	2	3		1	8	152	150	302	
31	Ocean View	9	16		7	5			1	80	122	202	
32	Park Avenue	12	13		3	54		4	7	476	592	1068	
33	Park Place	78	7		9	65	10		6	548	761	1309	
34	Park View	23	14	3	5	22		23	3	199	279	478	
35	Pleasant Grove	6	2	1		2			1	77	75	152	
36	Port Norfolk	41	49		2	16			7	475	548	1023	
37	Raleigh Heights		3	2	1		1			38	54	92	
38	South Norfolk	20	29	1		6		26	7	277	393	670	
39	South Street	27	13		5	12			9	366	466	832	
40	Spurgeon Memorial	5	5			64			5	348	515	863	
41	St. Johns	2				4			1	3	82	120	202
42	Virginia Beach	1	6		1	3				62	41	103	
43	Westhaven	53	17		25	7		3	4	169	181	350	
44	West Norfolk	5	7	3		2			2	59	61	120	
	TOTALS	641	558	29	112	578	38	232	143	6976	8907	18161	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Offices	Total Enrollment	Conversions	Church Members in School
1 Baptist Tabernacle	J. T. Horne, 215 E. 28th St., Norfolk, Va.	448	44	359
2 Berkley Avenue	W. N. Duval, 22 Clifton St., Norfolk, Va.	530	42	225
3 Bethel	F. H. Williams, Route 1, Fentress, Va.	96	12	48
4 Blackwater	J. N. Baxter, Hickory, Va.	60	11	40
5 Burrows Memorial	O. L. Gilbert, Bowden's Ferry Road, Larchmont, Norfolk, Va.	569	40	---
6 Calvary	W. T. L. Shepherd, 1053 Naval Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	946	4	324
7 Campostella Heights	R. R. Pierce, 124 Princeton Ave., Norfolk, Va.	160	8	100
8 Centerville	John P. Wright, Hickory, Va.	154	17	---
9 Central	W. F. Watkins, Royster Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	596	8	350
10 Chinese	Matthew Lam, Norfolk, Va.	90	5	30
11 Churchland	J. S. Lawrence, Churchland, Va.	205	---	116
12 Court Street	N. E. Adamson, 50 Washington St., Portsmouth, Va.	597	11	449
13 Cradock	T. F. Joyner, 35 Decatur St., Portsmouth, Va.	273	1	80
14 Deep Creek	J. T. Forehand, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	241	18	114
15 East Brambleton	J. J. Gould, 524 South St., Portsmouth, Va.	40	---	10
16 Fairmount Park	J. T. Lassiter, 2637 Ballentine Blvd., Norfolk, Va.	458	5	250
17 First	A. W. Burfoot, Jr., 214 Lucille Ave., Norfolk, Va.	1115	96	590
18 Fourth Street	L. B. Pendergraph, Route 1, Portsmouth, Va.	1096	3	310
19 Freemason Street	W. Frank Robertson, Edgewater Drive, Norfolk, Va.	700	51	---
20 Gilmerston	---	---	---	---
21 Grace	John W. Welstead, 98 Cushing St., Portsmouth, Va.	35	---	15
22 Jackson Memorial	S. A. W. Poe, 1704 Richmond Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	570	19	387
23 Kempsville	J. E. Old, Lynnhaven, Va.	142	---	70
24 Knott's Island	---	---	---	---
25 Lake Drummond	R. W. Warren, Hickory, Va.	60	12	50
26 Larchmont	S. A. D. Parker, Hanover Ave., Larchmont, Norfolk, Va.	194	13	73
27 London Bridge	R. B. Carter, Lynnhaven, Va.	141	3	---
28 Nansemond	J. E. Jordan, Drivers, Va.	---	---	---
29 Norview	E. W. Butler, Norview, Va.	158	2	43
30 Northwest	H. W. Powers, North West, Va.	150	8	---
31 Oak Grove	C. C. Gornto, Back Bay, Va.	194	6	165
32 Ocean View	S. B. Cox, 1732 Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, Va.	254	9	98
33 Park Avenue	F. A. Walker, 511 Reeves Ave., Norfolk, Va.	547	6	325
34 Park Place	Dr. W. H. Pearson, 640 Taylor Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	1320	84	700
35 Park View	T. A. Willett, 1025 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va.	550	20	300
36 Pleasant Grove	S. E. Charlton, Hickory, Va., Route 1	120	6	---
37 Port Norfolk	H. W. Dickerson, 500 Broad St., Portsmouth, Va.	758	---	60
38 Raleigh Heights	B. F. Wentz, Route 3, Berkley, Norfolk, Va.	122	---	---
39 South Norfolk	G. B. White, 68 Chesapeake Ave., South Norfolk, Va.	761	15	250
40 South Norfolk Mission	Dempsey Cowand, 94 Perry St., South Norfolk, Va.	141	2	50
41 South Street	E. L. Beale, 1024 "B" St., Portsmouth, Va.	660	20	385
42 Spurgeon Memorial	O. S. Hart, 726 Park Ave., Norfolk, Va.	686	2	350
43 St. John	A. F. Toxey, Lynnhaven, Va.	162	---	103
44 Virginia Beach	L. G. Mallory, Virginia Beach, Va.	120	---	---
45 Westhaven	Roland C. Houghton, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	377	42	223
46 West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.	136	5	83
TOTALS	---	16732	650	7130

The figures include Home Department and Cradle Roll.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES

CHURCHES		Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses	Support of S. School	Church Improvements	Aid of Poor	Associational Fund	Other Benevolences	Miscellaneous	Total
1	Baptist Tabernacle	3500 00	2371 15	1709 75	18774 05	65 00	10 00	231 51		26661 96
2	Berkley Avenue	3000 00	1520 65	794 00	3200 00	98 40	15 00	305 58	300 00	9233 63
3	Bethel	250 00	60 00	195 00			2 00		50 00	557 00
4	Blackwater	55 00	24 00	40 00	150 00		2 50		47 00	318 50
5	Burrows Memorial	2700 00	1633 01	250 00	1568 51	58 25	5 00	618 00	115 25	6948 02
6	Calvary	3160 00	1680 30	774 82	3334 65	133 00	8 00	3 25	102 00	9196 02
7	Campostella Heights	1750 00	300 00	225 00	50 00	75 00	5 19	25 00	1100 00	3530 19
8	Centerville	1500 00	168 90	102 24	3205 80		5 00	25 00	81 00	5087 94
9	Central	2795 00	4154 00	2142 00		131 00	20 00	1532 96		10774 96
10	Churchland	2500 00	1800 00	590 00	400 00	365 00	5 00			5660 00
11	Court Street	5400 00	6079 41	885 92	3668 21	320 00	15 00	762 49	418 71	17549 74
12	Cradock	718 21	294 88	168 91	59 80	14 00	3 00	75 82	127 00	1548 29
13	Deep Creek	1335 00	228 17	416 58	16779 88		5 00		218 00	18982 13
14	East Brambleton									
15	Fairmount Park	2392 00	798 74	1337 66	689 40	5 00	5 00	25 26	172 00	5425 06
16	First		12634 10	1727 79		521 28	12 00	3476 65	4290 91	22662 73
17	Fourth Street	3005 00	2847 00	894 00	2113 00	634 00	15 00	44 00		9552 00
18	Freemason Street	6500 00	9508 37	1901 36	7726 55	960 68	15 00	2401 00	5328 11	34341 07
19	Gilmerton									
20	Grace		60 00	208 00	30 00		1 00	16 00		315 00
21	Jackson Memorial	2200 00	590 71	369 33	3377 59	27 80	5 00		258 36	6828 79
22	Kempsville	1600 00	95 00	80 00	25 00	53 00	3 00	247 81		2103 81
23	Knott's Island									
24	Lake Drummond	240 00	34 29	74 13	78 50	22 00	3 50		61 23	513 65
25	Larchmont	1855 00	1601 75	448 31	1812 67		3 00	78 42	555 22	6354 37
26	London Bridge	1800 00	163 55	308 74	588 00	10 00	3 00	254 48	60 00	3187 77
27	Nansemond	180 00	54 33	22 00			3 02	14 35		273 70
28	Norview	384 00	73 00	320 00		30 00		105 00	26 00	938 00
29	Northwest	500 00	56 50	100 00			5 00		98 70	760 20
30	Oak Grove	900 00	83 62	173 44	6 25		5 00	66 51	185 00	1419 82
31	Ocean View	1933 00	392 87	327 77		13 00	4 00	133 12	120 00	2923 76
32	Park Avenue	3300 00	1801 16	689 81	172 81	302 97	10 00	1259 46	2605 26	10141 47
33	Park Place	4500 00	7000 00	1578 16	1000 00	827 65	30 00	880 89	954 16	16770 86
34	Park View	3600 00	3508 08	1912 81		56 00	15 00			9091 89
35	Pleasant Grove	1000 00	68 00	358 00			4 60	75 00		605 60
36	Port Norfolk	3135 00	2613 45	1011 45	950 60	134 38	10 00	178 79	86 00	8119 67
37	Raleigh Heights	795 00	98 00	199 45	500 00	5 00	3 00	64 17	136 68	1801 80
38	South Norfolk	2600 00	1300 14	1414 74	2774 11	140 63	12 00	83 40	392 73	8717 75
39	South Street	3170 00	2837 57	1566 50	1438 75	134 45	10 00	212 35	241 50	9611 12
40	Spurgeon Memorial	2227 16	4664 75	1958 22	459 60	40 00	10 00	531 05		9890 78
41	St. Johns	900 00	148 40	127 43	400 00		6 06	120 80	51 00	1753 69
42	Virginia Beach	850 00	56 22		72 52		3 00		47 25	1028 99
43	Westhaven	1625 00	1533 26	447 90	163 36	35 00	10 00	78 83	2025 74	5919 09
44	West Norfolk	900 00	370 57	265 20	980 56	17 50	3 00	120 23	152 57	2809 63
TOTALS		80754 37	75307 90	28116 42	76549 67	5230 40	309 87	14047 18	20407 28	299909 95

WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

Total Payments, including W. M. U. and Church Specials—Oct. 1, 1925-Sept. 30, 1926.

	CHURCHES	Balance Paid 1925 Program	Quota 1926 Prog'm	Pledged 1926 Prog'm	Paid to Date
1	Baptist Tabernacle	451 66	367 00	1200 00	887 42
2	Berkley Avenue	748 97	2600 00	2250 00	1250 70
3	Bethel	40 79			5 04
4	Blackwater		154 00		
5	Burrows Memorial	555 40	2334 00	1002 50	807 51
6	Calvary	233 12	1200 00	922 80	293 77
7	Campostella Heights	5 00	400 00	225 00	77 92
8	Centerville	238 97	1000 00		256 87
9	Central	2406 61	3334 00	2833 24	2101 76
10	Churchland	340 65	4900 00	2000 00	437 50
11	Court Street	2256 70	6667 00	6600 00	3640 70
12	Cradock	79 04	267 00	225 00	29 81
13	Deep Creek	85 25	400 00	340 00	125 68
14	East Brambleton		17 00		5 44
15	Fairmount Park	21 50	667 00	520 00	73 95
16	First	3309 85	10000 00	8500 00	4461 29
17	Fourth Street	250 78	2000 00	1700 00	924 22
18	Freemason Street	4662 16	11334 00	8000 00	3933 45
19	Gilmerton				
20	Grace	21 25	84 00		
21	Jackson Memorial	334 95	667 00	1000 00	544 39
22	Kempsville	65 10	267 00		124 91
23	Knott's Island				19 50
24	Lake Drummond	98 00	150 00		43 50
25	Larchmont	429 78	1334 00	800 00	396 55
26	London Bridge	520 03	800 00	400 00	303 00
27	Nansemond	26 62	400 00		15 04
28	Norview				42 50
29	Northwest	16 25	467 00		235 35
30	Oak Grove	81 80	200 00		191 71
31	Ocean View	171 50	200 00	300 00	1444 97
32	Park Avenue	749 03	4334 00	2550 00	2471 55
33	Park Place	2402 97	6334 00	7000 00	1460 03
34	Park View	806 14	3334 00	2550 00	193 93
35	Pleasant Grove	47 11	467 00		1149 57
36	Port Norfolk	749 58	2667 00	2266 00	92 50
37	Raleigh Heights	42 95	100 00	150 00	542 75
38	South Norfolk	233 00	1067 00	584 90	1714 42
39	South Street	1331 15	2334 00	3025 90	1302 05
40	Spurgeon Memorial	860 14	2334 00	1982 22	373 80
41	St. Johns	167 80	367 00		106 79
42	Virginia Beach	39 00	234 00	150 00	439 26
43	Westhaven	166 26	267 00	318 00	270 91
44	West Norfolk	54 37	400 00	100 00	
	TOTALS	153251 23	76449 00	59495 56	32892 01

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Session.	Year.	WHERE HELD	MODERATORS	CLERKS	PREACHERS	Churches.	Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS
1	1791	Portsmouth	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	David Barrow	21	1355	4 £ 18s. 7½d.
2	1792	Meherrin (Hebron)	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	Ed. Mentz	22	1660	6 £ 8s. 10d.
3	1793	Black Creek	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	Wm. Brown	22	1692	6 £ 19s. 6d.
4	1794	Black Water	David Barrow	William Brown	Ed. Mentz	22	1641	6 £ 5s.
5	1795						1609	12 £ 4s.
6	1796	London Bridge	David Barrow	William Brown	Wm. Brown	22	1698	9 £ 8s. 7d.
7	1797	High Hills	J. McGlamre	Wm. Morris	Wm. Brown	23	1736	8 £ 3s.
8	1798	Malones	Wm. Brown	Jo. Saunders	Wm. Brown	23	1647	7 £ 10s. 11d.
9	1799	Mill Swamp	J. McGlamre	William Brown	Jacob Grigg	23	1514	7 £ 3d.
10	1800	Shoulders Hill (Ch'd)	Wm. Brown	James Wright	Wm. Brown	25	1446	9 £ 1s. 7d.
11	1801	Cut Banks	Wm. Brown	Jos. Saunders	Jacob Grigg	23	1331	7 £ 8s. 6d.
12	1802	North West	Wm. Brown	Jos. Saunders	Wm. Brown	22	1571	7 £ 8s. 6d.
13	1803	Black Creek						
14	1804	Seacock (now Elam)	John Bowers	James Wright	Jas. Wright	21	1858	7 £ 10s. 6d.
15	1805	Portsmouth	John Bowers	James Wright	Jas. Mitchell	19	2059	7 £ 14s. 6d.
16	1806	Raccoon Sw'p (Ant'h)	John Bowers	James Wright	Robt. Murrell	20	2137	8 £ 2s. 4½d.
17	1807	Western Branch	John Bowers	James Wright	Jno. Gwaltney	20	2100	7 £ 7s.
18	1808	London Bridge	Robt. Murrell	W. P. Riddle	H. Kee'ing	20	2013	8 £ 2s. 9d.
19	1809	Meherrin	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Wm. Brown	21	2327	8 £ 18s. 6d.
20	1810	Otter Dam (Cabin Pt)	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Wm. Brown	22	2329	\$ 31 00
21	1811	Black Water	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Robt. Murrell	22	2243	29 58
22	1812	High Hills	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	22	2086	28 75
23	1813	Mill Swamp	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	N. Chambliss	22	2048	29 15
24	1814	South Quay	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Jer. Ritter	22	1865	26 30
25	1815	North West	N. Chambliss	Carr Bowers	M. Smith	22	2200	30 54
26	1816	High Hills	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	22	2321	34 25
27	1817	Black Creek	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Geo. Norris	22	2260	32 75
28	1818	Norfolk	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Robt. Murrell	22	2237	44 75
29	1819	Raccoon Swamp	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	H. Kee'ing	23	2307	45 37½d
30	1820	Western Branch	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	25	2264	38 75
31	1821	Pungo (Oak Grove)	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Sam Cornelius	25	2511	35 70
32	1822	Mark't St., Peters'bg.	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	25	2599	38 22
33	1823	Seacock	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	25	2540	39 55
34	1824	Portsmouth	Carr Bowers	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	26		
35	1825	High Hills	Carr Bowers			25	2438	65 37½d
36	1826	Mill Swamp	N. Chambliss	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	26	2482	42 00
37	1827	Shoulder's Hill	N. Chambliss	Jacob Darden	Fielding Bell	26	3722	51 85
38	1828	Raccoon Swamp	Carr Bowers	Wm. M. Jones	D. M. Woodson	28	3894	69 25
39	1829	Tucker's Swamp	Carr Bowers	Wm. M. Jones	S. Sherwood	31	4633	65 85
40	1830	London Bridge	Carr Bowers	R. B. C. Howell	R. T. Daniel	33	4817	135 84
41	1831	South Quay	Jos. Holleman	Wm. M. Jones	Wm. Snow	34	4063	67 62½d
42	1832	Otter Dam	Jos. Holleman	R. B. C. Howell	R. B. C. Howell	32	4985	190 38
43	1833	Tanner's Cr'k (Sal'm)	R. B. C. Howell	Thomas Hume	Gilbert Mason	33	4966	111 25
44	1834	Beaver Dam	R. B. C. Howell	Thomas Hume	R. B. C. Howell	32	5089	116 06
45	1835	Sappony	John Goodall	Thomas Hume	S. Sherwood	34	5146	106 25
46	1836	Pungo	T. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thos. Hume	35	5573	81 25
47	1837	Black Creek	T. C. Jordan	Jas S. Baker	D. M. Woodson	35	5252	522 67
48	1838	Newville	T. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	S. Sherwood	35	5893	461 80
49	1839	Sycamore Hill (Sh. Hill)	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. C. Bailey	35	4722	411 19
50	1840	High Hills	T. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thos. Hume	35	6093	753 95
51	1841	Western Branch	T. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. B. Breed	36	6482	986 35
52	1842	Market St., Peters'bg.	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Putnam Owens	36	7392	363 74
53	1843	Mill Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	T. R. Scott	36	7955	1062 35
54	1844	Cumber'd St., Norfolk	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Reuben Jones	39	7653	853 60
55	1845	Raccoon Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. L. Gwaltney	39	8089	3114 61
56	1846	Tucker's Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. W. M. Williams	39	8010	2164 87
57	1847	Court St., Portsm'h	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Putnam Owens	40	8007	1912 53
58	1848	South Quay	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	C. B. Jennett	40	8442	2122 15
59	1849	Hicksford	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thomas Hume	41	10794	1568 47
60	1850	London Bridge	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Reuben Jones	42	9282	2156 33
61	1851	Moore's Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	T. G. Jones	44	9583	1915 53
62	1852	Hebron	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	W. M. Young	44	9522	1554 82
63	1853	Suffolk	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	G. M. Mason	44	9966	1920 13
64	1854	Newville	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	J. G. Council	44	8405	1665 15
65	1855	North West	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	J. H. Womble	45	7912	2068 17
66	1856	Beaver Dam	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	Thomas Hume	46	9731	1870 16
67	1857	High Hills	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	T. G. Jones	46	6238	1992 70
68	1858	Black Creek	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	G. W. Keesee	46	7150	4071 02
69	1859	Sycamore Hill	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	Thos. Lansdale	46	9431	3181 06
70	1860	Black Water	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	M. R. Watkinson	46		

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71	1861	Freemason St., Norf'k	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	J. G. Keen	46	3879	1570 52
72	1862	Sappony	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	J. M. Butler	46		
73	1863	High Hills	T. G. Keen	Thomas Hume	J. B. Hardwick	45		
74	1864	Fed'l Army, occupied.	the whole field and		no meeting was held			
75	1865	Black Water	Reuben Jones	C. E. W. Dobbs	H. Petty	38	1778	62 00
76	1866	Beaver Dam	Thos. Hume	C. T. Bailey	J. F. Deans	38	4307	270 00
77	1867	Mill Swamp	Thos. Hume	C. T. Bailey	T. H. Pritchard	38	4123	109 80
78	1868	Pleasant Grove	Thos. Hume	J. F. Deans	J. C. Hiden	36	4115	10159 58
78	1869	Western Branch	Thos. Hume	N. B. Cobb	W. E. Hatcher	38	4338	12327 98
79	1870	Antioch	Thos. Hume	N. B. Cobb	N. B. Cobb	40	4524	15191 40
80	1871	Smithfield	Thos. Hume	E. B. Branch	A. E. Owen	42	4715	13952 84
81	1872	Millfield	Thos. Hume	E. L. Turner	J. W. Ward	45	5259	13981 79
82	1873	Shoulder's Hill	Thos. Hume	E. L. Turner	E. L. Hutson	47	4536	42088 25
83	1874	Tucker's Swamp	Reuben Jones	E. L. Turner	W. D. Thomas	47	4191	24198 39
84	1875	Hicksford	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	R. Jones	47	5233	26352 20
85	1876	Suffolk	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	T. T. Eaton	47	6153	25152 77
86	1877	Centerville	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	G. J. Hobday	49	6355	22608 39
87	1878	South Quay	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	A. E. Owen	49	6518	23259 69
88	1879	Kempsville	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	O. F. Flippo	53	6829	24671 50
89	1880	High Hills	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	J. A. Speight	53	7062	27091 56
90	1881	Waverly	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	C. H. Nash	54	7070	28490 35
91	1882	Beaver Dam	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	J. C. Hiden	55	7321	29502 04
92	1883	Great Fork	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	W. W. Wood	55	7258	32687 16
93	1884	North West	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	M. S. Read	56	8051	38294 12
94	1885	Black Creek	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	E. C. Dargan	59	8121	39271 62
95	1886	Hebron	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	R. W. Criffin	62	8856	41748 86
96	1887	Berkley Avenue	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	J. D. Brown	63	9358	48301 61
97	1888	London Bridge	L. B. Allen	G. J. Hobday	J. M. Pilcher	63	9772	55581 56
98	1889	Boykin's	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	T. G. Jones	63	9944	54200 65
99	1890	Franklin	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	D. W. Gwin	66	10859	49925 51
100	1891	Portsmouth	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	H. C. Smith	67	10851	60726 87
101	1892	Shiloh	J. M. Pilcher	H. N. Quisenberry	M. B. Wharton	68	11242	56872 85
102	1893	Tucker's Swamp	M. L. Eure	H. N. Quisenberry	J. A. Barker	65	11151	63692 36
103	1894	Churchland	J. F. Deans	H. N. Quisenberry	J. L. McCutcheon	72	12638	61101 46
104	1895	Sycamore	J. F. Deans	G. S. Kennard	A. B. Dunaway	73	12846	73235 61
105	1896	Colosse	J. F. Deans	G. S. Kennard	G. S. Kennard	76	13515	99509 57
106	1897	Great Fork	J. F. Deans	Gavin Rawls	J. J. Hall	77	13730	73806 40
108	1898	Hicksford	J. F. Deans	Gavin Rawls	J. F. Love	78	14357	73621 10
109	1899	Berkley Avenue	A. B. Dunaway	Gavin Rawls	W. V. Savage	80	14687	91914 57
110	1900	Suffolk	A. B. Dunaway	Gavin Rawls	H. W. Battle	80	14888	102765 69
111	1901	Holland's Corner	H. W. Battle	Gavin Rawls	T. C. Skinner	82	15303	111402 10
112	1902	South St., Portsmouth	H. W. Battle	Gavin Rawls	J. J. Taylor	84	15693	113471 48
113	1903	Western Branch	W. P. Hines	Gavin Rawls	R. W. Bagwell	86	15959	136046 23
114	1904	Boykins	Simon Seward	Gavin Rawls	R. B. Garrett	86	16810	136737 68
115	1905	Churchland	C. S. Blackwell		L. E. Barton			
116	1906	Petersburg (2nd Ch.)	C. S. Blackwell		E. E. Dudley			
117	1907	Pleasant Grove	L. Lankford	Geo. J. Hobday	W. F. Watson	39	9564	97660 45
118	1908	Fourth St.	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	W. Mosby Seay	37	10156	102472 01
119	1909	Suffolk	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	A. J. Fristoe	38	10478	149595 68
120	1910	London Bridge	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	S. W. Melton	39	10132	140031 59
121	1911	Deep Creek	W. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	J. T. Anderson	40	10521	107700 62
122	1912	Churchland	R. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	Geo. W. Swope	40	9905	95163 16
123	1913	Port Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	R. D. Stephenson	38	10627	127146 82
124	1914	South Street	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	L. F. Paulette	39	10717	118914 98
125	1915	Oak Grove	R. B. Garrett	H. M. Fugate	W. M. Black	39	11390	129897 97
126	1916	South Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	J. A. McKaughan	W. A. Snyder	39	11390	39304 26
127	1917	St. John	R. B. Garrett	A. O. Boda	B. K. Mason	39	12282	
128	1918	Central	W. W. Gordon	J. B. Jackson	R. A. Williams	39	10617	151734 52
129	1919	Centerville	H. F. Jones	J. B. Jackson	G. W. Cox	40	13553	246801 87
130	1920	Kempsville	L. C. Brinson	W. T. L. Shepherd	R. J. Dogan	41	14985	336048 77
131	1921	Northwest	L. C. Brinson	W. T. L. Shepherd	H. F. Jones	41	16727	495568 58
132	1922	Freemason Street	W. F. Robertson	W. T. L. Shepherd	I. D. S. Knight	43	17454	339782 53
133	1923	Churchland	W. F. Robertson	W. T. L. Shepherd	F. L. Hardy	43	17415	346432 43
134	1924	Court Street	A. R. Love	W. T. L. Shepherd	Marinus James	43	17495	355188 67
135	1925	St. John's	W. F. Watkins	W. T. L. Shepherd	J. E. Welsh	43	17346	359404 82
136	1926	Park View	M. Winston	W. T. L. Shepherd	J. T. Riddick	43	18161	337 499 92

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

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

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Portsmouth Association, was held with Park Place Church, Thursday, June 3rd, the morning session beginning at 10:30 with the Superintendent, Mrs. Geo. R. Martin, presiding.

The opening hymn, "Revive Us Again", was followed with prayer by Mrs. Freeman.

Enrollment Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. W. T. Crafton, Mrs. H. R. Gray and Mrs. Sam White, after which the Constitution and By-Laws were read by the Secretary.

Upon motion, the program as printed was adopted as the program for the day, subject to any necessary changes. Copies of the plan of work for 1926-1927 was distributed, and, upon motion, the distribution was accepted as the presentation.

Enrollment Committee reported 65 delegates and 94 visitors present. It was moved and seconded that delegates enrolled constitute the body, and those registering later be added. Carried.

Mrs. Ira S. Knight conducted the devotional service, basing her remarks, which were both edifying and uplifting, upon the sixth chapter of Matthew, emphasizing especially the 33rd verse.

After prayer, led by Mrs. A. Moses, a cordial welcome was extended visitors and wives of ministers recently moved into our midst. Among the former was Miss Bessie Trevett, Educational Secretary for the State, and Mrs. Vellines of Pleasant Grove.

Appointment of Committees was next in order, the following being named as the Nominating Committee for next year: Mrs. Julia Gaskins, Mrs. S. G. Blalock, Mrs. I. S. Knight, Mrs. Willard McGhee, Mrs. W. A. Wright.

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. W. H. McGhee, Mrs. J. F. Ingram, Mrs. C. L. Whichard, Mrs. T. D., Roper, Mrs. G. W. Hilton.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. B. L. Rhodes, Mrs. J. M. Overton, Mrs. L. C. Parker.

Obituary Committee for 1927—Mrs. S. G. Blalock, Mrs. E. S. Wilson, Miss Mary Lynch, Mrs. E. E. Chapman, Mrs. L. E. Hall.

Personal Service Committee—Mrs. W. T. L. Shepherd, Chairman.

Reports of officers were given as follows:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

May 1st, 1925, to December 31st, 1925.

It is with joy that I bring to your attention some of the outstanding achievements of your organized efforts during the past year. I would remind you that the reports which you hear today are for eight months only, our year running from May 1st, 1925, to December 31st, 1925.

Our gifts to the 1925 Program as reported amounted to \$14,899.40, while our Lottie Moon Christmas offering amounted to \$2,690.97.

The Standard of Excellence record for this year is not as good as last. Only 9 societies reached the A-1 Standard. Last year we had 13 A-1 organizations. Central Church deserves special mention for having 4 A-1 societies. If only their Y. W. A. had been A-1 they would have received a South-wide pennant at the Houston meeting.

The most encouraging feature of the Mission Study work is the increased interest shown by the rural groups.

Personal Service in its highest and truest sense has been practiced by nearly all the societies during the year.

We report the same number of organizations this year as we did last. This does not mean that there were no new organizations, but sadder still—some of our old ones passed out of existence.

May I close this report by assuring you of my deep appreciation for the privilege you gave me of representing you at the Houston W. M. U. meeting.

Statistical Report

No. Societies visited	43
No. Group Meetings attended	8
No. Executive Meetings	2
No. Letters written	358
No. Talks made	52

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. R. MARTIN,
Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand June 1925	\$128.67
Additional dues for 1925	14.00
From Groups for Superintendent's Expenses	75.00
Dues for 1926	16.00

Total Receipts \$233.67

Disbursements

Flowers	\$ 7.50
Flowers	6.63
Oakey Printing Co.	16.75
Secretary for Expenses	3.44
Oakey Printing Co.	5.00
Superintendent's Expenses to State Convention	25.00
Superintendent's Expenses to S. B. C.	75.00

Total Disbursements 139.32

Balance on hand \$ 94.35

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY

From May 1st to December 31st, 1925.

Number of Classes held	158
Number of Small Seals	910
Official Seals	6

Young People

Number of Classes held	34
Number of Small Seals	147

Personal Report of Secretary

Letters and Cards	49
Talks Given	3
Classes Taught	8
Group Meetings Attended	10
Mission Study Institutes Conducted	5

MRS. H. E. HOOD,
Secretary Mission Study.

Reports of Young People's Work in the various Groups were given by the Leaders in charge as follows: Miss Campbell for Norfolk; Mrs. B. L. Rhodes for Berkley; Mrs. J. E. Johnson for Norfolk County; Mrs. Julian Sawyer for Princess Anne County. Upon motion all reports were adopted as rendered.

After several announcements incident to the day's program, the Superintendent presented Miss Trevett, who spoke upon the subject of witnessing for Christ, giving three ways in which all might be witnesses, viz.: Prayer, Gifts and Mission Study,—for "To obey we must go and to go we must know," said the speaker.

Mrs. Lane, of the Park Place Choir, sang very sweetly "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," after which the morning session was closed with prayer by Rev. J. E. Welsh.

After a very satisfying luncheon, prepared and served by the women of the church, the afternoon session opened with the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," followed by reading of minutes of the morning session by Mrs. Mary DeLoach Kirby, who acted for the Secretary in her absence during the morning.

The Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. W. W. Gordon, presided at this session and made a few remarks upon the subject of "Our Continued Task"; then introduced Mrs. S. G. Blalock, of Port Norfolk, who conducted the devotional service, taking as her topic "Our Young People." The speaker stressed the very important part played by the youth of today in the affairs of the world and our responsibility in training the young people of our churches, thus determining whether their influence shall be for good or evil.

Mrs. Ramsey of Orchid Avenue Baptist Church, Newport News, was introduced, and after extending greetings from the Peninsula Association, made a stirring address in behalf of the different phases of work supported by the Southern Baptist Convention. In her plea for a deeper sense of stewardship, Mrs. Ramsey related the experiences of some of her personal friends at work in foreign lands. The prayer which followed was led by Rev. F. T. Holland.

Mrs. T. H. Little conducted a very impressive demonstration of the various points of the Standard of Excellence, which was termed Our Measuring Rod, having one or more speakers for each point. Especially interesting was the point on Personal Service which illustrated so perfectly the right and the wrong way to render such service.

The Sunbeams of Park Place Church, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Brown, also gave an exhibition Mother Hubbard's Surprise.

Pennants for making all points of the Standard of Excellence were awarded by the Superintendent as follows: W. M. Societies of Central, Court Street and South Street Churches; G. A.'s of Central and Freemason Street; R. A.'s of Central; Sunbeams of Central and Larchmont.

Upon motion the Plan of Work as presented at the morning session was adopted.

Next in order was the Memorial Service in honor of those who had passed from our midst during the year, the following report being rendered by Mrs. C. E. Johnson, who conducted this service:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

The time has come when we pause to do honor to those of our members whom we have loved and lost awhile. Those who labored with us for the Master, who sacrificed and served that the glorious tidings of our risen Lord might be heard throughout the world. One by one our Father beckoned to them, calling them Home. How we loved them. How we miss them.

We cannot say, We will not say that they are dead, They are just away, With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand.

They have wondered into an unknown land and left us dreaming how very fair.

It needs must be, since Jesus lingers there—

Think of them still as the same we say,

They are not dead—They are just away.

St. John—Mrs. T. B. Sawyer, Mrs. W. E. Gilbert.

Jackson Memorial—Mrs. E. L. Gulley, Mrs. J. T. Ashley.

Churchland—Mrs. W. B. Carney.

Park Avenue—Mrs. W. S. Barnes, Mrs. J. P. Ryan, Mrs. Mollie P. Porter.

Central—Mrs. Kirby Powell, Mrs. W. H. Eley.

First Church—Miss Cora Nottingham, Mrs. Louise Barbee, Mrs.

Mary Jackson, Mrs. Mary Tarrall, Mrs. W. T. Rogers, Mrs. A. B. Paulette.

Larchmont—Miss Josephine Farse, Mrs. Louise Hickman, Mrs. Mary McKnown.

Freemason—Mrs. James Carmichel, Mrs. Claud James, Mrs. T. B. Kight, Mrs. C. A. Lindgren, Mrs. J. M. Marshall, Miss Margaret Hawkins, Miss Fannie Haynes.

Park Place—Mrs. G. W. Gray, Mrs. Julia Stephens.

South Street—Mrs. Ella Whitehurst.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. E. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Reports of other committees followed:

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. Willard McGhee, chairman: Thursday following the first Sunday in June 1927 at London Bridge Church.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. J. G. Council, chairman: Officers for ensuing year:

Superintendent.....	Mrs. W. W. Gordon
Asst. Superintendent.....	Mrs. G. R. Martin
Secretary.....	Mrs. F. L. Nicholson
Treasurer.....	Mrs. I. W. Morgan
Secretary Mission Study.....	Mrs. S. B. Johnson

Group Leaders

Norfolk.....	Mrs. W. B. Hogg
Portsmouth.....	Mrs. Annie L. Gray
Berkley.....	Mrs. R. A. White
Norfolk County.....	Mrs. J. E. Johnson
Princess Anne County.....	Mrs. Julian Sawyer

The above officers and Leaders were unanimously elected.

Mrs. W. W. Gordon was nominated as delegate to the S. B. C. to be held in Louisville, Ky., May, 1927, with Mrs. B. L. Rhodes and Mrs. H. M. B. Jones as alternates, these to be elected at the State meeting in October, 1926.

The following report was given by Mrs. B. L. Rhodes, Chairman of Resolutions:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, 1st: That we, the women of the Portsmouth Association hereby express our appreciation for the cordial welcome extended us, the gracious hospitality and the delicious luncheon served us by our hostesses of the Park Place Baptist Church.

Resolved, 2nd: That we express our appreciation and delight for the inspiring and helpful addresses of Miss Bessie Trevett and Mrs. Ramsey.

Resolved, 3rd: That our sincere thanks be given to the faithful officers for their untiring services and those who assisted in giving us a most excellent program.

Resolved, 4th: That we, by a rising vote, express our sincerest appreciation of the constructive and most efficient services of our retiring superintendent, Mrs. G. R. Martin, and pledge our heartiest support to her as President of the W. M. U. of Virginia and assure her of our everlasting love for her.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. C. PARKER,

MRS. B. L. RHODES.

Upon motion the reading of minutes of the afternoon session was dispensed with and same referred to the Executive Committee.

After singing "Jesus Calls Us," the meeting was brought to a close with prayer led by Mrs. Ramsey of Newport News.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Secretary.

