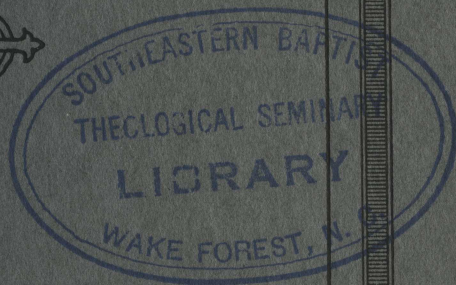


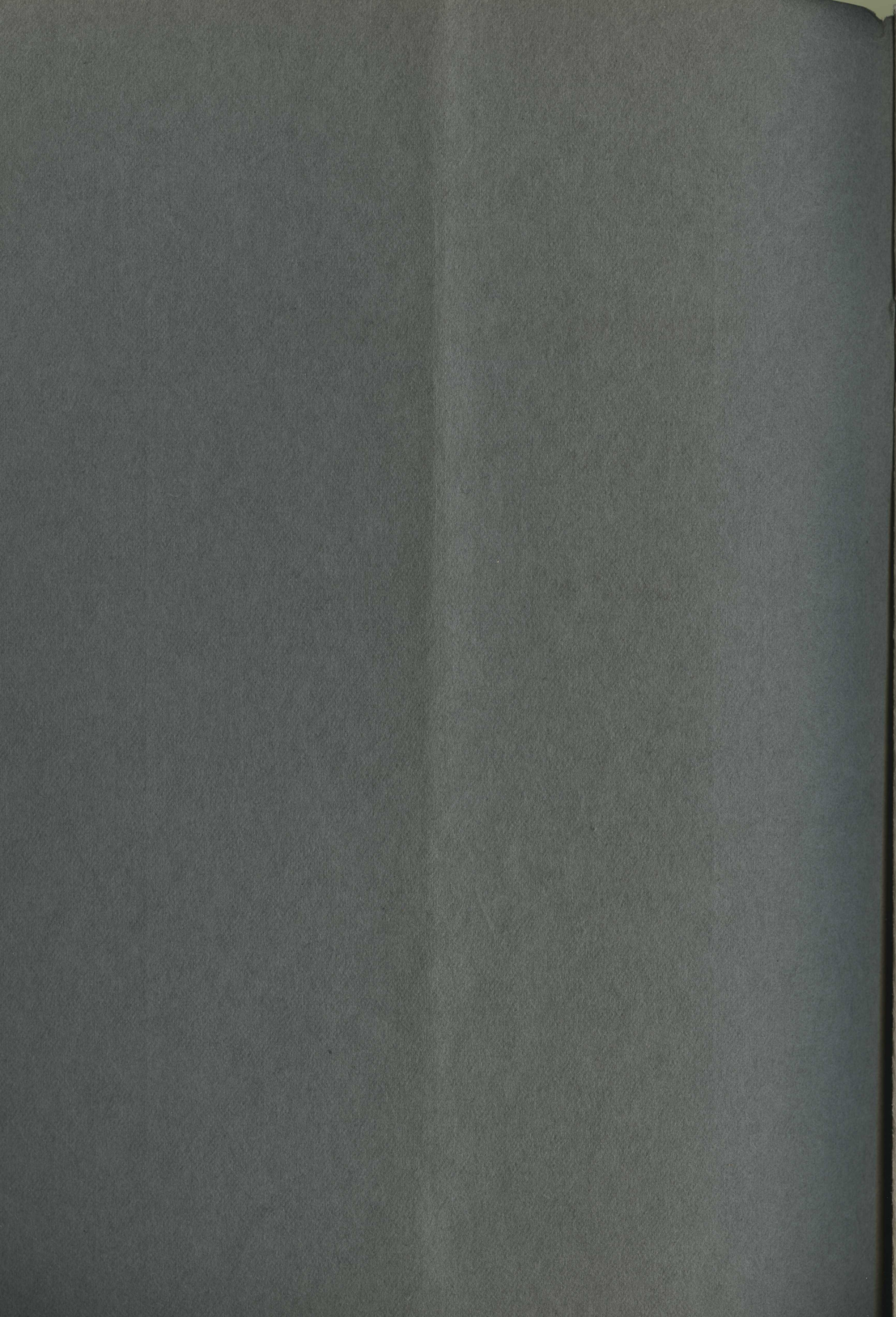
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## Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

### ST. JOHNS BAPTIST CHURCH

PRINCESS ANNE, VIRGINIA

September 29th and 30th, 1925

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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.

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## 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

Princess Anne County, Va.,  
September 29, 1925.

1. The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met this day in its One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Session with St. John's Church.

2. In the absence of the Moderator, the body was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by the Vice-Moderator, W. F. Watkins.

3. Devotional exercises conducted by Frank L. Hardy.

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

BAPTIST TABERNACLE—R. E. Summers, Mrs. R. E. Summers, T. L. Harrell, Mrs. T. L. Harrell.  
BERKLEY AVENUE—J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, E. J. West, Mrs. B. L. Rhodes, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, P. M. Pritchard, S. T. Williams.  
BETHEL—F. H. Williams, W. Y. E. Davis.  
BLACKWATER—H. B. Cole.  
BURROWS MEMORIAL—Willis Hutchings, O. L. Gilbert, Mrs. O. L. Gilbert, F. D. Lambert, Mrs. F. D. Lambert, Mrs. G. R. Martin.  
CALVARY—J. F. Culpepper, W. R. Lamb, W. T. L. Shepherd, Mrs. Albert Ozment, Mrs. J. C. Davis.  
CAMPOSTELLA—Letter only.  
CENTRAL—W. F. Watkins, Mrs. W. F. Watkins, Dr. W. T. Smith, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Miss May D. Campbell, Mrs. A. L. Bonwell, Mrs. Frank L. Hardy.  
CENTERVILLE—Dr. A. M. Burfoot, T. E. Etheridge.  
CHURCHLAND—L. M. Coffman, W. J. Carney, T. B. Griffin, Kira Armistead.  
COURT STREET—M. P. Claud, W. C. Norcum, O. L. Williams, Mrs. O. L. Williams, Mrs. Maud Williams Codd, Mrs. J. E. Welsh, Miss Ruby Sharpley, Mrs. Emmet Deans, Mrs. J. H. Belote, N. E. Adamson.  
CRADOCK—J. E. Pate.  
DEEP CREEK—Mrs. M. B. Culpepper.  
EAST BRAMBLETON—Letter only.  
FAIRMOUNT—Mrs. W. A. Shacklock, Mrs. J. W. Gornto, Mrs. Carl Gornto, Mrs. J. D. Peebles, Mrs. Geo. Cook, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Eley.  
FIRST—G. T. Banks, Mrs. G. T. Banks, W. G. Collings, Mrs. W. G. Collings, J. W. Saunders, Mrs. J. W. Saunders, Mrs. Cora Capps.  
FOURTH STREET—L. C. Brinson, Mrs. L. C. Brinson, W. E. Brinson, Mrs. W. E. Brinson, C. E. Mays, J. R. Knight, C. H. Rowe, L. B. Pendergraph, G. W. Stroud, E. C. Lewis, Mrs. J. D. Burgess, Mrs. M. E. Boneer.  
FREEMASON STREET—M. Winston, R. D. Kibler, T. C. Johnson, W. F. Robertson, C. L. Whichard, Mrs. C. L. Whichard, Mrs. Geo. Bowden, Miss Kate Stevenson, Mrs. Ella Thomas, Miss Mary Dey, Miss Eliza Borum.  
GILMERTON—J. W. Welstead.  
GRACE—J. W. Welstead, Mrs. J. W. Welstead.  
JACKSON MEMORIAL—Geo. Anderson, M. D. West, W. S. Leary.  
KEMPSVILLE—T. J. Berry, Mrs. Annie Davis.  
LAKE DRUMMOND—L. E. Barton.  
LARCHMONT—S. A. D. Parker.  
LONDON BRIDGE—Ben Gimbert, Mrs. Ben Gimbert, B. F. Owens, Mrs. B. F. Owens.  
NANSEMOND—J. E. Jordan, Mrs. F. M. Pierce, Mrs. J. L. Benton.  
NORVIEW—Mrs. W. W. Davis, Mrs. A. L. Stephens.  
NORTHWEST—J. A. Willoughby.



OAK GROVE—J. W. C. Dudley, D. O. Vaughn, Mrs. D. O. Vaughn, D. E. Spry, Mrs. D. E. Spry, W. A. Munden, Mrs. W. A. Munden.

OCEAN VIEW—Letter only.

PARK AVENUE—Mrs. J. W. Belote, Mrs. J. Whitehurst, Mrs. T. E. Baird, Miss Sallie Cake, Mrs. L. W. Sykes, Mrs. F. T. Holland, Mrs. D. R. Woodington, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Mrs. J. H. Woodington.

PARK PLACE—R. W. Outland, Mrs. I. D. S. Knight, Mrs. J. B. Odom, Mrs. W. L. Carter, Mrs. W. C. Perry, Mrs. R. R. Richardson, Mrs. E. R. Ewell, Mrs. P. S. Ferree, Mrs. W. J. Fitchette, Mrs. C. V. Etheridge, Mrs. C. W. Brennan, Mrs. W. T. Crafton.

PARK VIEW—A. R. Williams, Mrs. H. A. Griesemer.

PLEASANT GROVE—C. C. Hedrick.

PORT NORFOLK—J. C. Blanchard, Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, E. J. Haley, Mrs. E. J. Haley, Mrs. L. M. Bailey, Mrs. S. B. Johnson, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mrs. W. C. Thurston.

RALEIGH HEIGHTS—B. F. Wentz, I. R. Dozier.

SOUTH NORFOLK—J. T. Forehand, Mrs. J. T. Forehand, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. W. O. Baucum, Mrs. A. M. Smith, G. W. Overman.

SOUTH STREET—E. L. Beale, Mrs. E. L. Beale, W. S. Parker, Mrs. W. S. Parker, Mrs. H. M. B. Jones, Mrs. B. Moore, Mrs. A. E. Curling, Mrs. Annie Gray, Mrs. Mattie Butler.

SURGEON MEMORIAL—Mrs. A. W. Petty, Mrs. L. B. Ward, Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Mrs. S. A. Sutton, Mrs. Alice Pizzini, Mrs. J. M. Whitney, Mrs. R. J. Dogan, Mrs. L. E. Luke, Mrs. E. L. Dozier, Mrs. L. W. Brabble.

ST. JOHN'S—E. M. Seneca.

VIRGINIA BEACH—Mrs. J. E. Jord.

WESTHAVEN—Jno. W. Reaser, Mrs. Jno. W. Reaser, J. W. Barham, Mrs. J. W. Barham, N. Mack Dowdy, Mrs. W. L. Broadwell, Mrs. John Bomar, Mrs. J. W. Ford, Mrs. W. F. Monell.

WEST NORFOLK—John E. Dennis, Sr., Z. D. Owens, Mrs. Z. D. Owens, Mrs. C. A. Larkin, Mrs. Leon Fuller, Mrs. Wright Predmore, John Thews.

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

W. F. Watkins—Moderator.

Dr. A. M. Burfoot—Vice-Moderator.

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

6. Report of Program Committee was read and adopted.

7. W. V. Savage introduced the following new pastors: Sam F. Hudson, Calvary; J. E. Pate, Cradock; F. A. Liles, St. John's, and G. R. Tureman, Kempsville.

8. A Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of S. A. D. Parker and A. R. Williams.

9. J. T. Riddick read the Temperance Report and after discussion by David Hepburn of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, the report was adopted.

### TEMPERANCE

Standing at the head of great national evils in almost every country on the face of the earth is the traffic in intoxicating liquors, whether the traffic be lawful or unlawful.

No nation, organization or individual can look with favor upon this nefarious business and claim to be a God-fearing nation or individual whose aim is to build up a strong moral and intelligent citizen-



ship. It should be to every American citizen a matter of thanksgiving that we have national prohibition, in spite of the glaring and indisputable fact that the law has not wholly prohibited the sale of the accursed stuff in our midst. Neither has any other law on our statute books wholly prohibited men from doing the things the law intended to prohibit.

It is not only foolish, it is child talk, to say that the country is worse off today than it was under the saloon regime. Such argument, if it may be called an argument, has the smack of the simpleton's jabber. Facts and figures that can be reasonably relied upon give striking contradiction to all such unjust and unwarranted talk about the failure of national prohibition. The following facts, which I have gleaned from a very reliable source, go to show that national prohibition has been an unspeakable blessing to the American people:

"Uncle Sam's garage stores 15,552,077 automobiles, seven-eighths of the world's total. He daily spends over a million dollars on movies; another million on radio; another million on outdoor sports. He has cut over half a million from the yearly arrests for drunkenness; reduced his penitentiary population by 5,000 in the last year; closed many of his jails once crowded; decreased alcoholic insanity by two-thirds, and lowered his almshouse ratio from 91 per 100,000 to 71, the smallest in our history. Only one drink cure survives for each ten that prospered under license. He has increased longevity three years per person. He erected homes for 205,193 families during the first six months of the past year. His industrial accidents are 250,000 fewer per year than when beer made men clumsy.

"Uncle Sam has 14,346,701 telephones. Few of his children are poor. He saves \$74,000,000 per year once spent to relieve drink-caused poverty. Instead of beer he buys bonds, until one in five are security holders. Private buyers alone hold over \$4,000,000,000 in foreign bonds, besides the enormous issues of domestic, industrial and public securities.

"Over 25,000,000 of his boys and girls are in school. Daily over 3,000 new members join his churches, which spent \$250,000,000 in the past year for new buildings."

These striking figures stand out in glaring contradiction of the claims made by some of our local wet soap-box political orators who ask us to put them in office on the grounds that prohibition is ruining the country and their election is the only hope of our nation.

There is yet much to be done in the way of executing the law. No law is more effective than the public sentiment behind it and the character of those whose business it is to execute it. Hence there is great need for procuring the best type of men as officers of the law and not putting its execution into the hands of ex-bums and criminals. The situation today, as never before, calls for conviction, wisdom and sanity in the work of putting the bootlegger out of business. It will not be done in a day; it will take years of strenuous fighting, wise management and education to win the fight.

Your committee wishes to express its appreciation of all that the Anti-Saloon League has done and is doing to bring victory for the prohibition cause in our grand old State, for to this organization—even though it has in all probability made mistakes—as to no other source, must be given the credit for what we have today in the way of temperance reform. It is the honest conviction of your committee that the Portsmouth Association should give to the Anti-Saloon League its moral and financial support, leaving the plans for co-operation with each local church. It is the further opinion of your committee that our fight against the liquor traffic should be done in a way that will not weaken our cause and brand our churches as



political machines. There should be much prayer and temperate living in our homes and in our business and political stations. The practice of temperance will go a long way toward making the bootlegger's business a profitless one, and when that is done he will quit, for he is in it for the revenue.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. RIDDICK.

10. The following resolutions were presented by H. A. Griesemer and unanimously adopted:

We, the Portsmouth Baptist Association, in session at St. John's Church, Princess Anne County, representing 43 churches with a membership of about 18,000, do earnestly protest against the modification or amendments to the present State Prohibition Law which would tend to weaken the same, or to make ineffective the activities of the Law Enforcement officials; especially do we protest against allowing a larger latitude in the suspension of jail sentences, or the wearing of uniforms by officials who are engaged in suppressing the transportation of liquor.

The clerk of the Association is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this statement to each of the members of the Legislature within the bounds of the Association.

11. Dr. A. M. Burfoot read Report on Periodicals and adopted after discussion by Frank L. Hardy, R. J. Dogan, J. T. Riddick, H. A. Griesemer and L. E. Barton.

#### PERIODICALS

It has been the custom of the Program Committee of this Association for the past several years since I have been more or less actively identified with the Association work, to relegate the report on Periodicals to the last. This may or may not have been wisely done, it not being in the province of your present committee to say. However, the fact stands out, that this year, the committee has made several changes, and chief among which is that the Periodical report is set for this time. Therefore it now becomes my duty to punish you, for just a few minutes, with this phase of the Denominational work.

Our Magazines or Periodicals known as the Home and Foreign Fields, by their very name tell you what they are. Our Denomination prefixes the name of Missionary to distinguish us from our Primitive Brethren. Then in the spirit of real usefulness, these publications are to disseminate that information which all true Missionary Baptists should possess. But I feel that the few minutes of your time that I shall take should be devoted to calling your attention to the Religious Herald. Virginia is one of the few Southern States that does not own its state paper, devoted to the work of the denomination of that State. So far as your committee knows it may be the only one, but on that point I am not quite sure. In time that has past, this has been more or less a storm centre, but the ultimate result of it all has been that the Religious Herald is edited, owned and controlled by a man who is loyal to the Baptists of the world, the South and especially to Virginia. In fact I am rather inclined to believe that Virginia Baptists have not been quite as loyal to that beloved and consecrated and above all, true christian character who edits and publishes the Religious Herald, Dr. R. H. Pitt, as they should have



been. Your committee tried to ascertain just how many *Heralds* came in the bounds of the Portsmouth Association to the approximately 18,000 Baptists therein, but could not. But I did ascertain this fact, that on a percentage basis it was less than in other sections of the State. Then it would seem that this lack of loyalty just referred to, starts right here at home in our Association. Your committee is advised that not one-fifth as many *Heralds* are taken in this Association as ought normally to be taken. It is further advised that could it be possible, and it is at this time trying to be made possible, for five thousand new subscribers to be added in Virginia, then on a percentage basis we would only have one Baptist out of every thirty in the State taking the paper. This at once opens up to you the situation as to the Religious Herald and Virginia Baptists.

The question now arises or should properly arise as to what remedial agency or agencies should Virginia Baptists employ to adjust this truly dramatic situation. I am not sure that your committee can answer properly, but these facts would seem proper to state that we might at least enlist the sympathies of all Baptists who really desire to in some measure be of some service to our Denomination.

Counting the Evangelical Inquirer as the lineal predecessor of the Herald, which indeed and in reality it was, the Herald is now about to pass into its one hundredth year of practically continuous publication, and therefore Baptist service. This, my brethren and sisters, is a record to be proud of, and indeed to be more proud may I tell you that Dr. Pitt is entering his thirty-eighth year of continuous editorial service. In point of service this makes him the senior Baptist editor in the wide, wide world. May God bless him and give him many more years of useful service. If our people of this Association will read the paper presented by Mrs. L. E. Barton to this body last year, and couple it with the facts I have just tried to present to you, great good can and will be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. BURFOOT.

12. The following visiting brethren were recognized: L. F. Paulette, Holland; Frank B. Handley, Boykins; K. E. Burke, Courtland; R. D. Stephenson, Franklin; David Hepburn, Richmond; F. O. Criminger, Suffolk; P. M. Petty and W. A. Snyder.

13. Moderator named L. E. Barton, H. A. Griesemer and B. L. Rhodes as Committee on Reception of New Churches.

14. Motion was made and adopted that a committee be appointed to draw resolutions to be sent to A. R. Love, who is confined at his home by sickness. Dr. A. M. Burfoot and R. J. Dogan were appointed. Resolutions as follows:

Rev. A. R. Love,  
Portsmouth, Va.

Dear Bro.—Fraternal greetings from the Portsmouth Association. We sorely regret your inability to be with us. We miss you. God bless you.

A. M. BURFOOT,  
R. J. DOGAN,  
Committee.



15. The hour therefor having arrived, the Introductory Sermon was ably preached by J. E. Welsh, from Acts 2:4—"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." L. F. Paulette assisted in the service.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

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

17. Devotional exercises conducted by J. E. Pate. Prayer by John Bomar.

18. Report of Committee on Reception of New Churches as follows:

We, your committee appointed to report on the application of Norview Church, find that the church was organized the fifth Sunday afternoon in May, and that the organization was regularly formed, with the adoption of the usual form of Church Covenant and Articles of Faith. We recommend, therefore, that the messengers from Norview Church be recognized and seated and that the church be enrolled as one of the constituent co-operative bodies of this Association.

L. E. BARTON,  
H. A. GRIESEMER,  
B. L. RHODES.

Recommendation adopted and messengers recognized and welcomed as members of the Association.

19. The following Report on Combined State Interests was read by R. J. Dogan and adopted:

### REPORT ON COMBINED STATE INTERESTS—1925

It is impossible, in a report of this character and on this occasion, to do more than touch on the various and important interests comprehended in the state work of our Board of Missions and Education.

#### State Missions.

The department of missions, under the leadership of Secretary R. D. Garland, is basal in the very nature of things, as its prime objective is the evangelization and enlistment of the unsaved people of our great state.

The strength of state missions imparts vigor to every other phase of our Christian work. Many of the strong churches of our state have been either founded or fostered by this board, and are today outstanding in support of all denominational programs.

The Board has aided during the past year 136 pastors, ministering to 343 churches and stations, which is 37 pastors less than received aid last year. This is explained in part by the fact that during the current year several churches nobly relieved the board of further financial assistance.



The appropriation for this work during the current year was about \$50,000; while the missionaries report 2,550 baptisms and the collection of \$90,000 for church buildings and repairs.

The Board, at the present time, has in its employ, only four evangelists, Brethren Sanford, Lawson, Wiley and Haley, brethren of good report among us, giving full time to this work.

They report for the past year 1,088 baptisms and turned over to the Board \$4,500. The budget this year is \$6,000 plus their collections. This force is inadequate to meet the needs of this important phase of our work in this great state.

Your committee would emphasize the importance of a spirit of evangelism, not only in our mission churches but in every church in the state. This is the King's business and must not be neglected, as all other work is predicated upon this.

#### **Mountain Schools.**

We are maintaining four mission schools, viz., Buchanan, Oak Hill, Blue Ridge and Piedmont. These have more than 600 students enrolled and all are doing a most gratifying work in the mountain sections of our state. There is reported many professions of faith among the students. The current budget of these schools is about \$30,000.

The Department of Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., and Colportage, with Rev. J. T. Watts in charge, seeks to provide leadership for the forward movement of this work in Virginia, according to the policies established by Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Since this department was established in 1908, our Sunday Schools have increased 81,700 in enrollment, so that we now have enrolled in the Sunday Schools of our state 182,600.

Under the efficient and energetic leadership of Secretary Watts, Teacher Training work has developed to a remarkable degree and this work is going on with unabated interest.

The present record shows: Normal Diplomas awarded, 10,110; seals for advanced courses, 21,872; post graduate awards, 318. A total of 32,300. In addition to these awards, thousands of young people and teachers hold certificates for the completion of parts of the courses. Virginia has 1,192 organized Bible classes registered at Nashville, with an enrollment of 28,316.

One of the most important and far-reaching phases of our staff of Sunday School workers is the promotion of teacher training, in the rural sections of the state, by holding more than 2,500 institutes. Last Summer 360 classes were conducted and nearly 3,000 awards were bestowed in the rural section alone.

The board, in co-operation with the general board at Nashville, expended \$10,000 this year in the development of our rural Sunday Schools.

Our annual Assemblies, at Virginia Beach and Bristol, combine in a most happy way, programs inspirational, educational and recreational, for all who attend these special summer features of our work.

#### **Baptist Young People's Union.**

The Church or Denomination that does not feature a constructive program for its young people is on the highway that leads to decadence and death. And the preacher who refuses to foster such programs is headed in the same general direction and for the same ultimate termination.

Our Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s are the organizations together with some others, that meet these needs and furnish channels for the teaching and training of our young people.



Our state now has 917 B. Y. P. U.'s, with an enrollment of 36,295. We gained during the year 37 unions and 3,337 members. We now have 190 standard unions.

Last year 5,840 awards were given for the completion of B. Y. P. U. text-book work.

Other interests in our state, dear to all Virginia Baptists yet forming a part of our South-wide Co-operative Program, are our Orphanage at Salem and our Hospital at Lynchburg.

Our Orphanage is now caring for 293 children, at an annual expenditure for maintenance of \$65,000. It is recommended that the Sunday Schools of our Association will heed the urgent call for contributions for the support of this institution.

During the year, both Supt. C. L. Corbitt and Asst. Supt. P. H. Chelf have severed their connection with the Orphanage, after many years of faithful service, and Mr. M. S. Nofsinger, of Roanoke, has been chosen superintendent of the institution.

The new Baptist Hospital, at Lynchburg, is filling a long-felt need among our people, as evidenced by the number of patients that have already been treated and the number now receiving medical attention.

The hospital has approximately 100 beds, with a nurse's home recently completed, the gift of O. B. Barker, President of the Board of Trustees.

Your committee would urge that in view of the distressing financial condition of both our State and South-wide interests, that our people hear and heed the call to special consecration to prayer and unstinted liberality.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. J. DOGAN,  
Committee.

The various phases were discussed as follows:

Orphanage, by W. V. Savage.

State Missions, by John Bomar.

Sunday Schools, by C. S. Sawyer.

B. Y. P. U. by Mrs. M. E. Boncer.

Education, by S. A. Campbell.

20. J. T. Riddick made motion that C. S. Sawyer be requested to write his address and send to Herald for publication. Adopted.

21. Report on Obituaries was read by R. G. Kendrick and adopted.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Your committee is called upon to record the home-going of three able, efficient, and useful ministers of the gospel. Three veterans of the Cross who belonged to what might be called the "Old Guard", who served their day and generation well. They are Dr. Adoniram B. Dunaway, Dr. Vernon I'Anson, and Rev. W. S. O. Thomas.

Dr. A. B. Dunaway was born in Lancaster Co., Va., November 5, 1841, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. B. Carney, Portsmouth, October 3, 1924. He was buried at Accomac, Va., where he



held his last pastorate, October 5, this being the eighty-third anniversary of his birth. At his request, the funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. S. Monds, an intimate friend and associate in ministerial labor. Dr. W. V. Savage and Rev. Marinus James also took part in the service.

For more than half a century he was an active, earnest, able and successful pastor. Some of the churches that he served were Churchland and Port Norfolk in this Association; Accomac, Va., and Oxford, N. C.

Editor Pitt of the Religious Herald says of him: "Dr. Dunaway was a preacher first, last, and all the intervening time. He had to a remarkable degree the gift of interpreting the Scriptures to the people. He was himself a profound and life-long student of the Scriptures and his messages came out of the heart of the Bible. He was gifted, too, in analyzing his themes and arranging his discourses so as to make them impressive and memorable. He was a great comrade, too, with a fine, fraternal spirit, loving his brethren, believing in them, and welcoming every opportunity to add to their happiness and usefulness. He was a gentleman, born and bred, with all the finer instincts that this word connotes, and with these instincts and traditions chastened, refined, and glorified by his Christian faith and principles. He kept his intellectual powers strong and clear to the very end, and gave full directions for his funeral. His body sleeps beside that of his wife, who died while he was pastor at Accomac."

Dr. Vernon I'Anson was born in Petersburg, Va., in 1851, and died in Norfolk, April 1, 1925. The funeral service was conducted in the First Baptist Church of Norfolk by Dr. H. I. Stewart, the pastor, and Dr. Sparks W. Melton, and he was buried in Elmwood Cemetery beside his wife, who died in 1911.

Dr. I'Anson was a student at Hampden-Sydney College at the beginning of the War Between the States, and he at once joined the Hampden-Sydney Howitzers Company of Norfolk, remaining in service until the close of the war. For a number of years he was chaplain general of the Veteran Division. He served many Baptist churches as pastor, some in North Carolina and some in Virginia. During his long and useful ministry he baptized more than three thousand people.

The Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch said of him: "He took a deep interest in Norfolk and its people. Before age had slowed his step and dimmed his eye he was prominent in all movements that looked to the good of the community. Even during the last few months of his life, when mental and physical effort was not without pain, he endeavored to continue to perform the duties of life and look out for the welfare of others."

Rev. W. S. O. Thomas died while pastor of the Cradock Church of this Association, April 9, 1925, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Portsmouth, aged seventy-six years. A brief funeral service was held in the funeral parlor of Sturtevant & Padgett, conducted by Drs. J. E. Welsh, H. A. Griesemer and others, and his body taken by a son and daughter to Falls Church, Va., for burial.

Brother Thomas was a graduate of Richmond College and Crozer Theological Seminary. He was active in the Baptist ministry for more than fifty years and served many churches. The most notable of them were West Washington Church, Washington, D. C., and Falls Church, Va. He had been pastor of the Cradock church only about fifteen months when he was called home, but it was long enough for him to win his way into the heart of the membership. Their esteem for him is shown in the resolutions passed by the church relative to



his departure from them. He was the soul of courtesy and honor. His genial face is sadly missed at the meetings of the Pastors' Conference of Norfolk and Portsmouth, every member of which held him in highest esteem.

Of these three servants of Christ we may well say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea, henceforth, saith the Spirit, they rest from their toils and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. KENDRICK,

Committee.

22. Report of Baptist Council and recommendation of Advisory Board was read by its Secretary, W. T. L. Shepherd, and adopted after discussion by M. Winston and L. C. Brinson.

## REPORT OF BAPTIST COUNCIL

### Statement of Assets.

Notes receivable:

Loan—Grace Baptist Church	\$ 400.00	
Calvary Baptist Church	2,000.00	
Craddock Baptist Church	1,075.00	
Westhaven Baptist Church	10,000.00	
Jackson Memorial Baptist Church	10,000.00	
Larchmont Baptist Church	10,000.00	
Fairmount Park Baptist Church	1,000.00	
		\$34,525.00
Liberty Bonds		350.00
Furniture and Fixtures		476.00
Craddock Baptist Church (Bldg. and land)		3,532.12
Larchmont Baptist Church (Bldg., \$1,550; Furngs., \$780)		2,330.00
Chinese Christian Home Furnishings		860.00
James Memorial Baptist Church:		
Four lots, 27th and Fawn Sts.	\$4,102.81	
Building	6,452.80	
Furnishings	869.87	
		11,425.48
Interest:		
Amount due on loans		1,040.00
Cash Balance		5,102.12
		\$59,640.72

We have an office at 624 Seaboard Bank Building, Norfolk, with a most efficient office secretary who is always glad to render assistance for the promotion of the work of our denomination.

We have ten members of the Advisory Board, 5 from the Norfolk side and 5 from the Portsmouth side. All of these men serve without pay and are often called to leave their places of business to attend meetings of the Board.

I have never heard of any man who has served on the Board and learned of the great good that is being done by the Council who has not been a booster for the Council.

There is still a great work for the Council to do and by a united effort on the part of all churches we can take the field of the Portsmouth Association for our Master.

The Baptist Council has over 17,000 stockholders, is incorporated



under the laws of Virginia, has assets at the present time of more than \$60,000. The office is operated at a very small cost and deserves the co-operation of every good Baptist in the District.

The Advisory Board recommends to the Association that 15% of Benevolence be reserved for work of Council, same as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. L. SHEPHERD, Secretary.

23. Motion was adopted directing the Baptist Council to add two more members to its Advisory Board, one from Norfolk County and one from Princess Anne County.

24. L. E. Barton offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas it is reported that various organizations intend to importune the next session of the Legislature of Virginia to enact a law requiring the reading of the Bible in the public schools;

Be it resolved, That we, the messengers of the Portsmouth Baptist Association, emphatically disapprove of such contemplated legislation as contrary to the principles of American democracy, as an encroachment upon the inalienable rights of conscience, and as a menace to the peace and prosperity of the public schools.

Resolved, second, That our clerk is hereby instructed to send copies of these resolutions to the proper legislative committees and representatives.

25. Adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.



## WEDNESDAY MORNING

26. Association was called to order at 10 A. M. with Vice-Moderator Dr. A. M. Burfoot presiding.

27. Devotional exercises conducted by Sam F. Hudson. Prayer by H. F. Jones.

28. Committee on Time, Place and Preachers announced as follows: Luther Caruthers, A. R. Williams and A. W. Burfoot.

29. Home Missions being next on the program, Howard I. Stewart read report and delivered short address on the subject. Report adopted.

### HOME MISSION REPORT

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria constitute the field of Home Missions—certainly a fundamental proposition.

By way of retrospect what high and heroic achievements have been wrought by the Home Mission Board in these 80 years of organized work! "The days of our pilgrimage have been four score years and our strength has been labor and sorrow"—plus joy and victory.

In the realm of Co-operative Missions, the Home Board has been the great unifying agency of Southern Baptists. In the work among the foreigners, Indians and Negroes, the 108 missionaries have wrought mightily—the success of their efforts accentuating their Macedonian call for aid.

From the Mountain Schools comes the tidings of 344 conversions among the pupils, an attestation of the evangelistic fervor of the teachers. The work in Cuba proclaims anew the word of inspiration, "The Isles shall wait for His law." The superintendent of the work, now completing twenty years of service, has a most fascinating story to tell. That lone star in the firmament of the "Chosen Seed of Israel's Race"—Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus—has a chapter of incidents not a whit less triumphant in tone. Most gratifying also is the report of the work among the soldiers and sailors. At Annapolis, Md., the wife of the Baptist Pastor teaches a Sunday School class of 225 sailor boys.

In the department of Church Extension, the Church Building Fund has over a million dollars to its credit.

In figures, the work accomplished by the 1,077 missionaries of the Board, for the year, is as follows: Baptisms, 18,527; total additions, 33,934; churches organized, 177; church buildings erected or improved, 355; Sunday Schools organized, 578.

By way of present concern: The Home Mission Board faces a grave crisis. Such is the falling off in receipts that the Board faces an indebtedness of over a million dollars. In view of the financial situation, the Board has released the force of evangelists and singers—videttes of the Cross they were and had fought most valiantly on the far flung battle line. May the day be hastened when these noble heralds of the Passion may again function.



By way of infinite need: This report bids you lift up your eyes upon the 5,000 homeless congregations and the 13,000 others whose meeting houses need repairs. The whitened harvest fields in Florida, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico—a field which for opulence of service simply beggars description. Immediate the need of 50 chapels in Cuba and half the number among the Indians.

Above all, the clearing off of the overwhelming indebtedness on the Home Board and the great general needs, increasing with the process of the suns.

To the task appointed, haste away. "Take heed that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest." Such was the word of Moses to Israel. But here, if ever, is a worthy shrine—a shrine before which the devotees have perhaps been too listless or mayhap forming creeds when we should have been performing deeds and to which the oblation has been a poor pittance instead of a worthy expression of ransomed souls.

The work of the Home Mission Board then is the adequate shrine. To it may votaries with eager feet and willing hearts and consecrated wealth hurry in a great passion of utter devotion. "Tarry not in all the plain."

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD I. STEWART.

30. Henry A. Griesemer made report on Foreign Missions which was adopted after discussion by Henry A. Griesemer, J. F. Ingram and L. E. Barton.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS

Foreign Missions is only another phrase for World Wide Evangelization. It is our modern interpretation of the Lord's last great commission to His Disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This commission may be reduced to just one word—Evangelization.

This grand word is the very trumpet which the Lord blows to rally His hosts for the onward march to stir all believers to motion and action in conquering the world for Christ. Evangelizing is simply bringing the gospel into contact with souls in the most prompt, earnest, effective way. We cannot convert men, that is the Lord's work, but we may preach the gospel to them, that is our work, and while we are not responsible for conversion, we are responsible for contact. Men may reject Christ, even when faithfully set before them crucified for their sakes, but how can they receive Him if He is not offered for their acceptance? "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard." Of all duties which believers owe to a lost world, this is the first and foremost, for without this there can be neither convert nor a growing church. In fact the very continuance of the church, as well as its extension depends upon faithfulness in evangelizing.

This call for organization, and this is second only in importance to evangelization. It brings system, order, and prepares for harmonious operation and co-operation.

The Foreign Mission Board is our organization for doing this great work. Its limit of achievements is determined by the generosity of our Brotherhood throughout the Southland.

From latest reports submitted by the Board we quote the following:

"God has blessed our work abroad. Last year was a triumphant year. The fact that our missionaries baptized 12,134 people into the



membership of our churches on our Foreign Mission fields is an achievement which should set our hearts aglow with joy."

Then the report goes on to tell of other triumphs in Africa, Brazil, Chili, China, Italy, Japan and Jerusalem, all of which are thrilling and should lead our people to pour out their wealth to enable the Board to hold what has been won and push the conquest to the neithermost parts of these nations. But after the narration of all these glorious victories, the report goes on to say, "It makes us sad to be forced to turn from such triumphs as these to call attention to the embarrassment our Foreign Mission Board is now experiencing on account of the failure of the churches to support it properly." The Board reported to the last Southern Baptist Convention a debt of \$1,250,000.00. This debt came through no extravagance on the part of the Board. In fact the Board has been cutting its appropriations severely for the last three years, and is now holding back more than one hundred volunteers who are ready to go to the front. It has also denied for two years any additional equipment to the missionaries. This debt grew because our Baptist people are not giving adequately. The large program of the Board cannot be maintained upon the amounts they are now giving.

What is the remedy for the present distressing situation? The simple remedy is for the churches to put on the 1925-1926 program. Let the church make the Every Member Canvass, and support the great program including all the interests fostered by Southern Baptists, and our Foreign Mission Board will be cared for along with all the others. The practical and the effective thing for the churches to do is to put on the 1925-1926 Program NOW. In co-operating with our brethren we will serve and strengthen our foreign mission enterprise."

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. GRIESEMER.

31. Report on Pastoral Support was read by Dr. W. Tilden Smith and adopted. Discussed by Jos. T. Watts, W. Frank Robertson, H. F. Jones and Sparks W. Melton.

#### MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY

This Board was organized in 1918 and is now situated at Dallas, Tex., with Dr. Wm. Lunsford as its Secretary. According to Dr. Lunsford's report of May 6th, 1925, it had at that time 1,086 beneficiaries on its roll.

The relief fund is available to needy ministers, old or young, and their widows and dependent children, and to missionaries and their families. Think what this means to the Baptist preachers of the South and their widows and children. It is true, most of these widows are old and feeble, but, too, there are young widows, struggling to hold together a family to keep them from sinking into drudgery.

Every minister knows that sooner or later, if he lives, he will have to retire to private life. It is comforting to know that when the time comes he can do so without being an object of charity; and that he can walk with an uplifted head and self-respect among his brethren of the calling, because there has been provided by the thoughtfulness of the people he served a small competence to supplement his own means, so he will not have merely to exist in the last days of his earthly life.

We have an annuity fund which pays an annuity of \$500 on total and permanent disability, the same annuity at sixty-eight, to sus-



tain which the member must pay one-fifth of the annual premium necessary, while the denomination at large has agreed to pay the other four-fifths of this premium. Now if the denomination had done this since the inauguration of the fund, and were doing it now, there would be less cause for complaint, but it has never paid its four-fifths of this premium. For instance, the members of the annuity fund paid in about Sixty Thousand Dollars this last fiscal year. On this basis, if the denomination's obligation to pay four dollars for every dollar paid by the member as premium, it would take all the money we have collected for the budget this year to pay the denomination's part of this fund, leaving nothing at all on general relief. The 1925 Program says five per cent of its receipts shall go to ministerial relief.

It's a consideration and pride that some of the churches in this Association, independent of the relief fund, are aiding one of these servants of God to the extent of \$75.00 per month. We are rejoiced to know that Southern Baptists are doing more in a financial way for the pastors who have spent their very best for the on-going of the Cause of our Lord and Master; while this is being done, let us not be content until we have measured up to the expectations of our Christ in giving our pastors very best moral and prayerful support. Probably they never needed our co-operation so much as now, in facing some of the evils that are antagonistic to christianity, such as the automobile, cheap fun, alcohol, evolution and indifference.

"Pray speed them on their journey worthy of God; they have started out for His sake and decline to take anything from pagans; hence we are bound to support such men, to prove ourselves of the truth."

Respectfully submitted,

W. TILDEN SMITH.

32. Mrs. W. W. Gordon made a splendid report on Woman's Work, and the same was adopted.

#### WOMAN'S WORK

There is no more important work within the range of our denominational life than that of the women, and so I count it a privilege to bring to you a report of the year's work of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Portsmouth Association.

Our first great task of the year was that of "hostess" to the annual meeting of the W. M. U. of Virginia.

It was a joy to us to have the opportunity of opening our hearts and homes to nearly 400 of our women from all parts of the State, and we have reason to believe that it was one of the very best meetings ever held by our women.

From time to time during the year we have been inspired and encouraged by addresses from many of our missionaries, both of the Home and Foreign Boards, and we believe that this personal contact with our workers will stimulate our interest.

In June, at the Port Norfolk Church, we celebrated our 25th anniversary of the organization of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Portsmouth Association.

We were indeed fortunate in having Dr. Sparks W. Melton speak to our young people from the subject, "What Must I Believe?" In his characteristic and forceful manner he stressed the necessity of faith in the fundamentals, and we feel assured that deep impressions were made upon the minds of our thinking young people.



Our new Corresponding Secretary, Miss Blanche White, spoke to the women and brought to us a very vivid picture of our opportunities for service.

During the past year \$37,918.97 has been reported as the total contribution of the women and young people.

We have now 117 organizations in our Association. No feature of our work has gone forward with more zeal or better co-operation than Mission Study. 236 classes have been held, with 107 graduates. We have had also 7 schools of missions. We believe that these schools of missions are the most enjoyable and at the same time the most effective method of teaching missions, and with the continued leadership of our pastors in this phase of our work we feel that our entire membership may soon be enlisted in real mission study.

We still continue, as an Association, to support three students in our own Buchanan Mountain School. Many individual societies are supporting students in our various mountain mission schools.

The Good Will Center in Portsmouth is going forward under the direction of Miss Ruby Sharpley and an Advisory Board of the women of Portsmouth. Our women also continue to support and assist in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools. We estimate this to be one of the most important phases of work among our children. The Home Board is also laying special stress upon these schools and we heartily recommend them to our churches.

During the year we have completed the \$500 memorial to our Church Building and Loan Fund. This memorial was given in honor of Mrs. Sadie J. Culpepper, who was our faithful superintendent for many years.

At our anniversary meeting a review of our work was given showing some of the many things which had been accomplished, and the growth of our women's work. With these achievements in our minds and a vision of our possibilities before us, together with a real desire in our hearts to spread the gospel, we begin a new era in our Lord's work.

The women in our churches have always responded to every call for service in the local church, and are allied with all of the activities of the church, but especially have they sought opportunities to further the cause of missions both at home and abroad.

We ask your continued help and co-operation so that we may be in real truth, as our name implies, a helper to the Portsmouth Association of Virginia.

At the close of this our 25th year of service, we close the record and turn the leaf, with a desire to

"Build on resolve, and not upon regret,  
The structure of our future. Let us not grope  
Among the shadows of our old failures, but let  
Our souls' light shine on the path of hope  
And dissipate the darkness.  
Let us waste no tears  
Upon the blotted record of past years,  
But turn the leaf and smile, oh, smile, to see  
The fair white pages that remain.

MRS. W. W. GORDON,  
Committee.



33. The Missionary Report was read by the Clerk and adopted.

### MISSIONARY REPORT

The most significant feature of the work in the Portsmouth Baptist Association this year, from the missionary viewpoint, has been the erection of new church buildings and the enlargement of buildings. The Park View Baptist Church has about completed its handsome edifice in which services will probably start in October. The Larchmont Baptists have been occupying their new building since early Spring. At Deep Creek a beautiful church building is being erected. The Baptists of Deep Creek deserve much credit for their labor and sacrifice represented by this building. The new church building at Centerville is almost completed. London Bridge Baptists have also recently dedicated their new building.

The James Memorial—now the Baptist Tabernacle—has recently added to their new building in order to accommodate their rapidly increasing membership. In three years their membership has increased from eighty-three to three hundred and twenty-five.

A new Baptist church has started at Norview, the building being that formerly used by a Community church. The transfer of the building as a gift to the Baptist Council was recently made, and a deed is now being prepared transferring the property to the Norview Baptist Church. They are planning to move the building to a more desirable site which has been offered in exchange by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis. Rev. G. R. Tureman is preaching at this church every Sunday.

The Baptists at Cradock contemplate building on more centrally located lots which have been acquired. This work will start not later than the spring of 1926. A Sunday school has been started at Indian River Park by the Fairmount Park Baptists. A land company has promised to donate lots if a Baptist church will be erected here, and the Fairmount Park Baptists will move the portable chapel from Larchmont to the site, the Advisory Board of the Baptist Council having consented to loan the chapel. The Ocean View Baptists have a building project under way this year. The members of the South Norfolk Mission are contemplating building in order that the fine work that has been done in the past few years may go forward in a greater way.

Several of the churches have new pastors this year. Park Avenue has Rev. Floyd T. Holland, who succeeded Rev. J. T. Riddick. Rev. J. T. Riddick is now pastor to the Tabernacle. Rev. G. R. Tureman has succeeded Rev. H. H. Martens at Kempsville and is doing fine work both at Kempsville and Norview. Rev. H. H. Martens is now with the Ocean View Baptist Church. Rev. Sam F. Hudson has succeeded Rev. D. P. Harris at Calvary, Bro. Harris having accepted a call to Seaboard, N. C. Rev. J. E. Pate, from Georgia, is the new pastor at Cradock. Rev. F. A. Liles is the new pastor at the Oak Grove-St. John field. He had just arrived from North Carolina when the St. John Church was requested to entertain the Association this year, and they very graciously extended the invitation, having only a few weeks in which to make preparations. The work under these new pastors' leadership is going forward in a most encouraging way. Rev. H. F. Jones, a past Moderator of this Association, has resigned the pastorate of the Port Norfolk Baptist Church.

The State Board found it necessary to cut our missionary appropriations this year from \$2,820.00 to \$1,500.00. Those receiving help are: Campostella Heights, Cradock, Virginia Beach, Raleigh Heights, Westhaven, West Norfolk and Ocean View. Two churches were cut



off entirely but all these churches have made earnest effort to make up the deficit in the salaries of their pastors.

The Chinese Christian Home and the Chinese Sunday School are doing real Foreign Mission work on home grounds. We should be grateful for the unique work done here. The Good Will Center is now located at 704 Middle Street, Portsmouth. This work, started and operated under the auspices of the Portsmouth group of W. M. U., and receiving aid from the Baptist Council, is conducting a kindergarten and five clubs which enroll about eighty children from about twenty-five homes. These children—mostly Jews and Italians—are led in definite Bible study and memory work, which will doubtless result in many being led to Christ. Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held this year in centrally located churches and at the Good Will Center.

H. F. JONES,  
N. E. ADAMSON,  
W. W. GORDON.

34. Motion by J. T. Riddick that the Program Committee for next session be instructed to arrange program so as to give one hour each to Home and Foreign Missions and the most suitable speakers be secured to talk on the subjects. Seconded and adopted.

35. At this time the Association had the pleasure of listening to H. M. B. Jones preach the Doctrinal Sermon from the theme: "The Greatest Question of the Age—the Death of Jesus Christ."

Jos. T. Watts and J. A. Willoughby assisted in the service.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

36. The Association assembled at 1:30 P. M. with Moderator W. F. Watkins presiding.

37. Devotional exercises were conducted by H. B. Cole. Prayer by J. T. Riddick.

38. Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preachers:

**Time:** Tuesday and Wednesday after fourth Sunday in September.

**Place:** Park View Church, Portsmouth.

**Preachers:** Introductory sermon, J. T. Riddick. Alternate, H. B. Cole. Doctrinal Sermon, C. S. Sawyer. Alternate, Sam F. Hudson.

Ambrose Williams made a few remarks, stating that it was a great pleasure for him to invite the Association to meet at Park View. Report was adopted.



39. Report of Committee on Junior College was read by H. F. Jones, who also made an earnest plea for the people to build this college.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST COLLEGE

Your committee begs leave to make the following report of the Baptist College in Tidewater Virginia:

There are a million people living in a radius of a hundred miles of Norfolk. There are only two colleges, William and Mary for men and women, at Williamsburg, Va., and Chowan College, in North Carolina, for women.

Over 6,000 boys and girls from this territory go to some college. Over 8,000 teachers are employed in the public schools.

In this same radius there are more than one hundred thousand Baptists owning church property valued at over a million dollars. So much for the field.

Your committee has brought to the attention of the Peninsula, Rappahannock and Blackwater Baptist Associations this great need and all have passed favorable resolutions and appointed committees to meet with your committee.

We recommend that a strong committee be appointed to further confer with the committees from the other Associations, looking to the establishment of such an institution in this community.

Report was adopted and the following committee appointed as suggested: H. M. B. Jones, Sparks W. Melton, J. E. Welsh, L. E. Barton and R. J. Dogan.

40. The discussion of the Co-operative Program for 1926 was led by Dr. Joseph T. Watts, who made an earnest plea for a more united effort to meet the critical situation in our denomination.

Dr. Watts addressed the Association along the line of our general work, and submitted the recommendations of the Board for our 1926 program. The Board recommends to the Baptists of Virginia that our minimum for the Co-operative Program in 1926 be \$1,000,000, to be divided between the Southwide and State causes on the basis of 50-50, and that we adopt the Convention percentage for the distribution of Southwide funds.

### 1926 PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

The goal for South-wide causes was set by the Convention at a minimum of \$5,000,000 to be distributed as follows:

Foreign Missions -----	50 %	\$2,500,000.00
Home Missions -----	22.5%	1,125,000.00
Christian Education -----	15 %	750,000.00
Ministers' Relief -----	9.5%	475,000.00
New Orleans Hospital -----	3 %	150,000.00
	100%	\$5,000,000.00



The goal recommended for Virginia Baptists was \$1,000,000 to be divided between South-wide and State causes, on the basis of 50-50. The following percentages have been recommended for the allocation of the 50% of our million-dollar goal:

State Missions -----	50%	\$250,000.00
Orphanage (Salem) -----	16%	80,000.00
Hospital (Lynchburg) -----	6%	30,000.00
Ministerial Education -----	6%	30,000.00
Fork Union Military Academy -----	8%	40,000.00
Hargrave Academy (Chatham) -----	2%	10,000.00
Averett College -----	2%	10,000.00
Intermont College -----	2%	10,000.00
Bluefield College -----	4%	20,000.00
University of Richmond -----	4%	20,000.00
	100%	\$500,000.00

For these causes it is recommended that the Every-Member Canvass be taken December 6-13, 1925, or as near thereto as possible.

Recommendations made by Dr. Watts were adopted.

41. Motion by F. L. Hardy that the Association request the churches to raise a special offering to be sent to the Foreign Mission Board to aid in relieving the situation that faces the Board. The said offering to be taken between now and the first of the year. Adopted.

42. A demonstration by charts of local and State work of the denomination was made by L. Peyton Little and proved very interesting.

43. L. C. Brinson made the following report of Digest of Letters:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

Number of Churches in Association -----	44
Number of Churches sending Letters -----	43
Baptisms Reported 1924 -----	863
Baptisms Reported 1925 -----	646
DECREASE -----	217
Number of Churches Reporting no Baptisms, 1924 -----	8
Number of Churches Reporting no Baptisms, 1925 -----	9
Amount Paid for Home Expenses, 1924 -----	\$270,904.67
Amount Paid for Home Expenses, 1925 -----	377,825.00
INCREASE -----	\$106,920.33
Amount Asked For in 1925 Program -----	\$115,000.00
Amount Raised in 8½ Months -----	36,630.23
Will Raise for 1925 at Proportionate Rate -----	47,985.53
Membership 1924 -----	17,495
Membership 1925 -----	17,346
DECREASE -----	149
Dismissed by Erasure or Exclusion -----	468
Total Amount Raised for All Denominational Activities, Not Including Amount Raised for Home Purposes -----	\$ 74,378.10

L. C. BRINSON, Committee.



44. J. T. Riddick moved that a committee be appointed to wait on the people of Knotts Island church in regards to failure in making report to the Association for several years. The following were appointed: J. T. Riddick, A. W. Burfoot and Thos. E. Boorde.

45. Report of Treasurer as follows:

#### REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1924

##### Receipts

Balance on hand from 1923	\$ 13.15	
Associational Fund from Churches	259.64	
Total	\$272.79	\$272.79

##### Disbursements

Printing Minutes and Programs, Postage on Minutes, Stamps and Stationery	\$197.95	
Clerks' Salary for 1924	40.00	
Total	\$237.95	237.95
Balance on hand		\$ 34.84

W. T. L. SHEPHERD,  
Treasurer.

46. Moved and adopted that the Clerk's salary be increased to \$50.00.

47. Motion unanimously adopted expressing profound and sincere appreciation to the pastor and members of St. John's church and friends of the county for the splendid entertainment given the 135th annual session of the Association.

48. W. T. L. Shepherd was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

49. Moderator announced the Standing Committees for the year. (See back cover).

50. After singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," the 135th session closed with prayer by H. A. Griesemer.

W. F. WATKINS, Moderator,  
Norfolk, Va.

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



# CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAPTIST COUNCIL OF NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH

January 1st to October 1st, 1925.

1. Baptist Tabernacle	\$ 94.56
2. Berkley Avenue	168.50
3. Burrows Memorial	167.51
4. Calvary	67.50
5. Campostella Heights	22.50
6. Central	362.93
7. Court Street	41.60
8. Cradock	51.19
9. Deep Creek	20.00
10. First	527.26
11. Fourth Street	116.75
12. Freemason Street	748.00
13. Grace	3.75
14. Jackson Memorial	99.16
15. Kempsville	15.00
16. Lake Drummond	5.00
17. Larchmont	88.57
18. London Bridge	37.50
19. Ocean View	16.45
20. Park Place	395.21
21. Park View	25.00
22. Port Norfolk	151.40
23. Raleigh Heights	18.00
24. South Norfolk	60.00
25. South Street	77.50
26. Spurgeon Memorial	193.36
27. Virginia Beach	1.50
28. Westhaven	45.40
29. West Norfolk	26.09
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	\$3,647.19



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

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	Estab- lished	PASTORS	Value of Churcn Building and Lot	Value of Pastori'm and Lot	Sundays of Preaching
1	Baptist Tabernacle	Norfolk, Va.	1922	J. T. Riddick	\$ 18000 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	2000 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	S. B. Overton	11000 00	-----	Every
8	Centerville	Norfolk Co., Va.	1872	H. B. Cole	20000 00	2500 00	Every
9	Central	Norfolk, Va.	1885	Frank L. Hardy	115000 00	10000 00	Every
10	Churchland	Portsmouth, Va.	1785	W. V. Savage	55000 00	8000 00	Every
11	Court Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	J. Elwood Welsh	200000 00	12000 00	Every
12	Craddock	Portsmouth, Va.	1919	J. E. Pate	3500 00	3500 00	Every
13	Deep Creek	Portsmouth, Va.	1869	J. A. Willoughby	-----	3000 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	Fourth Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	A. R. Love	44000 00	5000 00	Every
18	Freemason Street	Norfolk, Va.	1848	Sparks W. Melton	140000 00	-----	Every
19	Gilmerton	Portsmouth, Va.	1895	John W. Welstead	2500 00	-----	-----
20	Grace	Portsmouth, Va.	1922	John W. Welstead	2500 00	-----	-----
21	Jackson Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	R. G. Kendrick	60000 00	3000 00	Every
22	Kempville	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1814	G. R. Tureman	10000 00	5000 00	Every
23	Knott's Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876	-----	-----	-----	-----
24	Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co., Va.	1850	L. E. Barton	2100 00	-----	1st
25	Larchmont	Norfolk, Va.	1919	L. E. Barton	43000 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	G. R. Tureman	2500 00	-----	Every
29	Northwest	Norfolk Co., Va.	1782	J. A. Willoughby	5000 00	-----	2nd & 4th
30	Oak Grove	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1762	F. A. Liles	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	H'ry A. Griesemer	100000 00	-----	Every
35	Pleasant Grove	Norfolk Co., Va.	1845	C. C. Hedrick	2000 00	4000 00	Every
36	Port Norfolk	Portsmouth, Va.	1898	H. F. Jones	50000 00	5000 00	Every
37	Raleigh Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1898	Thomas E. Boorde	3500 00	-----	Every
38	South Norfolk	South Norfolk, Va.	1893	C. S. Sawyer	50000 00	-----	Every
39	South Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	H. M. B. Jones	50000 00	-----	Every
40	Spurgeon Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1892	R. J. Dogan	65000 00	4500 00	Every
41	St. John	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1856	F. A. Liles	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	John Bomar	5374 54	1550 00	Every
TOTAL					1566474 54	122050 00	



# MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES

CHURCHES	ADDITIONS BY				DIMUNITIONS BY				Present Number		
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Statement	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Males	Females	Total
1 Baptist Tabernacle	44	86		8	12		1	3	129	201	330
2 Berkley Avenue	40	20		12	19		2	5	272	340	612
3 Bethel	5						22	2	26	32	58
4 Blackwater	3	1					33	1	38	35	73
5 Burrows Memorial	26	24		4	10			2	267	486	753
6 Calvary		7			22			8	277	420	697
7 Campostella Heights	7	12	1	3	14			1	60	113	173
8 Centerville	7	5							86	91	177
9 Central	10	16		1	18		83	4	311	436	747
10 Churchland	8	3						4	115	115	230
11 Court Street	35	26		5	31			11	291	375	666
12 Cradock	4	13		2	11	112		5	59	113	172
13 Deep Creek	1	6		1	2			2	126	141	267
14 East Brambleton					3				6	16	22
15 Fairmount Park	30	27		13	12	4		3	206	225	431
16 First	39	59		12	40			7			1193
17 Fourth Street	17	7	1	5	23			6	335	495	830
18 Freemason Street	69	38		5	33			15	522	704	1226
19 Gilmerton											
20 Grace					7		1		8	10	18
21 Jackson Memorial	44	12	1	7	8	1	3	2	262	338	600
22 Kempsville	12	10		1	8		55		47	42	89
23 Knott's Island											
24 Lake Drummond	1	1			1		19	1	52	55	107
25 Larchmont	8	27		1	6		6	2	73	91	164
26 London Bridge	16	8	8		6		1	1	65	95	160
27 Nansemond					1	1		1	14	15	29
28 Norview											45
29 Northwest	2				2		1	2	81	156	237
30 Oak Grove					16		20	2	155	149	304
31 Ocean View	14	13		7	9	2		1	72	104	176
32 Park Avenue	31	23		9	71		9	8	494	610	1104
33 Park Place	38	57		4	37	2	7	11	508	724	1232
34 Park View		22	3	1	3		3	7	202	274	476
35 Pleasant Grove	11	1			4	1			78	67	145
36 Port Norfolk	12	8			10			3	450	504	954
37 Raleigh Heights	16	4		4	3	4		1	34	51	85
38 South Norfolk	16	8	5		17		71	9	271	383	659
39 South Street	25	13		4	8				362	446	808
40 Spurgeon Memorial	19	11	1	4	15		2	3	370	552	922
41 St. John	6		1		4			3	86	122	208
42 Virginia Beach					6				60		60
43 Westhaven	38	5		12	4		6	5	131	135	266
44 West Norfolk	12	1			1			1	55	55	110
TOTALS	656	574	21	125	502	127	345	142	7106	9321	17665



# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES		Superintendents and Post Offices	Total Enrollment	Conversions	Church Members in School
1	Baptist Tabernacle	J. T. Horne, 748 E. 28th St., Norfolk, Va.	345		
2	Berkley Avenue	W. N. Duval, 22 Clifton St., Norfolk, Va.	450	40	860
3	Bethel	F. H. Williams, R. F. D. 1, Fentress, Va.	80	3	40
4	Blackwater	J. N. Baxter, Hickory, Va.	75	3	50
5	Burrows Memorial	O. L. Gilbert, Bowden's Ferry Road, Larchmont, Norfolk, Va.	653	25	
6	Calvary	W. T. L. Shepherd, 1053 Naval Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	623		203
7	Campostella Heights	R. R. Pierce, 124 Princeton Ave., Norfolk, Va.	209	7	100
8	Centerville	John P. Wright, Hickory, Va.	147	8	130
9	Central	W. F. Watkins, Royster Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	675	10	350
10	Chinese	W. L. Sutton, 825 N. Reservoir Ave., Norfolk, Va.	50		9
11	Churchland	M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.	200	11	115
12	Court Street	N. E. Adamson, 50 Washington St., Portsmouth, Va.	575	40	449
13	Cradock	T. F. Joyner, 35 Decatur St., Cradock, Va.	310	4	
14	Deep Creek	J. T. Forehand, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	166		
15	East Brambleton	J. J. Gould, 524 South St., Portsmouth, Va.	40		10
16	Fairmount Park	J. T. Lassiter, Ballentine Place, Norfolk, Va.	457	9	
17	First	P. H. Mason, Elmhurst Court Apt., Norfolk, Va.	1021	34	580
18	Fourth Street	L. B. Pendergraph, Waterview, Portsmouth, Va.	921	15	308
19	Freemason Street	W. Frank Robertson, Edgewater Drive, Norfolk, Va.	986	54	716
20	Gilmerton				
21	Grace	R. E. Meiggs, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	54		18
22	Jackson Memorial	S. A. W. Poe, 1704 Richmond Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	732	44	473
23	Kempsville	J. E. Old, Lynnhaven, Va.	131	11	125
24	Knott's Island				
25	Lake Drummond	R. W. Warren, Hickory, Va.	60	1	50
26	Larchmont	S. A. D. Parker, Hanover Ave., Larchmont, Norfolk, Va.	197	8	95
27	London Bridge	T. E. Bristow, Oceana, Va.	146	1	
28	Nansemond	J. E. Jordan, Drivers, Va.	20		
29	Norview	Hoeard Summers, Norview, Va.	105		45
30	Northwest	W. D. Cox, Moyock, N. C.	50	2	40
31	Oak Grove	C. C. Gornito, Back Bay, Va.	256	1	180
32	Ocean View	S. B. Cox, Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, Va.	205	8	109
33	Park Avenue	F. A. Walker, 511 Reeves Ave., Norfolk, Va.	684	17	675
34	Park Place	Dr. W. H. Pearson, Taylor Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	1417	35	700
35	Park View	Maywood O. Lawrence, 411 Webster Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	456		325
36	Pleasant Grove	S. E. Charlton, Hickory, Va.	148	11	
37	Port Norfolk	H. W. Dickerson, 500 Broad St., Portsmouth, Va.	781		
38	Raleigh Heights	B. F. Wentz, Route 3, Berkley, Norfolk, Va.	149	4	120
39	South Norfolk	G. B. White, 68 Chesapeake Ave., South Norfolk, Va.	885	12	300
40	South Norfolk Mission	Dempsey Cowand, 94 Perry St., South Norfolk, Va.	135		25
41	South Street	E. L. Beale, 1024 B St., Portsmouth, Va.	560	20	375
42	Spurgeon Memorial	O. S. Hart, 726 Park Ave., Norfolk, Va.	848	25	
43	St. John	R. J. Jones, Princess Anne, Va.	162		103
44	Virginia Beach	L. C. Mallory, Virginia Beach, Va.	88	1	75
45	Westhaven	W. Frank Monell, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	331	32	174
46	West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.	140	12	78
TOTALS			16728	508	7505

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	2666 67	600 00	1085 02			8 00		1404 66	5764 35
2	Berkley Avenue	3000 00	2613 49	784 72	616 46	107 31	10 00	230 28	150 00	7562 25
3	Bethel	250 00		150 00		25 00	2 00		55 00	482 00
4	Black Water	100 00	34 00	50 00	100 00		2 50		45 00	381 50
5	Burrows Memorial	2700 00	1197 91	824 86	1272 80	78 97	5 00	194 46	135 00	6409 00
6	Calvary	2359 32	3359 48	1689 29	499 16	93 45	8 00	38 23		8046 93
7	Campostella Heights	1551 25	1856 17	408 71	936 35	25 00	6 92	19 39	90 00	4893 79
8	Centerville	1500 00	60 00	200 00	12100 00	58 00	3 00	550 00	51 00	14522 00
9	Central	3600 00	2777 00	3382 00		201 00	15 00	1392 86		11367 86
10	Churchland	2500 00	1800 00	100 00	500 00	240 00	5 00			5145 00
11	Court Street	5400 00	6658 08	1020 42	2432 95	409 68	15 00	208 18	859 18	17003 49
12	Craddock	954 24	102 64	310 85	1223 38		5 00	51 19	264 00	2911 30
13	Deep Creek	1200 00	217 58	314 23	11604 00	19 50	5 00	49 50	621 00	14030 81
14	East Brambleton	75 00	49 00	74 96			1 00	9 50		209 46
15	Fairmount Park	2392 00	1008 71	1333 55	6460 00	210 00	5 00	275 78	150 00	11835 04
16	First		16310 81	1491 29		523 12	12 00	2578 29	5706 34	26621 85
17	Fourth Street	3800 00	4448 00	1346 00	2908 00	660 00	15 00		126 00	13303 00
18	Freemason Street	6000 00	8066 07	1468 14	8000 00	1769 71	15 00	2550 00	1057 75	28926 67
19	Gilmerton									
20	Grace	75 00	125 00	268 09		22 00				490 09
21	Jackson Memorial	2338 00	826 92	405 29	4694 17	286 45	5 00	135 82	423 70	9115 35
22	Kempsville	1600 00	213 81	335 37	115 00	35 07	3 00	38 50	299 72	2640 47
23	Lake Drummond	180 00	39 04	49 90		20 00	4 00		69 69	362 63
24	Larchmont	2475 00	475 33	526 83	4872 52		2 50	53 73	1452 90	9858 86
25	London Bridge	1200 00	153 69	322 71	2938 25		3 00	80 00	50 00	4747 65
26	Nansemond	210 00	97 00	21 76	8 00		1 50			333 26
27	Norview						1 80			1 80
28	Northwest	500 00	50 00	75 00			5 00		225 00	855 00
29	Oak Grove	900 00	112 67	219 14	46 25	20 00	5 00		293 62	1596 68
30	Ocean View	1801 66	377 29	315 39	1046 39	23 00	3 00	51 13	383 86	4901 77
31	Park Avenue	2862 50	2394 88	1425 60	783 05	715 00	10 00	1135 46	2568 99	12395 39
32	Park Place	4500 00	7042 65	1670 00	9465 00	988 76	20 00	820 32	354 43	24861 16
33	Park View	4200 00	3626 13	1763 36	16000 00	56 00	10 00			25655 49
34	Pleasant Grove	972 00	75 00	250 00	600 00	25 00	6 00		100 00	2028 00
35	Port Norfolk	4004 00	700 33	923 34	1250 00	192 96	10 00		1926 71	9007 34
36	Raleigh Heights	775 00		254 61	300 00		2 00	474 17	24 00	1829 78
37	South Norfolk	2412 00	1168 35	1048 92	3610 31	77 14	10 00	126 00	95 95	8548 67
38	South Street	2750 09	2192 69	1128 49	925 00	37 50	10 00		386 35	7430 03
39	Spurgeon Memorial	1843 50	5217 32	1564 02	405 00	341 80	10 00	22 70	474 65	9878 99
40	St. John	900 00	142 57	122 47	57 49		4 16		60 00	1286 69
41	Virginia Beach	775 00	50 00		50 00		2 40			877 40
42	Westhaven	837 50	277 66	349 35		89 89	10 00	31 09	1848 97	3444 46
43	West Norfolk	825 00	386 00	236 91		15 00	2 00		162 61	1627 52
TOTALS		78984 64	77403 27	29310 59	95819 53	7366 31	278 78	11166 68	21915 99	322240 79



# WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES		Balance Paid 75 Mil.	Quota 1925 Prog'm	Pledged 1925 Prog'm	Paid to Date
1	Baptist Tabernacle		550 00	972 80	631 58
2	Berkley Avenue	1580 81	3900 00	2363 34	2166 97
3	Bethel		190 00		35 50
4	Black Water		230 00		50 00
5	Burrows Memorial		3500 00	1439 00	997 34
6	Calvary	75 00	1800 00	797 30	348 12
7	Campostella Heights	46 46	600 00	510 00	147 87
8	Central	1622 45	5000 00	3860 15	2398 04
9	Centerville	151 00	1500 00	250 00	387 51
10	Churchland	3605 50	7380 00		1126 75
11	Court Street	3273 15	10000 00	5500 00	3479 29
12	Cradock		400 00	327 33	256 23
13	Deep Creek	89 50	600 00	290 39	120 92
14	East Brambleton		25 00		18 10
15	Fairmount Park		1000 00		53 25
16	First	3576 68	15000 00	9000 00	4537 25
17	Fourth Street	241 00	3000 00	1593 85	698 04
18	Freemason Street	5775 40	17000 00	10000 00	4542 01
19	Grace		125 00		21 25
20	Jackson Memorial	462 00	1000 00	850 00	566 95
21	Kempsville		400 00		140 33
22	Knott's Island		25 00		
23	Lake Drummond		225 00	73 25	34 90
24	Larchmont	756 23	2000 00	574 42	940 47
25	London Bridge		1200 00	950 00	279 92
26	Nansemond		600 00		12 15
27	Northwest	185 25	700 00		249 00
28	Oak Grove	19 00	300 00		140 00
29	Ocean View		300 00		175 90
30	Park Avenue		6500 00	4500 00	2017 13
31	Park Place		9500 00	4555 32	3200 13
32	Park View	1771 84	5000 00	2125 00	1586 80
33	Pleasant Grove	190 00	700 00	300 00	78 55
34	Port Norfolk	663 28	4000 00	3000 00	926 92
35	Raleigh Heights	25 00	150 00	127 00	102 75
36	South Norfolk	437 78	1700 00	990 25	752 75
37	South Street	1650 15	3500 00	2550 00	1593 72
38	Spurgeon Memorial	804 38	3500 00	1884 36	1244 67
39	St. John's	37 00	550 00	327 50	265 76
40	Virginia Beach		350 00		25 00
41	Westhaven	111 11	400 00	340 00	283 29
42	West Norfolk	249 37	600 00	255 00	153 83
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1	1791	Portsmouth	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	David Barrow	21	1355	4 £ 18s. 7 1/4 d.
2	1792	Meherrin (Hebron)	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	Ed. Mentz	22	1660	6 £ 8s. 10d.
3	1793	Black Creek	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	Wm. Brown	22	1692	6 £ 19s. 6d.
4	1794	Black Water	David Barrow	William Brown	Ed. Mentz	22	1641	6 £ 5s.
5	1795							
6	1796	London Bridge	David Barrow	William Brown	Wm. Brown		1609	12 £ 4s.
7	1797	High Hills	J. McGlamre	William Brown	Wm. Morris	22	1698	9 £ 8s. 7d.
8	1798	Malones	Wm. Brown	Jos. Saunders	Wm. Brown	23	1736	8 £ 3s.
9	1799	Mill Swamp	J. McGlamre	William Brown	Jacob Grigg	23	1647	7 £ 10s. 11d.
10	1800	Shoulders Hill (Ch'd)	Wm. Brown	James Wright	Wm. Brown	25	1514	7 £ 3d.
11	1801	Cut Banks	Wm. Brown	Jos. Saunders	Jacob Grigg	23	1446	9 £ 1s. 7d.
12	1802	North West	Wm. Brown	Jos. Saunders	Wm. Brown	24	1331	7 £ 8s. 6d.
13	1803	Black Creek				22	1571	7 £ 8s. 6d.
14	1804	Seacock (now Elam)	John Bowers					
15	1805	Portsmouth	John Bowers	James Wright	Jas. Wright	21	1858	7 £ 10s. 6d.
16	1806	Raccoon Sw'p (Anth)	John Bowers	James Wright	Jas. Mitchell	19	2059	7 £ 14s. 6d.
17	1807	Western Branch	John Bowers	James Wright	Robt. Murrell	20	2137	8 £ 2s. 4 1/2 d.
18	1808	London Bridge	Robt. Murrell	James Wright	Jno. Gwaltney	20	2100	7 £ 7s.
19	1809	Meherrin	Robt. Murrell	W. P. Riddle	H. Keeling	20	2013	8 £ 2s. 9d.
20	1810	Otter Dam (Cabin Pt)	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Wm. Brown	21	2327	8 £ 18s. 6d.
21	1811	Black Water	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Robt. Murrell	22	2329	\$ 31 00
22	1812	High Hills	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	22	2243	29 58
23	1813	Mill Swamp	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	N. Chambliss	22	2086	28 75
24	1814	South Quay	John Bowers	Jacob Darden	Jer. Ritter	22	2048	29 15
25	1815	North West	N. Chambliss	Carr Bowers	M. Smith	22	1865	26 30
26	1816	High Hills	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	22	2200	30 54
27	1817	Black Creek	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Geo. Norris	22	2321	34 25
28	1818	Norfolk	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Robt. Murrell	22	2260	32 75
29	1819	Raccoon Swamp	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	H. Keeling	23	2237	44 75
30	1820	Western Branch	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	25	2307	45 37 1/2
31	1821	Pungo (Oak Grove)	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Sam Cornelius	25	2264	38 75
32	1822	Mark't St., Peters'b'g	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	25	2511	35 70
33	1823	Seacock	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Jas. Mitchell	25	2599	38 22
34	1824	Portsmouth	Carr Bowers	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	26	2540	39 55
35	1825	High Hills	Carr Bowers			25		
36	1826	Mill Swamp	N. Chambliss	Jacob Darden	S. Sherwood	26	2438	65 37 1/2
37	1827	Shoulder's Hill	N. Chambliss	Jacob Darden	Fielding Bell	26	2482	42 00
38	1828	Raccoon Swamp	Carr Bowers	Wm. M. Jones	D. M. Woodson	28	3722	51 85
39	1829	Tucker's Swamp	Carr Bowers	Wm. M. Jones	S. Sherwood	31	3894	69 25
40	1830	London Bridge	Carr Bowers	R. B. C. Howell	R. T. Daniel	33	4633	65 85
41	1831	South Quay	Jos. Holleman	Wm. M. Jones	Wm. Snow	34	4817	135 84
42	1832	Otter Dam	Jos. Holleman	R. B. C. Howell	R. B. C. Howell	32	4063	67 62 1/2
43	1833	Tanner's Cr'k (Sal'm)	R. B. C. Howell	Thomas Hume	Gilbert Mason	33	4985	190 38
44	1834	Beaver Dam	R. B. C. Howell	Thomas Hume	R. B. C. Howell	32	4966	111 25
45	1835	Sappony	John Goodall	Thomas Hume	S. Sherwood	32	5089	116 06
46	1836	Pungo	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thos. Hume	34	5146	106 25
47	1837	Black Creek	J. C. Jordan	Jas. S. Baker	D. M. Woodson	35	5573	81 25
48	1838	Newville	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	S. Sherwood	35	5252	522 67
49	1839	Sycamore Hill (Sh. Hill)	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. C. Bailey	35	5893	461 80
50	1840	High Hills	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thos. Hume	35	4722	411 19
51	1841	Western Branch	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. B. Breed	36	6093	758 95
52	1842	Market St., Peters'b'g	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Putnam Owens	36	6482	986 35
53	1843	Mill Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. R. Scott	36	7392	863 74
54	1844	Cumberl'd St., Norf'k	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Reuben Jones	39	7655	1062 35
55	1845	Raccoon Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. L. Gwaltney	39	7953	853 60
56	1846	Tucker's Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. W. M. Williams	39	8089	3114 61
57	1847	Court St., Portsm'h	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Putnam Owens	40	8010	2164 87
58	1848	South Quay	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	C. B. Jennett	40	8007	1912 53
59	1849	Hicksford	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Thomas Hume	41	8442	2122 15
60	1850	London Bridge	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Reuben Jones	42	10794	1568 47
61	1851	Moore's Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	T. G. Jones	44	9282	2156 33
62	1852	Hebron	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	W. M. Young	44	9583	1915 53
63	1853	Suffolk	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	S. G. Mason	44	9522	1554 82
64	1854	Newville	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	J. G. Council	44	9966	1920 13
65	1855	North West	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	J. H. Womble	45	8405	1665 15
66	1856	Beaver Dam	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	Thomas Hume	46	7912	2068 17
67	1857	High Hills	J. R. Chambliss	Thomas Hume	T. G. Jones	46	9731	1870 16
68	1858	Black Creek	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	G. W. Keesee	46	6238	1992 70
69	1859	Sycamore Hill	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	Thos. Lansdale	46	7150	4071 02
70	1860	Black Water	J. H. Prince	Thomas Hume	M. R. Watkinson	46	9431	3181 06



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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
79	1869	Western Branch	Thos. Hume	N. B. Cobb	W. E. Hatcher	38	4338	12327 98
80	1870	Antioch	Thos. Hume	N. B. Cobb	N. B. Cobb	40	4524	15191 40
81	1871	Smithfield	Thos. Hume	E. B. Branch	A. E. Owen	42	4715	13952 84
82	1872	Millfield	Thos. Hume	E. L. Turner	J. W. Ward	45	5259	13881 79
83	1873	Shoulder's Hill	Thos. Hume	E. L. Turner	J. E. Hutson	47	4536	42088 25
84	1874	Tucker's Swamp	Reuben Jones	E. L. Turner	W. D. Thomas	47	4191	24198 39
85	1875	Hicksford	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	R. Jones	47	5233	26352 20
86	1876	Suffolk	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	T. T. Eaton	47	6153	25152 77
87	1877	Centerville	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	G. J. Hobday	49	6355	22608 39
88	1878	South Quay	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	A. E. Owen	49	6518	28259 69
89	1879	Kempsville	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	O. F. Flippo	53	6829	24671 50
90	1880	High Hills	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	J. A. Speight	53	7062	27091 56
91	1881	Waverly	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	C. H. Nash	54	7070	28490 35
92	1882	Beaver Dam	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	J. C. Hiden	55	7321	29502 04
93	1883	Great Fork	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	W. W. Wood	55	7258	32637 16
94	1884	North West	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	M. S. Read	56	8051	38294 12
95	1885	Black Creek	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	E. C. Dargan	59	8121	39271 62
96	1886	Hebron	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	R. W. Cridlin	62	8856	41748 86
97	1887	Berkley Avenue	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	J. D. Brown	63	9858	43301 61
98	1888	London Bridge	L. B. Allen	G. J. Hobday	J. M. Pilcher	63	9772	55581 56
99	1889	Boykin's	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	T. G. Jones	63	9944	54200 65
100	1890	Franklin	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	D. W. Gwin	66	10859	49925 51
101	1891	Portsmouth	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	H. C. Smith	67	10851	60726 87
102	1892	Shiloh	J. M. Pilcher	H. N. Quisenberry	M. B. Wharton	68	11242	58672 85
103	1893	Tucker's Swamp	M. L. Eure	H. N. Quisenberry	J. A. Barker	65	11151	63692 36
104	1894	Churchland	J. F. Deans	H. N. Quisenberry	J. L. McCutcheon	72	12638	61101 46
105	1895	Sycamore	J. F. Deans	G. S. Kennard	A. B. Dunaway	73	12846	72335 61
106	1896	Colosse	J. F. Deans	G. S. Kennard	G. S. Kennard	76	13515	95059 57
107	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	14858	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 28
114	1904	Boykins	Simon Seward	Gavin Rawls	R. B. Garrett	86	16810	136737 68
115	1905	Churchland	C. S. Blackwell		L. E. Barton			
116	1906	Petersburg (2nd Ch.)	C. S. Blackwell		E. E. Dudley			
117	1907	Pleasant Grove	L. Lankford	Geo. J. Hobday	W. F. Watson	39	9564	97660 45
118	1908	Fourth St.	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	W. Mosby Seay	37	10156	102472 01
119	1909	Suffolk	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	A. J. Fristoe	38	10478	189495 68
120	1910	London Bridge	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	S. W. 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	W. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	Geo. W. Swope	40	9905	95163 16
123	1913	Port Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	R. D. Stephenson	38	10627	127146 82
124	1914	South Street	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	L. F. Paulette	39	10717	118941 98
125	1915	Oak Grove	R. B. Garrett	H. M. Fugate	W. M. Black	39	11390	129897 97
126	1916	South Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	J. A. McKaughan	W. A. Snyder	39	11890	39304 26
127	1917	St. John	R. B. Garrett	A. O. Boda	B. K. Mason	39	12282	
128	1918	Central	W. W. Gordon	J. B. Jackson	R. A. Williams	39	10617	151734 52
129	1919	Centerville	H. F. Jones	J. B. Jackson	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	355138 67
135	1925	St. John's	W. F. Watkins	W. T. L. Shepherd	J. E. Welsh	43	17846	359404 82

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



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

The Young People's session met Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, Mrs. S. A. Campbell presiding.

Solo by Miss Lucille Hanrahan.

Devotional service was conducted by Miss Ruth Bishop. This was followed by special music on the organ by Prof. A. J. Lancaster, organist of Monumental Methodist Church, Portsmouth.

Dr. Sparks W. Melton was introduced and made an inspirational address on "What I Must Believe".

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. H. F. Jones.

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Portsmouth Baptist Association was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. G. R. Martin, in the Port Norfolk Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., June 25th, 1925, at 10:30 A. M.

Hymn, "O Zion Haste".

Prayer by Mrs. R. J. Dogan.

Enrollment Committee appointed was: Mrs. E. C. Taylor, Miss Helen Jones and Miss Doris Alford.

Constitution and By-Laws read by Secretary.

Enrollment Committee reported sixty delegates had registered.

Motion was made that delegates enrolled constitute the body and those registering later be added. Motion carried.

The program in the hands of the body was accepted as the program of the day.

Motion was made and carried that the distribution of the Plan of Work be the presentation.

Mrs. H. F. Jones, President of the W. M. S. of Port Norfolk Church, led the devotional and gave the address of welcome.

Visitors and wives of new ministers were recognized: Miss Blanche Syndor White, Corresponding Secretary of W. M. U. of Virginia; Mrs. J. F. Ingram, wife of the pastor of London Bridge Church; and Mrs. G. R. Tureman, wife of the pastor of Kempsville Church.

Mrs. H. E. Hood moved that the privilege of the floor be extended to the visitors. Motion carried.

Appointment of committees as follows:

Time and Place—Mrs. S. B. Johnson, Mrs. W. T. Crafton, Mrs. Charlie Wood.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. T. L. Shepherd, Mrs. J. W. Pickard, Mrs. H. E. Trent.

Obituary for 1926—Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Herrick, Mrs. J. C. Cotton, Mrs. E. T. Humphries, Mrs. J. W. Frank.

Reports of officers were received as follows:

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR 1925

A fine spirit of co-operation, study, and service has prevailed throughout our Portsmouth W. M. U. during the past year. More and more are we realizing that our Union has been planted by the Lord and is being guarded by His providence and nurtured by His grace.

Our total gifts for the year as reported amounted to \$37,918.97.

Total number of organizations 117.

Seventeen societies sent in the four quarterly reports to Superintendent and deserve special mention: Fairmount, Centerville, Deep Creek, Freemason, Central, Court Street, South Street, Berkley Avenue, Burrows, Churchland, Spurgeon, South Norfolk, Port Norfolk, Park View, Westhaven, Park Place and Campostella. Those sending



in three reports are Park Avenue, Raleigh Heights, Oak Grove, James, Calvary, Jackson, Pleasant Grove and St. John's.

My report would not be complete without recording my deep appreciation of the privilege which you gave to me of representing you at the W. M. U. of S. B. C. From the reports, discussions and decisions of this meeting we are convinced that the hand of our Lord is leading us in paths we do not know, and into fields we have not explored.

#### Official Report.

Number Societies visited	58
Number Group meetings attended	16
Number Executive meetings	2
Number Letters written	578
Number Letters received	179
Number Talks made	63

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. R. MARTIN.

The W. M. S. Banner was awarded to Berkley Group for 85% efficiency.

#### REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADER FOR 1924-1925

Although there has been nothing unusual or phenomenal in our young people's work, there has been that most important thing—a steady growth in membership and intensive work in the training and education of those members. A few societies have passed away and a few have come into being so that our totals are practically the same as last year.

14 Y. W. A.'s  
12 R. A.'s

20 G. A.'s  
28 Sunbeam Bands

We feel that our plan of organization is admirable. The Junior Societies are united under Group leaders who call together all leaders into Group Councils where the work is planned and outlined. This year our work has been somewhat handicapped owing to the fact that one of our largest groups was not able to secure such a leader. However, this group has a leader in view for the ensuing year and under this leadership I am sure that rapid strides in progress will be made.

The Young People are always anxious to train themselves for better service and so during the year past they have had 95 mission study classes with 1140 seals.

A marked interest is shown in personal service. Most of our Junior Societies plan each month some way of serving their communities or some other community. Sometimes it is a monetary gift and again a deed of loving kindness.

Of the 13 Societies which made the Standard of Excellence last year 9 were Junior Societies. This is a striking proof that our Young People are alert and interested in doing their share toward spreading the gospel of Jesus.

As another year comes and goes, may it be said that they are still toiling on and may something noble be accomplished.

FLORENCE WILSON CAMPBELL,

Young People's Leader.

The Y. W. A., the G. A. and the R. A. Banners were awarded the Berkley Group for the best efficiency report.

The Berkley and the Norfolk Groups tied for the Sunbeam Banner.

Mrs. C. E. Johnson of Berkley Group moved that the next highest efficiency Group be awarded the Sunbeam Banner. Motion carried.

Princess Anne Group, being the next highest in efficiency, won this Banner.



## MISSION STUDY REPORT FOR 1924-1925

With sincere gratitude to the women and young people of this Association for their splendid co-operation and our Heavenly Father for His many blessings, your Mission Study Secretary presents the following report:

Number classes 236  
Number graduates 107                      7 Schools of Missions  
2 all day Mission Study Institutes

I have attended 10 Group Meetings, conducted a number of conferences, at all times ready to give out all the help and information I could as to plans, methods, etc.

Considering the changes in our courses, also the change in our quarters, I feel most gratified for the year's work.

In the months that are ahead of us, let us study diligently—that every society and young people's organization will know what it means to study missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. E. HOOD, Mission Study Sec'y.

## REPORT OF SECRETARY FOR 1924-1925

I have attended two Executive Committee meetings, March 19th and June 11th, having notified the members of these meetings by telephone or postal cards.

49 cards were sent to W. M. S. Presidents and Y. W. A. Leaders.

32 letters sent to Pastors of the churches in Portsmouth Association.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ANNIE L. GRAY, Secretary.

## REPORT OF TREASURER FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 1925

### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand June 1924-----	\$ 50.13
Associational dues and collections from all sources----	695.78
Total Receipts-----	\$745.91

### DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses for annual meeting in June 1924-----	\$ 47.91
Superintendent Expenses to S. B. C.-----	127.50
Mr. F. T. Crump for W. M. U. Specials-----	162.25
Mrs. J. F. Vines for Boys' Camp-----	325.58
Mrs. Julia Gaskins-----	15.00
Total Disbursements-----	678.24

Balance on hand June, 1925-----	\$ 67.67
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ANNIE E. ARRINGTON, Treasurer.

Collection of dues \$59.00.

Attention was called to statistical report of gifts of all societies as distributed.

Motion was made and carried to adopt these reports.

The Nominating Committee nominated was: Mrs. J. G. Council, Mrs. J. C. Cotton, Mrs. T. H. Little, Miss May Campbell and Mrs. W. T. Crafton.

Hymn, "How Firm A Foundation."

"Our W. M. U. Specials" were presented by Mrs. T. H. Little in the form of a special delivery letter.



The first special; Training School, was explained by Miss May Campbell.

The second, The Margaret Fund, by Mrs. Pickard.

The third, The Bible Fund, by Mrs. I. R. Lee.

The fourth, R. A. Camp at Vt. Beach, by a R. A. boy of Park Avenue Church.

The fifth, Special Seasons of Prayer, special stress laid on observing whole weeks of prayer.

Hymn—"God Calling Yet" as a prayer.

Mrs. Richardson of the Advisory Board of the Chinese Christian Home introduced Mr. Sidney Quong of the Home who is in training for a missionary to his native land, China. He rendered an instrumental solo.

Hymn, "My Jesus I Love Thee."

Miss Blanche Syndor White was introduced and she made a stirring and inspiring address on "Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By".

Motion was made and carried that meeting adjourn immediately following devotional.

Devotional services were led by Mrs. J. F. Ingram, subject, "Go ye into all the World and ye shall be My Witnesses." Prayer by Mrs. H. E. Hood.

The morning session closed with prayer by Dr. Welsh.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by the Superintendent.

Hymn, "Revive Us Again".

Repeating in unison, Watchword for the year, "Go Ye into All the World and Ye shall be My Witnesses".

Minutes of morning session read and accepted.

"W. M. U. in Character"—demonstration under the direction of Miss May Campbell.

Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story".

Observance of Portsmouth W. M. U.'s 25th birthday, Mrs. I. D. S. Knight, presiding.

"Era of the Past" by Mrs. W. W. Gordon.

Mrs. Sadie J. Culpepper, who served as Superintendent from 1901 to 1914, and Mrs. S. A. D. Parker from 1914 to 1917, were called to the platform and after a few remarks were presented with small nosegays by Mrs. Knight. She also presented to Mrs. Culpepper a Building and Loan Memorial certificate, \$500 having been paid by this Association as a tribute to her long and faithful services.

Mrs. R. J. Whitehead, Superintendent from 1917 to 1919, was prevented from attending by illness. She sent a message of greeting which was read. Motion was made and carried that greetings be sent back to her.

An original anniversary hymn, composed by Miss May Campbell, was sung to the tune of "Let a Little Sunshine In".

Mrs. G. R. Martin, the 4th and present superintendent, spoke on the future, "And It Shall Come to Pass". She was also presented with a nosegay.

After attention was called to a few changes in the Plan of Work, motion was carried that the Plan of Work as distributed be adopted.

Report of Committee on Time and Place. The First Thursday in June, 1926, at Park Place Church. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:

Resolved (1), That we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Prof. A. J. Lancaster who so willingly gave us his time and talent.



Resolved (2), That we heartily thank our efficient Superintendent, all committees, and Dr. Sparks W. Melton for his splendid address, Miss Blanche White who brought us such an inspirational message and all those who took part in our program.

Resolved (3), We express our sincere thanks and profound appreciation to our hostess Church for the delicious luncheon, and all who helped in any way to make the meeting a success.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. T. L. SHEPHERD,  
MRS. H. E. TRENT,  
MRS. J. W. PICKARD,

Committee.

Motion was carried to adopt these resolutions.

The Obituary Committee submitted the following names of W. M. U. members who have died since our last meeting:

Burrows Memorial—Mrs. R. W. Dennis, Mrs. R. L. Fleming;  
Central—Mrs. W. S. Wilkins, Mrs. R. A. Peabworth, Mrs. J. W. Gregory,  
Mrs. Josephine Sawyer; First—Mrs. E. V. Rawlette; Freemason—  
Mrs. F. L. Croom, Mrs. J. L. Seneca, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. J. W. Callis,  
Mrs. F. E. L. Daughtry, Mrs. Mary E. Hughes; James Memorial—  
Mrs. Mary Sawyer; Park Avenue—Mrs. Sarah Lewis, Mrs. Z. P. Martin;  
Park Place—Mrs. J. B. Hubbard, Mrs. M. L. Stone, Mrs. Florence Lee;  
South Street—Mrs. Lillian Creekmore; South Norfolk—Mrs. J. L. Jernigan;  
St. John's—Mrs. Mary E. Hewitt; Jackson Memorial—Mrs. Charles Ashley;  
Centerville—Mrs. Bettie Herring.

Singing softly, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross".

Motion was made that vote of thanks be extended to Miss May Campbell for the Pageant and the Anniversary Hymn. Motion was carried.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report:

Superintendent—Mrs. G. R. Martin  
Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. W. W. Gordon  
Secretary—Mrs. F. L. Nicholson.  
Treasurer—Mrs. R. A. McCoy  
Mission Study Leader—Mrs. H. E. Hood

Group Leaders:

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

The report was adopted and officers elected as named.

Mrs. Richardson moved that Mrs. Martin make the report of W. M. U. to Portsmouth Association.

Mrs. W. W. Gordon made amendment to this motion that the Superintendent give the report or get some one to do it. The amendment was carried.

Motion was made and carried that the delegate and the two alternates be made from the floor.

The Superintendent was nominated as delegate and Mrs. W. W. Gordon and Mrs. I. D. S. Knight as alternates to S. B. C.

Motion was made and carried that minutes of afternoon session be left to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Dismissed with prayer by Dr. L. E. Barton.

MRS. G. R. MARTIN, Superintendent.  
MRS. ANNIE L. GRAY, Secretary.

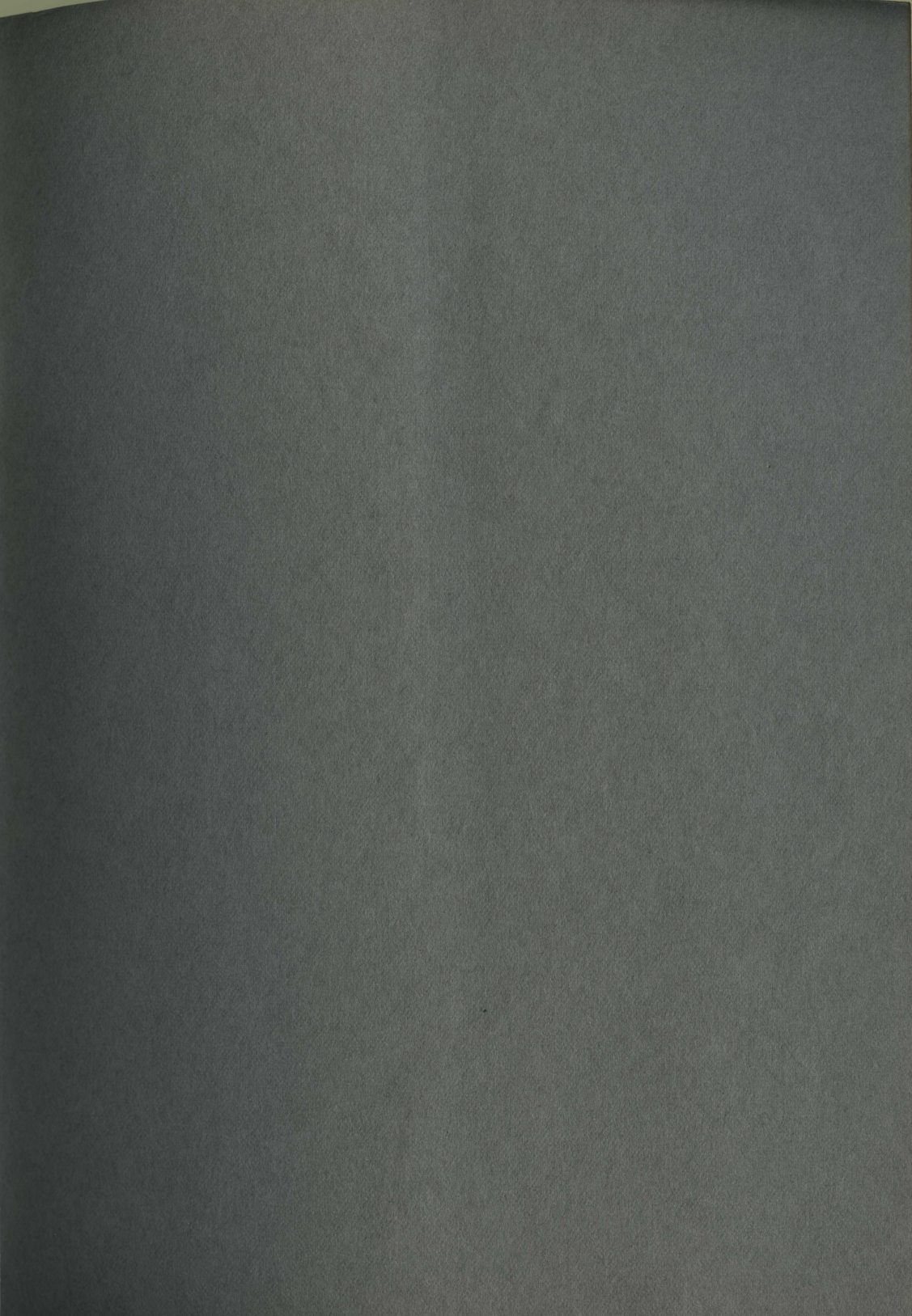














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