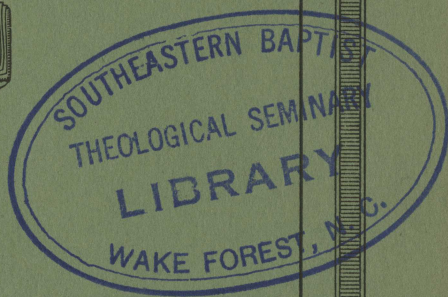


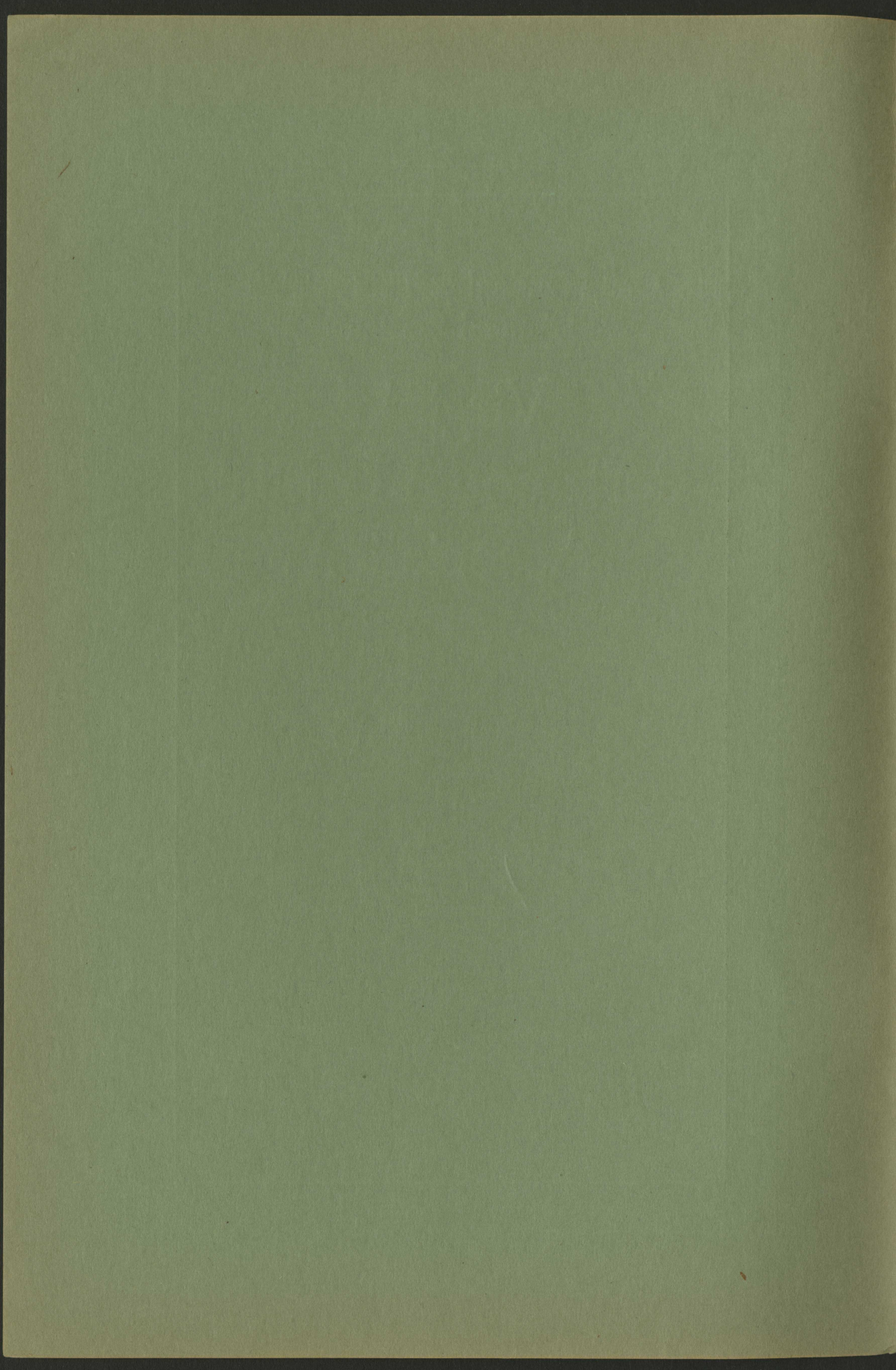
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CONSTITUTION.

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 and an Executive Committee; who shall be elected at each annual session, after the names of the delegates are enrolled, and shall continue in office until the next an-

nual 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. The Executive Committee shall consist of five members in addition to the officers of the Association, who shall be ex-officio members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to organize as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of the Association each year, by the election from their number of a Chairman and Secretary. The Executive Committee shall be charged with such duties, have such rights and perform such functions as are generally possessed or exercised by such a committee or as may from time to time be committed or assigned to them by the Association.

Article 1. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MINUTES

Norfolk, Virginia,
September 25, 1928.

The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met this day in its One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Session with Park Avenue Church, and was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by Moderator M. Winston.

Singing, "Revive Us Again."

Prayer by Geo. W. Cox.

Devotional services conducted by Dr. Sparks W. Melton.

Prayer by Dr. Weston Bruner.

Address of Welcome by Floyd T. Holland, pastor of Park Avenue Church.

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

- BAPTIST TABERNACLE—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Drumwright, Mrs. E. L. Griffin.
- BERKLEY AVENUE—Mrs. B. L. Rhodes, Mrs. Elenor Wilson, J. M. Lawrence.
- BETHEL—F. H. Williams, Mrs. Beulah Morrisette, Mrs. Margaret Williams.
- BLACKWATER—Mrs. J. N. Baxter, Mrs. W. L. Majette, Mrs. W. B. Paul, E. E. McClain.
- BURROWS MEMORIAL—Willis Hutchings, Mrs. F. D. Lambert, Mrs. W. E. Arnold, Mrs. Walter Anderson.
- CALVARY—W. T. L. Shepherd, Mrs. Albert Ozment, Mrs. L. J. Martin, Mrs. J. C. Davis.
- CAMPOSTELLA—R. R. Pierce, W. E. Etheridge, Mrs. Lena C. Baker.
- CENTERVILLE—Dr. A. M. Burfoot, B. M. Wood.
- CENTRAL—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Watkins, Dr. and Mrs. W. Tilden Smith, Mrs. E. F. Abel.
- CHURCHLAND—Mrs. C. W. Coleman, E. T. Johnson, Z. D. Owens.
- COURT STREET—M. P. Claud, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brooks, Mrs. J. H. Belote.
- CRADOCK—Miss Irene Lee, Mrs. T. F. Joyner.
- DEEP CREEK—Henry Hewitt.
- FAIRMOUNT PARK—O. B. Rountree.
- FIRST—E. A. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collings, Mrs. Catherine Martin, Mrs. Cora Capps, L. L. Williams, J. M. Robertson, Mrs. C. W. Thomas, Mrs. Cecil R. White.
- FOURTH STREET—Albert Lassiter, E. C. Lewis, Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Mrs. T. E. Peters, Mrs. James Hesketh, Mrs. W. A. Fulford.
- FREEMASON—M. Winston, W. F. Robertson, T. D. Savage, R. D. Kibler, Mrs. Alfred Anderson, Mrs. G. R. Martin, Mrs. Jos. E. Anderson.
- GILMERTON—John W. Welstead.
- GRACE—J. W. Welstead.

JACKSON MEMORIAL—A. L. Daughtry, Mrs. J. C. Cotton, Mrs. F. A. Lufsey.
 KEMPSVILLE—J. R. Lassiter, W. M. Thomas.
 KNOTTS ISLAND—J. L. Miller, Frank Hughes.
 LAKE DRUMMOND—Mrs. Nannie Ferrebee, Miss Gladys Newberne.
 LARCHMONT—S. A. D. Parker, Z. B. Sears.
 LONDON BRIDGE—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gimbert.
 NORVIEW—H. E. Cole.
 NANSEMOND—
 NORTHWEST—Letter only.
 OAK GROVE—J. W. C. Dudley, D. O. Vaughan, W. A. Munden, S. A. Brock.
 OCEAN VIEW—Hillary Gilbert, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. B. Monroe, Mrs. W. R. Greenwell.
 PARK AVENUE—A. S. Drumwright, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Fentress, W. H. Croft, J. C. Hewitt, C. E. Cousins, A. O. Lynch, R. L. Johnson, C. H. Ashburn, H. N. Hayman, W. A. Wright, J. A. Alexander.
 PARK PLACE—R. W. Outland, John E. Johnson, L. R. Heath, W. O. Gayle, T. E. Fleming, Mrs. W. T. Crafton, Rev. H. H. Kratzig.
 PARK VIEW—A. R. Williams, L. M. Harrell, H. L. Overman, Mrs. W. J. Deans.
 PLEASANT GROVE—J. W. Smithson, Mrs. Laura Speight, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Matthews.
 PORT NORFOLK—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Barrick, Mrs. Weston Bruner, Mrs. B. E. Worrell, Mrs. S. B. Johnson, Mrs. C. J. Andrews, Mrs. A. M. Hart, Mrs. J. W. Barnes, Mrs. H. P. Munden, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mrs. S. G. Blalock, Mrs. L. M. Bailey, W. Faucette.
 RALEIGH HEIGHTS—I. R. Dozier, W. S. O'Neal, Mrs. J. H. Yates.
 SOUTH NORFOLK—J. T. Forehand, G. C. Outland, Mrs. H. A. Stewart, Mrs. W. O. Baucom, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. B. L. Powers.
 SOUTH STREET—Mrs. Annie L. Gray, Mrs. H. M. B. Jones, Mrs. J. P. Harrell, Mrs. W. A. Martindale, Mrs. Mabel Davis.
 SPURGEON MEMORIAL—W. W. Gordon, Mrs. L. W. Brabble, Mrs. Lee Bloxom, Mrs. E. L. Dozier, O. S. Hart, H. S. Jarvis, Herbert Stanton.
 ST. JOHNS—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whitehurst
 VIRGINIA BEACH—Mrs. G. M. Baker, Mrs. E. E. Chapman.
 WESTHAVEN—G. W. Hamer, J. W. Barham, Mrs. R. L. Hanners, Mrs. H. A. Parker, Mrs. C. E. Hundley, Mrs. W. L. Broadwell, Mrs. John Bomar.
 WEST NORFOLK—Letter only.

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

Dr. A. M. Burfoot, Moderator.
 Dr. I. D. S. Knight, Vice-Moderator.
 W. T. L. Shepherd, Clerk and Treasurer.

Singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Report of Program Committee was submitted and adopted after few changes.

The following new pastors were welcomed to the Association by W. V. Savage: Weston Bruner, Port Norfolk; A. C. Cheetham, Virginia Beach; Otto W. Pebworth, Deep Creek; T. A. Russell, Ocean View, and Executive Secretary of Baptist Council.

It was the pleasure of the Association to have the following visitors present during its sessions: W. R. Leckliter and W. A. Snyder of Portsmouth; R. D. Stephenson, Franklin; Geo. W. Cox, Culpepper; L. F. Paulette, Smithfield; John K. Goode, Salem; W. E. Warren, Beulahville; J. C. Cobb, Windsor; H. J. Goodwin, Suffolk; Geo. T. Waite, F. T. Crump, W. R. Flanagan and R. A. Williams of Richmond; David Hepburn, Field Secretary Anti-Saloon League of Virginia; George W. Sawyer.

Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Report on Denominational Publications was read by J. T. Riddick and adopted.

DENOMINATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

In modern times there is no agency more potent to help or hinder the on-going of the Kingdom of God than the printing press, and its power in this direction will not wane until something more modern and effective takes its place.

There has never been an age when the printing press was putting on the market more of its products, both good and bad, than we are seeing today. Publications of every description and in every form imaginable are coming to us day by day from the publishing houses of our country. I daresay that, outside of the pulpit, no agency employed by the Christian churches is doing more to advance the Kingdom of God than is the Christian literature that is being so largely used by our Christian reading constituency, and the devil has no more effective agency by which to put forth his claims than the printed page in the hands of thoughtless readers.

In view of these two facts we do well to call attention to our denominational publications. "But," says someone, "why denominational publications?" So long as we distinguish ourselves by certain distinct beliefs from other Christian folks, just so long will it be necessary to use the printed page, bearing our distinctive denominational message. I might remind you that we, as Virginia Baptists, are called upon to consider and support two classes of denominational literature. The first is composed of our own state denominational paper, "The Religious Herald," hoary with age but youthful in spirit and activities and rich in denominational traditions; owned and published by that princely and scholarly editor, Dr. R. H. Pitt, than whom there is no superior in America as a religious editor. "The Religious Herald" gives to our people a source of safe and sane information about our State and Southside denominational interests. You can always count on "The Religious Herald" being on the safe side of all moral and denominational questions. You are not liable to go astray in following its leadership.

To be a competent church worker one must know the facts about the work one is to do. "The Religious Herald" is a trustworthy source of information about our State denominational affairs, without which no Virginia Baptist can well afford to do.

Then, too, we have our orphanage paper, which is a splendid publication gotten out monthly by our orphanage force. This publi-

cation can be put in our Sunday Schools at a very small cost to each Sunday School.

Virginia Baptists are exceedingly fortunate, in that they do not have four or five little denominational sheets published by some little hill-billy editor with a grievance against his brethren. So let us stand loyally by our great denominational paper, "The Religious Herald."

The other denominational publications that I wish to call attention to in this report are our publications that are of a southwide, and even worldwide, interest. They are such publications as our Sunday School literature, "Home and Foreign Fields," published by our own publishing house in Nashville, Tennessee. I desire to lay special emphasis on the worth of the "Home and Foreign Fields." No Virginia Baptist should be without this magazine; especially no pastor can afford to do without it. Its cost is only one dollar a year.

The pastor can render a good service to his people by getting them to take and read our denominational literature.

J. T. RIDDICK, Committee.

At this time a letter of greeting was read from Dr. R. H. Pitt of The Religious Herald and M. Winston was appointed to reply to same.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. W. W. Gordon. Discussed by Mrs. Geo. R. Martin, President State W. M. U., and adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK

The W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Portsmouth Association is glad to have this opportunity to bring to you a report of the past year's work.

Our Annual Meeting which was held on June 6th with the Park View Church, Portsmouth, was full of enthusiasm and inspiration.

We were fortunate in having with us at that meeting three of our State officers, Mrs. G. R. Martin, President of our Va. W. M. U.; Miss Blanche White, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss May Campbell, Field Worker.

These heartened us with very helpful and encouraging messages.

Our Groups reported splendid work for the year, each having held 4 quarterly meetings with excellent programs and good attendance. The women of the churches were used whenever possible on the various programs.

Each Group has held during the year a very enthusiastic Young People's Rally.

This is our Ruby Anniversary Year and every effort is being made to reach the goal set for us both as to organization, enlistment and gifts.

We wish to report 153 organizations, 37 of these being Women's Missionary Societies, 25 Y. W. A.'s, 33 G. A.'s, 25 R. A.'s and 33 Sunbeam Bands. This is an increase of 30 over last year. Sixteen organizations reached the Standard of Excellence which we have ever before us, an increase of 10 over last year.

One church, South Street, Portsmouth, with all 5 organizations making the Standard, thus giving us one Standard church in our W. M. U. work.

Our gifts to the Co-operative Program totaled \$22,447.19.

Our Thank Offerings during the seasons of prayer was \$4,089.91.

Personal Service continues in its various forms while we endeavor to stress the winning of souls as the highest form of Personal Service.

The Good Will Center in Portsmouth closed for the summer after a very satisfactory year and a most successful Daily Vacation Bible School. It will be re-opened in October; "We study that we may serve", therefore we emphasize Bible and Mission Study, reporting 172 classes, 1,377 seals, one Group Mission School and several Mission Schools in our churches. We hope to be able to report one in every church next year.

We realize that we are living in an age when specialization is considered well nigh essential in any field of endeavor. If this be true in the business and professional world how infinitely more important is it that laborers be trained for service in the vineyard of our Lord. We are trying to do this for our young people and we ask your continued co-operation.

We wish to thank the Pastors for their wise counsel, for their helpful messages at our various group meetings and for their participation in the various Mission Schools held. We pledge to them our loyal support in their work of Kingdom Building.

It is our desire that every woman might become the sort of church member described in the following:

He serves his church the best
Who lives pure life and doeth righteous deed,
And walks straight paths, however others stray,
And leaves to us his uttermost bequest,
A stainless record which all men may read.
This is the better way.

No drop but serves the slowly-lifting tide;
No dew but has an errand to some flower;
No smallest star but sheds some helpful ray,
And man by man each helping all the rest,
Makes the firm bulwark of the Church's power.
There is no better way.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. GORDON,
Associational Superintendent.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance—J. E. Welsh and F. T. Holland.

Time, Place and Preachers—J. T. Riddick, W. F. Watkins and F. H. Williams.

Singing, "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

The Introductory Sermon was preached by H. B. Cole.
Theme: "Spiritual Enrichment."

Prayer by R. D. Stephenson.

Motion was made and adopted that Bro. Cole be requested to send copy of sermon to The Herald for publication.

Singing, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Benediction by Geo. W. Cox.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Session was called to order at 2:00 o'clock by Moderator Dr. A. M. Burfoot.

The Association was favored with a duet by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Croft.

Prayer by Beecher L. Rhodes.

Devotional services by Dr. Melton, followed with prayer by Dr. Bruner and the singing of "I Need Thee Every Hour" by the congregation.

Report on Temperance was read by T. A. Russell and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We have entered the tenth year of national prohibition. The Eighteenth Amendment has been a part of our Constitution, in effect nine years and two months. Almost a decade has passed with the world's greatest reform movement. Like all great movements, this one was accomplished after many years of heart-bleeding effort to relieve our country of the single greatest plague of modern civilization—the liquor traffic. Some sincere and fair minds have studied prohibition as a part of the history of our country with grave fears for its success, while others have looked on with malicious desire for its complete failure. What are the facts?

The evidence in favor of national prohibition is incontrovertible. First of all, 177,790 saloons with their crime-breeding influence have been banished. Two hundred and thirty-nine out of the 275 homes for the cure of drunkenness in existence and thriving in 1918, have closed their doors for the lack of patronage, and the remaining 36 are forced to give their attention to other lines. Judge J. K. Greene, President of the Ogden Avenue Home of Chicago, in closing that institution November 11, 1925, stated: "It should fire with patriotic ardor the soul of every lover of our institution that there is such wholesome respect for what is written in our Constitution and laws. I could hardly believe until I saw its demonstration day by day. In another generation intemperance will be entirely wiped out."

Dr. George O'Hanlon, of New York City, for sixteen years general medical superintendent of Bellevue and allied hospitals, says: "Within a few years an alcoholic victim will be practically unheard of". These statements come from men who know and are located in territory where enforcement has been weakest.

In 300 of our greatest cities, according to court records, drunkenness has decreased 42.3 per cent. in spite of all conflicting reports to the contrary. Apart from statistics, anyone with eyes can see that our streets are cleared of drunkenness, "rowdyism" is a thing almost of the past, poverty of the extreme type is disappearing, and happiness and stability of character abide.

The economic effect of prohibition is also significant. Roger

Babson says: "When a man takes money formerly thrown away on harmful drink and uses it for buying a home, an automobile, or any other merchandise, he is greatly aiding legitimate industry. At least a billion dollars, formerly spent in saloons each year, and from which only the brewers benefitted, has gone into homes, cars, and hundreds of other worth-while things. Insurance companies show an amazing increase in protected families, and every college in the land is being taxed to its uttermost to care for our youth who are now able to take advantage of a higher education. We thus have an array of physical facts that prove beyond all doubt the genuine success of prohibition.

Space precludes an exhaustive discussion of the intangible benefits so well known to this body. Yet it is the moral and spiritual side with which we as a Christian organization are chiefly concerned. Every minister has within his own experience notable cases of homes reunited and made fit for children; lives reclaimed from the clutches of rum; character, before fettered in the grip of a damning habit, freed to build again and unfold toward a finer citizenship, and redeemed to the glory of God.

The Problems Of Prohibition.

Every cause carries its problem. We mention: first, the problem of law enforcement. Nine years have not been sufficient to curb the lawlessness attached to the saloon and "liquor traffic". Prohibition has not in any sense increased lawlessness, but rather it has brought it more directly to the attention of the public. The saloon and "liquor interest" have always been a lawless group. Millions of dollars have gone into the coffers of the anti-prohibition forces with no other purpose than to defy the laws of this land and to break down the morale of law enforcement. Every effort must be exerted to improve the personnel of our enforcement officers until character shall stand supreme against the lure of liquor money.

Again we have the problem of Respect of Law. It has not been sufficient to buy weak and unpatriotic officers, but an effort has been made to bring into disrepute our Constitution and to make our laws a laughing stock. The idea has been to dupe and confuse the public until hopelessness would be apparent. Hence the organized propaganda that has spread over the country as subtle and dangerous as some deadly disease. Our colleges and universities have been held up, as hotbeds of immorality and flaming wickedness. Our young people as a whole have been caricatured as indecent, disloyal and bolshevistic, always intimating prohibition as the cause of the moral let down. It is our task to deny these falsehoods, know the facts and spread them abroad, encourage our enforcement officers and ask from one and all a wholesome respect for the laws of our country.

Finally we have the problem of statesmanship. The sacred causes of our country are never secure only as guaranteed by the loyalty and patriotism of our statesmen. Weaklings, demagogues and scheming politicians must be kept weeded out of our national life by a sane and intelligent vote of our people. It is imperative that we as Christian ministers and laymen encourage, stimulate and educate our people in their duty of exercising their right of suffrage, and thus not leave the fate of our country in the hands of schemers and politicians.

The Future Of Prohibition.

We believe prohibition to be of divine order, a necessity of civilization, and the sincere desire of the majority of the people of

the United States, and that all organized effort of the "liquor traffic" will eventually be crushed by the will of God, and our nation shall rise above the turmoil and struggle of this hour to permanent sobriety and temperance.

BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this report, we do most earnestly exhort our people to face candidly the actual situation and do their duty as good citizens of the State and country. We urge them to keep clear in their thinking the tremendously important principles involved in this question; not to be blinded by prejudice, misled by propaganda, or coerced by threats; and to meet the issue when the day comes, in the fear of God and in the fear of no one else. If to do this should require the severance of long recognized affiliations, or should bring upon them for the time personal censure and possible loss, let them remember the promises to those who suffer for righteousness' sake.

T. A. RUSSELL, Committee.

The following report of Combined State Interests was prepared by I. D. S. Knight and adopted after discussion of the following phases:

Sunday Schools by P. Rowland Wagner.

Orphanage by B. L. Rhodes and John K. Goode.

Baptist Schools and Colleges by Dr. Boatwright.

COMBINED REPORT OF STATE INTERESTS

The denominational work of Southern Baptists is divided into two main divisions: first, our Southwide interests, which includes our Worldwide interests; second, our Statewide interests. This report only touches upon some of our Statewide interests. When we consider what 225,000 Baptists have accomplished by working through 1,200 churches in Virginia during the past year, it is manifest that the limitations of this brief report will permit of only lightly touching upon a small portion of what has been accomplished.

Mention of three of our Statewide denominational interests, the Denominational Paper, the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, and the Education Commission, is omitted from this report because these branches of our work are considered by separate reports to be presented before this association according to the prepared program.

The following departments of our State work are considered in the order of the addresses presented in the program for the discussion of this report:

First:—State Missions. Our State Mission Board, other than promoting all phases of our Co-operative Program in our State, reports that 115 missionary pastors have been aided by an expenditure of \$43,046.33. These pastors reported 1,603 baptisms during the last year. Our three State evangelists reported 406 baptisms. The department of State Missions conduct four mountain schools as mission stations. During the last session 504 students were enrolled in these schools.

Second:—Sunday Schools. There are 1,125 Baptist Sunday Schools in Virginia with an enrollment of 205,458 scholars. Under the leadership of Rev. E. T. Smith this department of our State work has been carried forward. We estimate the work accomplished at the two Summer Assemblies at Virginia Beach and Bristol, to be of

value to our denomination and approve the cost of their continuance.

Third:—Orphanage. Our new Superintendent, Mr. R. F. Hough, is taking hold of the care of our orphans in a masterful manner. The amount received last year from all sources was \$2,999.73 less than the amount spent for the economical management of this institution. The amount received from the Co-operative Program was less than one-half of the amount spent. Were it not for the offerings from the Sunday Schools of Virginia it would be impossible to carry on this work.

Fourth:—Baptist Young Peoples' Unions. Virginia has 1,086 unions composed of 29,613 young people. Rev. E. J. Wright continues his efficient labors in building up this work which is steadily growing.

Fifth:—Schools and Colleges. Other than the four mountain schools referred to under our State Mission Board, Virginia Baptists have 3 colleges and one university. We doubt the wisdom of continually supporting in a large way such Junior Colleges as cannot prove themselves self-supporting after a reasonable length of time and earnestly repeat our endorsement of the University of Richmond to complete its centennial endowment fund. We commend the management of this University for keeping its running expenses within its income.

No place is given in the program prepared for this association for the work of our Hospital, the Virginia Baptist Foundation, the Virginia Historical Society, the Baptist Ministers' Relief Fund, or the Education Board of Virginia. We suggest that the minutes of the Virginia Baptist General Association be consulted for information concerning these activities of Virginia Baptists.

The following resolutions are hereby offered:

First:—We urge the teaching of the doctrine of stewardship, the dissemination of missionary information, and the every-member canvass as the most effective means of securing the necessary funds for carrying on our denominational missionary work.

Second:—We endorse the Co-operative program as the most effective manner of distributing our denominational funds.

Third:—We believe our General Association should request our State Board of Missions and Education to make further study of and to give more support to the opportunities of Baptists in the educational centers of our State.

Fourth:—We commend our State Mission Board for its wise and careful business administration and believe those who are entrusted with our State mission funds to be faithful stewards, worthy of our utmost confidence.

Fifth:—We express our belief in the consecration, ability and leadership of our new State Secretary, Dr. George T. Waite, and pledge him our prayers and loyal co-operation.

IRA D. S. KNIGHT.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Our Orphanage at Salem was established in 1892, 36 years ago. During this period 850 boys and girls have been nurtured and cared for. At the present time, 250 children, 136 boys, and 114 girls are being trained and cared for. Many worthy cases have had to be turned away because of crowded conditions in the cottages. According to the nurse, the health of the children has been better this year than any year of her experience, due largely to our physician, Dr. Churchill Robertson, and our dentist, Dr. A. M. Hitt. Splendid work has also been done in the school under the direction of Dr. E. C. James and his splendid corps of teachers. The religious training is

such that all the children unite with the Salem Baptist Church before leaving the orphanage. An interesting feature is that the children do all of the work of the institution giving them splendid training in all branches of industry. A girls' cottage is soon to be erected by the Shiloh Association, and the Potomac Association has almost enough funds in hand for the new industrial building.

The treasurer received for the year ending June 1st, 1928, \$77,-973.33 from all sources. Of this amount \$38,287.33 came through the Co-operative Program, \$39,686.00 through the Sunday Schools, Missionary Societies and individuals. The expenditures for the year were \$80,973.06. We can readily see therefore, the urgent need of our Sunday Schools sending their special monthly offerings in addition to the funds from the Co-operative program, in order to avoid a debt. The special gifts and legacies received this year are as follows:

Mrs. M. P. Rucker, Bedford, Va.....	\$ 50.00
Mr. Ama Joseph Harrison, Onancock, Va.....	400.00
Mrs. Mary S. Bowles, Richmond, Va.....	2,077.00
East Brambleton Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.....	1,917.00
W. J. Gay, Albemarle County.....	500.00
E. M. Allen, Norfolk, Va.....	450.00
Emily R. Thomas, Norfolk, Va.....	2,000.00
Mrs. Allie D. Smith, Alexandria, Va., two farms in Warren and Rappahannock Counties.	

After three years of splendid service, Mr. M. S. Noffsinger found it necessary to resign on account of his business connections. He gave to the institution the benefit of his business experience. His character and splendid gifts of leadership have left their impress upon the institution. The trustees have been fortunate in selecting his successor, Mr. R. F. Hough of Kinston, N. C., who for five years has been superintendent of the Kennedy Home, branch of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage in North Carolina. The outlook for our Orphanage was never brighter and we sincerely hope for a continued interest and support on the part of all of our Baptist people.

B. L. RHODES.

Report on Obituaries was read by Willis Hutchings and adopted.

OBITUARIES

Apparently the churches have been very fortunate in that there have been only five of the more prominent leaders from all the churches who have died in the period of this year thus far reported.

They are as follows: The Ocean View reports the death of Brother M. L. Halstead, deacon of the church. A devoted Christian and zealous laborer for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the vineyard of his local church.

The South Street Baptist Church reports the deaths of three very consecrated members: Rev. R. S. Menefee, Deacon J. T. Morris and Deacon W. A. Guy. The denomination has lost much in the death of these three. Bro. Menefee was one of the most deeply spirited men the church and community has known for many years. Deacon Morris was one of the most liberal givers of the church and one of the largest givers of the city. Deacon Guy was one who stood always for clean and righteous living both in and out of the church. The church has lost much in their deaths but shall be inspired by their lives for many years to come.

Franklin Pierce Jennings was born October 20, 1855, and died May 28, 1928. Centerville Baptist Church lost by his death one of her most efficient and dependable deacons.

He had been a faithful and consistent member of that church ever since it was organized, coming as a charter member with others from the Pleasant Grove Church.

He was a regular attendant upon the services of the church and not only gave of his means but of his time to the work of the Kingdom. He was truly a good man, and his life was not only a blessing to his family but to his church and to the community in which he spent his entire life. Many came to the funeral which was held at the church and gave by their presence a witness and testimony of appreciation of him as a Christian.

WILLIS HUTCHINGS, Committee.

Benediction by A. W. Burfoot.

TUESDAY EVENING

Session was called to order by Vice-Moderator I. D. S. Knight at 8:00 o'clock.

Singing, "Jesus Calls Us."

Devotional exercises by Dr. Melton.

Prayer by W. H. Baylor.

Committee on Time, Place and Preachers made the following report:

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1929.

Place—Oak Grove Church, Princess Anne County.

Preachers—Introductory Sermon, W. H. Baylor. Alternate, P. Rowland Wagner. Doctrinal Sermon, Weston Bruner. Alternate, J. F. Ingram.

Report of Baptist Council was read by W. T. L. Shepherd and adopted after discussion by T. A. Russell, Executive Secretary of the Council.

REPORT OF THE BAPTIST COUNCIL

There is no doubt but what our Associational mission work is one of our most important agencies in building up the churches and carrying on the work of the Kingdom. It stands to reason that if we do not maintain the local churches we will not be able to do any work whatever. Our most important assets as a denomination are not our institutions, as valuable as these are, but our most important

assets are our churches. If all our institutions were destroyed and our churches were to remain, we could replace the institutions. But if our churches were destroyed, it would only be a matter of time when the institutions would perish for lack of support. The churches are the foundation for all our work and we must, in our mission program provide for their growth and development. The Baptist Council does this. It is mission work that gets back to the churches direct.

The recently adopted Council Policy sets forth—To root Kingdom work and our denominational interest in the life of the local church. To make the development of the local church, and not the mere getting of money our supreme task. Our job is to grow verile, vital, vigorous, functioning New Testament Churches trained in the practice of what Christ commanded. To develop a denominational consciousness—that will give to our Baptist people a doctrinal unity, a vital loyalty and a religious solidarity. These endeavors we hope to accomplish through group meetings, Bible and Stewardship Schools, Associational Rallies and distinct fellowship conferences.

On February first of this year our newly-elected Executive Secretary, Rev. T. A. Russell took charge of our office. One of the first undertakings was the reviving of the work of our Ocean View Church. This church had been through trying times and had been without pastoral leadership for nearly a year. Our Secretary as Acting Pastor has revived interest. The attendance on Sunday services fill the present house of worship. The Mid-week service has had an average attendance for the past five months of more than fifty. As the report of that church shows fifty new members were added to their rolls during five months and their contributions to all causes have about tripled.

During the past three months our Secretary has sponsored the Deep Creek Church. Securing supplies for their pulpit, conducting their mid-week services and acting as general adviser. Thereby holding this worthy group together during this period of trial. This church has now secured the services of Rev. O. W. Pebworth as resident supply.

In addition to the above the Secretary has assisted in special series of meetings in five churches, resulting in forty-eight professions for baptism, forty-one additions by letter and fourteen by statement and restoration making a total of additions of one hundred and three.

Financial assistance has been extended Raleigh Heights Church on their building program. Enabling this growing church to accommodate their congregations and do more efficient Sunday School and Young People's work.

There have been Board meetings, committee meetings, assistance rendered in planning for and teaching in local and city-wide training schools. Conducting funerals, securing pulpit supplies in emergencies and the rendering of other simple and humble service when called upon.

We wish in closing to speak a faithful word of appreciation to the churches and brethren who have loyally aided the Council financially and in service. And pray for an enlarged continuation of this support that we may more fully carry out our Lord's injunction for the stronger to aid the weaker and to more nobly witness for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. L. SHEPHERD, Committee.

Singing, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

After the reading from 12th chapter of Mark and prayer by Dr. Melton, the Doctrinal Sermon was preached by T. E. Peters, using as his subject: "Our Adventure."

Prayer by F. T. Holland.

Singing, "My Life, My All I Give to Thee."

Benediction by T. E. Peters.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

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

Singing, "I Love to Tell the Story."

Devotional exercises by Dr. Melton.

Prayer by W. Rush Loving.

Report on Home Missions was read by Dr. Weston Bruner and adopted after discussion by the writer.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our denomination has been bowed with grief over the great tragedy coming upon our Home Mission Board on account of the defalcation of Treasurer Carnes. It is believed that it may not reach the million dollars quite; but it is staggering if it does not go beyond \$750,000.00 or \$800,000.00.

It seems that Carnes did not steal the money given by our churches but borrowed from various banks scattered over our Southern States. He gave the notes of the Board signed by himself as Treasurer of the Board.

It has been the custom of the Board to pay regularly the Workers and Missionaries even if it had to borrow to do so. During the summer and fall when gifts from the churches came in slowly, the Treasurer was given authority to borrow as he had need to pay Workers and Missionaries. He was expected, of course, to borrow from some Atlanta bank and only enough to tide over the period in which the Board had insufficient funds to pay salaries.

When Carnes disappeared and fears were entertained as to his connection with the Board—the Executive Committee of the Convention met with the Home Board to look into the matter. After deliberation and examination the Home Board reported to the Executive Board that it was unable to further function. So a joint committee of 7 from the Home Board and the Executive Board was formed to take over the Home Board's affairs. So the Board has ceased to function as the Home Board. This joint committee was to conduct the work of the Board until the Southern Baptist Convention meets next May; when the Convention itself will determine what is best to be done.

Whether, however, the Convention dissolves the Board and turns over to other agencies and to the States such work as must be carried on, the money secured from the banks by Treasurer Carnes in the name of the Home Board, is both a legal and moral obligation upon Southern Baptists, which we cannot evade.

It is urged that our churches continue to give to the Board as heretofore until the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May. The action of the Convention must then point out our duty.

Let us earnestly pray that this fearful tragedy may somehow be turned to our good and that it may not permanently retard the interest of our Master's Kingdom.

WESTON BRUNER, Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Dr. Howard I. Stewart, discussed by the writer, and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee would submit the following report:

Foreign Missions are based primarily on intrinsic justice. The Law is just and good. Beginning at Jerusalem—Yes, by all means. Thence to Samaria—"Assuredly gathering." But the King's justice runs throughout all His universe and you may not, must not, tarry "till like a sea of glory, it spread from pole to pole".

It is a privilege to report a year of encouragement and achievement, in this important realm of the business of the King. Substantial progress has been made toward the reduction of the encumbering indebtedness upon the Foreign Mission Board. By strict economy, the said indebtedness has been reduced almost \$80,000 this year, the present amount of the indebtedness being \$1,065,791.18.

The Board has a definite plan for the further reduction of the debt, which is as follows:

1—Ten percent will be taken monthly from the receipts of The Co-operative Program.

2—Certain properties, in the home and foreign fields, which cannot now be developed, will be sold.

3—Special gifts from friends designated for this special purpose.

4—Holding the appropriations for the present year, to such a low figure, that the debt will not be further increased.

By this method the Board will ultimately free itself from debt.

From all lands come inspiring news of the Gospel triumphs. In China, the situation has not cleared altogether, yet the opposition to Christian work is diminishing rapidly. Chinese pastors and native Christians have demonstrated remarkable ability to care for themselves. In 24 of the 28 Mission Stations, missionaries have returned and to the other four stations occasional visits are now being made.

On February 1, 1928, the Roumanian Government granted Baptists full liberty of teaching and treatment on equal footing with all Roumanian citizens, and in that land Baptists are making unparalleled progress.

"Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God" and Africa now stands third in the number of Churches in foreign lands and third in the number of Baptisms reported last year.

Latin America presents a tremendous evangelistic opportunity which is fast being seized hold upon, while farther to the south in Brazil almost 3,000 Baptisms were reported last year. In the Rio there are 81 churches, 72 of the number being self-supporting.

Taking the field as a whole, the grand total of membership is 146,072. They gave last year an average of \$3.30 per member. In the 1,538 Sunday Schools there were 75,118 scholars and in the 587 schools there were 26,244 students. Missionary physicians treated 48,464 patients. In all the fields there were 12,542 Baptisms, being an increase of 457 over the year previous.

Any report on Foreign Missions would be far afield, without tender and gracious remembrance of the noble and efficient Dr. James Franklin Love, who achieved the great promotion on May the 3rd, 1928. He gave 14 fulsome and sacrificial years to the service of the Board. Through his prolific pen and public addresses, he sounded in the ears of Southern Baptists the clarion call of world-wide Evangelization. "O Hercules, are you not afraid your great heart will wear you out?" Like this fabled hero of old, our brother and Christian statesman, with unwavering zeal for the spread of the Gospel pressed on, withholding nothing of time and physical strength, until he lay prone in death. What a full reward is his! How abundant his entrance! What his wide-eyed wonder as he gazes upon the face of the King in all his beauty! 'Adieu our beloved brother, until the morn when those angel faces rise."

"Fading away like the stars of the morning
Losing their light in the glorious sun,
Thus would we pass from the earth and its sighing
Only remembered by what we have done."

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD I. STEWART, Committee.

Report on Education Commission was read and discussed by T. E. Peters, after which the report was adopted.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention there was raised in the place of the Education Board the Education Commission.

As the name indicates it is a Committee, no moneys are to be raised or handled by it. It will hold title to no property and has no administrative function.

But in the resolution creating the Commission it was stated that it is to be "eyes and mouth" for the Southern Baptist Convention in matters pertaining to education. Meeting from time to time and observing as well as it may be able the Commission will speak of the educational situation as it sees it.

At the first meeting Dr. Harry Clark of Greenville, S. C., was elected Chairman and Frank H. Leavell of Nashville, Tenn., Secretary. Committees on "Survey", "Publicity", "Reports", "Standards", and "Inter-relationships" were appointed. These committees will work in their several fields until the next meeting of the Commission when report will be made to the Convention.

It seemed rather general in the minds of the delegates at the Convention that this Commission was appointed to avoid the impression, feared by some, that Southern Baptists were weakening in their interest and activities for education. It may be that the Commission will find a useful place in the life of the denomination and for the present must be content with saying that Christian education is indispensable if Baptists are to make their largest contribution to needs of today and the richness of the future.

Your committee urges the members of the Portsmouth Association to give the most earnest heed to the education of our youth. We must not only be interested in institutions but even more in education. We ought to love truth and seek it everywhere.

T. E. PETERS, State Member from Va.

Report on Relief and Annuity Board was made by G. C. Outland. Discussed by Mr. Outland and Dr. Welsh and adopted.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The ministerial relief of which we heard so much about some years ago was changed to the Relief Annuity Board 10 years ago. In 1919 its assets were \$160,428.53, at the close of the 10th fiscal year, as of April 30, 1928, its assets were \$2,623,319.85. During these 10 years \$1,136,476.48 has been distributed to several thousand beneficiaries. Many of these beneficiaries have passed on but at the present time there are 1,053 ministers and widows receiving some income besides 150 or more orphans who are being indirectly aided.

Last year the total sum paid to the beneficiaries was \$11,852.47. The amount is too small to afford Southern Baptists much of an occasion for self-congratulation. The applications for aid from the relief department have multiplied while the receipts have steadily declined. The only supplementary money that the Board has to draw from, in addition to the receipts from the members, is the interest from the annuity, which interest amounted to \$28,758.21 last year. This interest was received on \$543,000.00 on Endowment and Reserve. The plan now under trial is to increase the Relief Fund to \$1,000,000.00 plus, through the William Lunsford Memorial Fund for the same amount, one-half of which is for relief work.

Dr. W. J. McGlothlin and his committee reporting on the report of the Relief and Annuity Board at Louisville last May said concerning this fund the following: "WE RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD LAY URGENT EMPHASIS ON THE ANNUITY PLAN WITH THE PURPOSE ULTIMATELY OF MAKING THE RELIEF PLAN UNNECESSARY, IF POSSIBLE, SO THAT IT MAY BE ABANDONED ALTOGETHER. WE OUGHT TO HELP THOSE WHO MANIFEST FORETHOUGHT AND A DISPOSITION TO HELP THEMSELVES BY CO-OPERATING WITH THE DENOMINATION IN PROVIDING FOR FUTURE NEEDS. SUCH A POLICY BETTER ACCORDS WITH THAT DIGNITY AND MEASURE OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH DENOMINATIONAL SERVANTS OUGHT TO FEEL."

This Annuity plan referred to by this Committee is sustained in three ways.

1st, by the regular deposits of the ministers and missionaries who hold certificate of membership.

2nd, by the interest earning on the annuity Endowment and Reserve.

3rd, by a portion of the funds contributed through the co-operative program.

This fund is paying the maximum annuity of \$500.00 to members who have passed their sixty-eighth birthday, or who have become permanently and totally disabled. This fund is young and therefore has not been drawn upon very much as yet. It paid last year in benefits \$31,274.21. However, in a few years the Board will be called

upon to pay large sums to its annuitants. The assets of the Board in this department total \$2,202,647.98. The ministers not over fifty-eight years of age, in good health are eligible to an annuity contract. Certainly this inexpensive protection should appeal to every minister who is eligible to become a member. This fund is provided by the certificate holder paying 20% of what will be the annual cost of Annuity to begin at 68, leaving 4/5 or 80% which must be supplied by funds and the income from funds which it is proposed to raise from gifts from churches, individuals and otherwise.

Southern Baptists are looking forward to the time when they can provide for the ministers and the widows and orphans of ministers in a really worthy way. This can be done through the proposed Service Annuity Plan which the Relief Annuity Board hopes can be made operative by 1930 or 1931.

The provisions of the Service Annuity Plan have been presented to the Convention at several sessions with such modifications from time to time as further study has justified. The plan, as adopted by the Convention last year, provides for retiring Annuities ranging from \$600.00 and up to one-half of the salaries of retired ministers and missionaries, teachers, editors and secretaries, based on thirty-five years of service, the \$600.00 minimum being provided for all whose salaries have averaged one-half that amount. Special consideration will be given to those whose salaries have averaged less than \$1,200.00. Annuities in cases of permanent and total disability are to be paid at any time after the first year of membership and these annuities are to amount to 40% of the average salary of the minister during the five years preceding disability. Other features of the plan, such as \$100.00 annuities for orphans and the death benefit accruing to widows not to exceed \$1,000.00, together with the widows annuities, based on the total accumulations from all sources to the credit of her husband in case of his death before retirement with a minimum of \$300.00 for the widows, provided such amount is not in excess of 50% of the husband's salary during the last year of his service; or in case of a member's death after retirement, the widow's annuity to equal 50% of the amount formerly paid to her husband. Under this plan the minister is to pay 2½% of his salary annually and his church or other salary paying organization will pay 8% of the same salary. No part of the cost of membership in this plan is to be paid from the denominational Co-operative Program, though a considerable sum of money will have to be raised from individuals for the financing of the prior service credits which are involved in the plan.

This is a new method.

The old preacher was tenderly suspended before the public gaze in the rhetoric of pathetic tribute as a sort of hero, but a hero in mendicancy. The young preacher did not enjoy the contemplation of that sort of service for himself. The logic of our present Southern Baptist program for old preachers seems to be shifting, the main emphasis from their poverty to our power, from their necessities to our abilities. Their case is to be lifted into the dignity of a cause, a cause not based on charity, but on justice, and not on justice merely, but on a wise foundation of policy for a more effective and longer sustained ministry of the Gospel. The younger ministers of today enjoy opportunities in the way of savings, annuities, due to the development of life insurance that the ministers of a generation ago did not enjoy. It used to be a "die to win game".

Today life insurance is at one and the same time the most important and effective compeller of thrift. It is a great life preserver.

It is an effective compeller of thrift because it leaves no choice to those who have accepted the burden. Many prominent men today are not putting anything aside save their life insurance premiums. We constantly speak about life insurance protection but very few of us define the term correctly. This probably does not mean just protection of the named beneficiary only, and only after the death of the insured has dissolved family partnership. This view, is only one side of the picture. Equally important, and considerably brighter to behold is the other side, which pictures life insurance as protection to the insured while he lives and works in the one great economic ambition of man, namely, the accumulation and maintenance of a decent estate out of current surplus. About two out of every three who enter the working period at twenty-five live to the age of sixty-five, whereas only one dies prematurely. Let us visualize the fact that today not one family head out of ten has a reasonable estate at time of retirement age. Bear in mind the concept that it is best for the present generation to provide adequately for old age support and not to blast the normal opportunities of children by compelling them to assume the heavy burden on parental financial support.

Also remember that the human life value of the insured, by way of thrift, investment and disability protection, needs to be projected into the future, for the benefit of his family while he is yet alive, just as much as it needs to be projected into the future when he is no longer here. Viewing things from this two-fold standpoint, life insurance is a living creative force at all times—to the policyholder and his family while he lives, and to his dependents upon his death. It is wrong to regard life insurance only as something tangible 20, 30 or 40 years in the future, as a thing that goes into action only when the insured ceases action because of death. Instead, life insurance is a proposition of immediate value to the policyholder, of creative force from the time the contract is consummated. In fact, so important are the benefits of life insurance to the policyholder's progress and happiness that we may well state the proposition for him as follows: The cost of life insurance is less than the cost of not being insured.

Property owners apply the principles of appraisal, capitalization, depreciation, sinking and emergency funds and commercial credit, as a matter of course; that all these principles should also be employed for the proper management of the money worth of life itself. Life insurance and annuities simply represents the application of all of these principles to the human value, just as we have been using them for many years in our property affairs. But what is important to bear in mind is that property owners spend a great deal of money to bring orderliness and scientific treatment to the property possessions. Systematic treatment of our property is regarded as essential. The same view should prevail in the field of life values, which, in the absence of life insurance are honey-combed with intangibilities and uncertainties. The very purpose of life insurance is to apply all those things for which property owners so gladly pay. Its mission is to give scientific treatment to life value and to change the intangible and indefinite elements into tangible and definite propositions. It also means security, peace of mind and greater your productivity just as was noted in connection with man's conduct in his property affairs. With reference to the life value, the cost of having business principles applied through life insurance should also be regarded as much less than the cost of not having them by remaining uninsured. Poverty and want do not produce splendid sermons and happy preachers. The minister who has the burden of caring for

hundreds of people, visiting them in their sickness, looking them up when they have strayed from the church, marrying the living and burying the dead must be at least sufficiently removed from poverty and want to be happy. His production is going to be influenced largely by this factor. He has certain life value both to his church, his denomination, his community and his family. He should either receive, first—a sufficient salary to enable him to carry the proper protection on this life value while in his manhood, or second—ways and means should be provided by his denomination through which he can be assured of an annuity for himself when he is worn out and for his widow and orphans should he be removed earlier. Assured of these things the minister could go forth in his duties care-free and without the specter of poverty and want hanging over his head constantly. Furthermore the creative aspects of this protection would increase the minister's ability because it protects him against his own personal weakness in the field of finance.

It is an occasion for mutual congratulation that the whole denomination is being deeply impressed with the fact that it is a matter of chivalry and honor and denominational self-respect to care for those who have spent and been spent in the Master's service; that it is a debt, a moral obligation. We will address ourselves to this golden task in the name and the spirit of Him who prematurely wore out his life in the gospel service.

G. C. OUTLAND, Committee.

At this time the Moderator called on Toy D. Savage, member of State Board, to introduce the next speaker, Dr. George T. Waite, new Executive Secretary of the Virginia Baptist Board of Missions and Education, who spoke on the Co-operative Program.

The plan of the Co-operative Program for 1929 was read by Toy D. Savage and on motion the Association accepted the goal of \$60,000 as suggested in the plan, and the Executive Committee of the Association and pastors were directed to allocate the amounts to the churches.

On motion of T. D. Savage, adopted, Articles 9 and 14 of the Constitution were changed to read as follows:

Organization.

Article 9. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer and an Executive Committee; 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.

Article 14. The Executive Committee shall consist of five members in addition to the officers of the Association, who shall be ex-officio members. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to organize as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of the Association each year, by the election from their number of a Chairman and Secretary. The Executive Committee shall be charged with such duties, have such rights and perform such functions as are generally possessed or exercised by such a committee or as may from time to time be committed or assigned to them by the Association.

The Moderator appointed J. T. Riddick, Toy D. Savage and G. C. Outland to nominate five additional members of Executive Committee as provided for in change of constitution. The following names were presented and elected: Toy D. Savage, Horace L. Deans, Benj. Owens, J. E. Welsh and Beecher L. Rhodes.

Adjourned for recess with prayer by Dr. Waite.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 by Moderator Dr. A. M. Burfoot.

The Association was favored with a solo by Mr. W. H. Croft.

Prayer by H. M. B. Jones.

Singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Devotional exercises by Dr. Melton.

The next in order on the program was a discussion of "The Spiritual Condition of Our Churches as reflected:

"In Giving," by W. H. Baylor.

"In Service," by George T. Terrell.

"In Producing Higher Standards of Living," by H. M. B. Jones.

Report of Treasurer as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1927

Receipts

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 99.09	
Association Fund from Churches.....	281.65	
Total.....	\$380.74	\$380.74

Disbursements

Printing Minutes and Programs, Postage on Minutes, Stamps and Stationery.....	\$190.75	
Clerk's Salary for 1927.....	50.00	
Total.....	\$240.75	\$240.75
Balance on hand.....		\$139.99

W. T. L. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

Motion was adopted that the Clerk receive \$50.00 for his services.

On vote of the Association, Dr. Melton was requested to send copy of the short sermons he had preached at the beginning of each of the five periods of the session to The Herald for publication.

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we extend to the pastor, members and friends of Park Avenue Church our appreciation for the generous hospitality accorded the Association in this our 138th Annual Session.

After singing the Doxology the 138th Annual Session adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. W. Burfoot.

DR. A. M. BURFOOT, Moderator,
Fentress, Va.

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

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

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	Estab- lished	PASTORS	Value of Churen Building and Lot	Value of Pastorin and Lot	Sundays of Preaching
1	Baptist Tabernacle	Norfolk, Va.	1922	J. T. Riddick	\$ 23700 00		Every
2	Berkley Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1873	B. L. Rhodes	35000 00	10000 00	Every
3	Bethel	Norfolk Co., Va.	1889		2200 00		2nd & 4th
4	Blackwater	Princess Anne Co.	1874	H. B. Cole	2500 00		1st & 3rd
5	Burrows Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1894	S. A. Campbell	40000 00		Every
6	Calvary	Portsmouth, Va.	1889		80000 00	6000 00	Every
7	Campostella Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1916	Robt. A. McKay	12000 00	5000 00	Every
8	Centerville	Norfolk Co., Va.	1872	H. B. Cole	25000 00	5000 00	Every
9	Central	Norfolk, Va.	1885	P. Roland Wagner	115000 00		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	Ralph Mapp	2500 00	3250 00	Every
13	Deep Creek	Portsmouth, Va.	1869		35000 00	4000 00	Every
14	Fairmount Park	Norfolk, Va.	1909	G. T. Terrell	30000 00		Every
15	First	Norfolk, Va.	1805	Howard I. Stewart	150000 00	8000 00	Every
16	Fourth Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	T. E. Peters	80000 00	15000 00	Every
17	Freemason	Norfolk, Va.	1848	Sparks W. Melton	140000 00		Every
18	Gilmerton	Portsmouth, Va.	1895	J. W. Welstead	2000 00	1000 00	3rd after'n
19	Grace	Portsmouth, Va.	1922	J. W. Welstead	2500 00		Every
20	Jackson Memorial	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	I. S. Harrell	60000 00	3000 00	Every
21	Kempsville	Princess Anne Co., Va	1814	A. P. Thompson	10000 00	4000 00	Every
22	Knott's Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876	L. D. Mathews	800 00		2nd & 4th
23	Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co., Va.	1850		3000 00		2nd & 4th
24	Larchmont	Norfolk, Va.	1919	Robt. E. F. Aler	50000 00		Every
25	London Bridge	Princess Anne Co., Va	1788	J. F. Ingram	15000 00	6000 00	Every
26	Nansemond	Drivers, Va.	1891	W. V. Savage	3000 00		1st & 3rd
27	Norview	Norfolk, Va.	1925	H. B. Cole	10000 00		Every P.M.
28	Northwest	Norfolk Co., Va.	1782		5000 00		2nd & 4th
29	Oak Grove	Princess Anne Co., Va	1762	S. B. Barnes	2500 00	2000 00	Every
30	Ocean View	Norfolk, Va.	1910	T. A. Russell	1500 00		Every
31	Park Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1885	F. T. Holland	47000 00	5000 00	Every
32	Park Place	Norfolk, Va.	1902	I. D. S. Knight	150000 00		Every
33	Park View	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	W. H. Baylor	100000 00		Every
34	Pleasant Grove	Norfolk Co., Va.	1845	R. E. Vellines	2500 00	4000 00	Every
35	Port Norfolk	Portsmouth, Va.	1898	Weston Bruner	50000 00	6000 00	Every
36	Raleigh Heights	Norfolk, Va.	1898	C. E. Anderson	8250 00		Every
37	South Norfolk	South Norfolk, Va.	1893	C. S. Sawyer	55000 00	7800 00	Every
38	South Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	H. M. B. Jones	50000 00		Every
39	Spurgeon Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1892	W. Rush Loving	65000 00	4000 00	Every
40	St. John's	Princess Anne Co., Va	1856	S. B. Barnes	3000 00	2000 00	Every
41	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, Va.	1908	A. C. Cheetham	20000 00		Every
42	Westhaven	Portsmouth, Va.	1913	John Bomar	30000 00	6000 00	Every
43	West Norfolk	West Norfolk, Va.	1895	E. G. McGehee	6000 00	1900 00	Every
				TOTALS	1777950 00	128950 00	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES

	CHURCHES	ADDITIONS BY				DIMUNITIONS BY				Present Number		
		Baptism	Letter	Statement	Restoration	Death	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Males	Females	Total
1	Baptist Tabernacle	30	27	5			13			190	306	496
2	Berkley Avenue	16	9		3	2	11		75	266	322	588
3	Bethel		4	1		1			3	30	50	65
4	Blackwater	9	4			1				49	50	99
5	Burrows Memorial	12	9			2	9			143	288	436
6	Calvary	30	3		1	2	1			392	467	859
7	Campostella	9	16	1		2	1			67	112	179
8	Centerville		2			1	1			77	103	180
9	Central	24	28	6	4	5	17		8			747
10	Churchland		6			2	6			112	118	230
11	Court Street	31	19	2		6	15		1	315	389	704
12	Craddock	18	32	3		1	7			101	125	226
13	Deep Creek					5	13			121	126	247
14	Fairmount Park	105	85	43		1	5		45	249	314	563
15	First	47	49	16		12	42		5			1382
16	Fourth Street	22	10	5		7	15	112		337	457	794
17	Freemason Street	47	54			11	45			660	699	1359
18	Gilmerton									3	4	7
19	Grace	3								4	13	17
20	Jackson Memorial	3	1			1	35	36	8	192	253	445
21	Kempsville	24	5	4	2	1	2			52	51	103
22	Knotts Island		2	1		1			2	25	40	65
23	Lake Drummond					3			7	54	63	117
24	Larchmont	8	9	1			9			2	58	144
25	London Bridge	3				4	5		14	68	92	160
26	Nansemond											
27	Norview		5	2								79
28	Northwest					1				78	162	240
29	Oak Grove	1				2	2		1	136	122	258
30	Ocean View	12	28	10		1	14		1	92	142	234
31	Park Avenue	13	5	9		7	22			478	595	1073
32	Park Place	41	55	7		9	48		56	567	754	1321
33	Park View	53	39	9	1	3	27			237	317	554
34	Pleasant Grove	5	7			5	3			79	77	156
35	Port Norfolk	69	12	3		4	18		4	493	603	1096
36	Raleigh Heights	24	5	5		1				56	88	144
37	South Norfolk	42	22		12	5	7		21	300	423	723
38	South Street	23	15	9	1	6	19		87	336	457	793
39	Spurgeon Memorial	29	7	2	3	4	32	3	1	253	358	611
40	St. Johns	1	1				2			81	115	196
41	Virginia Beach											
42	Westhaven	24	15	1		2	8			174	215	389
43	West Norfolk	2	4			1				66	69	135
	TOTALS	785	594	145	27	122	454	151	341	6996	9010	18214

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES		Superintendents and Post Offices	Total Enrollment	Conversions	Church Members in School
1	Baptist Tabernacle	I. B. Walker, 1411 Ashland Circle, Norfolk, Va.	382	31	
2	Berkley Avenue	W. N. Duval, 424 Clifton St., Norfolk, Va.	510	16	210
3	Bethel	F. H. Williams, Route 1, Pentress, Va.	93	3	46
4	Blackwater	E. E. McClain, Hickory, Va.	90	5	50
5	Burrows Memorial	H. J. Curfman, 103 E. 18th St., Norfolk, Va.	471		
6	Calvary	McVernon Rogerson, 1804 County St., Portsmouth, Va.	561		312
7	Camptostella Heights	R. R. Pierce, 124 Princeton Ave., Norfolk, Va.	221	8	130
8	Centerville	J. P. Wright, Hickory, Va.	186		
9	Central	E. F. Abel, Jr., Cambridge Crescent, Norfolk, Va.	547	24	464
10	Chinese	Matthew Lam, 1442 W. 48th St., Norfolk, Va.	72	1	30
11	Churchland	J. S. Lawrence, Royster Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	221		120
12	Court Street	N. E. Adamson, 50 Washington St., Portsmouth, Va.	563	27	295
13	Cradock	T. F. Joyner, 35 Decatur St., Portsmouth, Va.	301	20	124
14	Deep Creek	W. H. C. Deal, Route 3, Portsmouth, Va.	220	1	200
15	Fairmount Park	J. C. Simpson, 3220 Bapaume Ave., Norfolk, Va.	1199	100	
16	First	Geo. E. Kirkwood, 212 Forrest Ave.	1065	36	520
17	Fourth Street	C. L. Tyler, 120 Lincoln St., Portsmouth, Va.	842	22	287
18	Freemason Street	W. Frank Robertson, P. O. Box 911, Norfolk, Va.	980	40	
19	Gilmerton				
20	Grace	John W. Welstead, 98 Cushing St., Portsmouth, Va.	38	3	17
21	Jackson Memorial	S. A. W. Poe, 1704 Richmond Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	603		275
22	Kempsville	J. R. Lassiter, Lynnhaven, Va.	94	12	
23	Knott's Island	Arthur Litchfield, Knotts Island, N. C.	107		25
24	Lake Drummond	R. W. Warren, Hickory, Va.	60		45
25	Larchmont	G. S. Bunting, 202 Major Ave., Norfolk, Va.	184	7	
26	London Bridge	R. B. Carter, Lynnhaven, Va.	186		110
27	Nansemond				
28	Norview	E. W. Butler, Norview, Va.	148		69
29	Northwest	R. W. Garrett, Northwest, Va.	57		
30	Oak Grove	C. C. Gornto, Back Bay, Va.	196	1	160
31	Ocean View	S. B. Cox, 1732 Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, Va.	217		71
32	Park Avenue	C. E. Cousins, 524 W. 36th St., Norfolk, Va.	589		
33	Park Place	W. H. Pearson, Taylor Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	1427	55	939
34	Park View	T. A. Willett, 1025 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va.	509	51	350
35	Pleasant Grove	S. E. Charlton, Hickory, Va.	128	5	95
36	Port Norfolk	H. W. Dickerson, 500 Broad St., Portsmouth, Va.	1007	62	563
37	Raleigh Heights	B. F. Wentz, Route 3, Norfolk, Va.	176	9	118
38	South Norfolk	G. B. White, 68 Chesapeake Ave., South Norfolk, Va.	694	33	270
39	South Norfolk Mission	Dempsie Cowand, 94 Perry St., South Norfolk, Va.	140	1	
40	South Street	W. F. Felton, 1310 Elm Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	709	24	300
41	Spurgeon Memorial	O. S. Hart, 726 Park Ave., Norfolk, Va.	660	22	263
42	St. John's	T. B. Sawyer, Princess Anne, Va.	150	1	104
43	Virginia Beach	Geo. M. Baker, 203 37th St., Virginia Beach, Va.	132	2	35
44	Westhaven	Rowland C. Houghton, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	493	24	226
45	West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.	150	3	89
TOTALS			17828	649	6912

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	3250 00	3705 67	1716 02		50 00	10 00			8731 69
2 Berkley Avenue	3000 00	1828 81	479 67	669 96	77 03		120 46	305 80	6491 73
3 Bethel	100 00	55 00	135 75	20 00		20 00		30 00	342 75
4 Blackwater	192 00	28 05	90 79	80 00		28 50		80 00	473 34
5 Burrows Memorial	2700 00	1140 00	713 64	891 53		5 00		75 00	5525 17
6 Calvary	3099 00	1800 00	483 65	415 00	22 00	2 00		105 03	5932 68
7 Campostella Heights	2000 00	216 58	275 00	50 00	31 00	6 00		40 00	2658 88
8 Centerville	1214 88	290 40	362 59	800 00		5 00	175 69		2848 56
9 Central	3600 00	4005 35			152 85	10 00	464 25		8232 45
10 Churchland	2500 00	1675 00	135 81	600 00	391 16	5 00	558 66	100 00	5965 63
11 Court Street	5400 00	7518 37	630 06	1632 88	288 49	15 00	77 20	396 65	15958 65
12 Cradock	1200 00	780 79	300 00	277 06		3 00		118 97	2674 82
13 Deep Creek	1800 00	153 89	303 00			5 00	120 00	404 00	5965 89
14 Fairmount Park	2960 00	3012 20	1689 15	129 00	258 00	10 00		660 00	8718 35
15 First		12631 39	1624 58		840 83	13 00	515 63	7800 16	23425 59
16 Fourth Street	3600 00	2236 00	983 00	15514 00	390 00	15 00		10 00	22748 00
17 Freemason Street		17234 03	1923 87	899 99	902 84	15 00	6595 95		27571 68
18 Gilmerton		7 50		30 00	11 00	5 00			49 00
19 Grace		75 23	62 17		23 15	1 00			161 55
20 Jackson Memorial	2073 30	743 82	353 92	274 80	210 90	5 00	249 19	305 82	4216 75
21 Kempsville	800 00	38 50	379 50	46 60	6 00	3 00	23 25	107 77	1404 62
22 Knott's Island	75 00	25 00	22 00	105 00	8 85	7 00			236 55
23 Lake Drummond	240 00	51 31	86 45	1 50	4 05	3 50	1 00		387 81
24 Larchmont	3138 25	1744 58	395 88			3 00	149 76	1031 95	6463 42
25 London Bridge	1800 00	624 33	250 70	600 00		3 00	317 00	75 00	3670 03
26 Nansemond									
27 Norview	520 00	229 17	265 00			2 50			1016 67
28 Northwest	500 00	50 00	75 00			5 00	15 00		645 00
29 Oak Grove	122 66	200 98	64 76	150 32	38 73	5 00	100 87	83 50	766 82
30 Ocean View	825 00	543 12	236 24	250 00	24 00	7 02	157 20	276 13	2318 71
31 Park Avenue	3162 50	3081 95	394 44	278 37	199 13	10 00	745 76	1519 53	9391 68
32 Park Place	4500 00	8640 09	1584 66	5870 22	1878 71	20 00	29 43		22523 11
33 Park View	4500 00	7603 61	2966 51	13606 93	138 20	10 00			28825 25
34 Pleasant Grove	860 00	120 17	140 00		10 00	4 30		45 00	1179 47
35 Port Norfolk	2000 00	5364 12	857 51	584 29	74 57	10 00	340 89	763 45	9994 83
36 Raleigh Heights	1600 50	334 37	82 28	4000 00	10 00	3 00		72 40	6102 55
37 South Norfolk	2600 00	1721 79	1078 62	3006 88	466 14	10 00	78 40	700 20	9662 03
38 South Street	3400 00	2242 69	691 64	300 00	96 32	10 00		935 00	7675 65
39 Spurgeon Memorial	2200 12	5274 00	466 48	394 92	85 00	10 00	45 83	690 25	9166 60
40 St. John's	800 00	75 00	157 65	140 00		5 75	51 00	53 00	1282 40
41 Virginia Beach									
42 Westhaven	2086 68	1449 25	191 24	114 29	95 98	3 00	117 91	146 55	4204 90
43 West Norfolk	1400 00	256 41	142 22	132 29	21 00	3 00	108 50	97 04	2160 46
TOTALS	75319 89	98366 94	22733 03	51865 83	6805 93	277 77	11199 13	20703 20	287771 72

NOTE—No Column for Pastor's Salary. Amounts given is salary actually paid during year.

WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

1	Baptist Tabernacle	1036 10
2	Berkley Avenue	1860 07
3	Bethel	
4	Blackwater	23 20
5	Burrows Memorial	872 00
6	Calvary	472 52
7	Campostella Heights	221 02
8	Centerville	327 65
9	Central	2629 98
10	Churchland	691 95
11	Court Street	5206 43
12	Cradock	284 12
13	Deep Creek	164 15
14	Fairmount Park	717 09
15	First	5547 20
16	Fourth Street	1453 00
17	Freemason Street	5643 35
18	Gilmerton	
19	Grace	
20	Jackson Memorial	899 14
21	Kempsville	50 00
22	Knott's Island	20 05
23	Lake Drummond	115 81
24	Larchmont	813 33
25	London Bridge	367 50
26	Nansemond	26 36
27	Norview	62 55
28	Northwest	85 40
29	Oak Grove	107 65
30	Ocean View	116 94
31	Park Avenue	1767 75
32	Park Place	4044 86
33	Park View	3763 43
34	Pleasant Grove	348 00
35	Port Norfolk	2129 45
36	Raleigh Heights	91 49
37	South Norfolk	710 18
38	South Street	2928 78
39	Spurgeon Memorial	2499 89
40	St. John's	433 50
41	Virginia Beach	314 92
42	Westhaven	447 80
43	West Norfolk	112 75
TOTALS		49407 36

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BAPTIST COUNCIL

October 1st, 1927, to September 25th, 1928.

Baptist Tabernacle	\$ 150.27
Berkley Avenue	280.68
Calvary	85.00
Campostella Heights	17.76
Central	388.21
Cradock	44.45
Fairmount Park	54.09
First	714.81
Freemason Street	480.00
Jackson Memorial	154.88
Larchmont	111.27
Norview	8.87
Ocean View	21.87
Park Place	633.37
Park View	215.31
Pleasant Grove	24.00
Port Norfolk	346.14
Raleigh Heights	15.00
South Street	408.44
Spurgeon Memorial	303.45
Westhaven	18.00
West Norfolk	18.24
 TOTAL	 \$4,494.11

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Session.	Year.	WHERE HELD	MODERATORS	CLERKS	PREACHERS	Churches.	Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS
1	1791	Portsmouth	J. McGlamre	William Boyce	David Barrow	21	1355	4 £ 18s. 7½ 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	---	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 £ 8d.
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 (Ant'h)	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. 4½ 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	23	2321	34 25
29	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 37½
31	1821	Pungo (Oak Grove)	Robt. Murrell	Jacob Darden	Sam Cornelius	25	2264	38 75
32	1822	Mark't St., Petersb'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 37½
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 62½
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., Petersb'g	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	Putnam Owens	36	6482	956 35
53	1843	Mill Swamp	J. C. Jordan	Thomas Hume	J. R. Scott	36	7392	363 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	8039	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	9533	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	6233	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

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Session.	Year.	WHERE HELD	MODERATORS	CLERKS	PREACHERS	Churches.	Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS
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
78	1870	Antioch	Thos. Hume	N. B. Cobb	N. E. Cobb	40	4524	15191 40
80	1871	Smithfield	Thos. Hume	E. B. Branch	A. E. Owen	42	4715	13952 84
81	1872	Millfield	Thos. Hume	E. L. Turner	J. W. Ward	45	5259	13981 79
82	1873	Shoulder's Hill	Thos. Hume	E. L. Turner	J. E. Hutson	47	4536	42088 25
83	1874	Tucker's Swamp	Reuben Jones	E. L. Turner	W. D. Thomas	47	4191	24198 39
84	1875	Hicksford	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	R. Jones	47	5233	26352 20
85	1876	Suffolk	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	T. T. Eaton	47	6153	25152 77
86	1877	Centerville	Reuben Jones	G. J. Hobday	G. J. Hobday	49	6355	22608 39
87	1878	South Quay	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	A. E. Owen	49	6518	28259 69
88	1879	Kempsville	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	O. F. Flippo	53	6829	24671 50
89	1880	High Hills	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	J. A. Speight	53	7062	27091 56
90	1881	Waverly	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	C. H. Nash	54	7070	28490 85
91	1882	Beaver Dam	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	J. C. Hiden	55	7321	29502 04
92	1883	Great Fork	J. H. Wright	G. J. Hobday	W. W. Wood	55	7258	32687 16
93	1884	North West	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	M. S. Read	56	8051	38294 12
94	1885	Black Creek	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	E. C. Dargan	59	8121	39271 62
95	1886	Hebron	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	R. W. Cridlin	62	8856	41748 86
96	1887	Berkley Avenue	A. E. Owen	G. J. Hobday	J. D. Brown	63	9358	43301 61
97	1888	London Bridge	L. B. Allen	G. J. Hobday	J. M. Pilcher	63	9772	55881 56
98	1889	Boykin's	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	T. G. Jones	63	9944	54200 65
99	1890	Franklin	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	D. W. Gwin	66	10859	49925 51
100	1891	Portsmouth	J. M. Pilcher	H. C. Smith	H. C. Smith	67	10851	60726 87
101	1892	Shiloh	J. M. Pilcher	H. N. Quisenberry	M. B. Wharton	68	11242	58672 85
102	1893	Tucker's Swamp	M. L. Eure	H. N. Quisenberry	J. A. Barker	65	11151	63692 36
103	1894	Churchland	J. F. Deans	H. N. Quisenberry	J. L. McCutcheon	72	12638	61101 46
104	1895	Sycamore	J. F. Deans	G. S. Kennard	A. B. Dunaway	73	12846	73235 61
105	1896	Colosse	J. F. Deans	G. S. Kennard	G. S. Kennard	76	13515	99509 57
106	1897	Great Fork	J. F. Deans	Gavin Rawls	J. J. Hall	77	13730	73806 40
108	1898	Hicksford	J. F. Deans	Gavin Rawls	J. F. Love	78	14357	73621 10
109	1899	Berkley Avenue	A. B. Dunaway	Gavin Rawls	W. V. Savage	80	14687	91914 57
110	1900	Suffolk	A. B. Dunaway	Gavin Rawls	H. W. Battle	80	14888	102765 69
111	1901	Holland's Corner	H. W. Battle	Gavin Rawls	T. C. Skinner	82	15303	111402 10
112	1902	South St., Portsmouth	H. W. Battle	Gavin Rawls	J. J. Taylor	84	15693	118471 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. Metton	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. E. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	R. D. Stephenson	38	10627	127146 82
124	1914	South Street	R. E. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	L. F. Paultette	39	10717	118914 98
125	1915	Oak Grove	R. E. Garrett	H. M. Fugate	W. M. Black	39	11390	129897 97
126	1916	South Norfolk	R. E. Garrett	J. A. McKaughan	W. A. Snyder	39	11390	39304 26
127	1917	St. John	R. E. 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	17346	359404 82
136	1926	Park View	M. Winston	W. T. L. Shepherd	J. T. Riddick	43	18161	337499 92
137	1927	Centerville	M. Winston	W. T. L. Shepherd	Howard I. Stewart	43	17900	336433 88
138	1928	Park Avenue	Dr. A. M. Burfoot	W. T. L. Shepherd	H. B. Cole	43	18214	341673 19

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

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

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Portsmouth Baptist Association, was held June 9th, 1928, in Park View Baptist Church, with the Superintendent, Mrs. W. W. Gordon, in the chair.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 A. M., with "Jesus Calls Us" as the opening hymn, followed by prayer led by Mrs. James Richardson.

Enrollment Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Walter Culpepper, Mrs. Frank Harrell, and Mrs. J. C. Cotton.

After reading of the Constitution and By-Laws, by the Secretary, a motion was made by Mrs. S. A. D. Parker that the program prepared and in hands of the delegates be made the order of the day. Carried.

Upon motion, the distribution of the Plan of Work was considered its presentation.

Mrs. W. H. Baylor expressed for the women of the hostess church a most cordial welcome.

Acknowledgment of this kindly greeting was expressed in Scripture verses by Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Vellines and Mrs. J. R. Guy. The Superintendent offered prayer.

Enrollment Committee reported seventy-five (75) delegates and eighty-five (85) visitors had enrolled thus far, whereupon a motion was made by Mrs. Culpepper that delegates enrolled and those enrolling later constitute the body. Carried.

Mrs. T. E. Peters of Fourth Street Church conducted the devotional service of the morning.

Visitors and wives of new ministers were recognized as follows:

Visitors—Miss Blanche White, Miss Campbell and Mrs. Anderson from Strawberry Association.

Ministers' Wives—Mrs. Weston Bruner and Mrs. Cheatham.

Upon motion visitors were granted the privilege of the floor.

Next in order was the appointment of Committees as follows:

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. H. E. Hood, Mrs. J. M. Whitney, Mrs. E. W. Hilton.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. H. M. B. Jones, Mrs. C. R. White, Mrs. R. A. McCoy.

Obituary Committee for 1929—Mrs. R. E. Summers, Mrs. A. W. Powell, Mrs. L. J. Pritchard, Mrs. R. A. McKay, Miss Edna Roach.

The following Committee to Nominate Officers was elected by the body—Mrs. W. T. Crafton, Mrs. S. A. Jennings, Mrs. H. E. Trent, Mrs. W. J. Busking, Mrs. R. A. West.

Reports were heard from the officers in the following order:

Superintendent's Report.

I shall not bore you with a long detailed report, but do want to call your attention to two or three things which to my mind are very important.

In your hands you hold the financial record for 1927. I can add nothing to it, neither can you now. It was sent me from the Richmond office, if it is not correct, then you have failed to give yourselves credit for money you have sent; because if you put the amount in its proper place at the bottom of the remittance form, you will be given proper credit.

On the clock you will find the financial record for the first five months of 1928.

I stated before that we can now do nothing about last year's record, but we can do something about this, and I am confident that

when the clock shall tick off the last minute of the last hour of the last day of 1928, our quota of \$25,000.00 will have been paid in full.

Our Standard of Excellence report shows sixteen A-1 Societies as against six reported last year. I wonder if we can do still better than this.

The report of new organizations will be given by our Assistant Superintendent in her report during the Ruby Anniversary Hour.

The thought I would like to leave with you is not what have we done this past year? but what can we do in the Master's name during the remaining months of 1928?

The answer lies in your response to the question which David asked the people when he was preparing to build the temple: "And who then is willing to consecrate his service unto the Lord?"

Are you willing to give to Him the very best that is in you?

"Hear ye the Master's call!
 Give me thy best:
 For, be it great or small,
 That is His test.
 Do then the best you can,
 Not for reward,
 Not for the praise of man,
 But for the Lord.
 Night soon comes on apace,
 Day hastens by,
 Workman and work must face
 Testing on high.
 Oh, may we in that day
 Find rest, sweet rest,
 Which God has promised those
 Who do their best.

Every work for Jesus will be blest,
 But he asks from everyone his best.
 Our talents may be few,
 They may be small,
 But unto Him is due
 Our best, our all."

MRS. W. W. GORDON,
 Superintendent.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount on hand June, 1927.....	\$91.85
Amount received from dues.....	78.00
Amount returned from special car.....	27.00
Total	\$196.85

Disbursements.

For posters	\$ 5.00
For printing	30.00
Total	\$ 35.00

Amount on hand June, 1928.....	\$161.85
Contributed for Superintendent expenses (not used).....	100.00
Total amount on hand.....	\$261.85

MRS. I. W. MORGAN, Treasurer.

Mission Study Report.

Number classes held by W. M. S.	118
Number classes held by Young People	53
Number seals for W. M. S.	888
Number seals for Young People	489
Number official seals	24

The church leading in number of classes was Port Norfolk, having eighteen W. M. S. classes and eleven classes for Young People. Spurgeon Memorial Church held fourteen W. M. S. classes, with one in each Junior organization and a class for men. Credit is given the Norfolk Group for holding a city-wide class, and Portsmouth is to be congratulated for a city-wide School of Missions with an enrollment of 350.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. B. JOHNSON,
Secretary of Missions.

Upon motion it was voted that the officers' reports be adopted. Encouraging reports were presented by the various Group Leaders.

Miss May Campbell, field worker for the W. M. U. of Va., spoke on "How To Do It," which was followed with prayer led by Miss Ruth Walden.

After singing a hymn—The Kingdom is Coming—an offering was taken amounting to \$21.03.

A vocal selection by Mrs. Hall Codd was very much enjoyed and her kindness appreciated.

A motion was made and carried that the morning session adjourn immediately after the inspirational message to be given by Miss Blanche White, Corresponding Secretary of the State W. M. U.

Miss White chose as her subject "Holy Ground," and her remarks were both appealing and convincing. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. Baylor.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by the Superintendent at two o'clock, and "The Kingdom is Coming" was sung as the opening hymn.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved, after which Mrs. Weston Bruner conducted the devotional period.

Chairman of the Ruby Anniversary, Mrs. L. E. Hall, gave a very encouraging report, thanking the women who had given her such loyal support in her efforts to reach the goal of forty-five (45) new Junior organizations. Mrs. Hall reported forty-seven (47) new Junior organizations and two (2) new Women's Societies formed; visits made in interest of Ruby Anniversary, 39; Groups attended, 16; Mission Study Classes, 11. Upon motion, report was adopted.

The history of W. M. U., by decades,—“Forty Years in Forty Minutes”—was given by Mrs. A. R. Turnbull, Mrs. J. F. Ingram, Mrs. W. A. Wright and Mrs. Annie Gray.

This demonstration was followed with an address by Rev. Rowland Wagner, pastor of Central Church, on "What of the Future?"

Upon motion, it was voted that the Plan of Work, as presented be adopted.

Next in order was reports from the Enrollment and Time and Place Committees. Enrollment Committee reported 97 delegates

and 167 visitors in attendance. Committee on Time and Place reported Time, Thursday after the first Sunday in June, 1929.

Place—Freemason Street Church.

Pennants were presented the following A-1 Societies:

W. M. S.:

Lake Drummond, Fourth Street, South Street, Pleasant Grove, London Bridge, Court Street.

Y. W. A.:

South Street and South Norfolk.

G. A.:

South Street, Port Norfolk and Larchmont.

R. A.:

South Street and Larchmont.

Sunbeams:

South Street, Larchmont, and Burrows Memorial.

A Southern Baptist W. M. U. Pennant was presented South Street Church for having an A-1 full graded W. M. U.

The Superintendent appointed Mrs. W. T. L. Shepherd chairman of Personal Service.

The Resolution Committee, Mrs. H. M. B. Jones, chairman, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, 1st: That we, the women of the W. M. U. of Portsmouth Association, hereby express our sincere thanks to our Superintendent, Mrs. W. W. Gordon, and other officers for their faithful services, and to those who assisted in furnishing a most excellent program for the day.

2nd: That we express appreciation of the helpful addresses given by our Superintendent, State President and Field Worker; and the inspiring message brought us by Miss Blanche White, and to the ladies who so sweetly challenged us in song to the task given us by our Master. Also to Mr. Wagner and those who took part in the afternoon program.

3rd: That we express our appreciation of the cordial welcome, the gracious hospitality and delicious luncheon served by our hostesses of Park View Church.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. M. B. JONES,

MRS. C. R. WHITE.

Nominating Committee reported the following names recommended as officers for ensuing year:

Superintendent.....	Mrs. W. W. Gordon
Assistant Superintendent.....	Mrs. L. E. Hall
Secretary.....	Mrs. F. L. Nicholson
Treasurer.....	Mrs. I. W. Morgan
Mission Study Leader.....	Mrs. S. B. Johnson

Group Leaders.

Norfolk.....	Mrs. I. D. S. Knight
Berkley.....	Mrs. B. L. Rhodes
Portsmouth.....	Mrs. S. G. Blalock
Norfolk County.....	Mrs. J. E. Johnson
Princess Anne County.....	Mrs. J. F. Ingram

MRS. C. E. JOHNSON, Chairman,
MRS. H. B. COLE,
MRS. E. E. CHAPMAN,
MRS. N. E. ADAMSON,
MRS. DORCAS JOHNSON.

Report unanimously adopted and said officers declared elected.

The body elected Mrs. W. W. Gordon as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, with Mrs. B. L. Rhodes and Mrs. H. M. B. Jones as alternates.

After a vocal selection, rendered by Mrs. Vincent, the body arose to receive the report from the Obituary Committee. The following names of those who were called from our midst during the year were read by the Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor S. Wilson:

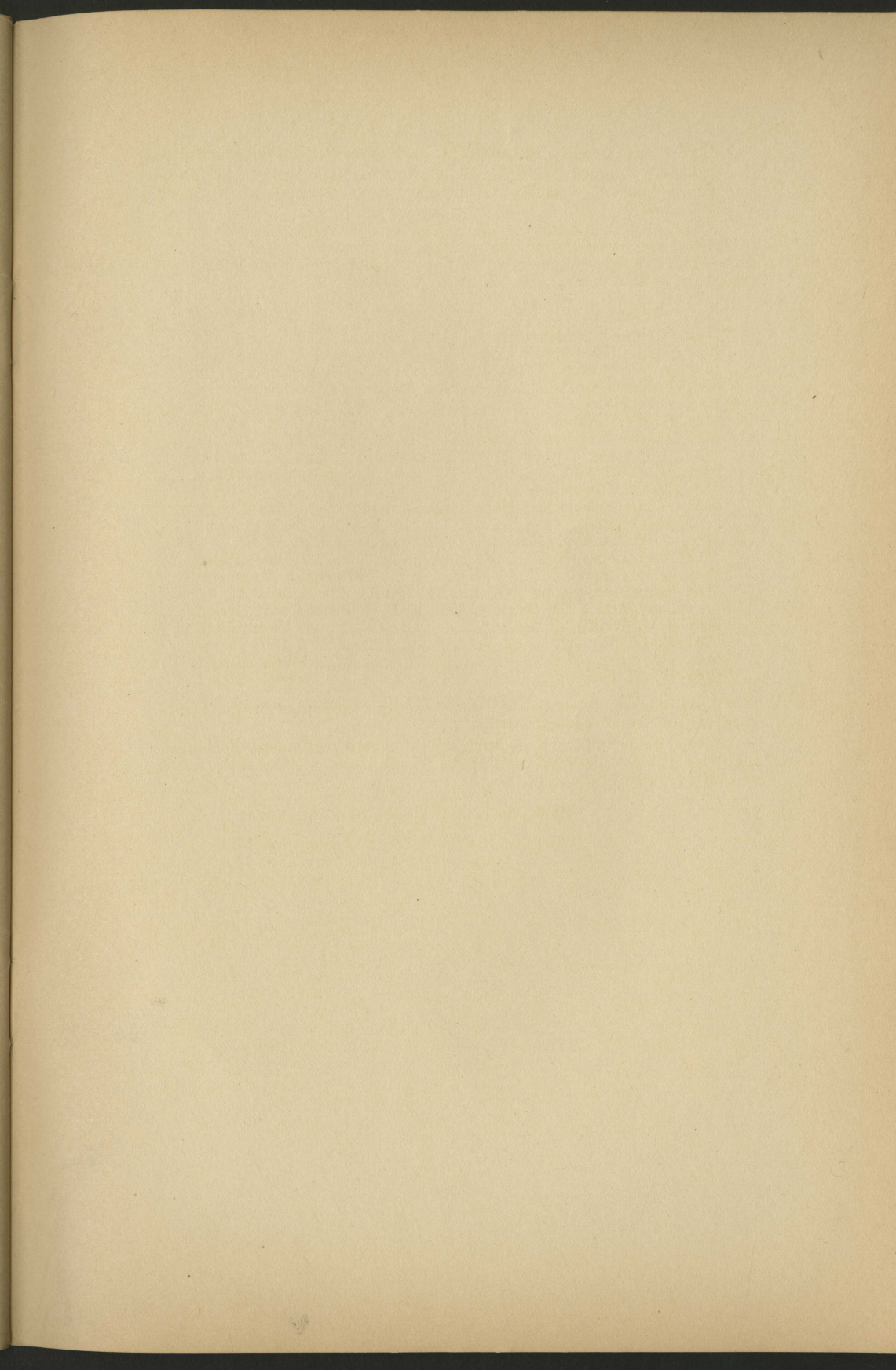
Names.	Church.
Mrs. Margaret Smithson	Pleasant Grove
Mrs. Janie Etheridge	Northwest
Mrs. Annie Allen	Campostella
Mrs. Florence Sexton, Mrs. Fannie Munn	Berkley Avenue
Mrs. J. L. Whitehurst	London Bridge
Mrs. S. T. Matthews	Central
Mrs. W. F. Woodward, Mrs. Florida Bailey, Mrs. J. D. Armstrong, Mrs. J. T. Birmingham	Central
Mrs. H. C. Holden	Fairmount Park
Mrs. Mollie Edmonds	First
Mrs. Lizzie Etheridge, Mrs. J. D. Howell, Mrs. Nannie Bridgeman	Park Avenue
Mrs. J. T. LeNoir, Mrs. V. O. Williamson, Mrs. J. C. Owens, Mrs. R. T. Capps	Park Place
Mrs. Irene Land	Spurgeon Memorial
Mrs. Eliza A. Benson, Mrs. Jno. H. Trant, Mrs. Laura B. Syer, Mrs. A. H. Nurney, Mrs. H. B. Wilkins	Court Street
Mrs. J. T. Griffin	Churchland
Mrs. B. D. Barrett	Park View
Mrs. Essie Cotton	West Haven
Mrs. W. S. Young	South Street

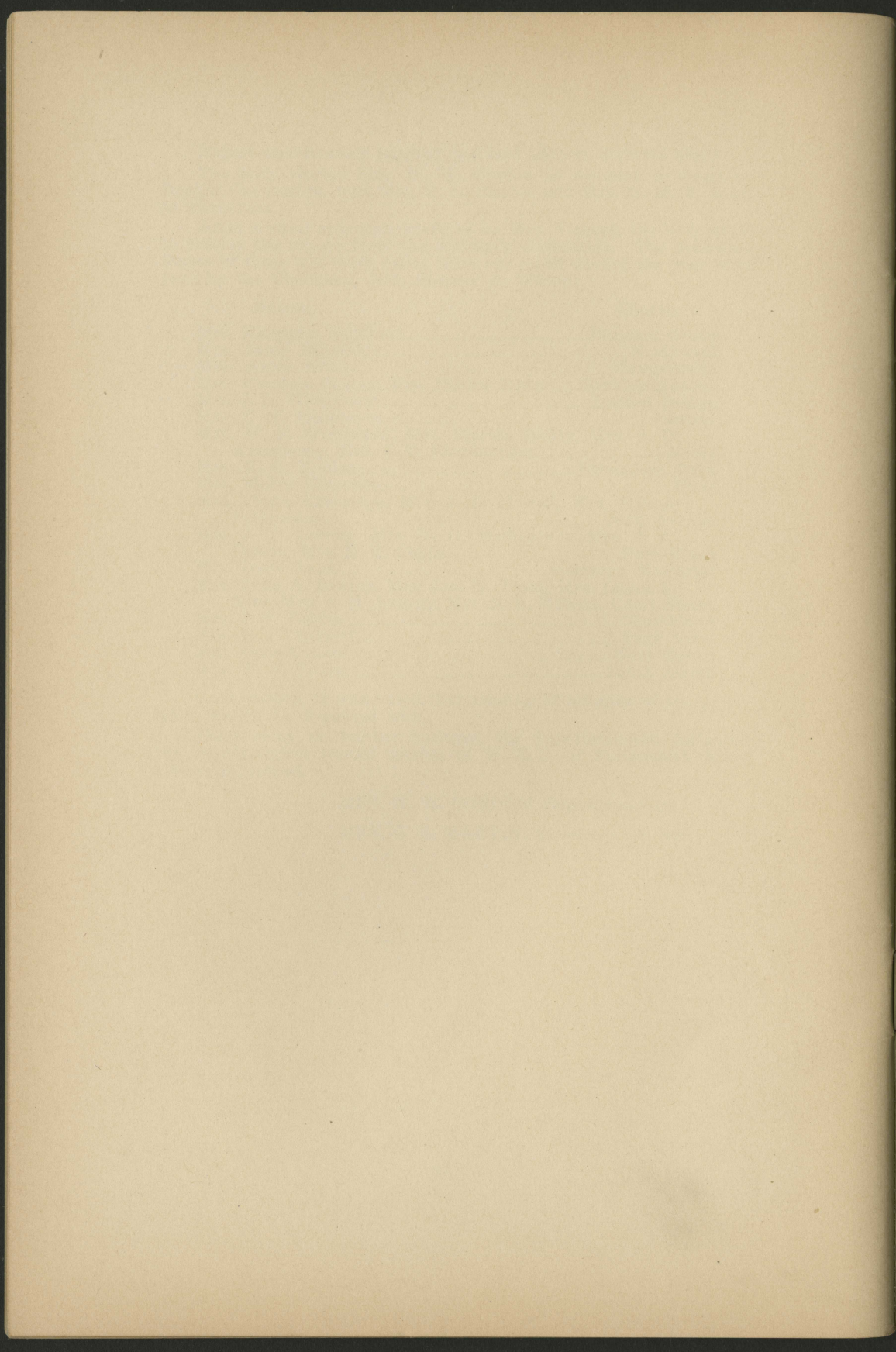
Upon motion, it was voted that reading of minutes of the afternoon session be dispensed with.

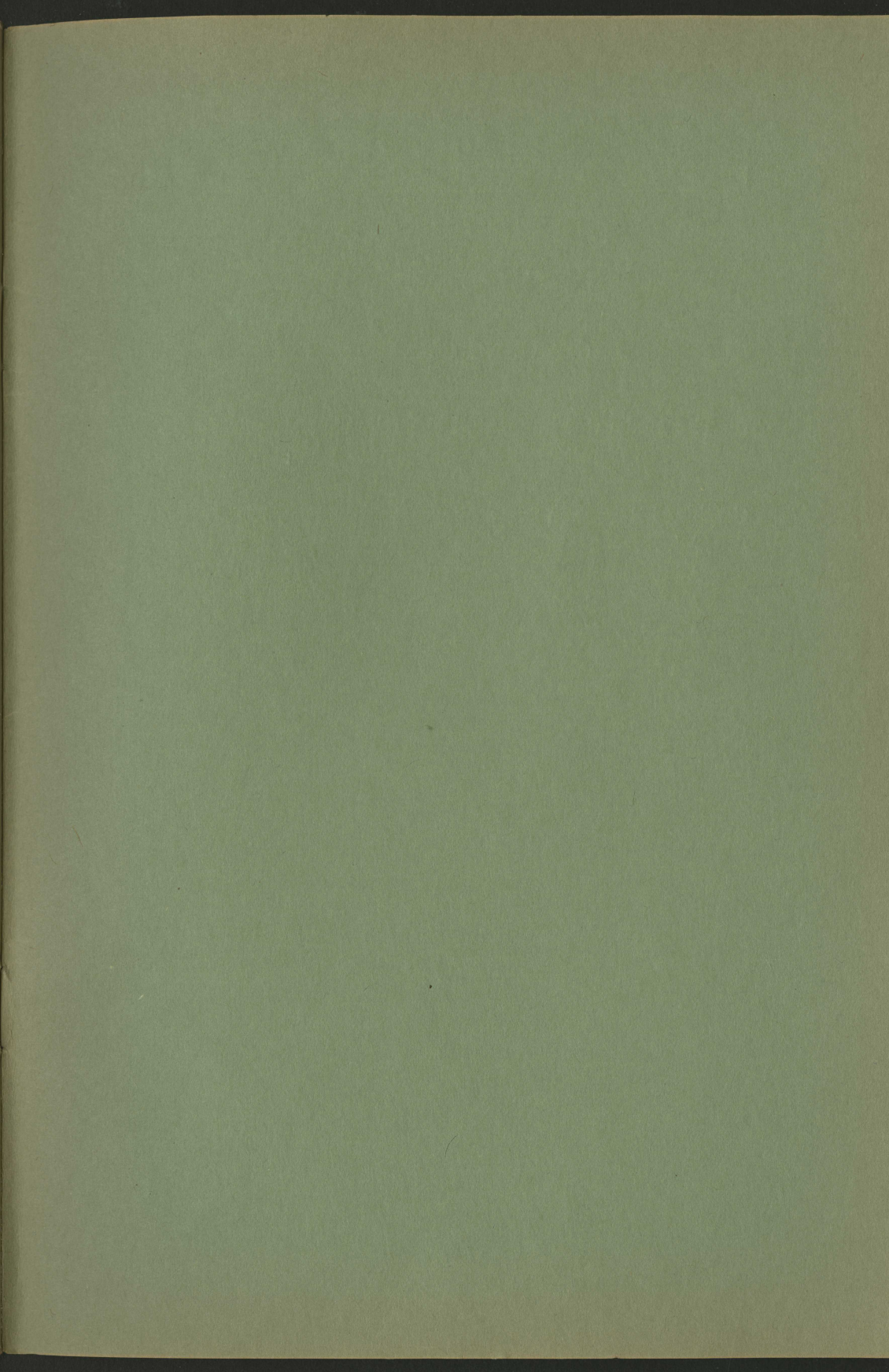
There being no further business, the Superintendent declared the twenty-eighth annual session of W. M. U. of Portsmouth Association adjourned.

MRS. W. W. GORDON, Superintendent.

MRS. G. R. MARTIN, Secretary pro tem.







STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator announced the following standing committees and speakers for 1929:

Combined Report on State Interests.....	Rev. J. F. Ingram
Address—State Missions.....	Rev. S. B. Barnes
Address—Sunday Schools.....	Rev. C. E. Anderson
Address—B. Y. P. U.....	Rev. Howard I. Stewart
Address—Orphanage.....	Rev. Beecher L. Rhodes
Foreign Missions.....	Rev. R. A. McKay
Home Missions.....	Rev. R. E. Vellines
Denominational Publications.....	Rev. H. B. Cole
Virginia Baptist Schools and Colleges.....	Rev. S. W. Melton
Temperance.....	Rev. Floyd T. Holland
Obituaries.....	Shelton N. Woodard
Relief and Annuity Board.....	T. D. Savage
Women's Work.....	To be selected by President W. M. U.
Education Commission.....	Rev. T. E. Peters
Baptist Council.....	W. W. Gordon