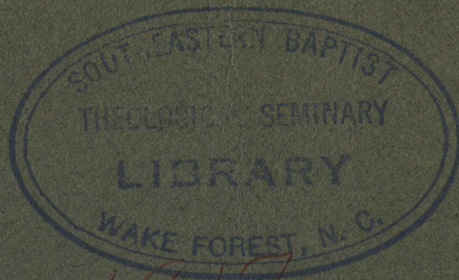


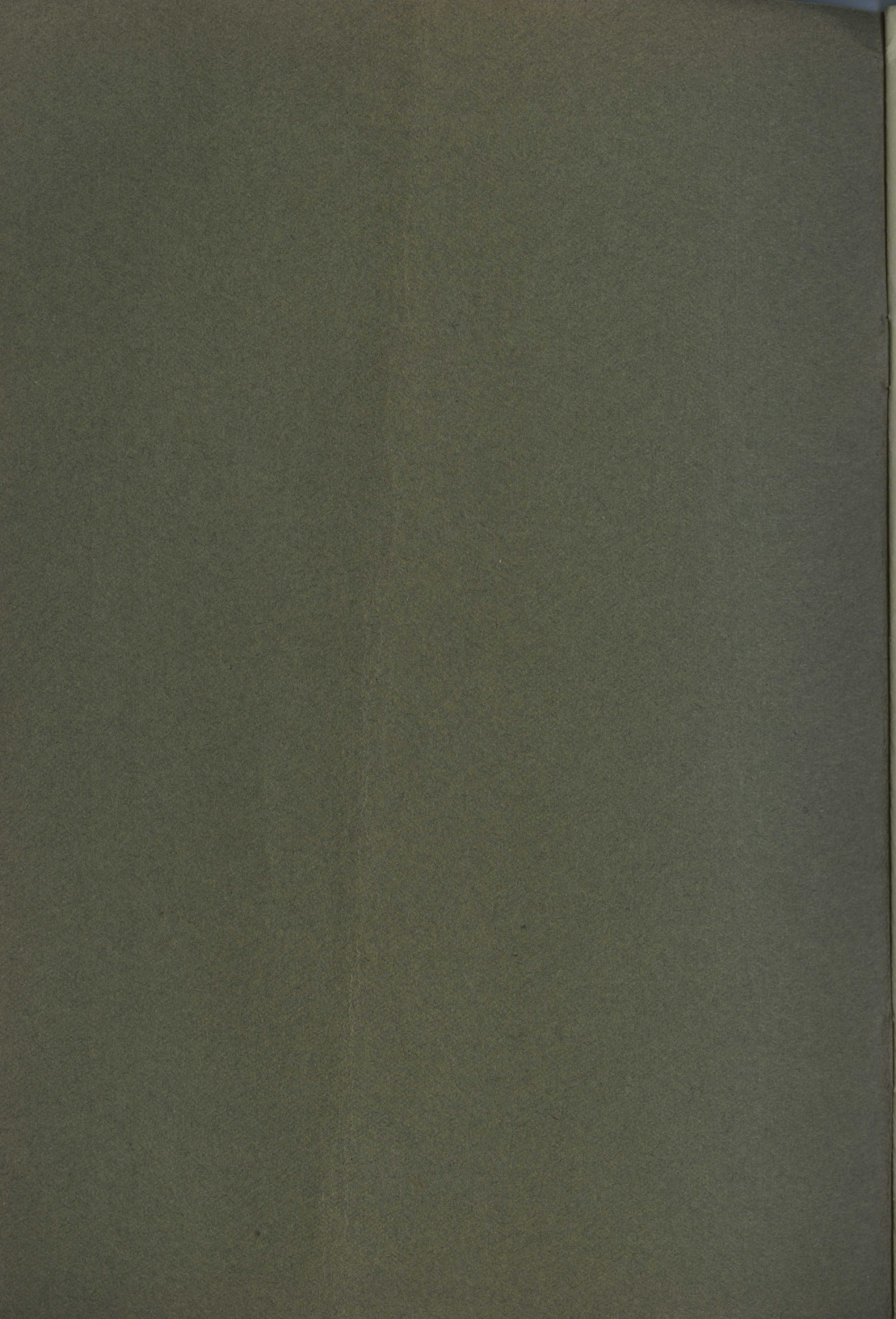
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Portsmouth Baptist
Association



Nineteen Hundred & Seventeen

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PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY

September 25 and 26, 1917

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Hill, J. B., Norfolk, Va.	Savage, W. V., Churchland, Va.
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Howell, J. D., Norfolk, Va.	Snyder, W. A., West Norfolk, Va.
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Jackson, J. B., Portsmouth, Va.	Torbert, R. W., Portsmouth, Va.
Jones, H. F., Port Norfolk, Va.	Wiley, J. H., Portsmouth, Va., R 3
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Kratzig, H. H., Norfolk, Va.	

Licentiates:—Hutchings, Willis, Norfolk, Va.; Jamerson, M., Norfolk, Va.; Council, John W., Norfolk, Va.; Leafe, J. W., Portsmouth, Va.; Greenwood, J. W., Portsmouth, Va.; Mason, E. W., Louisville, Ky.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.

1. Berkley Avenue	Geo. W. Doughtry, Berkley, Norfolk, Va.
2. Bethel	W. A. Etheridge, Fentress, Va.
3. Blackwater	
4. Broadway	I. R. Dozier, Norfolk, Va., Route 4
5. Burrows Memorial	U. G. Cobb, 1230 W. 27th St., Norfolk, Va.
6. Calvary	Sydney Pruden, Portsmouth, Va.
7. Campostella	F. B. Townsend, Norfolk, Va.
8. Central	J. W. Franke, 830 Spottswood Ave., Norfolk, Va.
9. Centerville	Wilson Davis, Fentress, Va.
10. Churchland	M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.
11. Court Street	C. T. Joyner, Portsmouth, Va.
12. Deep Creek	W. H. C. Deal, Portsmouth, Va., Route 3
13. East Brambleton	W. F. Berry, Norfolk, Va., Route 5
14. Fairmount	Norfolk, Va.
15. First, Norfolk	W. D. Coates, Norfolk, Va.
16. Fourth Street	Jas. K. Cuthriell, Portsmouth, Va.
17. Freemason Street	C. L. Whichard, Norfolk, Va.
18. Gilmerton	G. C. Cotton, Gilmerton, Va.
19. Kempsville	O. B. Mears, Norfolk, Va., Route 2
20. Knott's Island	
21. Lake Drummond	Henry Tuttle, Hickory, Va.
22. London Bridge	Elzy Land, London Bridge, Va.
23. Nansemond	J. E. Jordan, Driver, Va.
24. Northwest	R. S. Poyner, Hickory, Va.
25. Oak Grove	J. W. C. Dudley, Back Bay, Va.
26. Ocean View	J. W. Watkins, Ocean View, Va.
27. Park Avenue	C. W. Jones, 902 Park Ave., Norfolk, Va.
28. Park Place	J. H. Nininger, 316 33d St., Norfolk, Va.
29. Park View	T. D. Roper, Portsmouth, Va.
30. Pleasant Grove	J. W. Smithson, Hickory, Va.
31. Port Norfolk	J. Stroud Roper, Port Norfolk, Va.
32. Prentis Place	F. F. V. Staples, Portsmouth, Va.
33. South Norfolk	Geo. B. White, South Norfolk, Va.
34. South Street	W. G. Stokes, Portsmouth, Va.
35. Spurgeon Memorial	R. M. Jarvis, 742 Windsor Ave., Norfolk, Va.
36. St. John	E. M. Seneca, Princess Anne, Va.
37. Virginia Beach	Paul L. White, Virginia Beach, Va.
38. West Norfolk	H. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.
39. Westhaven	G. W. Hamer, Portsmouth, Va.

CONSTITUTION.

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

Membership.

Article 2. It shall be composed of white male delegates, elected by the churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of one hundred members and under shall be entitled to two delegates, and for every additional one hundred members an additional delegate. No church shall have more than four delegates.

Objects.

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

Rights of the Churches.

Article 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches 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 practicable, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance, and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for the printing of the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

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

Organization.

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

Duties of Officers.

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

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MINUTES

Princess Anne, Va., September, 1917.

1. The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met in its One Hundred and Twenty-seventh session with the St. John Church, Princess Anne County, at 11 A. M., and was called to order by R. B. Garrett, Moderator.

2. Devotional services were conducted by W. V. Savage. Singing of Hymn, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine." Scripture reading, 34th Psalm. Prayer was offered by A. W. Burfoot.

3. Letters were read from the churches by the Clerk, and the following delegates were enrolled:

Berkley Avenue—J. H. Privott, E. M. Graves, E. J. West, R. A. West.
Bethel—Thomas Davis, Sr., W. A. Etheridge.

Blackwater—

Broadway—S. E. Lynch, M. W. Edmonds.

Burrows Memorial—W. W. Burfoot, W. H. Smelser, S. F. Goodwin,
G. R. Martin.

Calvary—W. H. Ford, W. T. L. Shepherd, R. A. Culpepper, A. O.
Curling.

Campostella—J. J. Swindell, J. D. Wood.

Central—E. A. Odend'hal, A. L. Bonwell, W. F. Watkins, M. Jamerson,
J. W. Phillips, W. S. Wilkins.

Centerville—T. E. Etheridge, A. M. Burfoot, Wiley Sawyer.

Churchland—H. G. Griffin, T. B. Griffin, W. T. Peake.

Court Street—J. M. C. Duke, O. L. Williams, W. C. Corbitt, John A.
Morris, J. W. Leafe.

Deep Creek—J. Deal, J. D. Carey, J. W. Carey.

East Brambleton—J. R. Winstead, Charles Plummer.

Fairmount—

First Church—H. J. Williams, D. W. Darden, J. A. Derring, W. G.
Collings.

Fourth Street—L. C. Brinson, C. L. Tyler, J. W. Greenwood.

Freemason Street—W. F. Robertson, M. Winston, L. B. Cox, T. C.
Johnson, Dr. A. Weck, C. L. Whichard, J. T. Kilby.

Gilmerton—

Kempsville—

Knott's Island—

Lake Drummond—G. G. Waller, J. E. Johnson.

London Bridge—E. Land, Benj. Gunbert, F. E. Emerson, David
Barnes.

Nansemond—W. J. Doughtie, F. M. Pierce.

Northwest—

Oak Grove—J. W. C. Dudley, C. C. Gornto, W. T. Campbell, S. R.
Brock.

Ocean View—

Park Avenue—J. T. Wood, E. J. Grimstead, S. A. D. Parker.

Park Place—Chas. F. Robertson, R. W. Outland, H. W. Dudley.

Park View—T. E. Bristow, J. L. Robertson.

Pleasant Grove—E. H. Brickhouse, C. J. Brockmeyer, J. B. Eason.

Port Norfolk—W. H. Rodman, John A. Cotton, E. S. Johnson, W. F. Welton, C. C. Knott, C. P. Saunders.
 Prentis Place—George Anderson, J. B. Jackson.
 South Norfolk—J. T. Forehand, J. A. Stephenson, J. T. Jernegan, W. M. Black.
 South Street—T. O. Williams, E. L. Beale, George Sawyer, S. E. Small, W. F. Felton, W. P. McPherson, R. E. Davis.
 Spurgeon Memorial—W. W. Garden, H. S. Jarvis, W. L. Sutton, M. L. Warrenner.
 St. John—E. M. Seneca, J. C. Sawyer, T. B. Sawyer, L. F. Kellem.
 Virginia Beach—John Freeman, Paul L. White.
 West Norfolk—A. C. Davis.
 Westhaven—G. W. Hamer.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

Black, W. M.	Jackson, J. B.	Richards, N.
Boda, A. O.	Jones, H. F.	Riddick, J. T.
Burfoot, A. W.	Jones, H. M. B.	Savage, W. V.
Bassett, J. B.	Kendrick, R. G.	Straton, J. R.
Cox, George W.	Mason, B. K.	Snyder, W. A.
Duling, W. B.	Melton, S. W.	Torbert, R. W.
Garrett, R. B.	Nobles, J. E.	Wiley, J. H.
Haislip, W. B.	Putney, F. W.	Williams, R. A.
Hill, J. B.		

4. The Association then proceeded to organize by electing the following officers:

Moderator—R. B. Garrett.
 Vice-Moderator—L. C. Brinson.
 Clerk and Treasurer—Austin O. Boda.
 Assistant Clerk—R. G. Kendrick.

Recognition of Visitors.

5. The following visiting brethren were recognized and introduced to the Association: Dr. B. D. Gray, Secretary of the Home Mission Board; Dr. S. G. Pinnock, of Africa, representing the Foreign Board; Dr. David Hepburn, of the Anti-Saloon League; Dr. F. W. Boatwright, President of Richmond College; Rev. J. J. Lowery.

Introduction of New Pastors.

6. The Moderator then introduced the following new pastors to the Association: W. B. Haislip, of London Bridge; J. B. Hill, of Burrows Memorial Church; J. H. Wiley, of Deep Creek Church; and H. M. B. Jones, of South Street Church.

7. The report of the Program Committee was then presented and adopted in its printed form.

8. The following brethren were appointed as the Finance Committee: W. H. Rodman, O. L. Williams, L. C. Brinson.

Introductory Sermon.

9. The Introductory Sermon was preached by B. K. Mason, pastor of Fourth Street Church, after the singing of a hymn, and prayer had been offered by Dr. B. D. Gray. Text, I. Cor. 12:20. Subject: "Necessity of Union in the Church." At the conclusion of the sermon prayer was offered by S. W. Melton.

10. Announcements were made by the pastor, W. B. Duling, and a welcome extended in behalf of the church, after which we adjourned with prayer by W. B. Haislip.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

11. Devotional services were conducted by A. W. Burfoot.

12. Report on the work of the Education Board was read by J. T. Riddick. On motion the report was adopted.

Pending the adoption of this report an address was made on the work of the Education Board by Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson.

Report on Education Board.

Educated people shape the ideals of state and nation, and the school in which they are educated has much to do with determining their attitude towards all matters worth while. There can be no question that Christian education is vitally connected with the Kingdom's progress. The presbyterian standard recently had a very informing article on the source of ministerial and missionary supply. The article states that of the 977 candidates for the ministry who in the past sixteen years have been enrolled in the five theological seminaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church, 85 per cent came from Christian colleges, 8 per cent from State Universities and colleges, and 7 per cent from no college. Of 112 ordained missionaries on the foreign field from the Southern Presbyterian Church as listed in last annual report, 85 per cent came from Christian Colleges, 11 per cent came from State Universities and colleges, and 4 per cent came from no college. Of the last 1,398 missionaries sent out in four years by all the Protestant denominations in the United States as recorded by the Student Volunteer Movement, 82 per cent came from Christian schools and colleges, 13 per cent came from State Universities and schools and 5 per cent were trained in "miscellaneous" institutions.

I do not believe that our Baptist figures would be very different from the above. Our ministers and missionaries come almost wholly from our Baptist schools and colleges. I believe the same is very largely true of our laymen who are most interested in the Kingdom's coming. These things being true, if we hope to continue to flourish as a denomination, it is impossible to overestimate the worth of our schools. Next to having a full gospel truth to preach is a school in which to train teacher and preacher. We have the schools where these things can be done and are being done.

The Education Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia has been very greatly encouraged in its work during the past

year by having under its care the largest number of young men we have had for many years. There were seventy-nine beneficiaries. Of these, twenty-one pursued their studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, forty-three at Richmond College, ten at Chatham Training School, and five at Fork Union Military Academy.

The Corresponding Secretary in his report to the General Association at Norfolk presented the need of a larger income for the Board, and the report was referred to a special committee, and that committee recommended to the General Association that not less than \$10,000 a year should be given to the Board by the churches of the State, in order that its work might be carried on without interruption.

The churches having the budget system were requested to increase their contributions seventy per cent., and the Executive Committees of each of the District Associations were asked to increase the apportionment of their churches so as to secure a minimum of seventy per cent. increase from their Associations to the Education Board.

In view of the fact that the Board closed its work last session \$1,400 in debt and must begin the fall session of nineteen hundred and seventeen; facing the high cost of living it is evident that the Board must have more money, or be seriously handicapped in the great and glorious work it is doing for the advancement of the kingdom of God; and, it has no other source to which to look with hope and expectancy, but to the hearts and purses of Virginia Baptists. Will the Portsmouth Association allow her share of this worthy task to go unperformed or let it be done by others? Nay, but let us see to it that no stone is left unturned in this matter of supporting the Educational Board.

Your committee suggests that the pastors and churches of the Portsmouth Association fall heartily in line with the recommendations and suggestions of our Corresponding Secretary, as made in his report to the General Association at Norfolk, and referred to in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. RIDDICK, Chairman.

13. The report on Home Missions was read by J. R. Straton. Dr. B. D. Gray, Secretary of the Home Board, addressed the Association, after which the report was adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

As never before in our history, the South is now recognized as both a field and a force in the realm of religion. As a field the needs were never so great; as a force the opportunities to serve humanity were never so appealing. For seventy years the Home Mission Board has been for our great Christian body the expression of its sacred purposes to save the lost and care for the spiritually needy in our section of America. It is largely through the efforts of this Board that Southern Baptists have shown a more rapid numerical increase than any other evangelical denomination in America except only the Negro Baptists.

But, instead of the Home Mission task being completed there are now two and a half times as many people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory who make no profession of religion as was the number of the entire population of the South in 1845. Every child that is born is a new Home Mission task.

Home Mission problems have increased in number and in intensity on account of the new forces injected into the social body by our pres-

ent industrial civilization. Every power added by wealth and material resource and every readjustment necessary from changed conditions adds a new Home Mission problem.

All the old reasons which we have been advancing, therefore, for pressing Home Mission work are still urgently operative. We have the great problems of the city and its evangelization, problems which are growing more acute as the cities increase in size and number and in complexity of life. We have the mountain people, still backward and in need of assistance, especially along educational lines, assistance which we are striving to render them by the mountain schools. We have the negroes here in great numbers, and just now especially in need of the steadying hand of their white brothers, because of some disorganization in their religions, social and economic life. We have the foreigners—Italians, Cubans, Mexicans and others—flowing into our territory over at least three of our borders. We have Cuba and the Canal Zone, both in need of evangelization.

The manner in which our Home Board leaders are grappling with these mighty tasks and meeting these gigantic opportunities should be gratifying to us all. Dr. E. Y. Mullins says that "a vision without a task makes a visionary, and a task without a vision makes a drudge." Both irksome drudgery and profitless dreaming, however, have been happily escaped in the Home Mission Enterprise of Southern Baptists, for the vision and the task have been coupled with most encouraging and successful results.

The receipts of the Board for the present year aggregated, in round numbers, a half million dollars. The Board met all expenses for the year and had a sufficient surplus over to reduce the debt of \$70,000 by one-half. Under the direction of the Board there were about 1500 workers in the various departments fostered by our Southern Convention. About 120 of these workers were in mountain schools; some 20 of them were in enlistment work, while 25 were evangelists. There were during the year about 1300 white and 40 colored missionaries. These workers baptized 35,000 converts and were instrumental in the reception of about 60,000 members into the various churches of the South, and they were instrumental in organizing some 200 churches.

Our achievements in the past should encourage us to yet larger efforts for the future. The European war is not only changing the map of the nations but the thought and propaganda of the world. The supreme hour for activity has come to us whether the war stops or continues. When it does close, Europe will be well-nigh bankrupt. Her time and energies must be given in a large measure, to rebuilding her homes and her social and political institutions. The money and men supplied by England and Europe in the past for the extension of the kingdom of Christ, are now being fed to the juggernaut of war. A draft will be made upon us, therefore, to supply Kingdom builders for the whole world. Because of this the enlistment of our forces and the development of our resources is more insistent than ever in our history.

The war has stayed the tide of European immigration, only that it may roll in upon us like a flood when peace is declared. If it is our duty to send men and money to foreign lands, surely we cannot neglect the millions that come without cost to our very doors. Our work is both extensive and intensive. The superlative task of Southern Baptists today is enlightenment, enlistment and equipment of our churches.

Commercialism is pushing its base from the north toward the Great Gulf and right across our Southland, bringing prosperity in such abundance as to threaten our stability. Our religion was sufficient

for us in the days of struggle. Is it virile enough for these coming days of prosperity? Our riches will be our ruin unless Mammon is dethroned and Jesus Christ is enthroned. May God grant consecration and loyalty with which to meet the tasks now before us!

JOHN ROACH STRATON, Committee.

14. The report on Temperance was read by Austin O. Boda, and on motion was adopted. Dr. David Hepburn, of the Anti-Saloon League, gave an address pending the adoption of this report.

Report on Temperance.

It is a pleasure for your committee to record the gratifying advance made in the temperance work during the past year. Never before has the prospect for ultimate and speedy victory been so bright as now. From many sources and in many ways this common foe of our race has been attacked and his tenure of life shortened.

This infamous business cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, age in its weakness; it breaks the fathers heart, distracts the loving mother, extinguishes loving affection, blights parental hopes, and brings down all classes in sorrow to the grave in its relentless effort to ruin. It produces weakness, disease, death; it makes widows, orphans, fiends, paupers, beggars. It violates obligation, supports the thief, jails, almshouses and asylums. It takes bread from the fingers of childhood. It triumphs in blows and hate, in suspicion and fear, in lust and disease. With the brazen look of a fiend, it calmly surveys its work of desolation. Then, unsatisfied with its deadly work of destruction, it poisons happiness, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputation, and wipes out national honor; then curses the world and laughs at its ruin. And worse than all this, it murders the soul. Hopelessness, selfishness and decay smite the land in which it rules.

Whereas, The ever increasing sentiment for the abolishing of intoxicants in the industrial and commercial world, in society and government, has found expression in a united effort with the moral and religious forces for the overthrow of intemperance, and

Whereas, Twenty-six states have already by law abolished the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and

Whereas, The Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League, and kindred organizations have been untiring in their efforts of agitation, education and organization, thus speeding the day of final and complete destruction of the legalized liquor traffic; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we pledge renewed and unceasing warfare against this great evil; that we rejoice with the White States in their freedom; that we commend the work that is being done in our own state by the forces for the enforcement of the existing laws against this traffic; that we commend the various newspapers throughout the nation which refuse the publication of liquor advertisements, and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League and kindred organizations for the excellent work they have done, and that we pledge them our hearty support, and wish them Godspeed in their undertakings, and be it further

Resolved, That we are in hearty favor of National Constitutional Prohibition, and will do all in our power to secure a National prohibitory amendment to the constitution.

Respectfully,

AUSTIN O. BODA, Committee.

15. The report on Ministers' Relief Fund was read by A. W. Burfoot, and after discussion by the Moderator, upon motion, was adopted.

Report on Ministers' Relief Fund.

Your committee has not tried to collect any data, as to amount of money sent by the churches to this Board for aid to the old and infirm ministers of the state. If I had the true amount, it is so small, I would be ashamed to tell it in this report.

We seem to forget our true men of God who have spent their lives in faithful work for the Master's cause and saved nothing of this world's goods to help themselves in old age. The Board has just a small amount at their disposal to give to these worthy men.

We recommend that we pray more for these men and ask our churches to make a larger contribution to this cause.

Respectfully,

A. W. BURFOOT, Committee.

16. After announcements the session adjourned after prayer by A. W. Burfoot.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

17. The Association was called to order at 10:30 A. M. by the Moderator, and S. G. Pinnock led the devotional services.

18. The following committee was appointed on Time-Place and Preacher: G. W. Cox, R. J. Bristow and W. B. Duling.

19. The report on Periodicals was read by B. W. Haislip, and after discussion by the reader of the report, was adopted.

Report on Periodicals.

It has been said that truth is mighty and will prevail; but truth is mighty only when known and applied, and will prevail only as it is wisely proclaimed.

Our Lord said, "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free," but the Truth is powerless to free from sin until it is known, and becomes effective in the hands of those only, who know how to use it.

We Baptist claim to have the truth—and we have—but as a demonstration we need to become better acquainted with the truth; and to be greater experts in using the truth. David was mighty with the sling because he knew how to use it. The interest of the kingdom of our Lord will never be advanced by ignorance and superstition. If we are to be great factors in kingdom-building, we must give a

gracious welcome to the light from whatever source it may come; and wisely use every agency that aids in sending the light to all the world. We ought to put more emphasis than we do on the use of the religious press. **The Religious Herald** is a great factor for righteousness in our State. Its usefulness could be greatly multiplied by a wider circulation among our people. It ought to go into every home in our State. It is cheap and wholesome nourishment. Likewise, our **Home and Foreign Fields** ought to have a larger place among Baptists. This magazine throws much light on the problems of missions in the territory of the Home Mission Board. If we are to win the Christless multitudes in this great section of our country we must become acquainted with their needs, their difficulties, and the best means of reaching them. This magazine furnishes much of this needed information.

The man who loves his Lord ought not to be content to know the religious condition of his state and country only. He needs to have a world-wide vision, and to know world-wide religious facts. **The Home and Foreign Fields** opens a world page, on which is portrayed the superstition and sin of heathen nations, and what is being done for their salvation. Let this magazine have a large place in your heart and home. Heed its plea for a larger service in the kingdom. Then "In thy light shall they see light," "And nations shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HAISLIP, Committee.

20. The report on Laymen's Movement was read by W. C. Corbitt. On motion it was adopted.

Pending the adoption of this report, S. W. Melton spoke of the life and work of the late Livius Lankford, to whose heart this work was so dear.

Report on Laymen's Movement

Since the last meeting of the Portsmouth Baptist Association, we have lost from our membership one of our most earnest Christian workers in the person of Doctor Livius Lankford. Doctor Lankford was the State President of the Laymen's Movement, he was a firm believer and strong advocate of every Christian, setting aside ten per cent of his income for Christian benevolence. If the Jew was willing to obey the law requiring him to give a little of his income, how much more willingly should we give to the spread of the Gospel of saving grace? If the members of our churches would seriously consider and act upon this plan of giving we would have no more complaints coming to us from the Boards that the churches are not coming to their assistance in sending the Gospel to the destitute portions of our beloved State and to foreign lands.

We notice in the annual reports of our churches to the association a gradual increase in contributions to local expenses and to the different Boards, but how much more this would be if our people would realize the responsibility resting upon them in this great work. Let us hope that the reports of the churches this year will show a much larger increase than for the past years, and let us so work and give during the coming year that it will be the greatest in our history for the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CORBITT, Committee.

21. The report on the Education Commission was read by H. M. B. Jones. Dr. F. W. Boatright, of Richmond College, delivered an address on this work, after which the report was adopted.

Report on Education Commission.

This is a great day in which we live, a great nation beneath whose flag we bravely march, a great state the mother of our grand old Union. We look about us and feel proud of our rich soil, our splendid crops, our magnificent homes, and our great accumulated wealth; but there is one thing of which we should be prouder than all of these, and that is our Christian Education. We have within our state, colleges and academies second to none in this fair land of ours. We seek strong foundations for our buildings, knowing that the building is no better than the foundation. The best foundation which any people can lay for future generations is a Christian Education. We have laid the foundation and the work of building is going forward; but how is the work to be maintained? Not by theorizing, not by planning, not by talking, not by resolving; but by giving, giving largely of our means that the Commission may have the where-with-all to go forward in the great task of giving to young men and women that, the value of which can not be estimated in dollars and cents; namely, a Christian Education. Our Churches and people are not responding as a whole to the call of the Commission. Our smaller schools and academies all over our state need our help. They are doing much to develop a fruitful future for our boys and girls. Then let us look at dear old Richmond College, her beautiful grounds, her magnificent buildings, her wise and godly faculty, her curriculum adequate for every intellectual need, her manly and womanly products all over our land. Are we not proud of her past? Do we not glory in her present? And do we not wait with unshaken faith for her future? Shall we give her the million dollars? No, not a million, but two million, that her future may not be limited in her service to young men and women. We love her sacred soil. We honor her distinguished faculty. We feel inclined to bow before her intellectual altar and there give thanks to the Great Creator for all she has been, for what she is now, and for what, by God's grace, she will be in days to come.

Your committee would recommend that this Association enter heart and soul into the campaign for raising the million dollars for Richmond College.

Your Committee would further recommend that every church in this Association pray fervently for the success, and give regularly to the support of the Commission.

H. M. B. JONES, Committee.

22. A motion was made and unanimously carried as follows: That this Association extend an invitation to the forces of Richmond College to work within the bounds of this Association during the month of either February or March, 1918, in behalf of the Million Dollar Campaign.

23. The report on State Missions was presented by R. G. Kendrick, and after discussion by S. G. Pinnock, was unanimously adopted.

Report on State Missions.

We use the term "Missions" to denote the sending of the Gospel to all the nations of the earth; and the terms "State," "Home" and "Foreign Missions" means the sending of the Gospel to given sections of the earth. This division of missionary work is, we say, for the sake of convenience; and yet it is not without scriptural warrant. For prior to our Lord's ascension the very last words he uttered were in repetition of the great Commission, this time naming the fields of missionary endeavor in the following language: "Ye shall be witnesses of me in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and in the uttermost parts of the earth."

State Missions means, therefore, with us the giving of the Gospel as we believe it and teach it to that section of the earth known as the Commonwealth of Virginia; the planting of a Baptist Church within reach of every family of the State thus securing to each community the perpetuity of the deliverance to each community of the Baptist message; and the creation in Virginia of a base of supply of men and money to carry this message to the ends of the earth.

Nearly a century ago the Baptists of Virginia through the creation of the State Mission Board set themselves in an organized way to the completion of this high and God-given task. And today they have every reason to rejoice in their glorious achievements in this blessed work for what Baptists are in Virginia now in numbers, in educational progress, in philanthropic spirit and missionary endeavor has been largely brought about directly or indirectly as a result of the work of the State Mission Board. According to Secretary Ellyson half of the churches found in the State in 1847 were brought into being through the agency of this Board; from 1847 to 1880 through the labors of the missionaries of the Board there were 35,383 professions of faith in Christ, the organization of 323 churches and 487 Sunday Schools, and the erection of 122 houses of worship; from 1880 to 1914 47,873 converts were baptized into the fellowship of Mission Churches, 262 churches constituted, and 460 houses of worship built. The record of the work accomplished within the five years just prior to the current year is as follows: Conversions, 15,997; baptisms, 13,783; \$97,719.84 contributed by Mission Churches to the objects fostered by the General Association, and \$162,665.25 expended in the erection of homes for pastors and houses of worship in Mission fields.

But as great as the success of the Board in the completion of its task has been much yet remains to be done. Indeed, the calls upon the Board for help were never so numerous and incessant as now. The marvelous industrial and commercial progress of the State within recent years and the changing social and civic conditions incident thereto have opened to this Board doors of service and placed upon it obligations of which its originators never dreamed. In the prosecution of the task before it the Board has in the field this year missionaries supplying churches not yet self-supporting and occupying out stations where hitherto the Baptist message has not been carried; and evangelists who give their entire time to the work of evangelism.

Under its direction also Sunday Secretary Watts and his assistant are seeking to increase as rapidly as possible the number and efficiency of the Sunday Schools of the State; and through the agency of the B. Y. P. U. work fostered by this Board the young Christian is being trained for more effective service.

All this work has been undertaken this year on a basis of \$65,000.00, less than half of which has as yet reached Treasurer Jacobs. Of this amount the Portsmouth Association has been asked to raise a just apportionment.

The reports of the churches to this session of the Association show that a little more than \$3,000.00 has been raised.

Your committee would urge upon the churches the paramount importance of each church making sure that at least her full quota of this amount is in the hands of the Treasurer before October 31. Let us see to it, that our part is done to save the State Board the humiliation of reporting a debt at the meeting of the General Association in November next.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. KENDRICK.

24. On motion the session was adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. J. Lowrey.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

25. Devotional services were conducted by J. B. JACKSON.

26. The report of the Missionary Committee was read by J. M. C. Duke, and was adopted. Pending the adoption of this report J. M. C. Duke and Dr. R. B. Garrett spoke of the activities of the Social and Missionary Union within the bounds of our Association.

Report of Missionary Committee.

TO THE PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION:

Brethren:—We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg to make the following report:

The Churches in this Association helped by the State Mission Board, with one or two exceptions, are making good progress. The condition of the Churches in the Association as a whole is very good.

Material Improvements.

The New House of Worship at Campstella Heights has been completed during the past year, and they are using same with satisfaction and delight. The New Church at Raleigh Heights is nearing completion, and will soon be occupied by that growing field. The Park View Church of Portsmouth is adding, week by week, substantial cash to their Church Building Fund, with which they hope in the not far distant future, to start a commodious House of Worship that will be in keeping with the growing community in which they are located.

Pastoral Changes.

Rev. L. J. Westfall having resigned the South Street Church, Portsmouth, to go to Albany, New York, that pulpit is now being filled by Rev. H. M. B. Jones, formerly of Baltimore, who is doing well with the field. Rev. J. H. Wiley has accepted, and is now on the field at Deep Creek and Lake Drummond, which was made vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. T. Ragland. Rev. J. T. Riddick has been called and accepted Park Avenue Church, Norfolk, succeeding Rev. J. T. Anderson, who has recently gone back to Baltimore to serve his former people. Rev. B. Lacey Hoge having resigned at Spurgeon Memorial, this Church has called Rev. R. J. Dogan, who will take up his work

there October the first. Rev. R. W. Torbert having resigned at Westhaven to accept the new field composed of Campostella and Raleigh Heights Churches, the Westhaven people have called Rev. H. M. Morrison, and the reports from the latter field are very encouraging. Rev. S. N. Hurst has accepted work in North Carolina, and the field formerly occupied by him is now manned by Rev. G. W. Cox.

Ordinations.

At the instance of the Westhaven Church, the Rev. W. H. Morrison was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on Sunday afternoon, September the 23rd.

New Fields.

The Broadway Church has been moved to Raleigh Heights, and as mentioned above, they are now building a neat and comfortable House of Worship that will meet the needs of this growing community for some time to come. Plans are now under way whereby a new Church will be organized shortly in Larchmont, at which point there are nearly forty Baptist families. This field has been neglected far too long. The people in the suburb known as Winona are sending to us the Macedonian cry "To come over and help us." They are badly in need of a Sunday School and church. A recent canvass of this suburb reveals to us the fact that there are now nearly enough Baptists to support and sustain a church. At Pinner's Point a new Sunday School has already been organized as a mission of the Port Norfolk church. The example set by the Port Norfolk people is worthy of emulation.

Revivals.

So far as your committee is able to ascertain there have been no notable revivals since we last met, but there has been rather a perpetual revival in some sections of our Association, so that the work is in good condition generally.

Recommendations.

Again your committee recommends, as we did last year, that we organize a Progressive Educational Campaign, and cover our Association with Baptist Literature, with a growing population, there are, also, added to it "isms," and our young people are being flooded with literature which is calculated to do them much harm. We should supply them with literature that will offset the deadly teachings of the cranks among us.

Praying God's richest blessings upon every church in this Association, and begging every one to "Do their Bit," in order that we may meet the demands of the times called for, as our churches are called upon to do.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. C. DUKE,
W. F. WATKINS,
L. C. BRINSON,
Committee.

27. The report of the Digest of Church Letters was presented by H. F. Jones. On motion it was adopted.

28. The report on Foreign Missions was read by R. A. Williams. Dr. S. G. Pinnock, a Missionary of the Foreign

Board in Africa, addressed the Association, after which the report was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The day has passed when we need to argue the cause of Foreign Missions. We discuss this great work of our churches not to prove that we ought to support this work, but to enlist our sluggish and sleeping people in this work. It is certainly the most gigantic task of the Christian church and if we carry out the command of the Master to "preach the gospel to every creature" we will have to give ourselves to the uttermost limit of our strength and means.

Dr. Love informed the S. B. C. that it would require \$734,000 in order to meet the imperative needs of our Foreign Board for the current year, of which \$645,000 will go to the current expenses of the Board: \$40,000 to pay their current debt and the remainder be used to send some new missionaries to reinforce the already heavily overburdened men at the front. Upon motion of Dr. Geo. W. Truett it was unanimously carried by the convention that this be done.

Of this amount Virginia Baptists at the suggestion of the Committee for Virginia, under the leadership of Dr. Garrett, vice-president, have been asked to raise \$100,000, which is a little more than we were apportioned.

We are informed that great opportunities are open for us, that new fields of thrilling promise invite Southern Baptists. Notwithstanding the high cost of living our people are prosperous, our stores are crowded, our places of amusement are full, and the people generally are living comfortably, and in many instances luxuriously. If we want to, we can do what our Board wants us to do, but it will mean that each must do his part.

The Portsmouth Association raised last year over \$10,000 for Foreign Missions. Can we not raise this year 30% increase as our part of Virginia's allotment?

We recommend—

1. That in our Sunday School we stress the work of our Mission Board and thus help to rear a generation of missionary Baptists.
2. That we use our Prayer Meetings as opportunities for the dissemination of missionary information and the stirring up of the missionary spirit.
3. That we encourage Mission Study Classes among men as well as among women.
4. That we practice tithing as a splendid way to help us to give generously and gladly.
5. That we pray in our own homes every day for the kingdom to come and God's will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven.

R. AUBREY WILLIAMS,
Committee.

29. A motion was passed authorizing the appointment of a special committee to apportion to the churches of the Association their fair percentage of the 30% increase mentioned in this report. Following were appointed as this Special Committee: F. W. Putney, W. V. Savage, and S. W. Melton.

30. The report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, was presented and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, beg leave to submit the following report:

Time: Tuesday and Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1918.

Place: Central Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.

Preachers:

Introductory Sermon—R. A. Williams.

Doctrinal Sermon—R. G. Kendrick.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. COX,

W. B. DULING,

R. J. BRISTOW,

Committee.

31. The report on Sunday Schools was read by F. W. Putney, and on motion was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The Portsmouth Association is slowly, but we hope surely falling in line with the progressive movement in modern Bible school work—a movement which is world-wide in scope and which, under the blessing of God, has wrought wonders in many of the schools in our own convention and state. There are some indications of a wider vision on the part of some of the leaders in our Sunday School work.

There are some serious problems connected with this work but the greatest of these is efficient leadership. Trained and progressive leaders will not be satisfied with anything less than adequate equipment, effective organization and efficient work.

The proper training of our teachers is fundamental. The Bible school is the teaching department of the church. But how shall they teach unless they are trained? The church through the agency of the Sunday School sets apart a brief period of 20 minutes each week for teaching the Bible to its constituency. How precious those minutes should be! Isn't it little less than criminal to commit this, the only instruction period the church has at its disposal, to incompetent and untrained instructors? We must ever seek to give our teachers a vision of the glory and greatness of their task and equip them to translate that vision into efficient service.

We are glad to note that one or more schools within the bounds of this association has been graded during the year and that interest in teacher training is steadily increasing. The schools of Portsmouth and vicinity held a city-wide institute in the South Street Church last spring with good results and the schools of Norfolk are arranging for a similar institute to be held with one of the local churches, beginning October 28th. A strong faculty under the leadership of State Secretary Watts has been secured.

There are nine schools in Virginia which have attained the Standard of Excellence, but not one of these is found in the Portsmouth Association. Of the 2,382 teachers in the state holding Normal Diplomas of the Southern Baptist Convention, only 130 are in this Association. Ninety-three classes of the state have attained the Standard of Excellence for Baptist Bible Classes; 13 of these are in this Association as follows: Court Street, 3; Park View, 2; Prentis Place, 2;

Fourth Street, 1; Spurgeon Memorial, 2; First, 1; Central, 1, and Port Norfolk, 1.

We venture to suggest several ways of enlarging the work and increasing the efficiency in our schools:

1. Let our churches be governed less by custom and sentiment and more by temperament, consecration, training and adaptability in the selection of those who are to determine the policies, make the programs and inspire the workers in our local schools.

2. Let our schools provide a place for, and endeavor to enlist, their whole constituency in some department of the work.

3. Keep the Standard of Excellence before the workers' council and plan to attain to every point required of an A-1 school.

4. Provide for more annual Training Schools in which numbers of schools may co-operate and conduct regular Normal classes in every local school, not only for the active teachers but for prospective teachers.

5. Patronize the colportage department of our State Mission Board in purchasing supplies for the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. PUTNEY,
Committee.

32. The report on the Woman's Missionary Union was read by J. B. Jackson, and after discussion by the reader of the report, was adopted.

Report on Woman's Missionary Union.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention has completed twenty-nine years of very fruitful work in the Master's service. Each year has been fruitful, but possibly last year was the most fruitful of any year in the history of the Union. By referring to the statistics of their last annual meeting, held at Clifton Forge, Va., November 7-10, 1916, we find that \$101,502.64 was contributed by our Virginia organization last year. There are at present 1,741 societies affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, with an approximated membership of 42,675. Of this number 19,740 belong to the W. M. S.; 4,885 to the Y. W. A.; 1,240 to the G. A.; 1,794 to the R. A., and 15,016 to the Sunbeams.

The W. M. S. contributed \$82,906.72; the Y. W. A. contributed \$9,491.60; the Sunbeam Bands contributed \$6,251.30; the R. A. contributed \$1,238.23, and the G. A. contributed \$1,616.79.

By a little calculation we find that the members of the W. M. S. made an average contribution per member of \$4.20, while the other members of the churches made an average contribution of a little over a dollar per member to the benevolent objects of the General Association.

Our women are wide awake to all the interests of the Master's kingdom, and the Southern Baptists have reason to thank God for the noble work they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. JACKSON,
Committee.

33. A motion was unanimously passed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union be printed with the Minutes of the Association.

34. The following resolution, presented by F. W. Putney, was adopted: Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation to the pastor and members of the St. John Baptist Church for the generous and bountiful hospitality furnished the Association during this Annual session.

35. The report on Obituaries was read by W. M. Black, and adopted.

Report on Obituaries.

Within the past year the Lord has taken from our number the following brethren:

Our Brother, Rev. E. T. Higgason, who at the time was pastor of London Bridge Church, and prior to that had served as missionary in Oklahoma, and later as pastor on the Eastern Shore.

Brother John B. Jenkins, a deacon in Freemason Street Baptist Church, was a well known business man with many friends outside of his church in the city. Within the church and denomination, he was greatly beloved and highly esteemed. He was one of the foremost Baptists of Norfolk. He had the confidence of every one and was ever ready to give to his church and denomination the benefit of his experience as an accomplished and successful business man. His church and denomination alike have sustained a real loss in the death of Brother Jenkins.

Freemason Street was again plunged into mourning when the sudden death of our dearly beloved Dr. Livius Lankford was announced. While his death was a great blow to his own church and the loss felt by the church very great, yet every one thought of Dr. Lankford more as a denominational man. Baptists everywhere felt that he had belonged to them rather than to any single church and they never hesitated to call upon him at any time to render service to his denomination. He was so wrapped up in the work of the Laymen's Movement that we instinctively thought of them together. He never knew how to say "no" when asked to do work for the cause of the Master. In fact, his labors knew no bounds, for he had in him a heart that was too big to be limited to his own church and even his denomination, for he was vitally interested in Y. M. C. A. work, and in his profession did much charity work—his great heart yearned for the salvation of his fellowmen. A great and noble physician was he who assisted the Great Physician.

Brother Ludloe Watkins of the First Baptist Church was held in the highest esteem by his church and was not only a hearer of the Word but a doer. He taught a Bible Class in the Bible School; was chairman of the finance committee and brought things to pass. The last year of his earthly career he succeeded in paying off the debt of six thousand dollars on the parsonage. He was associated with the First Church five or six years and during that time won his way into the hearts of the people of that church. He put God's work first and never lost an opportunity to do good. Such christians are always a great loss to their churches.

The Central Church was called upon for one of her best and truest sons in the person of Brother R. A. Peabworth. He was one of the pioneer members of this church, a pious and consecrated christian, and served as deacon of the church for fifteen or twenty years. It is said that a word of reproach was never uttered against him. He was a man of humble spirit but gave liberally of his means and was one of the leading men in building the magnificent First church.

These choice spirits have passed into the "great beyond," but their influence lingers in the memories of the Association and will inspire and encourage us who remain here to continue the good work until the Lord shall call us. These "being dead yet speaketh."

Respectfully,

WM. M. BLACK.

36. On motion Dr. R. B. Garrett was elected as Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention from this Association.

37. The Moderator announced the Standing Committees of the Association for the year. (See back cover).

38. On motion the Association adjourned after prayer by Bro. N. Richards, to meet one year hence with the Central Church, Norfolk, Va.

R. B. GARRETT, Moderator;
Portsmouth, Va.

Austin O. Boda, Clerk;
2115 Glasgow St., Portsmouth, Va.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. Name.—This shall be called the Woman's Missionary Union of the Portsmouth Association, Auxiliary to the Portsmouth Baptist District Association of Virginia.

Article II. Object.—To organize and systematize the missionary work of the women and children of this Association, to stimulate the societies and encourage the organization of new ones, to cultivate a mission spirit and the grace of giving among all of our members.

Article III. Officers.—The officers shall be a Superintendent, a Secretary, a Treasurer and as many Assistant Superintendents as this Association shall think necessary to carry on its work successfully. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association.

Article IV. Membership.—The members of the body shall consist of its officers, two delegates from each Woman's Missionary Society, an adult delegate from each Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, Sunbeam Band and Chapter of Royal Ambassadors within the bounds of the Portsmouth Association.

Article V. Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of this body shall be held at some time and place decided upon by the Association.

Article VI. Devotional Exercises.—Every session of the annual meeting of this Union shall be opened and closed with devotional exercises.

Article VII. Amendments.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

BY-LAWS.

Article I. Duties of Officers.—It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, with the Assistants, to arrange a program for the annual meeting, and she shall publish a notice of the meeting in the "Religious Herald" and the local papers; to preside over the sessions of the body; to send out all reports, and to do all necessary correspondence for the Union; to organize new societies in the Association and to keep in touch with those already organized.

Section 1. Secretary.—The Secretary shall record the minutes of the annual meeting of the Union, and have them published in the Minutes of the Portsmouth Baptist Association. She shall send notices of the annual meeting to each Missionary Society in the Association, and shall notify all committees of their appointment.

Section 2. Treasurer.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys collected at the annual meeting and to disburse the same by order of the Union, or the Executive Committee between the annual meetings of the Union.

Section 3. Assistant Superintendents.—The Assistant Superintendents shall organize and foster societies, of all grades, in their divisions, and shall plan for one or more Divisional meetings during the year.

All Assistant Superintendents shall report quarterly to the Superintendent. In absence of the Superintendent, one of the Assistants shall preside.

Article II. Elections.—All elections shall be by ballot. All officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee chosen by the body

one year in advance, which committee shall consist of not less than five members.

Article III. Constitution.—The Constitution and By-Laws shall be read at the opening of each annual meeting of the Association.

Article IV. Recommendations.—That a collection of one dollar (\$1.00) from each of the Woman's Missionary Societies be taken at each annual meeting to defray expenses of the Superintendent to the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, and to foster the work in any way deemed wise by the Executive Committee.

MINUTES.

September 20th, 1917.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Portsmouth Association was held with the Berkley Avenue Church, Thursday, September 20th, 1917; the morning session beginning at 10:30 o'clock, with the Superintendent, Mrs. S. A. D. Parker, presiding.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung as the opening hymn, followed by prayer, with Mrs. B. K. Mason as leader.

The welcoming remarks, made by Mrs. Geo. J. Hobday, on behalf of the Berkley Avenue Church, were most fitting and cordial; the response to which was made in a few well chosen words by Mrs. J. V. Sporfriend, of Centreville church.

The Union was fortunate in having, as visitors for the day, Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, of Richmond, and Miss Ethel Wingfield, of Petersburg, both of whom added very materially to the interest of the different subjects discussed.

After reading the Constitution and By-Laws, roll of all the Societies was called and total amounts contributed to all objects read.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

Committee on Time and Place—

MRS. JNO. R. DOLES,
MRS. W. E. BRINSON,
MRS. S. A. JENNINGS,
MRS. A. T. SPORPIND.

Committee on Resolutions—

MRS. W. W. GORDON,
MRS. W. V. KEEFE,
MRS. J. E. JOHNSON.

Committee for Obituaries for 1918—

MRS. T. E. BAIRD,
MRS. A. MOSES,
MRS. W. B. SPENCER.

Committee on Nominations for 1918—

MRS. A. MOSES,
MRS. B. K. MASON,
MRS. R. B. GARRETT,
MRS. CARRIE HOBGOOD,
MRS. C. D. MAHONE.

Mrs. Thomas spoke on the Church Building and Loan Fund, referring to the many soldiers camps scattered throughout the country, as one indication that, at the present time, Home Missions is decidedly in the ascendancy. In speaking of the work of the Home Mission Board, the speaker stated that this Board alone brought into our Baptist communion, during last year, 21,000 souls, many of whom

have no house of worship. Altogether, there are as many as 3,000 homeless churches in the southwestern part of our country, and the question confronting us is, How are we to house this great number of homeless churches?

To aid in this work, Mrs. Thomas suggested Church Building Memorials, many of which have been established by Woman's Missionary Societies in Virginia, as well as by a number of individuals and one Association. The sum of \$500.00 given for this purpose, will, in a period of 33 years, be sufficient to build 60 churches.

The next number on the program was a Mission Study Conference, led by Mrs. A. Moses of First Church, who, after a few preliminary remarks setting forth the advantages of Mission Study Classes, propounded thirteen questions on the subject, which were answered and freely discussed, much to the edification of those present.

At this point the regular collection was taken, amounting to \$8.73.

Mrs. Putney of Central church, led the devotional exercises, which brought to a close the morning session, selecting the last few verses of the sixth chapter of Ephesians as the scripture lesson, from which were drawn some very forceful and practical truths. In answer to St. Paul's admonition to be strong, Mrs. Putney reminded us that God is the source of all our strength and by waiting on Him we cannot be weaklings, and that in putting on the armor, it must be the whole armor, Achilles being cited as an instance of the fatality of being partially equipped for battle. After prayer, led by Mrs. Thomas, the meeting adjourned to reconvene at 2 o'clock p. m.

After a delightful repast, served by the women of the church, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, the afternoon session was called to order and the Superintendent announced that Young People's work would be the principal feature of this session. "O, Zion, Haste" was sung, followed by devotional exercises, Miss Margaret Tweedy reading the scripture lesson and Miss Ella Wickson, a student at the Training School in Louisville, leading in prayer.

Miss Bright spoke on the advantages of the Correspondence Course for Young People's Leaders, which gives full information concerning leadership of the different young people's societies in a set of books which have been especially selected by the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia.

Miss Ethel Wingfield, leader of the young people's work in the state, was invited to the platform and spoke especially on the article in our Standard of Excellence relative to fostering other societies. The speaker stressed the full meaning of the word foster, which laid much more responsibility on members of the Women's Missionary Societies than would seem at first glance; showing that it is not sufficient to organize these young people into societies, but they must be nurtured, cherished and helped in every way possible after they have been organized.

Mrs. Thomas was asked to speak on Food Conservation, which she stated was a message from Dr. McLaughlin, asking that the Baptist women of the south be especially careful along this line, first by avoiding all waste and then by conserving food in every way possible—canning, etc.

Mrs. Thomas also made some remarks concerning the Training School, stating that the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial Chapel has been completed and contains a handsome oil painting of Miss Heck, in which the artist has portrayed, to a wonderful degree, those many lovable, christian qualities which shone in the features of the original. This school stands as a monument of answered prayers of the Southern Baptist Women.

Personal Service was discussed by Mrs. Aubrey Williams of Park Place Church, who referred to the Master's remark, "He who would be greatest among you, let him be servant of all," to show that real greatness lies in serving our fellow-man in a real, personal way. Mrs. Williams urged that we serve by having an excuse for the faults of others; a word of encouragement for their hopes; a smile and helping hand for the downcast; as well as in the many other ways which daily present themselves, not forgetting that the highest form of service is winning a soul to God. These very interesting and helpful remarks were closed with the familiar lines of Mrs. Browning regarding service.

The Superintendent stated that the Woman's Missionary Union of the Association was in arrears on the tuition of Miss Bertha Lockhart at the Buchanan Mountain School for last year, to the amount of \$36.42, owing to a mistake in filling out some of the remittance blanks by treasurers. The amount was promptly raised by pledges from representatives of the societies present, and plans discussed as to how this error may be avoided in the future. Upon motion of Mrs. W. W. Gordon, it was decided that the Superintendent designate on blank forms, for quarter ending January 15th, the amount intended for Miss Lockhart's tuition.

Just at this point, Mrs. Anderson, of Court Street church, delighted the audience with a vocal solo, most beautifully and sympathetically rendered.

It was moved and carried that letters of sympathy be sent Mrs. A. Gwathmey, Mr. R. E. Chambers and Mrs. J. T. Whitehurst.

Reports were heard and adopted as follows: Committee on Time and Place:—Time, Fourth Thursday in May; Place, Park Place Church.

Report of Treasurer:—Amount received, \$35.10; amount expended \$27.78; leaving balance on hand of \$7.32.

Committee on Nominations submitted the following names: Superintendent, Mrs. W. W. Gordon; Secretary, Mrs. F. L. Nicholson; Treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Whittaker, but on the refusal of Mrs. Gordon to accept the office of Superintendent, Mrs. R. J. Whitehead of Park Place Church, nobly came to the rescue of the Union from a most embarrassing situation, and agreed to accept the nomination which was made from the floor by Mrs. Williams, and unanimously adopted by the body.

Upon motion of Mrs. Garrett, it was carried that the Nominating Committee be continued, and be given the power to regroup the churches and to select the Assistant Superintendents, reporting same to the Superintendent.

Mrs. Sporpind reported her work as an Assistant Superintendent, having seven churches in her group, the annual meeting of which was held September 6th, 1917, with a good attendance, and a very interesting program.

The following resolutions were read by Mrs. Gordon, chairman of the committee, and adopted by the body:

Resolved, That we, the women of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Portsmouth Association, express our delight in, and appreciation of, the warm welcome and beautiful hospitality afforded us by the Woman's Missionary Society and other women of the Berkley Avenue Church, and that a rising vote of thanks be extended them by this body.

Upon motion of Mrs. J. M. Marshall, the body again rose to express their thanks to the retiring Superintendent for faithful services rendered during her three years' leadership, and their regret at her inability to continue the work as Superintendent.

The new Superintendent, Mrs. R. J. Whitehead, was introduced by the retiring Superintendent, and made a few remarks of acceptance, asking the hearty co-operation of all present, during the coming year.

After a closing prayer the meeting adjourned to meet with the Park Place Church Thursday, 25th, 1918.

MRS. S. A. D. PARKER, Supt.
MRS. F. L. NICHOLSON, Sec'y.

Below is given the list of Societies in the Association, with the total amounts raised for all objects up to April 15th, 1917, it having been voted, at a previous meeting, that the fiscal year end at that time instead of in September as heretofore:

Churches.	W. M. S.	Y. W. A.	G. A.	R. A.	Sunbeam.
Berkley Ave. -----	\$ 144.03	\$36.41	\$ 2.60	-----	-----
Burrows Memorial	35.83	-----	-----	-----	-----
Blackwater -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$.76
Central -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	27.15
Court Street -----	419.48	-----	-----	-----	-----
Centreville -----	56.90	-----	-----	-----	7.95
Churchland -----	170.15	-----	-----	-----	-----
Deep Creek -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
First Church -----	1122.65	51.57	28.10	\$ 4.00	73.43
Fourth Street -----	136.50	34.80	13.80	17.00	36.11
Freemason Street	998.04	44.00	-----	13.75	-----
Kempsville -----	9.30	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lake Drummond -----	28.90	-----	-----	-----	-----
London Bridge -----	94.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Nansemond -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.70
Ocean View -----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Park Place -----	187.28	18.05	144.00	5.00	7.85
Prentis Place -----	41.26	-----	-----	-----	2.53
Park View -----	212.16	-----	-----	-----	-----
Park Avenue -----	289.58	42.10	15.35	-----	21.00
Pleasant Grove -----	25.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Port Norfolk -----	89.70	-----	-----	-----	-----
St. John's -----	28.50	-----	-----	-----	8.15
South Norfolk -----	102.00	-----	-----	2.00	39.66
Spurgeon Memorial	358.97	-----	-----	-----	27.26
South Street -----	79.60	-----	-----	-----	-----
Westhaven -----	25.96	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total-----	\$4655.79	\$226.93	\$203.85	\$41.75	\$255.55

MRS. F. L. NICHOLSON,
Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES

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

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	Estab- lished	PASTORS	Value of Church Building and Lot	Value of Pastori'm and Lot	Sundays of Preaching
1	Berkley Avenue	Norfolk City	1873		\$25000 00	\$	Every
2	Bethel	Norfolk Co.	1889	Cox, Geo. W.	1500 00		2d & 4th
3	Blackwater	Princess Anne Co.	1774		1500 00		
4	Broadway	Norfolk Co.	1898	Torbert, R. W.			Every
5	Burrows Memorial	Norfolk City	1894	Hill, J. B.	20000 00		Every
6	Calvary	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	Boda, A. O.	40000 00	2500 00	Every
7	Campostella	Norfolk Co.	1916	Torbert, R. W.	3900 00		Every
8	Central	Norfolk City	1885	Putney, F. W.	53000 00		Every
9	Centerville	Norfolk Co.	1872	Cox, Geo. W.	2000 00	2000 00	Every
10	Churchland	Norfolk Co.	1785	Savage, W. V.	32000 00	5000 00	Every
11	Court Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	Garrett, R. B.	75000 00		Every
12	Deep Creek	Norfolk Co.	1869	Wiley, J. W.	1500 00	2400 00	1st & 3rd
13	East Brambleton	Norfolk City	1908	Noble, J. E.	1500 00		Every
14	Fairmount	Norfolk City	1909		4500 00		
15	First Church	Norfolk City	1805	Straton, J. R.	70000 00	8000 00	Every
16	Fourth Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	Mason, B. K.	33000 00	3000 00	Every
17	Freemason Street	Norfolk City	1848	Melton, S. W.	75000 00		Every
18	Gilmerton	Norfolk Co.	1895	Snyder, W. A.	1200 00	700 00	2d & 4th
19	Kempsville	Princess Anne Co.	1814		5000 00		Every
20	Knott's Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876		800 00		
21	Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co.	1850	Wiley, J. W.	2100 00		2d & 4th
22	London Bridge	Princess Anne Co.	1788	Haislip, W. B.	3000 00	2500 00	Every
23	Nansemond	Nansemond Co.	1891	Savage, W. V.	3000 00		1st & 3rd
24	Northwest	Norfolk Co.	1782	Burfoot, A. W.	3000 00		1st & 3rd
25	Oak Grove	Princess Anne Co.	1762	Duling, W. B.	2500 00	1000 00	Every
26	Ocean View	Norfolk Co.	1908		1000 00		Every
27	Park Avenue	Norfolk City	1885	Riddick, J. T.	40000 00	5000 00	Every
28	Park Place	Norfolk City	1902	Williams, R. A.	50000 00		Every
29	Park View	Portsmouth, Va.	1899	Kendrick, R. G.	15000 00		Every
30	Pleasant Grove	Norfolk Co.	1845	Shepherd, N. H.	2000 00		2d & 4th
31	Port Norfolk	Norfolk Co.	1898	Jones, H. F.	25000 00	4000 00	Every
32	Prentiss Place	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	Jackson, J. B.	4500 00		Every
33	South Norfolk	Norfolk Co.	1893	Black, W. M.	25000 00		Every
34	South Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	Jones, H. M. B.	32000 00		Every
35	Spurgeon Memorial	Norfolk City	1892	Dogan, R. J.	32500 00	4000 00	Every
36	St. John	Princess Anne Co.	1856	Duling, W. B.	2000 00	2000 00	Every
37	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, Va.	1907	Richards, N.	10000 00		Every
38	Westhaven	Norfolk Co.	1913	Morrison, G. S.	1200 00		Every
39	West Norfolk	Norfolk Co.	1895	Snyder, W. A.	1600 00	1200 00	Every
				Total	701,800 00	43,300 00	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES.

	CHURCHES	ADDITIONS BY				DIMINUTIONS BY				Present Number		
		Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Statement	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Males	Females	Total
1	Berkley Avenue	14	16	---	4	20	---	1	3	153	285	438
2	Bethel	6	9	---	4	4	---	11	---	45	63	108
3	Blackwater	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
4	Broadway	2	4	---	2	---	---	1	---	14	16	30
5	Burrows Memorial	4	4	---	1	7	---	---	3	121	236	357
6	Calvary	38	12	---	9	14	---	---	1	236	314	550
7	Campostella	---	8	---	7	---	---	---	---	18	32	50
8	Central	30	57	1	8	16	---	80	6	230	330	560
9	Centerville	---	3	---	2	---	---	---	---	83	103	186
10	Churchland	13	3	---	---	5	---	---	1	114	114	228
11	Court Street	15	28	---	1	14	---	---	10	---	---	718
12	Deep Creek	2	---	---	---	4	---	---	---	89	98	187
13	East Brambleton	6	4	---	---	1	---	---	---	20	32	52
14	Fairmount	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	24	44	68
15	First Church	42	73	---	6	34	3	4	8	344	433	777
16	Fourth Street	36	37	---	4	12	4	---	7	233	356	589
17	Freemason Street	24	28	---	2	20	---	3	18	417	607	1181
18	Gilmerton	6	---	---	---	4	---	---	1	19	21	40
19	Kempsville	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34	48	82
20	Knotts Island	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
21	Lake Drummond	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	2	60	72	132
22	London Bridge	14	5	---	---	7	---	---	---	106	130	236
23	Nansemond	---	2	---	---	1	---	---	1	17	17	34
24	Northwest	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	67	138	205
25	Oak Grove	7	---	---	4	1	---	---	2	145	133	323
26	Ocean View	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	27	37	64
27	Park Avenue	30	18	---	6	32	---	---	3	197	297	494
28	Park Place	31	60	3	3	4	---	2	2	243	336	629
29	Park View	8	20	2	2	30	31	---	2	225	271	496
30	Pleasant Grove	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	45	57	102
31	Port Norfolk	19	18	3	8	5	13	5	---	252	346	597
32	Prentis Place	24	16	---	4	13	18	---	1	135	190	325
33	South Norfolk	20	17	---	5	13	4	83	3	196	326	522
34	South Street	25	14	---	8	10	---	1	4	275	317	592
35	Spurgeon Memorial	13	14	---	---	21	---	---	2	314	497	811
36	St. John	11	---	---	2	2	---	1	2	54	86	140
37	Virginia Beach	11	8	---	---	8	---	---	1	29	50	79
38	Westhaven	---	4	---	---	8	---	2	---	22	22	44
39	West Norfolk	2	3	---	---	4	---	---	---	44	48	92
	Totals	455	485	9	92	315	73	194	84	5473	6602	12073

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES		Superintendents and Post Offices	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Conversions	Church members In School	Months in Session
1	Berkley Avenue	E. J. West, Norfolk, Va.	1	22	325	14	175	12
2	Bethel	M. L. Crothers, Berkley, Va.	1	10	58	6		12
3	Blackwater							
4	Broadway	E. E. McClain, Norfolk, Va., Route 2	1	11	58	2	20	12
5	Burrows Memorial	Geo. R. Martin, Norfolk, Va.	1	35	435	3	155	12
6	Calvary	W. T. L. Shepherd, Portsmouth, Va.	1	40	545	31	275	12
7	Campostella	J. J. Swindell, Norfolk, Va., Route 4	1	10	100		35	12
8	Central	J. W. Phillips, 10th St., Norfolk, Va.	1	36	500	24	300	12
9	Centerville	R. R. Moss, Berkley, R. F. D.	1	17	95	1	60	12
10	Churchland	Jno. T. Griffin, Portsmouth, Va.	1	14	139	12	114	12
11	Court Street	J. M. C. Duke, Portsmouth, Va.	1	39	282	15	212	12
12	Deep Creek	W. H. C. Deal, Portsmouth, Va., Route 2	1	12	134		50	12
13	East Brambleton	W. F. Berry, R. 5, Box 4, Norfolk, Va.	1	9	66	6	17	12
14	Fairmount		1	12	87		25	12
15	First Church	J. M. Robertson, Norfolk, Va.	1	51	579	29	294	12
16	Fourth Street	L. B. Pendergraph, Portsmouth, Va.	1	36	442	37	178	12
17	Freemason Street	W. F. Robertson, Norfolk, Va.	1	40	628	18	395	12
18	Gilmerton	J. H. Cotton, Gilmerton, Va.	1	7	57	6	15	12
19	Kempsville	J. D. Murden, Princess Anne, Va.	1	6	56		40	12
20	Knott's Island							
21	Lake Drummond	G. G. Waller, Hickory, Va.	1	10	45		26	12
22	London Bridge	Elza Land, London Bridge, Va.	1	15	155	11	120	12
23	Nansemond	W. J. Jordan, Drivers, Va.	1	7	33			12
24	Northwest	W. D. Cox, Moyock, N. C.	1	11	136		90	12
25	Oak Grove	W. W. Bowen, Munden, Va.	1	17	200	6	160	12
26	Ocean View	G. F. Williams, Ocean View, Va.	1	12	88		20	12
27	Park Avenue	F. A. Walker, Norfolk, Va.	1	17	350	28	150	12
28	Park Place	C. E. Stevenson, Norfolk, Va.	1	53	644	35	320	12
29	Park View	J. S. Parker, Portsmouth, Va.	1	29	272	7	200	12
30	Pleasant Grove	H. J. Cravens, Hickory, Va.	1	10	105	2	58	12
31	Port Norfolk		1	45	445			12
32	Prentiss Place	R. B. Carr, Portsmouth, Va.	1	41	370	15	200	12
33	South Norfolk	Geo. B. White, South Norfolk, Va.	1	37	625	12	450	12
34	South Street	W. S. Parker, Portsmouth, Va.	1	40	320		145	12
35	Spurgeon Memorial	E. A. Binns, Norfolk, Va.	1	30	516	7	218	12
36	St. John	Alonzo Lee, Princess Anne, Va.	1	11	107	7	93	12
37	Virginia Beach	John Freeman, Virginia Beach, Va.	1	11	75	8	68	12
38	Westhaven	G. W. Hamer, Portsmouth, Va.	1	9	96		19	12
39	West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.	1	10	113		33	12
Total				822	9291	342	4730	

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BOARDS.

	CHURCHES	State Missions	S. School and Colportage	Education Board	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Education Commission	Other Benevolences	Total
1	Berkley Ave. ---	73 79	32 25	64 59	159 15	105 90	25 50	156 83	---	79 10	697 11
2	Bethel ---	7 00	1 00	2 00	10 00	4 00	2 00	19 00	---	---	45 00
3	Blackwater ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
4	Broadway ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11 00	---	---	11 00
5	Burrows Mem. ---	38 00	5 00	10 50	108 50	42 33	6 00	72 15	---	15 00	297 48
6	Calvary ---	65 00	10 00	10 00	35 00	85 00	5 00	76 93	---	165 00	461 93
7	Campostella ---	---	20 00	---	---	10 00	---	---	2 00	---	32 00
8	Central ---	52 34	3 68	3 69	184 59	117 09	33 68	13 86	---	65 00	473 93
9	Centerville ---	33 65	5 00	5 00	55 71	48 85	4 75	101 00	1 00	5 64	260 60
10	Churchland ---	410 00	62 70	55 00	833 90	625 45	75 00	440 00	5 00	2174 30	4681 35
11	Court Street ---	130 31	34 31	84 30	34 31	426 20	1139 23	129 00	---	1500 00	3467 71
12	Deep Creek ---	---	---	---	9 55	---	---	3 25	---	---	12 80
13	E. Brambleton ---	---	2 00	---	---	2 00	1 00	4 92	---	---	9 92
14	Fairmount ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
15	First Church ---	699 66	55 01	61 47	706 68	459 36	55 33	474 17	100 00	461 25	3072 93
16	Fourth Street ---	96 83	15 04	10 00	132 20	140 71	10 00	144 86	---	21 00	570 64
17	Freemason St. ---	410 73	47 74	92 39	1323 84	738 40	76 99	960 52	---	240 31	3890 92
18	Gilmerton ---	15 00	---	---	15 00	10 00	---	47 00	---	---	87 00
19	Kempsville ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
20	Knott's Island ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
21	Lake Drum'nd ---	14 87	1 00	2 30	12 00	---	---	3 30	---	---	33 47
22	London Bridge ---	70 00	10 75	10 50	42 50	37 15	5 00	149 10	5 00	28 00	306 55
23	Nansemond ---	11 50	2 50	1 50	9 65	11 55	---	40 00	2 00	---	78 60
24	Northwest ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
25	Oak Grove ---	25 00	5 00	5 00	25 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	2 77	---	92 77
26	Ocean View ---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
27	Park Avenue ---	98 85	10 00	12 12	84 62	69 55	10 00	---	20 00	22 16	327 30
28	Park Place ---	594 18	24 51	35 65	791 84	362 41	39 51	371 37	11 16	---	2230 63
29	Park View ---	160 33	11 13	20 00	311 99	230 84	20 00	145 32	90 00	14 50	1004 11
30	Pleasant Grove ---	20 00	---	---	50 00	22 00	5 00	16 00	5 00	---	118 00
31	Port Norfolk ---	10 00	5 00	7 15	66 00	36 00	5 00	---	---	---	129 15
32	Prentis Place ---	65 12	11 00	10 00	74 86	100 05	7 00	83 43	6 57	80 00	438 03
33	South Norfolk ---	75 00	11 00	10 00	75 00	75 00	10 00	142 78	8 00	50 56	457 34
34	South Street ---	---	---	---	125 32	125 32	---	125 00	---	---	375 64
35	Spurgeon Mem. ---	126 93	16 65	---	494 40	127 32	---	705 79	---	168 00	1639 09
36	St. John ---	26 75	8 00	4 25	44 75	55 25	6 00	27 40	---	14 30	186 70
37	Va. Beach ---	---	---	---	10 00	10 00	---	---	---	---	20 00
38	Westhaven ---	---	---	---	14 54	23 09	---	8 00	---	---	45 63
39	West Norfolk ---	40 00	5 00	11 30	8 80	10 10	7 10	60 33	5 00	5 64	153 32
	Total	3370 84	416 27	508 72	5849 70	4130 92	1654 14	4537 36	263 00	5109 76	25708 65

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES.

	CHURCHES	Pator's Salary	Current Expenses	Support of S. School	Church Bldg. and Improvement	Aid of Poor	Associational Fund	Evangelists	Miscellaneous	Total
1	Berkley Ave. ----	1500 00	911 94	238 61	1666 57	20 00	5 00	60 00	108 45	3910 57
2	Bethel ----	125 00	18 00	-----	-----	-----	2 10	11 70	-----	156 80
3	Blackwater ----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
4	Broadway ----	168 05	22 00	-----	69 40	-----	1 00	7 00	-----	267 45
5	Burrows Mem. ----	-----	1663 32	-----	616 24	85 00	2 00	60 00	22 97	2447 53
6	Calvary ----	1620 00	812 00	529 78	4257 82	150 00	2 50	75 00	740 00	8187 70
7	Campostella ----	171 15	549 76	-----	-----	6 80	1 00	25 00	-----	753 71
8	Central ----	2000 00	1500 00	-----	1060 00	60 00	5 00	-----	-----	4565 00
9	Centerville ----	875 00	100 00	-----	-----	50 00	2 00	-----	50 00	1077 00
10	Churchland ----	2000 00	350 00	72 00	-----	360 00	5 00	100 00	300 00	3193 00
11	Court Street ----	2400 00	2726 26	-----	210 90	576 00	10 00	175 00	85 07	6183 23
12	Deep Creek ----	40 00	115 69	-----	5 00	8 51	-----	-----	-----	529 20
13	E. Brambleton ----	-----	25 33	-----	30 00	19 25	1 00	-----	-----	84 58
14	Fairmount ----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
15	First Church ----	3250 00	2878 07	190 00	3564 75	214 17	6 00	-----	1084 25	11187 24
16	Fourth Street ----	1940 00	765 22	-----	1648 52	217 88	5 00	157 61	88 11	4822 34
17	Freemason St. ----	-----	8457 20	600 28	1843 33	546 55	10 00	-----	2096 51	13553 87
18	Gilmerton ----	180 00	50 00	35 00	-----	-----	1 00	-----	-----	266 00
19	Kempsville ----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
20	Knott's Island ----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
21	Lake Drum'nd ----	250 00	33 11	-----	-----	-----	2 50	-----	-----	285 51
22	London Bridge ----	569 00	124 98	-----	94 18	-----	2 50	50 00	-----	840 66
23	Nansemond ----	152 00	20 00	23 54	72 25	-----	2 00	-----	-----	269 79
24	Northwest ----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
25	Oak Grove ----	500 00	50 00	-----	30 00	-----	5 00	29 50	10 00	624 50
26	Ocean View ----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
27	Park Ave. ----	1702 00	808 16	-----	1691 73	183 04	5 00	-----	26 50	4416 43
28	Park Place ----	3000 00	1920 46	-----	5633 34	81 50	5 00	37 50	36 20	10114 00
29	Park View ----	1815 00	865 15	-----	3944 92	40 00	5 00	136 50	-----	6806 57
30	Pleasant Grove ----	300 00	33 00	-----	-----	-----	2 00	21 00	-----	361 00
31	Port Norfolk ----	2000 00	994 20	-----	5000 00	32 00	5 00	-----	487 12	8518 32
32	Prentis Place ----	1200 00	280 64	182 87	250 00	25 00	3 00	63 00	200 00	2204 51
33	South Norfolk ----	1200 00	480 00	366 02	2145 00	103 25	4 00	40 00	25 00	4363 46
34	South Street ----	1500 00	2094 71	270 00	1403 18	75 90	-----	-----	157 60	5501 39
35	Spurgeon Mem. ----	2000 00	936 81	1277 66	1601 60	216 10	5 00	60 00	590 00	6687 17
36	St. John ----	450 00	52 54	82 06	-----	-----	2 80	40 00	23 00	650 40
37	Va. Beach ----	309 86	-----	-----	60 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	369 86
38	Westhaven ----	180 00	88 96	-----	176 50	-----	1 00	-----	60 16	506 62
39	West Norfolk ----	360 00	111 35	86 73	147 94	-----	1 50	-----	-----	707 52
	Total -----	34117 06	29843 86	3954 55	35924 17	3070 95	109 90	1148 81	6130 78	114362 93

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