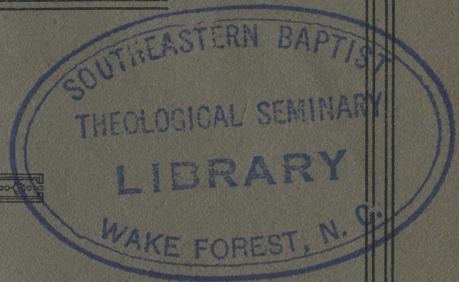


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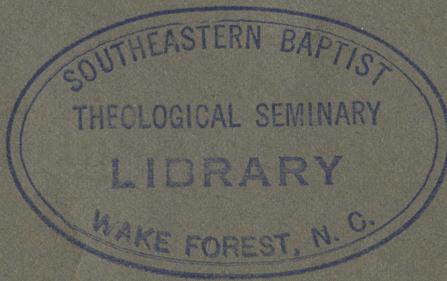


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HELD WITH THE  
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**SOUTH NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

**NORFOLK, COUNTY**

**September 26th, 27th and 28th, 1916**

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2. Bethel-----W. A. Etheridge, Fentress, Va.
3. Blackwater -----
4. Broadway-----I. R. Dozier, Norfolk, Va., Route 4
5. Burrows Memorial-----U. G. Cobb, Norfolk, Va.
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7. Central-----J. W. Frank, 830 Yerdly Ave., Norfolk, Va.
8. Centerville-----Wilson Davis, Fentress, Va.
9. Churchland-----M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.
10. Campostella-----F. B. Townsend, Norfolk, Va.
11. Court Street-----C. T. Joyner, Portsmouth, Va.
12. Deep Creek-----W. H. C. Deal, Portsmouth, Va., Route 3
13. East Brambleton-----W. E. Flanagan, Norfolk, Va., Route 5
14. Fairmount-----Norfolk, Va.
15. First, Norfolk-----W. D. Coates, Norfolk, Va.
16. Fourth Street-----W. L. Walker, Portsmouth, Va.
17. Freemason Street-----C. L. Wichard, Norfolk, Va.
18. Gilmerton-----M. G. Gallimore, 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-----E. Land, London Bridge, Va.
23. Nansemond-----J. E. Jordan, Driver, Va.
24. Northwest-----R. S. Poyner, Hickory, Va.
25. Oak Grove-----H. W. Dudley, Back Bay, Va.
26. Ocean View-----J. W. Watkins, Ocean View, Va.
27. Park Avenue-----C. W. Jones, Norfolk, Va.
28. Park Place-----J. H. Nininger, Norfolk, Va.
29. Park View-----T. D. Roper, Portsmouth, Va.
30. Pleasant Grove-----A. O. Lee, 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-----W. A. Grubb, Norfolk, Va.
38. West Norfolk-----A. 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.

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

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

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

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

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### RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# MINUTES

South Norfolk, Va., September, 1916.

1. The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met in its one hundred and twenty-sixth session with the South Norfolk Church, Norfolk County, at 10:30 A. M., and was called to order by R. B. Garrett, Moderator. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. B. Lacy Hoge.

2. Letters from the churches were read by J. A. McCaughan, and the following delegates enrolled:

## DELEGATES.

- Berkley Avenue—J. H. Privott, E. M. Graves, J. W. Lawrence and J. R. Williams.
- Bethel-----T. C. Davis, W. A. Etheridge and W. D. Hawks
- Blackwater—
- Broadway-----I. R. Dozuer, E. E. McClain and E. S. Leary
- Burrows Memorial—C. W. Simmons, J. M. Habel, W. W. Burfoot, J. P. Abbitt and W. H. Smelser.
- Calvary—W. H. Ford, Joseph F. Culpepper, W. H. Culpepper and W. T. L. Shepherd.
- Central—J. W. Phillips, W. F. Watkins, E. F. Abel, W. S. Wilkins, R. W. Pebworth and A. L. Bonwell.
- Centerville-----W. J. Herring, J. T. Roach, B. Wood
- Churchland-----W. T. Peake, T. B. Griffin and M. J. Kilby
- Court Street—W. C. Corbitt, J. M. C. Duke, O. L. Williams, J. W. Leaf and Emmet Deans.
- Deep Creek-----J. D. Carey, J. P. Deal
- East Brambleton-----Chas. Plumber, J. E. Nahles
- Fairmount—
- First Church—E. A. Watkins, H. J. Williams, A. H. Garrett, W. G. Collins.
- Fourth Street—Geo. W. Stroud, J. M. Everett, L. C. Brinson and C. H. Myers.
- Freemason Street—L. Lankford, M. Winston, John B. Jenkins, W. F. Robertson, L. B. Cox.
- Gilmerton-----A. W. Chapel, M. G. Gallimore and J. H. Cotton
- Kempsville---W. B. Frizell, W. F. Davis, H. B. Davis and J. D. Murden
- Knott's Island—
- Lake Drummond—
- London Bridge—E. Land, Geo. W. Reader, David Barnes and T. H. Pritchard.
- Nansemond-----T. W. Bidgood and F. M. Price
- Northwest-----D. A. Cox, W. B. Powers and J. E. Sylvester
- Oak Grove-----J. W. Utley and J. T. Fisher
- Ocean View---J. W. Hall, J. W. Watkins, J. G. McCoy and C. H. Holden
- Park Avenue—E. J. Grimstead, J. Etheridge, J. D. Howell, L. P. Roberts and J. D. Gregory.
- Park Place—C. R. Robertson, R. W. Outland, L. R. Heath and J. H. Nininger.
- Park View—J. L. Robertson, P. H. Williams, L. M. Harrell and T. D. Roper.
- Pleasant Grove-----J. B. Eason, M. W. Sikes and J. W. Smithson

Port Norfolk-----J. W. Cotton, C. E. Saunders, W. H. Rodman  
 Prentis Place-----Geo. Anderson, W. M. Lawrence and W. A. Vance  
 South Norfolk—Geo. W. Overman, Jas. A. Stephenson, Z. Quidly and  
 C. E. Johnson.  
 South Street—C. E. Crawford, T. O. Williams, F. J. Byland, E. L. Beal,  
 M. A. Toy and J. W. Terry.  
 Spurgeon Memorial—H. S. Jarvis, W. L. Sutton, L. M. Overton and W.  
 E. Etheridge.  
 St. John-----A. F. Toxey and Chas. Widgeons  
 Virginia Beach-----J. P. Jarvis and W. N. Grubb  
 West Norfolk-----J. A. Dennis and Z. D. Owens  
 Westhaven-----W. A. Stores, A. Doleman

#### MINISTERS PRESENT.

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| Anderson, J. T.  | Loge, B. Lacy    | Nobles, J. E.   |
| Black, W. M.     | Jackson, J. B.   | Pierce, E. S.   |
| Blackwell, C. S. | McKaughan, J. A. | Richards, N.    |
| Burfoot, A. W.   |                  | Savage, W. V.   |
| Boda, A. D.      | Jones, H. F.     | Straton, J. R.  |
| Duling, W. B.    | Kratzig, H. H.   | Snyder, W. A.   |
| Flannagan, W. R. | Kendrick, R. G.  | Westfall, L. J. |
| Garrett, R. B.   | Mason, B. K.     | Williams, R. A. |
| Hobday, G. J.    | Melton, S. W.    |                 |

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

Moderator—R. B. Garrett.

Vice-Moderator—J. Paul Spence.

Clerk and Treasurer—J. A. McKaughan.

Assistant Clerk—A. O. Boda.

4. The report of the Program Committee was read by W. R. Flannagan, and after some minor changes, was adopted.

#### Visitors Recognized.

5. Rev. W. T. Hundley, Norfolk, Va.; Rev. J. T. Betts, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. J. T. Haley, Hampton, Va., and at the evening session Dr. J. W. Cammack, Religious Herald, and J. R. Jester, Richmond College were recognized.

#### Introduction of New Pastors.

6. W. V. Savage introduced the following new pastors: A. O. Boda, of Calvary Church, Portsmouth, Va., and R. G. Kendrick, of Park View Church, Portsmouth, Va.

#### Introductory Sermon.

7. The Introductory sermon was preached by W. A. Snyder, pastor, West Norfolk, Psalms 46:7. Subject was: "The Power of Faith." Prayer by R. B. Garrett.

8. After words of welcome by W. M. Black, and announcements the Association adjourned to meet at 2:15 P. M., with prayer by H. F. Jones.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

9. Devotional services were conducted by C. S. Blackwell.

10. The Vice-Moderator called the body to order and appointed the following committees:

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher—W. R. Flannagan, J. M. C. Duke and W. C. Corbitt.

Committee on Reception of New Churches—B. K. Mason, L. J. Westfall and W. Frank Robertson.

11. The following were appointed as Finance Committee: A. W. Burfoot, B. K. Mason and E. S. Pierce.

12. The report on Education Commission was read by W. R. Flannagan. On motion the report was adopted.

Pending the adoption of the report addresses were made to the report by Dr. J. W. Cammack, Secretary of Education Commission, and Dr. J. R. Jester, Richmond College.

#### EDUCATION COMMISSION.

The fact that denominational progress is dependent in this day and time on trained leadership is no longer questioned. It is equally apparent that an **educated constituency** is necessary to the denomination that is to make its impress on the community and national life. Not only must we educate more largely but not a few of our people must be educated in an atmosphere which is favorable to the growth of our religious ideals. A culture that is not consecrated is not helpful to a state and is as sand for the foundations of denominational life. The rock of religion must underlie our enterprises.

Virginia Baptists are recognizing this fact in an encouraging and hopeful degree. The General Association of Virginia now has under its control seven Christian schools. These consist of standard colleges for men and for women, and an academy for boys in Richmond; one Junior College for girls at Danville and another at Bristol; one Academy for boys at Chatham and one at Fork Union.

In these schools last year were 1161 students. These institutions represent property and endowment amounting to more than \$2,565,000. During the past year the Education Commission has given its attention very largely to the Campaign for the four Secondary Schools outside of Richmond.

The time limit set for this Campaign was April 1st of this year. The active work of the Campaign was concluded at that time, except in a few cases where postponement to a later date was necessary.

The desired amount has not yet been subscribed in full, and it is hoped that any churches which have not raised their apportionment in cash or subscription may do so at the earliest moment.

Worthy of mention is the fact that in each of the schools benefited by this Campaign the study of the Bible is required for graduation, and also that before the close of last session practically every unconverted boy and girl in the schools who were not already church members had confessed Christ.

Richmond and Westhampton Colleges have had two years of splendid growth in the new location, and already additional new buildings and endowment to the extent of one million dollars are actually needed.

At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was created. This means that as a people we are more convinced that united and enlarged effort is necessary to maintain our schools in which body, mind, and spirit are to receive adequate development.

Your Committee recommends that every church in our Associa-

tion comply with the request of the General Association and contribute regularly to the Education Commission for its current fund.

Your Committee further recommends that this Association give its endorsement of, and hearty co-operation to the campaign which is now beginning for the raising of one million dollars for Richmond and Westhampton Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. FLANNAGAN.

13. The report on Home Missions was read by R. G. Kendrick. The following brethren spoke to the report: R. G. Kendrick, J. R. Straton and W. R. Flannagan. The report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is a committee appointed annually by the Convention to prosecute mission work within the bounds of the Convention; and in Cuba and Panama. Some of this work is done by the Board directly, and some of it is done in co-operation with the Board of Missions in the various States. The special departments into which this work is divided are: Evangelism,, enlistment, work among Negroes, Mountain Schools, Co-operation Mission Work, Church Extension, work among Foreigners and Indians, and work in Cuba and Panama.

The present missionary force of the Board numbers 1409; and is divided as follows: 28 evangelists and singers; 20 enlistment workers; 177 teachers in Mountain Schools; 41 workers among the Negroes; Cuba 36; Panama 4; co-operation workers 1,103.

The blessings of God have been continually bestowed upon the workers. Baptisms were reported last May at the Asheville Convention as follows: In Mountain Schools 339; in Cuba and Panama 138; by Co-operation Missionaries, white 17,528, Negro 5,078; by Evangelists 20,709, making a grand total of 43,792. One hundred pastoral fields were developed by enlistment workers; churches constituted 167; Sunday Schools organized 584. In the Mountain Schools there are 5,319 students, 94 of whom have the Gospel ministry in view.

The amount expended in the prosecution of this work is as follows: Evangelism \$44,048.73; Mountain Schools \$47,494.33; Co-operation work including work in Cuba and Panama \$190,144.29; Church Extension \$37,112.05; Negro work \$7,475. Interest on borrowed money \$8,169.94. Total disbursements of the Board for all purposes were \$524,048.57 which was \$72,308.58 in excess of the total receipts of the Board.

The Convention at its meeting in Asheville, May 1916, instructed the Board to project its work for the ensuing year upon a basis of \$438,750.00. Of this amount Virginia has been apportioned \$43,000.00. Your Committee urges that the churches of this Association see to it that their pro rata of this apportionment is raised.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. KENDRICK.

14. After announcements the session adjourned till 7:45 P. M., with prayer by A. O. Boda.

## TUESDAY EVENING.

15. The Association convened at 8 o'clock P. M., and Dr. R. A. Williams conducted devotional services. Prayer by Rev. N. Richards.

16. The Association was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, who announced Periodicals as the subject for consideration.

### Periodicals.

17. The subject of Periodicals was taken up and discussed by Dr. J. W. Cammack, Dr. L. Lankford and C. R. Robertson.

In lieu of the report on Periodicals the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVE, That recognizing the worth of the Religious Herald as an active promoter of all our denominational enterprises, and that it is important that our people be informed as to the plans and the work undertaken by our denomination we recommend that the churches of this Association observe one Sunday in October as Herald day, and that an effort be made to place the Herald in the homes of all our people.

18. S. T. Dickinson read the report on the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which was adopted after discussion by Dr. L. Lankford, S. T. Dickinson and R. D. Garland.

### REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 26, 1916.

Throughout the length and breadth of the land the Laymen of our churches are now beginning to realize as never before that they have a great and important part to perform in the evangelization of the world. That each and everyone has a great opportunity and obligation resting on him, and they are responding to same. This great broadening of their visions has been brought about in a large measure by the adoption of the methods and means suggested by the Layman's Missionary Movement, which was inaugurated ten years ago, and as its name suggests, for the purpose of stimulating the Laymen of our churches, and securing their active enlistment and cooperation in all the various church activities. Undoubtedly this great Layman's Movement is like the little leaven that will eventually leaven the whole lump.

Wherever the methods and plans of the Layman's Missionary Movement have been inaugurated, the spiritual life of the church has been quickened and its work and effectiveness in all lines greatly increased. There is not a single exception to this rule. We earnestly hope that within the coming year every church in our Association will adopt the methods and plans recommended by the Layman's Missionary Movement, since it is certain that if this is done they will come to the Association next year with the best reports they have ever made, with broader visions, greater aspirations, and with a greatly increased growth in spiritual life and activity.

Very respectfully,

S. T. DICKINSON,  
Chairman, Layman's Missionary Movement.

19. On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday. Prayer by R. D. Garland.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

20. The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 10:00 A. M., and J. B. Jackson conducted devotional services.

### Ministers Relief Fund.

21. E. S. Pierce read the report on Ministers Relief Fund. The report was adopted. Pending the adoption of the report Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Dr. R. B. Garrett and J. M. C. Duke spoke to the report.

#### REPORT OF THE MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

This fund was established forty-four years ago. Since that time the Board has assisted 566 persons, paying out on their account \$139,453.40. The investments of the Board amounts to about \$31,000 from which it derives approximately \$1,700.00 per annum. This added to the receipts from the churches makes an income of about \$7,500—a very small fund to meet the reasonable demands upon the Board. There were eighty-one beneficiaries last year, giving an average of about \$93.00 to the person. The Board has four beneficiaries from this Association, to whom it gave last year \$430.00. The contribution from the churches of this Association to the Board last year, amounted to \$450.95—only \$20.95 above the amount expended by the Board in our Association. Your Committee recommends that the churches be urged to increase their contributions to this needy and WORTHY object of benevolence.

Very respectfully submitted,

E. S. PIERCE, Committee.

### Education Board.

22. The report on the Education Board was read by B. K. Mason, and was adopted after discussion by Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson and W. J. Herring.

#### EDUCATION BOARD REPORT.

Ministerial education is fundamental in all intelligent and aggressive Kingdom work. The demand for a trained and efficient ministry is an ever-increasing one. Because of this and because of the further fact that most of the men called of God into the ministry are from the ranks of the poor, it is of the utmost importance that adequate provision be made for extending financial aid to our ministerial students in preparing themselves for their life-work.

It is, indeed, gratifying to note in the Board's Annual Report to the last General Association that seventy young men were under the care of the Education Board, and of these, sixteen were pursuing studies in our Seminary at Louisville, forty-five in Richmond College, six in the Chatham Training School and three in Fork Union Military Academy. In the increasing number applying for aid and the worthiness, diligence, and promise of these young men, we should find reason for rejoicing.

But it is not very encouraging to find in the same report that Virginia Baptists failed to meet the financial demands upon this Board, which found it necessary to spend last year \$1,313.90 more than was contributed for this object. The financial condition of this Board is distressing—an increasing number of splendid young men applying for aid and the churches failing to give a sufficient amount to meet the increasing demands.

Your Committee wishes to call special attention to this condition and urge a deeper interest in Ministerial Education and a more liberal support of this very worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

B. K. MASON, Committee.

### State Missions.

23. The report on State Missions was read by Dr. R. A. Williams, and on motion the report was adopted. R. D. Garland, Field Secretary of the State Mission Board, T. J. Ragland and W. B. Duling spoke on the subject of State Missions pending the reading of the report.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is perhaps a common plan and trite thing to say that our State Mission Enterprise is fundamental to all of our denominational work. Its supreme purpose is to plant a Baptist Church in every section of Virginia to foster and nourish this infant organization until it has become strong and self-sustaining.

In this enlightened and well informed age there are still many people who do not know what is meant by State Missions as distinguished from Home Missions and it is still necessary to point out what this Board does and where it works.

The last report made by this Board before our General Association declares that the year preceding was the most gratifying year that they had experienced for which condition we should be exceedingly grateful. There are still many sections of Virginia where there are few if any Baptist Churches and many sections where the taint of the anti-missionary spirit still poisons the blood of the rising generations. We must give to this Board our loyalty and support it in every department of its work.

It is a matter of profound sorrow to us that the beloved Secretary of the Board, Mr. William Ellys, who for more than a quarter of a century has given with such superb generosity his money, his time, and his life continues in some what feeble health with his nervous forces somewhat depleted. We pray God's blessing upon him and that it may be His will that he may be fully restored to health.

All departments of our State work are in fine shape, but if the Board is to make the advance absolutely demanded by the situation in the State they must have more money in the Treasury and more men in the field.

Save Virginia and we have made a long step in the saving of the South and with the arm of the South extended we can reach around the earth.

R. AUBREY WILLIAMS, Committee.

24. After announcements the body adjourned to 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Dr. J. R. Straton.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

25. The Association re-assembled at 1:30 P. M., and after singing a hymn and prayer by Rev. T. J. Ragland, the body was addressed by Dr. J. Sidney Peters, Commissioner of Prohibition, on the subject of the Anti-Saloon League.

26. At this juncture Rev. W. V. Savage, introduced the following new pastors: Dr. R. A. Williams, pastor Park Place Church; Rev. J. B. Bassett, pastor Campostella Church, and T. J. Ragland, pastor Deep Creek Church.

### Foreign Missions.

27. The Foreign Mission Report was read by Dr. J. R. Straton, and spoken to by him and Dr. R. B. Garrett, and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We should feel profound gratitude to God for the continuance of His gracious favor upon our Foreign Mission work, and for His goodness in leading us this year into unprecedented victory out of the shadow of seeming defeat.

Despite the unexampled chaos into which the world has been thrown by the terrible war in Europe, and despite the unsettled social, economic, political and religious conditions which this world-catastrophy has brought about, our Southern Baptist hosts in this year of grace, nineteen hundred and sixteen, have won the greatest victory for world-wide evangelization in our long and noble history.

#### The Finances.

The total contributions for the year, including the amount raised on the debt and on the Judson Centennial Fund, were \$806,729. It is interesting, in this connection, to notice the steady financial progress of our denomination in connection with foreign missions. Forty-three years ago the receipts of the Foreign Board were less than \$50,000. Twenty-three years ago, they were \$200,000. Nine years ago, they were \$400,000. This year we have passed the \$800,000 mark! Within the next two years our contributions for this cause should easily reach a million dollars, and before many years, two millions of dollars. Why not? The number of Southern Baptists has doubled in twenty years, and their wealth is over ten times as great now as it was then.

That Southern Baptists are catching the vision and are feeling the will to reach these higher standards of achievement is demonstrated by the events of the past year. We record with unspeakable joy the completion of the great task of raising \$1,125,000 as a Judson Centennial Fund. This is a victory which should send a thrill of pride through every Baptist heart. It is a clear demonstration of what we can accomplish as a brotherhood when we have that unity of spirit and oneness of purpose and effort which have made us great in the past.

Another victory which should hearten us at the present time is the success of our Board's effort to raise the total indebtedness of \$180,000 that rested upon it. The brotherhood assembled at Asheville with a certain depression of spirits because of this gigantic debt, which was the accumulation of deficits of several years, and with apprehension for the future of the Board's work because of it. But

with a heroism and consecration that have always characterized our people in times of crisis, and under the manifest guidance of the Holy Spirit, the movement was launched at Asheville for the wiping out of this debt and pushed to final success. The fact that Virginia lead all of the States in this noble work and that our Association did its share is cause for gratification. And now our Board faces the new year, for the first time in several years, without a dollar of indebtedness and with opportunities for effective work, the world over, greater than ever before.

### The Year's Achievements.

The record of the wonderful achievements during the past year upon our foreign fields in full justification, not only for the special effort that was put forth for the raising of this debt, but also for yet greater efforts for the enlargement of our work. During the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized on the foreign fields, and 77 churches instituted. Our foreign missionaries now number 315, of whom 133 are men and 182 women. The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632—organized into 459 churches, **95 of which are self-supporting. The native Christians contributed \$129,561 to the work in their midst.** We have 462 Sunday schools which report 10,490 scholars. There are 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these mission schools, six are Women's Bible Training Schools, with 200 students, and ten are Theological Training schools with 191 students. We have now 19 medical missionaries, 9 hospitals, and 10 dispensaries. Our medical missionaries treated 74,866 patients last year.

The great strides which the native churches are making towards self-support and self-propagation is a challenge to us for deeper earnestness in the home land. One field will serve to illustrate this. In Brazil the per capita gifts for all objects is \$5.72. Our Brazilian Baptists have their own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Amongst our members in foreign lands there are many tithers. There are indeed churches which make tithing a test of fellowship. Many churches in the foreign fields are building their own houses of worship, paying the salaries of their pastors, and contributing to the support of missionary work in their own lands and elsewhere.

The barriers of ignorance, superstition and prejudice are breaking down in all the foreign lands, and the crying needs and increasing heart hunger of the dark millions of heathenism are opening wider and wider doors for our missionaries. As we look into the vista of the coming years therefore, we can say, with Adoniram Judson "Our future is as bright as the promises of God."

### Recommendations.

Your Committee earnestly recommends,

First: That our pastors encourage the prompt collection of subscriptions to the Judson Centennial Fund, and that they endeavor to safe-guard their churches from the danger of allowing these payments to interfere with the regular gifts for the support of our foreign mission work.

Secondly: We would urge that our churches make use of the many free tracts which can be secured from the Foreign Mission Board, and that they urge the claims of the new consolidated Missionary Magazine upon our people.

Thirdly: We would recommend, in addition to the use of the tracts and other educational printed matter, that a large number of classes be organized for the systematic study of missions. The For-

eign Mission report for 1916, which will be put into textbook form, will be admirable for this purpose, and there are several other valuable and interesting textbooks available.

Fourthly: In view of the imperative need for enlargement and reinforcement of our Foreign Mission fields, and of the urgent importance of meeting the current expenses of our regular work for this year, and the great desirability of avoiding another debt, we recommend that this Association divide among the churches, on an equitable basis, the apportionment for this year, and earnestly urge the churches to undertake to raise the amounts asked of them before April 30, 1917. The amount asked of Virginia is \$87,000, of which the Portsmouth Association is asked to give \$6,200.

Fifthly: We would recommend that all of our pastors quote to their churches the gratifying figures on page 117 of the Foreign Mission Board's Report, as found in the 1916 minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, showing that **only 8.3 cents out of each dollar raised for Foreign Missions was used to meet the operating expenses of the Board here in the home-land.** This 8.3 cents out of each dollar includes office rent, all salaries of secretaries and other employees, postage, printing, traveling expenses, etc., etc. Compared with last year, these expenses have been reduced from 9 cents on the dollar to 8.3 cents. This simple statement of the **cold facts** effectively refutes the old slander that most of the Foreign Mission money is used for salaries, etc. here at home. Furthermore than this, it has been ascertained that the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention operates on a smaller expense account than any mission board in America which serves as large or nearly as large a constituency. This ought to prove and will prove gratifying to all Christian men who want to think well of Baptist enterprises; and we challenge comparison of this record with the "overhead expenses" of any secular business concern which does a world-wide business and which handles as much money as does the Foreign Mission Board.

Sixthly: In order to save the large amount of interest paid out on borrowed money, (this was \$16,121 for the past year) we earnestly suggest that our churches send in their contributions regularly **each month** through the established channels. We recommend the Every Member Canvass and Systematic Giving as the Biblical plan for contributing to foreign missions.

### **The Day Of Baptist Opportunity.**

Finally, we would point to this as the day of Baptist opportunity. In a thousand ways, God is calling upon Southern Baptists to make a great advance in Foreign Mission work. We have done well in the past, but the present world conditions constitute a challenge, as well as an opportunity. The day in which we live is beyond any question the most momentous in human history for the cause of Jesus Christ. Even out of the turmoil and the shouting, the blood and the flame, the hatred and the horror of the present chaos in Europe, we are hearing the voices of a better time calling to the children of men. Already there have been marvelous, moral and spiritual awakenings in the warring nations. Once more, in the wonder and mystery of His divine grace, God is causing the wrath of men to praise Him. And though this present awful war has its roots in hell, the Eternal Father in His omnipotent wisdom and power, will cause its branches to wave in heaven, and to bear fruit for the healing of the nations. A new era of democracy and brotherhood seems close at hand. Whatever may be the final re-

sults of this war in some fields, one thing seems sure, and that is that it will spell not only the end of tyranny and autocracy in government, but at last the end of priestcraft, State churches, and ceremonialism in religion. With the growth of democracy and freedom, which the present world-conditions promise, the Baptists have a glorious opportunity through tactful leadership and consecrated earnestness, to establish the truthfulness of their cause—the solitary Lordship of Jesus Christ! With the growth of political democracy and freedom, surely the logic of reason must soon lead to the demand also for religious democracy and freedom.

These conditions should call the hosts of our Baptist Zion to their knees for more earnest prayer and more sacrifice in service, inspired as we are by the great and glorious hope that the kingdoms of this world are to become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ!

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN ROACH STRATON, Chairman.

### Digest of Church Letters.

28. The Report on Digest of Church Letters was read by J. A. McKaughan, and on motion adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

#### REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

The Associational year closes September 15. In order that the Committee on Digest of Church Letters may be able to make out complete and correct, the letters should be sent in immediately upon the close of the year.

I would urge upon every Church Clerk to send his church letter to the Clerk of the Association promptly at the close of the Associational year.

With the limited time I had I have prepared a statistical table showing the condition of the churches, and this has been placed on the black-board. This is not complete because some of the church letters did not reach me before the meeting of the Association. Efficiency is one of the things we are straining for; but to have that we must have promptness.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. A. MCKAUGHAN.

### Black Board.

29. The Black Board ordered to be purchased by the Association at its last session was presented by W. Frank Robertson, with bill for same, and for printing programs amounting to \$13.25. On motion the bill was ordered paid by the Treasurer. A collection was taken up to supplement the amount of the Associational fund, amounting to \$11.88.

### Sunday Schools.

30. The Report on Sunday Schools was read and spoken to by J. W. Leaf, adopted.

**REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

South Norfolk, Va., September 27, 1916.

So much has been said and written on the subject of the Sunday School, its methods and operations, that there is little left to say that will be new, or that has not been said or written before. There are 40 Sunday Schools in our Association, with a total membership of nearly 10,000, all of which are in active operation, and many of them show an increase in numbers during the year.

Considerable advance has been made in Teacher Training, and many of our Schools have a full corps of Trained Teachers, or at least Teachers who have taken and passed examination on some part of the work as laid down by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Some improvement has been made in equipment, and even our smaller Schools are alive to the importance of Training, and the need of proper equipment, and there is a healthy growth as a consequence of this stimulus.

One of the greatest needs of our Sunday School work is efficient leadership. The Officers of an Army may be qualified and efficient for their departmental duties, the rank and file may be well trained, but without a competent and well balanced General, it will be a headless mob, controlled by its limbs only. The Church without a Pastoral leader makes little progress, and the Church with the wrong Pastor makes no progress at all, so the Sunday School, in order to measure up to its Standard of Excellence must have the best Superintendent obtainable. Too often Superintendents are selected because of their financial or social standing, without regard to fitness, and the work suffers. The modern Sunday School in our larger Cities offers a more extensive field of labor for its Superintendent than does the Pastoral work of the same Church. The average business man has not the time to devote to the Superintendency of the larger school which the work requires, and the further needs of the City School along this line will have to be met by the well trained Superintendent who has the time to give to the work, and your Committee realizes that the paid Superintendent is the need of the future.

We desire also to sound a note of warning to the well organized Sunday School. This is an age of efficiency. Organization, equipment, methods, training and plans have all had for their object, efficiency. This is a commendable work, but after all efficiency is simply machinery, and it is possible to spend too much time in admiring the beautiful parts of a machine, and forget its purpose as a producer. The study and practice of method only becomes mechanical, and mechanical efficiency is a cold dead thing apart from its real purpose. The real purpose of the Sunday School work is to bring our scholars, young and old to a saving knowledge of Christ, and this should never be subordinated to mere mechanical activities. One of the requirements of our Teaching force should be constant attendance at all regular Church services, a weekly prayer meeting of the Superintendent and Teachers, and a constant study of evangelical methods with a view to bringing our scholars to Christ. Let all our Sunday School Officers and Teachers work and plan, and pray and study with one object always in view, the salvation of every unsaved member of the School.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LEAFE, Committee.

### Reception of New Churches.

31. The Committee on Reception of New Churches recommended the reception of Campostella Baptist Church, and on motion the report was adopted, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the pastor, Rev. J. B. Bassett.

#### Time and Place.

32. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher made the following report, which was adopted.

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

Time: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after Fourth Sunday in September 1917.

Place: St. John's, Princess Anne County.

Preacher: B. K. Mason.

Preaching Doctrinal Sermon: B. Lacy Hoge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. FLANNAGAN,

W. C. CORBITT,

J. M. C. DUKE,

Committee.

33. On motion the body adjourned, with prayer by R. A. Williams, to meet at 7:45 P. M.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

34. The Association was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by the Moderator, and opened with singing a hymn and prayer by Dr. N. Richards.

#### Pastoral Support.

35. Dr. W. A. Stores read the report on pastoral support. After discussion by R. B. Garrett, T. J. Betts, H. F. Jones, J. A. McKaughan, and E. S. Pierce was adopted.

#### PASTORAL SUPPORT.

This being a limited subject will not permit of a very long discussion. Yet it is one that has vexed our churches and the ministry ever since Christianity began. We find the apostle Paul pleading for funds with which to carry on church work and church benevolences, not for himself but for others. He tells us frankly that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." My purpose is to divide this subject in two parts. First, the moral support of the pastor. If we lend him our moral support we are apt to solve the second part. In looking over our congregations morning or evening, how often are we struck with the fact that the church, that is the majority of the membership, is not present.

Christian people are interested in most everything else but going to church. There always seems to be a repellant force in our nature which wars against our better natures and this force we have

often to overcome in order to perform our religious obligations. So many Christians take the line of least resistance and exert themselves so little, that after a while they are confronted with the inability to overcome any mood which would detain them from church services. This condition leads to a depressed spirituality, which we see more distinctly expressed in our Wednesday Evening Services.

It is a privilege of the Christian and is his imperative duty to attend on divine service as often as possible. The business man or woman, the society Christian, and the wealthy members are the ones who usually refrain from attending the mid-week service and they usually do not attend but one service on Sunday. I have heard a Christian say that he could not digest but one sermon a day and going the second time did him little good. The Scripture commands that we assemble ourselves together as often as possible.

Now if we fail to attend divine worship on Sundays, how are we to give proper support to our pastor? If he looks over a vacant room, or speaks to empty pews, all his inspiration will evaporate as surely as ether from an open vessel, and even quicker. And if we do not attend the mid-week service, it is a sure sign we are not deeply spiritual and are not interested very much in the things of the kingdom; and are not ourselves, the highest types of Christians. Then, if we absent ourselves from the stated church meetings how can we properly support our pastor and his ministry. Brethren, my plea is for the warm sympathy, the personal contact and assembling of ourselves together, to hear the kingdom preached and to discuss problems which confront the kingdom, and if we do such, our pastors will find no complaint in regard to our support of his ministry. We may have a large enrollment, ample resources and big contributions, but if the pastor does not have our presence, our sympathy and our prayers, his ministry at such a church will be a failure.

Then again we must consider the financial support of the pastor. The member who often absents himself from divine service is usually the one whose contributions decline. If we are interested more in other things it will soon show on the financial secretary's book. Jesus said, "where one's treasure is, there will be his heart also." We usually put our time and money in the things in which we are most interested. We buy stocks and we invest in the things that we feel will recompense us the most, but so many of us neglect to lay up treasure in heaven, where moth, nor rust, nor thieves, nor failure occur. We work till we are weary in politics; we sometimes spend considerable money to get a certain candidate elected, or to get office ourselves, which would last but a short time, and how often are we disappointed and made poorer by our investment. But the Master tells us there is no failure and no disappointment to those who invest in the Christian life. Time and time again do we notice that whenever one begins to get a little cramped, that he will curtail or stop all together from contributing to his church. That's usually the first place where the lopping off begins. Our conservatism and our retrenchments begin first at the house of God; but our pleasures go on unabated and our luxuries are not discontinued.

This question of pastoral support is sometimes most discouraging to the churches and the pastors. How often does the pastor have to leave a field where he would like to remain because he is not properly paid. I knew of a Presbyterian Minister who on leaving the church, came out in a statement, that he was leaving, be-

cause the field to which he was going, offered him a sufficient salary to support his family and educate his children. Brethren, "these things ought not to be." We would quickly condemn a well to do business man who so under paid his help that they had to resort to all kinds of extra jobs to keep soul and body together. Yet I have known of preachers who had to do secular work because their ministerial income was insufficient. Not only should he be paid a living wage while at work and in health, but we as a denomination should put in force some system whereby the sick and aged preacher would be amply provided for. We should not be content to wait till some wealthy, or set of wealthy men, put at the denomination's disposal, a large sum of money for an endowment. We should devise some means whereby the membership of the whole denomination, either in the state, or within the convention could be interested in, and support such a cause. I am persuaded that many desirable young men engage in business, or a profession, rather than enter the Baptist Ministry, because of the lack of proper moral and financial support. It seems to me we are big enough, and rich enough to do this. While the preacher should never consider the ministry as a financial asset, yet he should not be expected to be wed to poverty and made an object of charity all his life, simply because he is a minister. Yet behind it all is the lack of true spirituality on the part of the laity. We are covetous and do not render to God the things that are God's. You take the average enrollment of a church and you will be struck with the fact that quite a number of people who are able, do not contribute at all. Then take what has been promised and you will find about one-half or two-thirds really has been contributed to the cause of the Master's work and pastoral support.

Let us Brethren feel that we are stewards in this world, and let us appreciate our pastors and let us support them with our sympathy, our help, and our money, and may God bless both us and them.

W. A. STORES, Committee.

36. The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Rev. H. F. Jones, pastor Port Norfolk Church, from John 17:17. Subject: "The Doctrine of Sanctification."

37. After a song the Association on motion adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. R. Straton.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

38. The Moderator called the Association to order at 10:00 A. M., and Bro. A. O. Boda conducted devotional service, with a song. Prayer by R. G. Kendrick and reading 1 Cor. 13, and prayer by B. K. Mason.

39. On motion the Association by a rising vote extended a vote of thanks to South Norfolk Church for its kind and generous hospitality.

#### Temperance.

40. The Report on Temperance was read and discussed by H. F. Jones, and adopted.

## TEMPERANCE

Never before in all the long and varied history of the legalized liquor traffic's awful reign of vice, crime and greed were it and its friends so hard pressed by the forces that make for righteousness.

Fifteen years ago the traffic was at the height of its power in Virginia. There were then over 3,000 legalized liquor shops in the Old Dominion. It was entrenched in the laws of the State, backed by the sentiment of an overwhelming majority of the population, and very largely controlled the political situation. Three years after the organization of the State Anti-Saloon League the Mann Law was passed by the Virginia Legislature, which closed hundreds of saloons in the rural districts. In 1908, four years afterwards, the Byrd Law was enacted, which strengthened the Mann Law, and closed hundreds of distilleries in various parts of the State. Then after six weary years of struggle and toil an Enabling Act was passed by an overwhelming majority of the lower House, the Senate tie being broken by the presiding officer casting the deciding vote. An election was then called for September 22, 1914, when by a majority of 30,365 the people of Virginia declared for Statewide Prohibition.

The Enabling Act as passed by the Legislature and ratified by the people of Virginia was very unsatisfactory to the temperance people, as it exempted breweries and wineries with their by-products. But in the General Assembly of 1916 a Prohibition bill was enacted to make Statewide Prohibition effective, and abolished the wineries and breweries with their by-products, and made provision for the enforcement of the provisions of the Prohibition measure, which goes into effect November 1, 1916.

The Anti-Saloon League has commanded the respect and co-operation of all evangelical denominations in the State of Virginia, except one. It has been the leader in this great and successful campaign waged against the beverage liquor traffic in our beloved State. The struggle has been long and continuous. The enemy has been strong and unscrupulous and persistent, but with the blessing of God and the co-operation of God's people a great victory has been secured at the polls and in the Legislature.

Your Committee would fail to perform its duty if it did not call attention to the counter attacks of the enemy. Already an Anti-Prohibition League has been formed, and this institution will use every means possible, especially the violation of the Prohibition laws, to create sentiment for the repeal of the laws enacted by the last Legislature. The enemy has been driven from the trenches. The traffic is no longer sanctioned and protected by law. It is now an out-lawed business. The enemy is in retreat, but will contend for every inch of ground, and what it cannot do by the sanction of the law, it will try to do in spite of the law.

It is of supreme importance that we maintain the Anti-Saloon League in a most efficient and aggressive manner, so that the laws may be kept intact, for the enforcement of Prohibition, and that other laws from time to time may be enacted to make Prohibition still more effective in Virginia, and that when Congress has submitted the Amendment to the National Constitution looking toward National Constitutional Prohibition Virginia's Representatives will be prepared to ratify the Constitutional Amendment.

The prospects for National Prohibition are very bright, indeed. Twelve States of the Union by popular vote gave a majority of 330,589 for Prohibition. Seven States by Legislative Enactment have adopted the Prohibition policy. The "dry" States are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine,

Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

The total population of these States is 27,334,013. There are twelve other States which have fifty per cent of the population living in no-license territory, and 9 States with between 25 and 50 per cent of the population living in Local Option territory. The day is near at hand for the absolute Prohibition of the liquor traffic in the United States.

We note with favor that the beer consumption of the United States has been reduced two and one-quarter million barrels for the first ten months of the fiscal year ending April, 1915, according to the report of the Internal Revenue Department. The consumption of beer for the ten months of 1914 and 1915 ending April are 29,143,040 barrels. For the same period of time of 1915-1916 it was 26,916,370 barrels, or a decrease of 2,226,670 barrels.

In view of the marvelous success achieved in the past fifteen years under the intelligent and conservative leadership of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, be it resolved:

(1) That we heartily endorse the Anti-Saloon League and urge that all of our churches give this organization their moral and financial support.

(2) That we most heartily approve of the efforts being put forth by the National Anti-Saloon League to secure the submission of an Amendment to the National Constitution for National Constitutional Prohibition, and we hereby instruct our clerk to communicate with our Representatives in Congress, urging their active support for the submission of this Amendment at the very earliest moment possible, and for the Prohibition of the traffic in our natural capital.

(3) We earnestly recommend that the pastors and the churches raise their apportionment of the debt of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, which apportionment for this Association is \$750.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. FREDERICK JONES, Committee.

## Orphanage.

41. W. B. Duling read the report on the Va. Baptist Orphanage. The report was adopted. Pending the adoption of the report Bro. H. P. Simpson, of Richmond College, was introduced, and presented the work of the Orphanage.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

In December 1887, Dr. A. E. Dickinson published in the Religious Herald, an interview between himself and Mr. J. H. Mills of North Carolina. Upon reading this interview, Mr. W. M. Glover of New York, sent to Dr. Cooper \$1.50, the first challenge to the Baptist of Virginia to establish an Orphanage. Like Baptists, we were slow to move; and, for some time, it would seem that this, with other gifts would have to be returned to the donors. However, so great an enterprise was not destined to failure.

The Roanoke Association, in its annual meeting, at Oak Grove Church, in Pittsylvania County, August 14th- 16th, 1888, appointed a committee to take this matter under consideration. This was the first organized action taken in Virginia looking to the establishment of an Orphanage. At a Ministers and Layman's meeting of this Association, September 28-30, 1888, the first public collection of \$194.00 was raised. When the General Association met at Bristol, in No-

ember 1888, a committee of five was appointed to select a site and to receive donations, which resulted in the selection of Salem as the place and the erection of a building upon a site donated by Mr. John M. Evans. Thus this great and noble institution came into existence.

Nearly a quarter of a century has passed and each year this Institution has grown until we have now a large group of buildings, a farm adjoining with 30 milch cows and necessary implements, a good water supply, printing press, laundry, one of the best superintendents, matrons, good schools and 206 children in the family. When we retrospect and now look at the valuable asset the Baptists have at Salem, we can but exclaim "what hath God wrought."

The Annual Circular, sent out by the Executive Board, brings the gratifying news that the receipts for the present fiscal year have been good. Current expenses have been met and a part paid on the indebtedness brought over from last year. The health of the children has been unusually good. At comparatively no expense to the Orphanage a Cannery has been built, adding another industry, giving the children experience and enabling them to put up all the canned goods needed for the winter.

The Carrie Roy farm is being properly conducted. Much attention is being paid to the education of the children along all lines.

The President in his report to the last General Association, informs us that one of the girls was graduated from the Salem High School the year before and is now employed as a teacher in the ninth and tenth grades in the Orphanage School. One boy is attending the Chatham Training School, and another is at Richmond College, preparing for the ministry. Three of the larger girls, having completed the course in the Orphanage School, are attending the Salem High School.

Last year 620 churches, 478 Sunday Schools, 253 Missionary Societies, with individual gifts and supplies donated, gave \$34,996.08. During the year, about \$1,200 was paid on the debt. This debt, which has been accumulating for years, now stands around \$10,000.

The Portsmouth Association gave in 1914, \$4,283.44; in 1915, \$4,174.96, a fall off of \$108.48.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That every church and Sunday School, within our bounds, make regular contributions to the Orphanage; and that we increase the amounts given to meet the increased cost of living, and that the indebtedness upon our Institution may be liquidated.

2. That the Sunday Schools and members of our churches subscribe to and read the Orphanage News. This paper, having a circulation of about 5,000, should be doubled in circulation.

3. That we catalogue this Institution, along with others, to be remembered at a throne of grace.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DULING, Committee.

### Woman's Missionary Union.

42. The Report on the Woman's Missionary Union was read by L. J. Westfall, and discussed by A. O. Boda, and on motion adopted.

#### REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Portsmouth Association of Virginia, held its sixteenth annual meeting in the Park

View Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Friday, September 16th, 1916, with the Superintendent, Mrs. S. A. D. Parker, presiding.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 10:30 A. M., after prayer and a cordial welcome extended to the attending delegates the Superintendent read her annual message.

After song and the appointment of committees the "Union" listened to Mrs. T. E. Baird who gave a graphic description of the manner in which the women responded to the appeal for the liquidation of the "Foreign Mission" debt at the Southern Baptist Convention in Asheville, May 17th; emphasizing the fact that the Virginia women raised more than their apportionment:

The amount which the good women of our Association have raised during the year for all objects reach the total of \$5,854.15:

The Auxiliary Societies of our churches known as the "Young Women's Auxiliary," "The Sunbeams," and the "Royal Ambassadors" raised the total amount of \$931.85; a grand total of \$6,786.00.

The following addresses were listened to with a great deal of interest: Miss Eva Gravatt gave a most touching and interesting account of the work accomplished by the "Louisville Training School." The women were asked to give \$12,000 during the next three years to this object.

Mrs. B. Lacy Hoge spoke in behalf of the Church Building Fund calling attention to the fact that our denomination had more homeless Churches than any other in the South.

A very successful "Group Meeting" was held during the season at Centerville by Mrs. Mary Sporpind; after a "Round Table" discussion had been conducted, the morning session was brought to a close by devotional services and prayer.

The afternoon session was devoted to the interest of our "Young People." "A Mission Study Class" demonstration was conducted by Mrs. W. B. Bassett; other demonstrations were given in the interest of the "Sunbeams." Miss Margaret Tweedy spoke on the subject of "Our Work Among the Foreigners" and discussed some plans for even greater work during the coming year. Berkley Avenue Baptist Church was selected as the next place of meeting.

"The rising of the sun has never failed us yet," may be truly said of our own local work, and the dawn of a better day is at hand, and we recommend **that** an effort be made to recruit the ranks of every Missionary Society within the bounds of the Association, **that** new emphasis be placed upon the graded system of Missionary instruction among the young people, **that** new auxiliary societies be organized during the coming year, in order that there may be a substantial growth along all lines of Missionary activity.

Respectfully submitted,

L. JUDSON WESTFALL.

### Associational Missions.

43. The Report on Missions in the bounds of the Association was read by J. M. C. Duke. On motion the report was adopted. Pending the adoption of the report it was discussed by J. B. Bassett, J. R. Straton, W. B. Duling, H. F. Jones, J. M. C. Duke, B. Lacy Hoge, E. S. Pierce, C. S. Blackwell, R. B. Garrett and W. M. Black, B. K. Mason, R. G. Kendrick and W. R. Flannagan.

### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Associational Missions beg to make the following report:

The churches in our Association aided by the State Mission Board are in good condition, and one of them should be self-supporting from now, and the amount given to some of the others cut down; while a few should receive a larger amount and two new churches should be added to the list.

Revivals. The spirit of evangelism has permeated the bounds of the Association the past year, and good revivals have been conducted in most of the churches, the most successful of which was the revival campaign conducted in the Portsmouth Churches last October by the Evangelists of the Home Mission Board, which resulted in a large number of addition to the Portsmouth Churches.

#### PASTORAL CHANGES.

Rev. R. G. Kendrick has been called to Park View, succeeding Rev. C. B. Arendall, who resigned to accept the Secretaryship of the Baptist Council of Richmond. Rev. R. A. Williams succeeded Rev. H. M. Fugate at Park Place; Rev. A. O. Boda has succeeded Rev. W. R. Leckliter at Calvary Church, Portsmouth, and Rev. Geo. W. Swope has been succeeded at Central Church by Rev. Floyd W. Putney. Rev. J. B. Ferebee, pastor of Deep Creek and Lake Drummond, resigned to accept a call to Eastern Shore. This field called Rev. T. J. Ragland. Rev. S. N. Hurst resigned Centerville and Blackwater to accept a call to North Carolina, leaving this important field vacant.

#### ORDINATION.

Rev. J. B. Bassett was ordained to the ministry at the instance of Campostella Church to become its pastor.

#### NEW FIELDS.

Early in the spring under the auspices of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Baptist Missionary and Social Union a revival was held in Campostella under a tent, which resulted in the organization of a Baptist Church and Sunday School at that place. Lots were purchased and donated to the Church by the Missionary Union, and a church house is in course of construction there.

Lots have been selected at Raleigh Heights, near Portlock, and will be purchased by the Missionary Union, on which will be built a Church house.

There are three more points which ought to be occupied at once, that we may save our people to our denomination.

Material improvements have not been so marked this year as in the two previous years; but Park View Church is now raising funds with which to build a modern plant, and expect to do so next year.

Your Committee recommends close co-operation on the part of the Churches of this Association. And we again recommend the employment of an Associational Missionary to work in co-operation with the Missionary and Social Union, to the end that our work may advance in keeping with the ability and urgent demands.

Respectfully,

J. M. C. DUKE,  
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 L. C. BROWN,  
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### Co-operative Committee.

44. On motion the following committee was appointed to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Baptist Missionary and Social Union; J. R. Straton, W. Frank Robertson and W. B. Duling.

### Resolution.

45. The following resolution was presented, and on motion adopted.

RESOLVE, That this Association recommends and earnestly requests that every church in the Association set aside each year some definite sum or some percentage of its benevolence funds, as may be suggested by the Committee on Co-operation for the support of an Associational Missionary.

### Obituaries.

46. The report was read by N. Richards, and adopted.

During the past year the Lord has been very gracious to us, in sparing the lives of every pastor in the Association and every deacon in our churches, which very rarely occurs, in so large a body of people. Therefore, we should "Come before His presence with thanksgiving," and say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

N. RICHARDS.

47. On motion the name of W. H. Fairless was stricken from the list of Ordained Ministers.

48. On motion the Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the Minutes printed, and distribute to the churches according to the amounts paid by them to the Associational fund, as the funds in hand would allow, after deducting \$40.00 for his services.

49. The Moderator named the standing committees; see back cover.

50. The committee to name a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention nominated S. W. Melton, and the nomination was adopted.

51. The Clerk was instructed to write Rev. Russell Owen, New York, and ascertain whether he had moved his membership from South Street Church.

52. On motion the Association adjourned with the song, "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer by Bro. Hobday, to meet with St. Johns Church in its next session, on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1917.

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|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Berkley Avenue. -----   | \$ 194.53 |
| Burrows Memorial -----  | 69.00     |
| Central -----           | 119.50    |
| Court Street -----      | 411.52    |
| Calvary -----           | 4.61      |
| Centerville -----       | 89.25     |
| Churchland -----        | 61.55     |
| Deep Creek -----        | 33.70     |
| First Church -----      | 1231.31   |
| Fourth Street -----     | 149.43    |
| Freemason Street -----  | 1509.17   |
| Kempsville -----        | 16.35     |
| Nansemond -----         | 26.65     |
| Park Place -----        | 419.32    |
| Lake Drummond -----     | 62.88     |
| London Bridge -----     | 134.25    |
| Prentis Place -----     | 66.18     |
| Park Avenue -----       | 267.65    |
| Pleasant Grove -----    | 10.00     |
| Park View -----         | 239.79    |
| South Norfolk -----     | 255.94    |
| St. John -----          | 18.75     |
| South Street -----      | 81.80     |
| Spurgeon Memorial ----- | 381.02    |
| Total -----             | \$5854.15 |

|                         | Y. W. A.  | G. A.    | R. A.   | Sunbeam  |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Berkley Ave. -----      |           | \$ 55.56 | -----   | \$ 2.00  |
| Burrows Memorial -----  |           |          | -----   | 11.42    |
| Central -----           | \$ 1.75   |          |         | 4.85     |
| Court St. -----         |           |          | \$ .85  | -----    |
| Centerville -----       |           | 11.45    | 6.50    | 9.67     |
| First Church -----      | 28.00     | 16.30    | -----   | 88.09    |
| Fourth Street -----     | 59.60     | 21.50    | 27.62   | 29.20    |
| Freemason Street -----  | 37.00     | 120.94   | 5.00    | 7.50     |
| Lake Drummond -----     |           |          |         | 12.50    |
| Nansemond -----         |           |          |         | 4.15     |
| Park Place -----        | 31.25     | 90.50    | -----   | 4.00     |
| Prentis Place -----     |           |          |         | 7.75     |
| Park Ave. -----         | 40.85     | 2.50     | -----   | 16.00    |
| Port Norfolk -----      |           |          | 1.50    | 2.50     |
| Park View -----         | 36.63     | 24.85    | 26.00   | 20.56    |
| South Norfolk -----     |           | 1.50     | -----   | 30.82    |
| Spurgeon Memorial ----- |           | 3.75     | -----   | 22.91    |
| St. John's -----        |           |          |         | 6.50     |
|                         | 348.85    |          |         |          |
|                         | 67.47     |          |         |          |
|                         | 280.45    |          |         |          |
|                         | <hr/>     |          |         |          |
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Grand Total -----\$6786.00

Under the head of "Specific Talks on Our Two Great Objects," Miss Eva Gravatt, a very enthusiastic and efficient product of the Louisville Training School, gave a touching and most interesting talk on the work accomplished by this institution, likening the school

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A glowing account of a Group-meeting held at Centerville, by one of the Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Mary Spordind, was given by Mrs. Jernigan, which caused many of the City women to regret not having attended. Upon request, the Superintendent explained more fully just the meaning of these Group-meetings and how they were to be conducted.

Mrs. W. W. Gordon conducted the Round Table discussion, which was full of interest and information, many questions of importance to the leaders of Societies being asked and answered.

Time having arrived for the Devotional Service, Mrs. A. Moses took charge, calling upon Mrs. Hoge to lead in prayer. The passages of Scripture selected were Leviticus 20:7-8; I Peter 2:5-9; Phil. 3:13-14; James 1:22-25; which were made both helpful and impressive by Mrs. Moses' comments.

The morning session was brought to a close by a prayer, in behalf of several of our women who have been recently bereaved, led by Mrs. Ferebee.

#### Afternoon Session.

After a tempting luncheon, prepared and served by the Park View women, to which all did full justice, the Superintendent called the body to order for the Afternoon Session, which was devoted principally to the Young People. After the opening hymn, "O, Zion Haste," a few minutes were allowed Mrs. A. Moses, who bespoke the interest of all connected with our Societies, in the work of the Florence Crittenden Home, asking that each Society include this in their Personal Service.

Minutes of the Morning Session were read and adopted, after which, upon motion, a rising vote of thanks was extended our Superintendent for the splendid arrangement of the Chart giving the reports of the Societies.

A Mission Study Class, conducted by Mrs. W. B. Bassett, was demonstrated, the following women being members of the Class:

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MRS. W. W. GORDON,  
MRS. W. B. HAYES,  
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Chapter five of V. I. Masters' book—"Baptist Missions in the South," was selected for the lesson which was recited to the satisfaction of both Leader and audience.

"The Light of the World," a very impressive Scripture lesson, was demonstrated by fifteen members of the Park View Sunbeam Band, which was followed by a solo from one of Spurgeon Memorial Sunbeams, Miss Miriam Jarvis.

The Superintendent introduced Miss Ethel Wingfield, who has succeeded Mrs. Alice Taylor Morriss, as the Young People's Leader

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.... | 27           | 16     | 2           | 5         | 21             | 1         | ...     | 2     | 160            | 268     | 428    |
| 2  | Bethel.....        | 5            | 1      | ...         | ...       | 1              | ...       | ...     | 3     | 47             | 59      | 106    |
| 3  | Blackwater.....    | ...          | ...    | ...         | ...       | ...            | ...       | ...     | ...   | ...            | ...     | ...    |
| 4  | Broadway.....      | ...          | 1      | ...         | ...       | 4              | 12        | 5       | ...   | 11             | 12      | 23     |
| 5  | Burrows Memorial.. | 39           | 4      | ...         | 29        | 3              | ...       | 4       | 3     | 152            | 309     | 461    |
| 6  | Cavalry.....       | 21           | 7      | 6           | 5         | 7              | ...       | ...     | 4     | 201            | 305     | 506    |
| 7  | Campostela.....    | 7            | 21     | ...         | 3         | ...            | ...       | ...     | ...   | 11             | 20      | 31     |
| 8  | Central.....       | 26           | 11     | ...         | 5         | 15             | ...       | 4       | ...   | 220            | 346     | 566    |
| 9  | Centerville.....   | 1            | ...    | ...         | 1         | 6              | ...       | ...     | ...   | 81             | 100     | 181    |
| 10 | Churchland.....    | 1            | ...    | ...         | ...       | ...            | ...       | ...     | ...   | 115            | 104     | 219    |
| 11 | Court Street.....  | 42           | 29     | 1           | 3         | 16             | ...       | ...     | 7     | ...            | ...     | 698    |
| 12 | Deep Creek.....    | 23           | 8      | ...         | ...       | 1              | ...       | ...     | ...   | 91             | 100     | 191    |
| 13 | East Bramelton.... | ...          | ...    | ...         | ...       | ...            | ...       | ...     | ...   | ...            | ...     | 43     |
| 14 | Fairmont.....      | 4            | 3      | 1           | ...       | 2              | ...       | ...     | 1     | 24             | 44      | 68     |
| 15 | First, Norfolk.... | 61           | 74     | 2           | 11        | 27             | 2         | ...     | 4     | 259            | 446     | 705    |
| 16 | Fourth Street..... | 46           | 17     | 4           | 2         | 15             | 7         | ...     | 3     | 204            | 336     | 540    |
| 17 | Freemason Street.. | 71           | 43     | ...         | 5         | 30             | 3         | 8       | 11    | 408            | 647     | 1055   |
| 18 | Gilmerton.....     | ...          | ...    | ...         | ...       | ...            | ...       | ...     | ...   | 16             | 18      | 36     |
| 19 | Kempsville.....    | 5            | ...    | ...         | ...       | 1              | ...       | ...     | ...   | 34             | 48      | 82     |
| 20 | Knott's Island.... | ...          | ...    | ...         | ...       | ...            | ...       | ...     | ...   | ...            | ...     | ...    |
| 21 | Lake Drummond....  | 7            | 2      | ...         | ...       | ...            | ...       | ...     | 3     | 60             | 73      | 133    |
| 22 | London Bridge....  | 1            | 9      | ...         | 1         | 1              | ...       | ...     | 3     | 101            | 123     | 224    |
| 23 | Nansemond.....     | 3            | ...    | ...         | ...       | ...            | ...       | ...     | ...   | 17             | 19      | 36     |
| 24 | Northwest.....     | 21           | 1      | 1           | ...       | ...            | ...       | 4       | 67    | 138            | 205     |        |
| 25 | Oak Grove.....     | 16           | 5      | ...         | 1         | 13             | ...       | 1       | 4     | 140            | 180     | 320    |
| 26 | Ocean View.....    | 13           | 10     | ...         | 1         | 6              | ...       | ...     | ...   | 27             | 37      | 64     |
| 27 | Park Avenue.....   | 32           | 12     | ...         | 4         | 13             | ...       | ...     | 7     | 225            | 366     | 591    |
| 28 | Park Place.....    | 47           | 66     | ...         | 12        | 17             | ...       | ...     | 5     | 212            | 335     | 547    |
| 29 | Park View.....     | 55           | 15     | ...         | 21        | 14             | 2         | ...     | 4     | 238            | 288     | 526    |
| 30 | Pleasant Grove.... | ...          | ...    | 1           | ...       | 8              | ...       | 1       | 1     | 76             | 100     | 176    |
| 31 | Port Norfolk.....  | 30           | 38     | ...         | 23        | 15             | ...       | ...     | 2     | 217            | 311     | 528    |
| 32 | Prentis Place....  | 35           | 16     | 1           | 7         | 3              | ...       | ...     | 3     | 144            | 175     | 319    |
| 33 | South Norfolk....  | 90           | 23     | ...         | 9         | 3              | ...       | 34      | 3     | 248            | 325     | 573    |
| 34 | South Street.....  | 15           | 15     | ...         | 10        | 22             | ...       | 1       | 7     | 247            | 314     | 561    |
| 35 | Spurgeon Memorial  | 40           | 61     | 1           | 13        | 22             | ...       | 97      | 9     | 312            | 490     | 807    |
| 36 | St. John.....      | 1            | ...    | ...         | ...       | 3              | ...       | ...     | 2     | 52             | 80      | 132    |
| 37 | Virginia Beach.... | 5            | 15     | ...         | 1         | 10             | ...       | ...     | 1     | 26             | 42      | 68     |
| 38 | West Norfolk.....  | 1            | 1      | 1           | ...       | ...            | ...       | 1       | ...   | 44             | 48      | 92     |
| 39 | Westhaven.....     | 7            | 6      | ...         | 7         | 2              | 2         | 3       | ...   | 25             | 24      | 49     |
|    | Totals.....        | 798          | 530    | 21          | 179       | 301            | 29        | 155     | 100   | 4,512          | 6,640   | 11,890 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

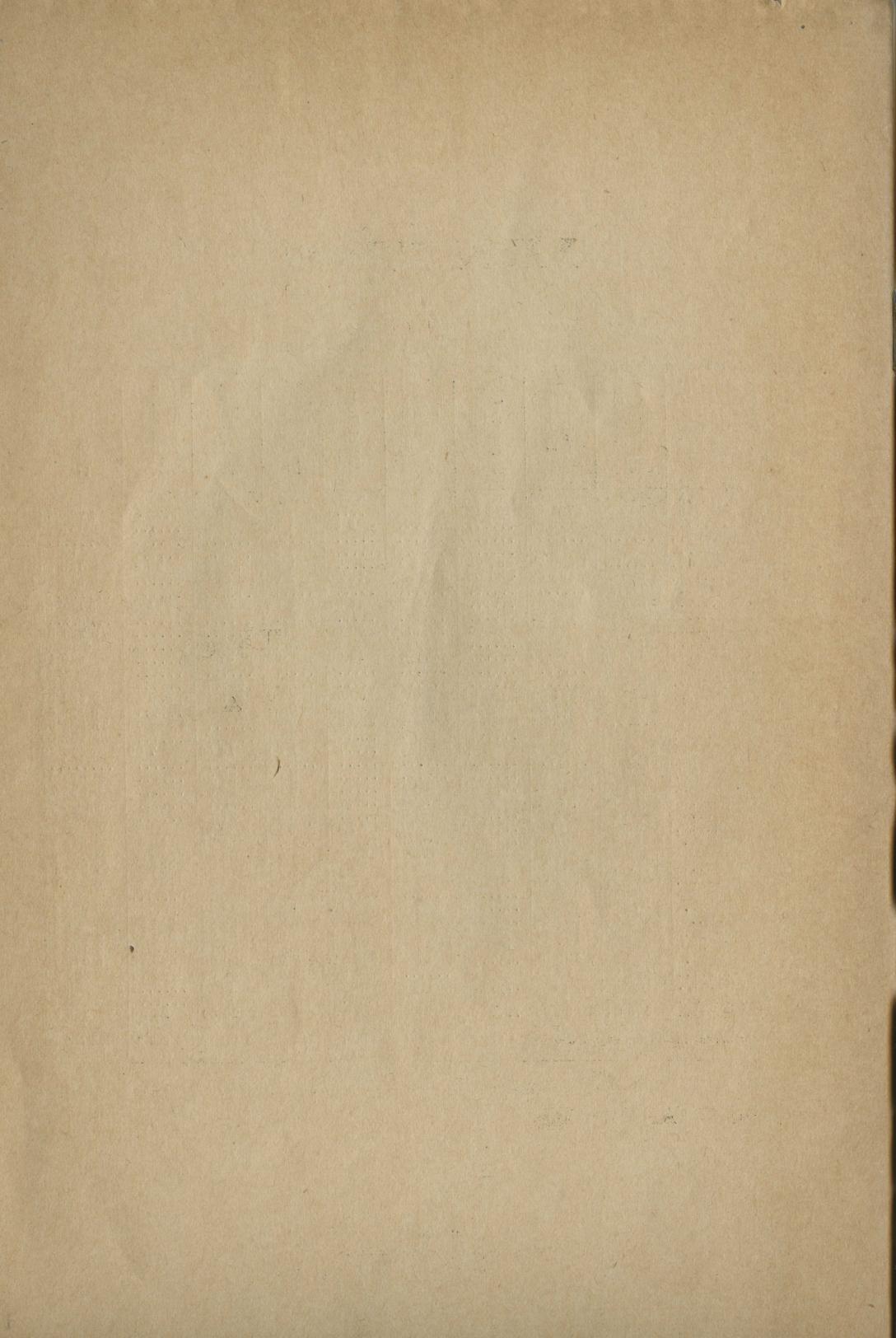
|    | CHURCHES          | Superintendents and Post Offices                 | No. Of Schools | Officers and Teachers | Scholars | Conversions | Church members In School | Months in Session |
|----|-------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Berkley Avenue    | E. J. West, Norfolk, Va.                         | 1              | 21                    | 325      | 27          | 175                      | 12                |
| 2  | Bethel            | M. L. Crothers, Berkley, Va.                     | 1              | 10                    | 56       | 5           |                          | 12                |
| 3  | Blackwater        |  | 1              |                       |          |             |                          |                   |
| 4  | Broadway          | E. E. McClain, Norfolk, Va. R. No. 2             | 1              | 7                     | 25       |             | 10                       | 12                |
| 5  | Burrows Memorial  | G. W. Baker, Norfolk, Va., 1812 Omohundro Avenue | 1              | 36                    | 425      | 35          | 150                      | 12                |
| 6  | Calvary           | W. T. L. Shepherd, Portsmouth, Va.               | 1              | 27                    | 625      | 12          | 310                      | 12                |
| 7  | Campostela        | J. J. Swindell, Norfolk, Va.                     | 1              | 9                     | 93       |             | 29                       | 12                |
| 8  | Central           | J. W. Phillips, Norfolk, Va.                     | 1              | 29                    | 464      | 10          | 300                      | 12                |
| 9  | Centerville       | W. Brickhouse, Fentress, Va.                     | 1              | 17                    | 91       | 1           |                          | 12                |
| 10 | Churchland        | J. T. Griffin, Portsmouth, Va.                   | 1              | 13                    | 150      | 1           | 83                       | 12                |
| 11 | Court Street      | J. M. C. Duke, Portsmouth, Va.                   | 1              | 43                    | 354      | 30          | 200                      | 12                |
| 12 | Deep Creek        | W. H. C. Deal, Portsmouth, Va., R 3              | 1              | 14                    | 136      | 3           | 60                       | 12                |
| 13 | East Brambleton   |  | 1              |                       | 65       |             |                          |                   |
| 14 | Fairmont          |  | 1              | 12                    | 87       | 1           | 25                       | 12                |
| 15 | First, Norfolk    | J. W. Saunders, Norfolk, Va.                     | 1              | 42                    | 483      | 36          | 236                      | 12                |
| 16 | Fourth Street     | L. B. Pendergraph, Portsmouth, Va.               | 1              | 31                    | 503      | 62          | 250                      | 12                |
| 17 | Freemason Street  | W. F. Robertson, Norfolk, Va.                    | 1              | 24                    | 680      | 60          | 495                      | 12                |
| 18 | Gilmerton         | J. H. Cotton, Gilmerton, Va.                     | 1              | 6                     | 57       |             | 15                       | 12                |
| 19 | Kempville         | J. D. Murden, Princess Anne, Va.                 | 1              | 6                     | 56       | 5           | 40                       | 12                |
| 20 | Knotts' Island    |  |                |                       |          |             |                          |                   |
| 21 | Lake Drummond     | G. G. Waller, Hickory, Va.                       |                |                       |          |             |                          |                   |
| 22 | London Bridge     | E. Land, London Bridge, Va.                      | 1              | 12                    | 155      |             | 105                      | 12                |
| 23 | Nansemond         | W. J. Jordan, Drivers, Va.                       | 1              | 7                     | 35       | 2           |                          | 12                |
| 24 | Northwest         | W. D. Cox, Moyock, N. C.                         | 1              | 11                    | 136      | 21          | 90                       | 12                |
| 25 | Oak Grove         | C. C. Gornto, Back Bay, Va.                      | 1              | 13                    | 191      | 16          | 165                      | 12                |
| 26 | Ocean View        | G. F. Williams, Ocean View, Va.                  | 1              | 12                    | 88       | 10          | 20                       | 12                |
| 27 | Park Avenue       | F. A. Walker, Norfolk, Va.                       | 1              | 17                    | 350      | 27          |                          | 12                |
| 28 | Park Place        | C. E. Stevenson, Norfolk, Va.                    | 1              | 42                    | 572      | 40          |                          | 12                |
| 29 | Park View         | W. R. McGehee, Portsmouth, Va.                   | 1              | 26                    | 277      | 39          | 190                      | 12                |
| 30 | Pleasant Grove    | J. B. Eason, Hickory, Va.                        | 1              | 11                    | 114      | 1           | 63                       | 12                |
| 31 | Port Norfolk      | H. C. Duerr, 221-6th Ave., Portsmouth, Va.       | 1              | 31                    | 401      | 23          | 227                      | 12                |
| 32 | Prentis Place     | W. A. Vance, Portsmouth, Va.                     | 1              | 41                    | 400      | 17          | 200                      | 12                |
| 33 | South Norfolk     | Geo. B. White, South Norfolk, Va.                | 1              | 31                    | 500      | 75          | 350                      | 12                |
| 34 | South Street      | W. S. Parker, Portsmouth, Va.                    | 1              | 38                    | 320      |             | 140                      | 12                |
| 35 | Spurgeon Memorial | E. A. Bunns, Norfolk, Va.                        | 1              | 23                    | 428      | 32          | 172                      | 12                |
| 36 | St. John          | Alonzo Lee, Princess Anne, Va.                   | 1              | 11                    | 107      | 1           | 86                       | 12                |
| 37 | Virginia Beach    |  | 1              | 7                     | 75       | 5           | 24                       | 12                |
| 38 | West Norfolk      | A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.                   | 1              | 10                    | 115      |             | 44                       | 12                |
| 39 | Westhaven         | W. A. Stores, Portsmouth, Va.                    | 1              | 18                    | 76       | 2           | 19                       | 12                |
|    | Total             |  |                | 713                   | 9015     | 599         | 4323                     |                   |

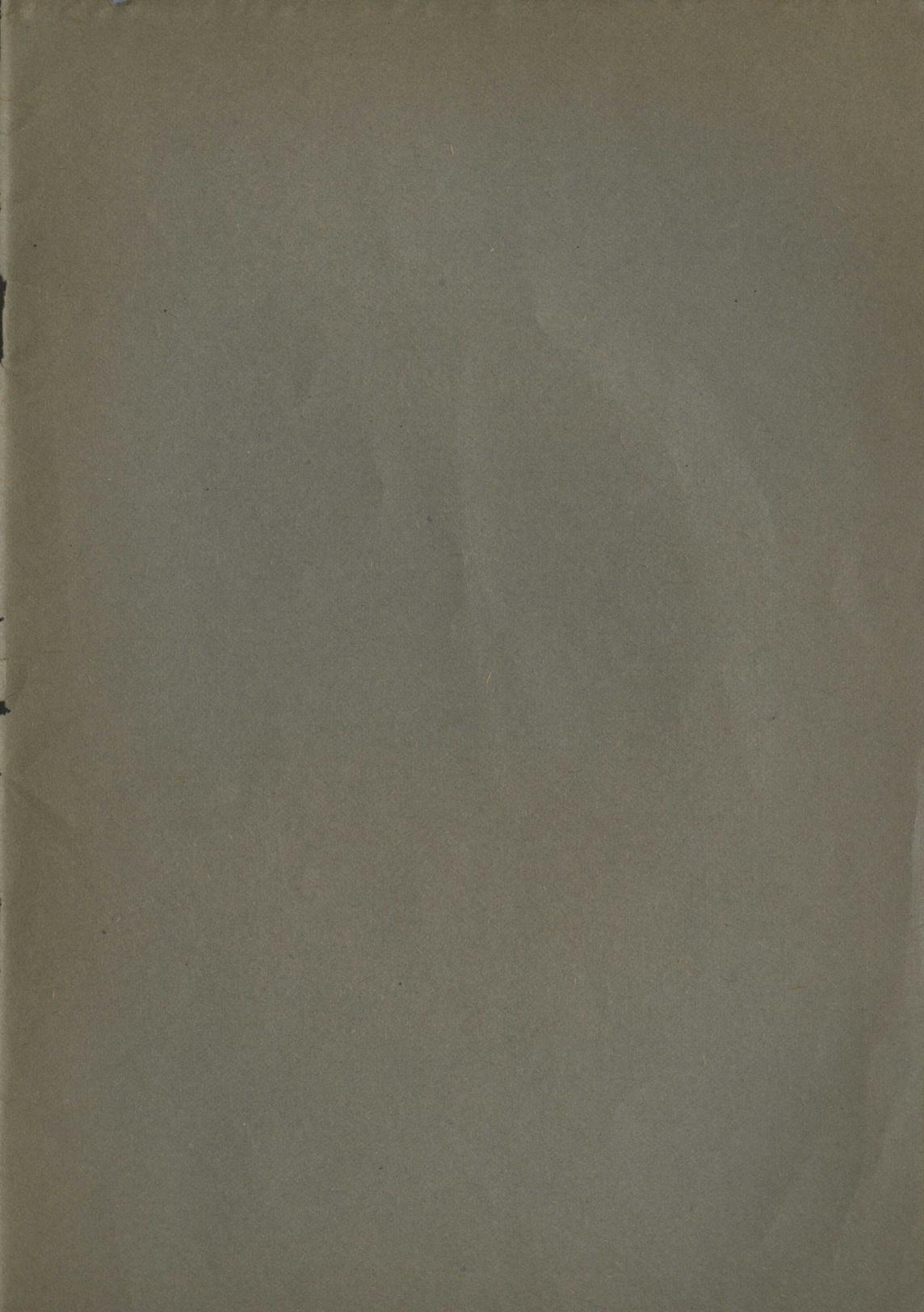
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BOARDS

| CHURCHES            | State Missions | S. School and Colportage | Education Board | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Ministerial Relief | Orphanage | Education Commission | Other Beneficences | Total     |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 Berkley Ave.....  | 58 76          | 37 15                    | 35 23           | 214 24           | 129 59        | 30 75              | 141 88    |                      | 754                | 655 14    |
| 2 Bethel.....       | 2 00           |                          |                 | 5 00             | 5 00          | 4 00               |           |                      |                    | 16 00     |
| 3 Blackwater.....   |                |                          |                 |                  |               |                    |           |                      |                    |           |
| 4 Broadway.....     | 2 00           | 1 00                     | 1 00            | 2 00             | 1 00          | 1 00               | 7 17      | 1 00                 |                    | 16 17     |
| 5 Burrows Mem..     | 39 07          | 7 96                     | 1 99            | 226 51           | 36 27         | 3 51               | 109 62    |                      | 5 00               | 424 99    |
| 6 Calvary.....      | 50 00          | 5 00                     | 5 00            | 45 50            | 45 50         | 5 00               | 82 64     |                      |                    | 238 64    |
| 7 Compostela.....   |                |                          |                 |                  |               |                    |           |                      |                    |           |
| 8 Central.....      | 3 50           |                          | 8 95            | 62 40            | 95 45         | 30 00              | 43 92     |                      |                    | 244 22    |
| 9 Centerville.....  | 11 50          |                          |                 | 34 80            | 35 43         |                    |           | 1 80                 |                    | 82 83     |
| 10 Churchland.....  | 375 00         | 40 00                    | 17 86           | 1216 00          | 622 20        | 30 00              | 281 93    | 5 00                 | 420 00             | 3007 99   |
| 11 Court Street...  | 400 00         | 85 00                    | 90 00           | 1600 25          | 300 00        | 85 00              | 249 00    | 325 00               | 257 00             | 3391 25   |
| 12 Deep Creek.....  |                | 2 13                     | 6 56            | 23 00            |               | 3 00               |           |                      |                    | 37 66     |
| 13 East Brambleton  |                |                          |                 |                  |               |                    |           |                      |                    | 12 05     |
| 14 Fairmont.....    |                |                          |                 |                  |               |                    |           |                      | 18 50              | 18 50     |
| 15 First, Norfolk.  | 333 48         | 36 77                    | 110 21          | 1196 93          | 649 98        | 74 83              | 246 53    |                      |                    | 2648 73   |
| 16 Fourth Street... | 68 27          | 14 00                    | 13 40           | 216 29           | 111 04        | 6 00               | 85 75     |                      | 92 15              | 606 90    |
| 17 Freemason St...  | 481 21         | 75 00                    | 105 32          | 2540 99          | 953 58        | 112 74             | 1027 75   |                      |                    | 5296 09   |
| 18 Gilmerton.....   | 5 00           | 2 50                     | 5 00            | 20 00            | 10 00         | 2 50               | 57 00     | 15 00                |                    | 117 00    |
| 19 Kempsville.....  | 16 02          |                          |                 | 36 35            | 3 85          | 5 95               | 54 15     |                      |                    | 116 32    |
| 20 Knott's Island   |                |                          |                 |                  |               |                    |           |                      |                    |           |
| 21 Lake Drum'nd.    | 20 00          |                          |                 | 29 88            | 13 50         |                    | 1 00      |                      | 15 00              | 79 38     |
| 22 London Bridge    |                | 5 50                     | 5 00            | 80 00            | 34 50         | 5 00               | 139 03    |                      |                    | 269 03    |
| 23 Nansemond.....   | 10 15          | 2 50                     | 1 50            | 19 70            | 9 30          | 1 51               | 44 15     | 1 75                 |                    | 90 56     |
| 24 Northwest.....   | 5 00           |                          |                 | 10 00            | 10 00         | 2 44               | 5 00      |                      |                    | 32 44     |
| 25 Oak Grove.....   | 35 00          | 15 00                    | 5 00            | 32 50            | 20 00         | 10 00              | 34 00     | 1 00                 |                    | 152 50    |
| 26 Ocean View.....  | 15 00          | 5 00                     |                 | 14 75            | 9 70          | 5 00               | 8 16      |                      |                    | 59 61     |
| 27 Park Avenue..... | 61 17          |                          |                 | 230 15           | 54 81         | 23 15              | 75 00     |                      |                    | 444 28    |
| 28 Park Place.....  | 445 92         |                          | 20 00           | 1084 18          | 420 10        | 20 00              | 290 96    | 7 75                 | 10 85              | 2299 26   |
| 29 Park View.....   | 152 53         | 10 00                    | 9 00            | 348 09           | 351 75        | 21 00              | 125 79    | 90 00                | 15 00              | 1123 16   |
| 30 Pleasant Grove.  | 57 25          | 3 00                     |                 |                  | 5 00          | 5 00               | 24 00     |                      |                    | 114 85    |
| 31 Port Norfolk.    | 34 00          | 17 00                    |                 | 65 00            | 50 00         |                    | 7 67      |                      |                    | 173 67    |
| 32 Prentis Place... | 55 00          |                          |                 | 85 60            | 88 75         | 12 00              | 91 13     | 10 00                |                    | 352 48    |
| 33 South Norfolk.   | 75 00          | 5 00                     | 10 00           | 95 01            | 75 00         | 5 00               | 100 00    | 5 00                 | 50 19              | 420 20    |
| 34 South Street...  | 36 00          |                          |                 | 153 00           | 108 00        | 90 00              |           |                      |                    | 387 00    |
| 35 Spurgeon Mem..   | 104 71         |                          |                 | 516 99           | 141 20        |                    | 608 25    |                      | 192 34             | 1563 49   |
| 36 St John.....     | 20 00          | 5 00                     | 5 00            | 51 50            | 66 00         | 6 00               | 30 00     |                      |                    | 183 50    |
| 37 Va. Beach.....   | 20 00          |                          |                 | 7 00             | 7 00          |                    | 8 00      |                      |                    | 42 00     |
| 38 West Norfolk...  | 40 00          | 4 25                     | 4 30            | 5 57             | 5 02          | 5 85               | 58 15     | 3 50                 | 4 00               | 130 64    |
| 39 Westhaven.....   |                |                          |                 | 8 95             |               |                    | 4 76      |                      |                    | 13 71     |
| Total.....          | 3 032 54       | 378 76                   | 460 32          | 10 278 13        | 4 468 52      | 606 23             | 4 042 29  | 466 80               | 1 087 57           | 24 872 24 |

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES

|    | CHURCHES       | Pastor's Salary | Current Expenses | Support of S. School | Church Bldg. and Improvement | Aid of Poor | Associational Fund | Evangelists | Miscellaneous | Total      |
|----|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| 1  | Berkley Avenue | 1 500 00        | 761 85           | 197 18               | 1 358 35                     |             | 5 00               | 88 00       | 120 39        | 4 030 77   |
| 2  | Bethel         | 125 00          | 18 00            |                      |                              | 9 50        | 1 50               | 18 00       |               | 172 00     |
| 3  | Blackwater     |                 |                  |                      |                              |             |                    |             |               |            |
| 4  | Broadway       | 60 00           | 5 00             |                      |                              |             | 1 00               |             |               | 66 00      |
| 5  | Burrows Mem.   |                 | 1 538 70         | 307 75               | 1 177 54                     |             | 2 00               | 109 56      | 25 00         | 3 140 55   |
| 6  | Calvary        | 1 620 00        | 488 62           | 380 95               | 2 966 12                     | 16 50       | 2 00               | 40 00       |               | 5 514 19   |
| 7  | Campostela     | 200 00          |                  |                      |                              |             |                    |             |               |            |
| 8  | Central        | 2 823 44        | 1 152 01         |                      | 1 000 00                     | 43 91       | 3 00               | 60 00       | 754 00        | 5 836 36   |
| 9  | Centerville    | 950 00          | 105 00           |                      |                              |             |                    |             |               |            |
| 10 | Churchland     | 2 000 00        | 8 00             | 72 00                |                              | 360 00      | 5 00               |             |               | 3 237 00   |
| 11 | Court Street   | 2 400 00        | 3 010 00         |                      | 580 63                       | 530 00      | 10 00              | 250 00      |               | 6 781 62   |
| 12 | Deep Creek     | 400 00          | 78 00            |                      |                              | 20 00       | 3 00               | 47 00       |               | 549 15     |
| 13 | East Bram'nton | 286 59          |                  |                      |                              |             |                    |             |               | 286 59     |
| 14 | Fairmount      | 360 00          |                  |                      |                              |             |                    |             |               | 360 00     |
| 15 | First, Norfolk | 3 250 00        | 2 234 07         | 120 00               | 2 200 00                     | 196 02      | 6 00               | 238 10      | 889 42        | 9 533 61   |
| 16 | Fourth Street  | 1 800 00        | 1 217 85         | 177 90               | 1 702 29                     | 145 96      | 5 00               | 150 00      |               | 5 199 00   |
| 17 | Freemason St.  |                 | 7 942 58         | 1 363 28             | 4 346 75                     | 469 89      | 10 00              |             | 1 389 09      | 15 521 59  |
| 18 | Gilmerton      | 180 00          | 50 00            |                      | 160 00                       |             | 2 00               |             |               | 392 00     |
| 19 | Kempsville     | 400 00          | 25 00            | 4 00                 | 178 74                       |             | 1 25               | 14 50       | 7 00          | 630 49     |
| 20 | Knott's Island |                 |                  |                      |                              |             |                    |             |               |            |
| 21 | Lake Drum'nd.  | 300 00          | 51 01            |                      |                              |             | 2 50               | 20 00       |               | 373 51     |
| 22 | London Bridge  | 600 00          | 247 11           |                      | 86 13                        |             | 2 50               | 50 00       |               | 985 74     |
| 23 | Nansemond      | 144 00          | 44 75            | 28 24                | 721 00                       |             | 2 00               |             |               | 939 99     |
| 24 | Northwest      | 250 00          | 35 00            |                      | 40 00                        |             | 2 00               | 27 50       |               | 354 50     |
| 25 | Oak Grove      | 500 00          | 40 00            |                      | 200 00                       | 7 50        | 5 00               | 21 31       | 58 54         | 832 35     |
| 26 | Ocean View     | 695 33          | 57 43            |                      |                              |             |                    | 56 02       | 10 00         | 818 78     |
| 27 | Park Avenue    | 2 000 00        | 485 31           | 525 00               | 1 514 05                     | 161 67      | 5 00               | 30 00       | 30 00         | 4 751 03   |
| 28 | Park Place     |                 | 3 033 16         | 583 74               | 4 426 31                     | 43 50       | 5 00               | 179 90      | 271 96        | 7 954 83   |
| 29 | Park View      | 1 360 00        | 999 08           | 279 06               | 3 483 29                     | 57 14       | 10 52              | 60 63       | 131 22        | 6 380 94   |
| 30 | Pleasant Grove | 200 00          | 26 00            |                      |                              |             | 2 00               | 27 50       |               | 255 50     |
| 31 | Port Norfolk   | 2 000 00        | 617 30           |                      | 3 243 73                     | 28 40       | 3 00               | 45 00       |               | 5 934 43   |
| 32 | Prentis Place  | 1 100 00        | 263 00           |                      | 829 04                       | 34 36       | 2 00               | 55 00       | 314 00        | 2 587 40   |
| 33 | South Norfolk  | 1 200 00        | 506 44           | 133 16               | 5 780 73                     | 22 00       | 3 00               | 40 00       | 1 278 10      | 8 963 43   |
| 34 | South Street   | 1 800 00        | 800 00           | 490 40               | 1 516 04                     | 90 00       |                    | 29 78       |               | 4 726 22   |
| 35 | Spurgeon Mem.  | 1 900 00        | 1 109 22         |                      | 1 627 49                     | 335 21      | 7 00               | 350 00      | 646 78        | 5 975 70   |
| 36 | St. John       | 450 00          | 79 31            | 64 75                |                              | 9 95        | 2 64               | 31 00       | 42 75         | 680 20     |
| 37 | Virginia Beach | 454 29          | 75 00            |                      | 175 00                       | 5 00        | 1 50               | 53 00       |               | 823 79     |
| 38 | West Norfolk   | 320 00          | 81 96            | 87 16                | 80 32                        |             | 1 50               | 20 00       |               | 591 54     |
| 39 | Westhaven      | 170 00          | 80 99            |                      | 69 08                        | 1 80        | 1 01               | 20 00       | 25 00         | 368 23     |
|    | Total.....     | 33 798 65       | 27 316 75        | 4 814 57             | 39 462 63                    | 2 588 31    | 114 92             | 2 131 80    | 5 993 25      | 115 599 03 |





## STANDING COMMITTEES

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|------------------------------|--|
| State Missions .....         | R. G. Kendrick   |
| Home Missions .....          | J. R. Straton  |
| Foreign Missions .....       | R. A. Williams   |
| Sunday Schools .....         | F. W. Putney   |
| Education Board .....        | J. T. Anderson   |
| Ministers' Relief Fund ..... | A. W. Burfoot  |
| Orphanage .....              | J. W. Leaf   |
| Pastoral Support .....       | C. R. Robertson  |
| Periodicals .....            | T. J. Ragland  |
| Temperance .....             | A. O. Boda   |
| Woman's Work .....           | J. B. Jackson  |
| Laymen's Movement .....      | W. C. Corbitt  |
| Digest of Letters .....      | B. Lacy Hoge   |
| Education Commission .....   | W. R. Flannagan  |
| Program .....                | W. B. Duling, J. A. McKaughan and E. T. Higgason   |
| Missionary .....             | J. M. C. Duke, L. C. Brinson, J. W. Leaf,<br>J. M. Robertson, W. F. Watkins and O. L. Williams |
| Obituaries .....             | W. M. Black  |