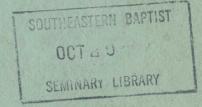
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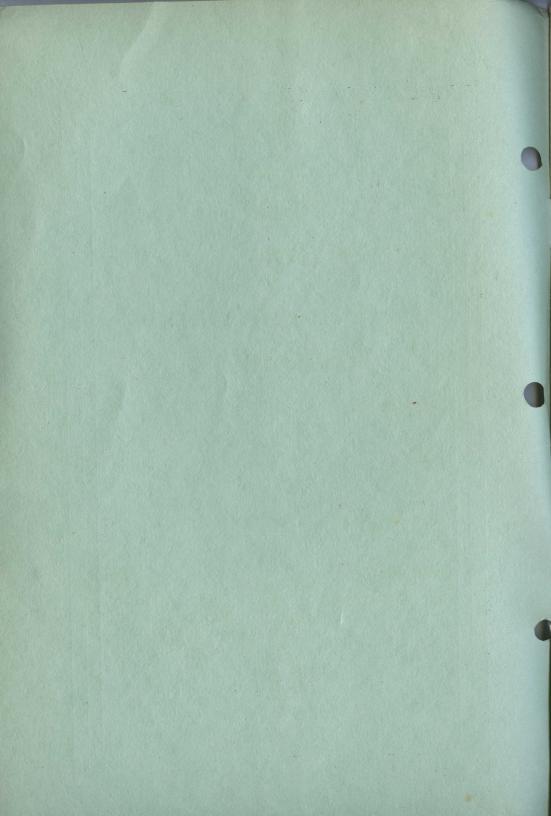




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September 30th and October 1st, 1919

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40. Westhaven	G. W. Hamer, Portsmouth, Va.

#### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the VIRGINIA PORTS-MOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

#### Membership.

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

#### Objects.

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

#### Powers and Prerogatives.

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

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

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 duey of the Vice-Moderator to dis-

charge the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

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

Article 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the money contributed to the Association Fund, as directed

by the body, and to make an annual report of same.

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

#### RULES OF ORDER.

The Association shall convene annually at the time and place 1st. 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.

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 busi-

ness 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 de-

cided by rules of Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

#### **MINUTES**

Fentress, Va., Sept. 30, 1919.

The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met in its One Hundred and Twenty-ninth session with the Fentress Church, Fentress, Va., at 10:30 A. M., and was called to order by W. W. Gordon, Moderator.

2. In the devotional exercises Rev. A. W. Burfoot read the first Psalm, after which Rev. H. F. Jones lead in prayer, and after some remarks by the moderator, and a

hymn was sung, W. W. Gordan lead in prayer.

The roll of churches was called and the following

delegates enrolled:

Berkley Avenue—J. H. Prevatt and E. M. Graves. Bethel—Thomas Davis, Sr., and Thomas Davis, Jr.

Blackwater-E. E. McClain and A. O. Baum.

Broadway—J. C. Collins, I. R. Dozier and W. S. O'Neal. Burrows Memorial—O. L. Gilbert, R. H. Vaughn and Ira Smelson.

Calvary-H. C. Duerr.

Campostella—R. R. Pierce. Central—Dr. W. T. Smith, E. A. Odendhal, S. T. Mathews and W. F.

Watkins.
Centerville—W. J. Herring and J. N. Wood, Ambrose Burfoot and Chas. E. Grady.
Churchland—L. A. Deans.
Court Street—R. S. Brooks, W. C. Corbitt, N. E. Adamson and O. L.

Williams.
Deep Creek—J. G. McCoy and J. W. Carey.

East Brambleton-

Fairmount Park-

First-W. W. Workman, D. K. Darden and Geo. T. Banks.

Fourth Street-J. M. Everett, C. L. Tyler, L. C. Brinson and C. H.

Freemason Street-W. F. Robertson, O. Wynne and M. Winston. Kempsville—Harry B. Davis and John C. Wood.

Knott's Island-

Lake Drummond—W. C. McCoy.
Larchmont—S. A. D. Parker and J. T. Whitehurst.
London Bridge—B. F. Smith and B. F. Owens.
Nansemond—S. T. Kittrell and F. M. Pierce.

Oak Grove-J. W. C. Dudley and D. E. Spry.

Park Avenue—T. L. Harrell, R. E. Summers, F. A. Walker and J. W. Belote.

Park Place-Chas. R. Robertson, C. T. Wright and J. H. Rountree. Park View-A. R. Williams, J. L. Robertson, T. D. Roper and T. E. Bristow.

Pleasant Grove—Chas. T. Eason and C. Stewart.
Port Norfolk—W. H. Rodman, J. W. Cotton, S. B. Johnson, C. C.
Franklin and C. P. Saunders.
Prentis Place. Corner Anderson and J. H. Carr.

Prentis Place—George Anderson and J. H. Carr.
South Norfolk—Zack Quiddle and J. W. Evans.
South Street—T. O. Williams and E. L. Beale.
Spurgeon Memorial—H. S. Jarvis and W. W. Gordon.

St. Johns—T. R. Sawyer, J. J. Bell and A. F. Toxey. Virginia Beach—John Freeman. West Norfolk—Z. D. Owins and A. C. Davis. West Haven—

#### PASTORS PRESENT

Burfoot, A. W.	Jamerson, M.	Savage, W. V.
Cox, Geo. W.	Jones, H. F.	Sawyer, C. S.
Dogan, R. J.	Jones, H. M. B.	Stephenson, R. D.
Dudley, E. E.	Mason, B. K.	Torbert, R. W.
Duling, W. B.	Peebles	Trueblood, C. H.
Haislop, W. B.	Putney, Floyd W.	Vines, Wm. M.
Jackson, J. B.	Riddick, J. T.	Williams, R. A.
James, M.	Riggs, O. L.	Williams, H. K.

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

Moderator—H. F. Jones.

Vice-Moderator—L. C. Brinson, Clerk and Treasurer—J. B. Jackson.

5. A Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of

R. J. Dogan and Dr. Burfoot.

6. A Committee on the Reception of new Churches into the Association was appointed, consisting of W. V.

Savage and F. W. Putney.

7. Moved and carried, by a two-thirds majority, that women be admitted as delegates in the Association; and also that that part of the constitution which states that: "No church shall have more than four delegates," be stricken out.

#### **Introduction of New Pastors**

8. The Moderator introduced the following new pastors to the Association: W. M. Vines, pastor of First Church, Norfolk; E. E. Dudley, pastor of Park View Church, Portsmouth; C. S. Sawyer, pastor of South Norfolk Church; M. Jamerson, pastor of Kempsville and Broadway Churches; and M. James, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Union of Norfolk, Portsmouth and vicinity.

#### Recognition of Visitors

9. Under this head David Hepburn, of the Anti-Saloon League of the State was recognized.

#### Introductory Sermon

10. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Geo. W. Cox, of Fentress, after W. M. Vines had read the first 15 verses of Matt. 5th Chapter, and lead in prayer, and the congregation had sung: "Nearer My God to Thee." Text: 1 Cor. 6:19, "Ye are not your own." After the sermon J. T. Riddick lead in prayer, and the congregation joined in singing: "I am thine, O Lord."

J. R. Doan, the State Organizer of the 75 Million Campaign, was introducted to the Association.

12. The Association was adjourned by prayer lead by

W. V. Savage.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The session was opened with prayer lead by F. W. 12.

Putney.

J. R. Doan made some explanations of the 75 Mil-13. lion Campaign. Campaign song was sung: "When Millions Come Pouring In." Dr. W. V. Savage lead in prayer.

The Committee on New Churches recommended the reception of Larchmont Church into the Association, and their delegates were given the right hand of fellowship by the Association, lead by Dr. W. V. Savage, while the audience sang, "Blessed be the tie that binds."

15. The report on Education Board was read by F.

W. Putney.

16. R. D. Stephenson read the report on Education Commission.

Hymn, "He leadeth me," was sung.

17. C. H. Trueblood read the report on Sunday Schools. 18. B. K. Mason read the report on the Orphanage. 19. The report on Periodicals was read by Geo. W.

Cox. After the reading of the above named reports J. R. Doan made a strong address on the 75 Million Campaign, after which these reports were adopted as a whole. The reports follow:

#### Report on Education Board

The largest contribution Baptists make to the Kingdom of God is made through the churches. The strenght, influence and spirit is made through the churches. The strenght, influence and spirit of the churches depend upon the kind and quality of their leadership. The minister is the man called of God to the leadership of the churches. The minister, therefore, is the key to the progress of the Kingdom of God among men. I have a friend who is fond of saying: "The solution of every problem is a man." That is immeasurably true regarding the problems of the Kingdom—and the pastor is that man. What a privilege! What an obligation! What a responsibility! Paul's striking logic set forth in the question, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" applies not only to the foreign missionary but to every minister of the Gospel.

There was a time when it was thought that preparation was neither necessary nor desirable for a Gospel preacher, then came a time when preparation was considered desirable but not necessary, but the time has now come when preparation is both desirable and necessary for the effective preaching of the Gospel and the efficient ministry of the Word. A minister needs long, hard, broad, deep training for his task it matters not where his field of labor is to be—the more thorough his training the greater his worth to the churches and the Kingdom.

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Since these things are so evident that they are almost axiomatic two things should commend themselves to our churches as of profound and fundamental importance.

## The imperative need of recruits for the Ministry.

The shortage of pastors especially in rural fields is appalling. There are hundreds of pastorless fields in our own state and all over the Southern Baptist Convention. Some associations in this state have more than half of their pastorates vacant and there are hundreds of pastors trying to serve fields which should have the services of two or three and sometimes four men. Not only so but new missionaries are needed by the hundreds if we are to properly man our mission station and enter the opening doors in our Home and Foreign fields.

It is high time that all of us by the earnestness of our prayers, by the intensity of our feeling, by the godliness of our living, by the pathos of our appeals and by the effectiveness of our service, should give ourselves to the creation, in our homes and in our churches, of an atmosphere in which men and women will be sensitive to the call

of God.

The absolute necessity of adequately training those who are willing to answer the call of God.

Our churches should make it possible for those who are to be Kingdom leaders to develope to the highest possible degree their natural gifts and faculties and enable them to secure the best training in the proper environment, for the most efficient service, without personal embarrassment or humiliation.

Virginia Baptist through the Education Board has been doing a worthy work in aiding students for the ministry while pursuing their studies in our denominational schools but our board has been

handicapped by the pitiful sum at its disposal.

The Board has had under its care during the last collegiate year only 44 students, 22 of whom were in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 26 at Richmond College, 5 at Chatham Training School and 4 at Fork Union Academy. This is the smallest number that has been reported for a number of years and should cause us to give very serious and prevental thought to this most important matter. In serious and prayerful thought to this most important matter. In addition to the above there were 23 ministerial students in college who did not require aid from the Board.

The 75 million campaign ought to arouse our churches so that they will do these two tremendously imperative things. In pressing the claims of this campaign in our churches we should emphasize these two great needs and especially take advantage of Enlistment Day, Sunday, October 26th, to call out the called. We therefore

make these two recommendations:

1. That every pastor within the bounds of the Portsmouth association be requested to preach a special sermon on Sunday, October 26th, on "The Claims of the Gingdom on Young Men and Women of Today."

2. That our churches make adequate provision for our denominational schools, and the proper thraining of students for the ministry and mission fields by "Going over the Top" in the 75 Million Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. PUTNEY.

#### Report on Education Commission

Christian education is an hundred fold more imperative, more vitally necessary, more absolutely essential than ever before. We stand at the opening portal of a new era. A period of reconstruction is upon us. A magnificent opportunity greets us, but with this opportunity comes a corresponding responsibility. A tremendous obliga-tion rests heavily upon us. We must have efficient leaders and an education of the highest Christian type alone can fit us for our great

There are in Virginia 10 schools under Baptist control, valued at \$1,664,750, having an endowment of \$1,010,000. Two of these schools are aided by the Home Board, namely, Oak Hill Academy and Lee Baptist Institute, and two are under the direction of the State Mission Board, namely, Buchanan Mission School and Blue Ridge Mission School. In these 10 schools there were last year 118 teachers and 1,386 students. Of this number 93 were students for the min-

istry and 9 were volunteer students.

Every county and every community in the state has been directly benefited by the uplift and enlightenment that have come through leaders in various walks of life who were trained in these

Since there are in Virginia far more Baptist than any other denomination it is quite proper that Baptist should train a larger share of the men and women who are to be leaders in our state.

The religious contribution made by these schools can never be measured. In all of them we are told the Bible is taught along with other text books, and Mission Study Classes and Sunday School Teacher training Work is carried out with fine results.

These schools have trained a large number of our Foreign Missionaries, Home Missionaries, State Missionaries, and pastors. They are our plant beds, our seed corn. As they are kept strong and pure see we shall be many and wighty as a people

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All these schools reported last year the best year in their history. Practically every school reported an overflow attendance. The prospects for this year are even brighter. The Million Dollar Campaign for our Central Colleges was closed in August with much success.

Southern Baptists were never so much interested in Christian education as today. In the South we have 106 Christian schools, valued at \$12,998,000, having \$6,385,000 endowment. There were last year 1,430 teachers and 23,574 students in these schools.

An Education Board was created at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention. This new board will be located in

Birmingham, Ala.

Of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign 20 Million is designated for education. Virginia is asked to raise \$7,000,000 of the total amount and of this we should donate \$1,866,000 to Education. Our schools are in need of much more than this amount.

The 75 Million Campaign will call for a host of trained Christian leaders to go into all the world. We, under God's guidance, must count on our schoos to train these leaders.

#### R. D. STEPHENSON.

#### Report on Sunday Schools

Teaching is the primary function of the Sunday School. The Sunday School is not distinct from the Church, it is the Church itself at work diligently imparting to its constituency the sacred truth of God's Holy Word. What a sublime privilige! What a tremendous responsibility, the church faces, in the work of the Sunday School.

Of course, it goes without saying there should be a good up-to-date and well manned school in every church within the bounds of the Portsmouth Association. We are delighted to know that flourishing new schools have been organized at Larchmont and at Cradock.

Last year our report showed 10,617 church members; Sunday school enrollment, 7,700, of this number 3,055 were members of the

church.

We also find in the report of last year, that out of a Sunday school enrollment of 7,700 there were only 174 conversions, 19 schools

reporting no conversions at all.

The outstanding need of our Sunday schools today, is trained teachers and leaders. This primary necessity is recognized as never before throughout our Southland, and we should have particular pride in the great part which Virginia has had in forwarding the work of Teacher Training. During the last year, Virginia has had the largest program of rural institutes ever held in the South, totaling 250, besides our Training Schools in our towns and cities. In order to accomplish this splendid result a force of 20 helpers have been employed, and have labored in every section of the state.

We greatly rejoice in the good work achieved through our two Summer Assemblies; a larger number of teachers and workers attended the assemblies this year than ever before, and the work done

was of a high order.

Though handicapped on account of the Influenza epidemic last fall, an unusually successful institute was conducted in Norfolk the early part of the year, resulting in a large number of text book rewards.

In conclusion, we wish to enumerate a few words for emphasis;

we emphasize:

1. Equipment. Let us see to it that the very best possible equipment is provided for the sacred work of teaching God's word.

2. Organization. May we set about to effect a thorough organ-

ization of our Sunday school forces.
3. Enlistment. With all our hearts let us rise up and double the membership of our Sunday schools, as requested by our Sunday School Board in line with the 75 Million Campaign.

4. Education. We should avail ourselves of every opportunity to educate and indoctrinate. The "Special Days" programs, provided by our Board, from time to time, have tremendous educational values.

5. Evangelism. The Sunday school is a "Field—white, already to harvest." God forbid that we should fail in our Sunday schools, to do this the greatest work ever committed to man-winning lost souls to Christ.

6. Training. I mention this last, because it is of supreme importance. Training is so necessary to success that even Jesus trained His disciples for three years before He sent them out to win the

world to Him and teach it His doctrines.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Trueblood.

#### Orphanage Report

Virginia Baptists led all other denominations in the state in establishing and maintaining a home for orphan children. Their first steps in the establishment of such an institution were taken some thirty years ago. Salem, Va., a place beautiful for situation, and admirably suited to the needs of such an enterprise, was decided upon

for the location of our orphanage.

From a small beginning, it has grown, under the blessings of God, to be one of our greatest and most loved institutions. Our response to the orphans' cry reveals the character of our religion sponse to the orphans' cry reveals the character of our rengion and our love for Him who is "A father to the fatherless and a judge of the widow." There can scarcely be a nobler work than the gathering up of homeless children, make a home for them, feed, clothe, educate, train and fit them for useful happy Christian lives.

From the last Annual Report, it is interesting to note the efficiency of the management, the evidences of growth and the unitable works of the favor and blassings of the Lord upon the

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institution.

There were 150 cases of Influenza, but not a single death from this cause—only one death during the year and that from Tuberculosis. Two hundred children were cared for. There are many on the waiting list and this number has been greatly increased because of the epidemic of Influenza, which took away so many fathers and mothers, and there is no room. Surely we will push the 75 million dollar campaign to a glorious victory that room may be made for orphan children as well as take care of the other very worthy objects of the convention. Two valuable pieces of property came into the possession of the orphanage last year-a 50-acre farm of splendid bottom land and the Moffit home adjoining the orphanage property-also several bequests. The financial report shows an \$8,000.00 increase in contributions and no debt.

We earnestly urge, in concluding this report, that we remember the orphanage in our daily devotions, largely increase our gifts, remember the institution in our wills when we have large estates to dispose of, patronize as far as possible the splendid printing plant

and take and read our orphanage paper.

Respectfully submitted,

B. K. MASON, Committee.

#### Report on Periodicals

One would naturally think that a report on periodicals of our denomination would be devoted to a description of their excellencies and perhaps of their defects: that the papers and the magazines themselves would take up all the short time allotted to me.

I have found, however, that the excellencies of the two most important papers are self-evident to any one who reads them, and that their defects are negligible. The important thing about our denominational publications, it seems to me, is the regretable fact that their importance is insufficiently appreciated.

I am afraid that there is a tendency on the part of many to look upon the church as a marriage, a burial and a sort of fire insurance society, with meetings once a week, more or less, in which the rules of the society are expounded from the pulpit. They forget the great outstanding fact, that Christianity always has been, and will over the great outstanding fact, that Christianity always has been and will over the great outstanding fact, that the great outstanding fact, that the great outstanding fact, the great and will ever be, until the world is Christ, a war, a never ending war, and one not interrupted by truces or armistices.

We are carrying on a great conflict against heathenism, and other "isms" too numerous to mention, against the powers of darkness and sin on all sides, and, strange as it may sound, we must fight against the indifference on the part of so many Christians. Our battle-lines encircle the world. We are fighting upon a thousand fronts. And yet while we, as Baptists, are at a critical stage on our portion of the battle-line in our efforts to raise the greatest sum ever attempted by the denomination, there are hundreds upon hundreds of Baptist families in which not one issue of a Baptist paper is read from one year's end to the other.

My friends, do you think that we, as Americans, had read no newspapers, telling us of what our boys were doing and suffering in France; if we had not been told of their victories, or of the pitiful conditions of the Belgians and the French, to whose rescue they went; do you think that we at home would have thrown ourselves wholeheartedly into the task of backing them up with the support which

they needed?

Do you think that if we had not been kept so fully informed of the necessity for every one of us to save, to conserve, to give, and give freely, that we would have done so with the irresistable fervor with which we did; There can be no question. We knew what was being done. We knew what was needed. We shared in the glories of their victories, and had there been defeat, we would have shared its shame. And the very fact that we knew these things helped mightly in preventing the possibility of defeat. We could not have done without knowledge of the war in Europe while that war was going on. We would have considered ourselves ashamed not to have known of the last victory, the last valiant attack.

Now should we, in this great war of Christianity, show less interest? Should we not follow the campaign with as keen an interest as we followed the battles in France? A Baptist man or a Baptist woman should feel it their duty, nay their keenest delight, to follow the progress of the armies of Christ, with as proud an interest and as complete a knowledge, as they followed the armies of our

nation in Europe.

They know that our magazine of missionary work, "Home and Foreign Fields," will furnish them with the news from the battle lines. This being a fact, can a conscientious Bautist, a lover of the Lord, afford not to subscribe to that paper. Then there are the Orphanage News, and the "Religious Herald." In connection with the latter paper, there is a point to which I would call your attention: "The Religious Herald" deals to some extent with questions of the Christian war, and is an inspiration on that account, but it possesses other features which should make a right-thinking Baptist hesitate to omit it from his reading. The best of us are prone to slip-shod thinking, leaving important factors in our religious belief nebulous and ill-defined. I would like to call attention to the singularly able and lucid articles upon our faith appearing weekly in the above paper, which tend to crystalize our thoughts and stimulate our religious life. A study of the articles, written by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, appearing in recent issues of the Herald, would help and strengthen any Christian.

In the great war of the nations we would not willingly have been without news from the front, so I find it difficult to understand how any of us are willing to do without the organs giving news from the battlefronts of the war of Christ. But just as those tales from the battlefield would have been lacking in some portion of their appeal, if we did not feel an intense patriotism and love for our country, so the progress of the Christian war will leave us unmoved, if we are without a continuous source of inspiration to intensify our spiritual love for our Lord and our longing for the

Respectfully submitted, triumph of His cause.

21. After singing a hymn the Association was adjourned with prayer lead by E. E. Dudley.

#### TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Devotional Exercises were conducted by T. E. Bristow. Scripture reading, Romans, first chapter. A W. Burfoot lead in prayer. Hymn, "Saviour Like a Shep-

herd Lead Us," was sung.

23. J. T. Riddick read a part of the 4th chapter of Philipians, after which H. K. Williams preached the Doctrinal sermon, Theme: "Baptists and the 75 Million Campaign." J. B. Jackson lead in prayer. Brother Williams was requested by a unanimous vote to give the Religious Herald a copy of this sermon for publication. 24. "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" was sunf,

after which Wm. M. Vines made a strong address on the

75 Million Campaign.

25. The session was adjourned with prayer, lead by Geo. W. Cox.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 10:30 by

the Moderator, H. F. Jones.

27. Devotional exercises were conducted by R. W. Torbert. "O, What Will You Do With Jesus" was sung. Scripture reading, 98 Psalm. Prayer, lead by T. D. Roper. Hymn, "Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole."

28. The report on Ministers' Relief Fund was read (in the absence of H. K. Williams, who prepared the report), by E. E. Dudley. Brother Dudley spoke to the re-

port.

- The report on Temperance was read by J. T. Riddick.
- 30. L. C. Brinson read the report for the Missionary Committee.
- H. F. Jones read the report on Woman's Work, and it was moved and carried that the minutes of the Women's meeting be incorporated in the Associational minutes.

32. T. O. Williams read the report on Pastoral Sup-

port, and made some remarks on the report.

33. W. B. Duling read the report on Obituaries.

34. L. C. Brinson read the Apportionment of the Churches in the 75 Million Campaign.

The Campaign song, "When Millions Come Pouring In," was sung, after which Geo. W. McDaniel, D. D., of Richmond, made a strong address on the 75 Million Campaign. After this address all the above reports were adopted as a whole, except the Apportionment report, which was deferred until the afternoon session for general discussion.

The adopted reports follow in order as read:

#### Ministerial Relief Fund

Baptists have much to repent of concerning their failure to care for the disabled and aged minister. We have been altogether too neglectful in adequately providing for his needs. There are between eight and nine thousand pastors in our Southern Baptist ministry and the average salary of these men is about four hundred dollars per year. The minister can not become independent who receives such meagre compensation. There is no hope of his saving up a competency against the day when he will have to retire because of disability or old age. The average minister, therefore, must necessarily face the future feeling more or less disturbed. The denomination has a great duty to perform in this direction. It would mean much in lifting the strain of worry from the minds of our pastors, and it would mean the increasing of the effectiveness of their ministry.

The Southern Baptist Convention has established a Board of Ministerial Relief with Dr. William Lunsford as Corresponding Secretary with his office in Dallas, Texas. The idea is for this Board to share in the State denominational budgets along with Home and Foreign Missions and other State benevolences. Many of the States have their own Aged Ministers' Relief Funds to care for their own disabled or aged ministers, but it is hoped that the various States will turn their work over to this Board of which Dr. Lunsford is the Secretary. The money collected will be used in the relief of

needy ministers and missionaries, and their dependents.

This Board plans the raising of five million dollars as an endowment. One half of this endowment is to be devoted to general relief of old or disabled ministers, and needy widows and orphans of deceased ministers and missionaries. This endowment is too small. It will require this amount and more to meet the demands in the present moment and in the future in the matter of ministerial relief.

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The Board will have an Annuity Fund. "This fund embodies a contributory pension idea and permits the minister, by making regular annual, semi-annual, or quarterly payments, to provide in part for his old age and disability. The maximum benefits of this fund are \$500.00 per year during the lifetime for every man who has reached the age of sixty-eight, who is a member of the fund, and who has served in the Baptist Ministry for thirty years. For the minister who has become disabled from sickness or accident, a disability annuity of \$100.00, and such additional annuity as may be determined by the Board, based upon the contributions to the eighty per cent fund, received from the churches, individuals, and otherwise.

"Under the plan as revised by the Atlanta Convention—the minister who becomes totally disabled cannot receive less than \$100.00 per annum, and may receive the maximum annuity of \$500.00, should he live long enough to see the fund brought to 100 per cent basis.

"When the minister dies, an annuity is provided for his widow

and children as follows:

"For the widow, three-fifths of the annuity the husband was receiving, or would have received if he had become disabled. In case the minister left no widow, but leaves minor children, three-fifths of the father's annuity will be divided ratably among the minor children during their minority."

Southern Baptists must rise in their might and make adequate provision for their honored ministers who have served humbly and well for three and four decades. There are many who are drawing well for three and four decades. There are many who are drawing near to the evening of life. The shadows of the other world are gathering about them. They have no visible means of support—no children to care for them, and they have no near relatives upon whom to lean. Many of them are scarcely able to provide themselves with the bare necessities of life. They certainly have no luxuries. Their needs cry aloud unto God, and God is admonishing us to do our duty in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. WILLIAMS.

#### Report on Temperance

There was a time when a report on temperance to the Portsmouth Association would have been considered by many of the best and most pious brethren and sisters in bad taste, and quite out of keeping with the work of this body. But such is not the attitude of this body today. On the other hand, those of us whose privilege it is to carry forward the mantle of our fore-fathers who wrought. so nobly, feel quite sensibly that we would be guilty of neglecting a plain duty and spurning a gracious privilege if we failed at each session of the Portsmouth Association to put our churches on record as being unalterably opposed to, and determined to fight to a finish, the legalized and the illegalized liquor traffic, which traffic, has done more to ruin the moral, social, political and business life of our commonwealth than all the pestilence, wars and storms that have ever blighted our fair land.

Why this change in sentiment towards an institution that was once allowed to carry on its nefarious traffic in human blood, de-bauching character, dethroning human reason, feeding our jails, penitentiaries, and insane asylums with the finest flower of our

young manhood and womanhood?

The change in sentiment is due to many years of education and agitation against the saloon, and too much cannot be said in praise of the Anti-Saloon League, W. C. T. U., S. S. Teachers, and the ministers of the gospel for the part they have had in banishing the saloon from our country. But let us not think the victory won, and the enemy whipped. While he is badly crippled and not able to carry on his business in public, protected by the laws of the commonwealth; let us not forget the fact that he is leaving no stone unturned to keep the business going, and to heal his wounds received at the hands of the temperance forces. We must not forget that this wounded liquor devil is being nursed very carefully and aided very strongly by certain individuals and organizations with the hope that complete and full recovery may be gained, and that the opened door saloon will again disgrace our streets and the attack on our homes and business enterprises be renewed. It is these nurses and doctors of the wounded beast that we have to fight now and not the beast. These friendly nurses are not losing an opportunity to gain their points. They perfect organizations with high sounding names, which name appeals to the unsuspecting citizen on the grounds of his personal liberty, and he is thereby deceived and marches to the ballot box and votes for the friend of the legalized saloon.

Your committee would suggest that there has been no period in the temperance movement of Virginia when a keener watch should be kept on the liquor forces, especially during the coming session of the legislature. Your committee would make the following recommendations:

First, That the Portsmouth Association take this method of expressing their unshaken confidence in the moral integrity and business-like methods of the Anti-Saloon League and Prohibition Forces of Virginia.

Secondly, That we wish to show our appreciation of their services by pledging to them our most hearty moral and financial sup-

port.

Resolved Third: That it is our firm belief that the success of prohibition in Virginia is due in a large measure to the efficient Department of Law-Enforcement under the leadership of Hon. J. Sidney Peters. We, therefore, earnestly request the General Assembly of Virginia to maintain and strengthen this very important State Department for the suppression of the beverage liquor traffic.

J. T. RIDDICK.

#### Report of Missionary Committee

The Churches in our Association, aided by the State Mission Board, are all making very good progress, and some of these Churches should in the near future be self-supporting, and all should have as a goal set before them the time when they will be able to walk without outside aid and thus be helpers in the Cause.

NEW FIELDS: A church has been organized at Larchmont and at an early date one will be organized at Craddock. Sunday

Schools are now in operation at these points.

PASTORAL CHANGES: Rev. F. B. Jarvis is supplying East Brambleton; Rev. J. D. Peebles to Fairmount; Rev. W. M. Vines to First Church, Norfolk; Rev. M. Jamerson to Kempsville and Raleigh Heights; Rev. J. H. Powell to Ocean View; Rev. E. E. Dudley to Park View; Rev. C. S. Sawyer to South Norfolk; Rev. H. P. Simpson to Virginia Beach. These brethren have accepted and are now on the field.

Rev. O. L. Riggs has resigned at West Haven to give his full time at West Norfolk. Deep Creek, Gilmerton, West Haven and

Larchmont are now without pastors.

Rev. H. K. Williams has resigned from Calvary and that church

will be pastorless after October 1st.

The Norfolk and Portsmouth Union some months ago called as its secretary Rev. Marinus James, who has been on the field for some time and is doing an excellent work in the two cities in building up the waste places and strengthening weak spots.

The Union has purchased lots in Winona for the establishment

of a Church and has opened a Chinese Mission in Norfolk.

This Association is called to raise \$548,882.75 as its proportion in the \$75,000,000 Campaign. A worthy task to show just how much the Master's cause is worth to us, and how dearly we love it. This is a great opportunity for us in this Association to prove by deeds what we delight to proclaim, viz: that we are the salt of the earth. Great people do great deeds and if we are willing to enter this service for the Master with a whole heart, soul, mind and body the task will not be hard.

Your Committee prays that we will place ourselves under Divine Guidance and allow the Service for the King to rule our

every-day activities, to the end that our Churches may increase in spirituality and membership and our Bible Schools teach the word to an increasing number of people, and that all of us may sing in unison "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. BRINSON,
R. W. OUTLAND,
P. M. PRITCHARD.

#### Report on Woman's Missionary Union

Annual report of the W. M. U., to the Portsmouth Association, during the recent world war and since the signing of the armistice in the work of reconstruction, women have certainly proven themselves, the equal of men.

To prove this, one need only to think of the ability shown by many women who have been thrust out into the business world, or of the undaunted spirit of the women of the world since the day

reconstruction began.

The W. M. U. were awake to the needs of the world during the war and are equally alive to the great needs of it in these days of re-

construction.

One of the distinguishing marks of the present age is generous giving. The W.M.U. has caught the spirit to an unusual degree during the past year.

They have given to all causes	\$624,545.94
Foreign Missions	_ 268,201.49
Home Missions	185,369.56
Sunday School Board	_ 1,852.47
Judson Centennial	_ 39,110.43
Church Building and Loan Fund	78,456.22
Missionaries' Children	1,929.54
Margaret Fund	2,771.65
Training School	37,562.93

The W. M. U. has manifested not only a great interest in the work of our mission boards but they are deeply interested in the work of education. They will doubtless attempt to raise one-fifth of the fifteen million dollars which has been apportioned for Christian education.

The Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission has agreed that, if the Union will thus plan, \$300,000 it shall be used for

the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky.

The \$300,000 is greatly needed for enlargement and andowment.

Many of the graduates of this school have this year (as in each previous year) gone forth with various phases of mission work.

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The W.M.U. has been endeavoring to educate the women of the South to the need of tithing. During the past year tithing cards to the extent of over 64,000 have been sent out from the Baltimore office to the Southland.

A decided aid in this tithing campaign has been the study of the book "Stewardship and Missions," which is one of the six books prescribed by the Union for those desiring the official seal of the W.M.U. on their mission study certificates.

A second book is "All the World in all the Word," which is a series of twelve Bible mission studies, by Dr. W. A. Carver of the

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. 215,000 women have received one or more small seals on their mission study certificates, while forty have completed the six books and now the large official

A post graduate's course is being planned. Fifteen states reported 238,000 mission study classes during last year. Most of them were held because of the vision and purpose of the W.M.U., of the South. The women of the South by their zeal for and fidelity to the cause of missions are provoking the Southern Baptist men to greater endeavor in the cause of missions.

H. F. JONES.

#### Report on Ministerial Support

Brethren and Sisters:

Let us thank God that men are divinely called to preach and through souls to enrich our Master's Crown, rather than money.

We hear them cry out as did the Prophet of old. "Brethren, my heart's desire for Israel is that they might be saved." But who of us can realize the anxiety of our pastor for his flock to live more faithful and true lives.

With the exception of a few members of their churches, they long for the masses who are indifferent concerning the greatest cause on earth, and whom the Master has put under their care to teach and guide. They see them go back to the world, seeking pleasure, worldliness and money. Their many cares and worries are only known to a very few members and none of us can measure them.

But they have received the call of our Lord to go preach the Gospel to every one. Then shall we who claim Jesus as our Saviour and knowing his will neglect our responsibility to these "Chosen of God," who serve to enlighten us concerning the precious truths found in His Holy Word. These who are the first to share with us in time of trouble. These who pour out their very life to give us the joy of Christianity.

I therefore urge you, brethren, in view of the present day facts as today's new scale of prices of everything, such as books, stationery, clothes, foods, etc., to see that our pastor's very best service, especially at this time when he is expected to help make this greatest Campaign of the Age a success, are not impaired by financial embarrassments. We know only too well that no man can do his best when he is worried about obligations he cannot meet.

Men in every walk of life have had increased incomes varying from 100 per cent on up, and they need them to meet increased demands, but I fear that most churches have not thought enough about increasing their pastors' salaries to help encourage him. I expect they have carried greater embarrassments than ever before.

See to it yourself that your pastor's salary is increased in proportion to the increased income of your church, then he will have encouragement to make just as good a Pastor as you have often wished him to be.

In this way you will be serving God on a broad plan and "He promises to keep you even to the end," (Cor. 12-31). But covet earnestly the best gifts; and show I unto you a more excellent way.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O. WILLIAMS.

#### Report on Obituaries

Your committee is gratified to report unusual blessings upon the official body of the church during the past year. Though death has walked up and down our land, but few have fallen victims to his disasterous power.

Brother Samuel Lynch passed away April 3rd, at the ripe old age of 81 years. He was a worthy deacon in the Lake Drummond Church and a veteran of the civil war. Faithful to all the duties of life he has entered into the reward for the worthy and faithful. His choice suirit has gone but his influence is left behind to emulate us to good deeds and worthy service for the Master.

Brother Warren Brickhouse was born near Columbia in Tyrrell County, N. C., April 5, 1860, and died at Fentress, Va., July 2, 1919. He made a profession of faith in Christ early in life and his faith never faltered. He served as deacon, Sunday school superintendent, Treasurer and Clerk of his church, doing his best to promote Christ's Cause in the world. He leaves his wife and one son with a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. One who knew him well says: "His pastor could always depend upon him."

These choice spirits have gone from earth to heaven and their work do follow them.

#### Respectfully submitted,

#### W. B. DULING.

36. Marinus James and R. J. Dogan were appointed to audit the Treasurers report.

87. W. M. Vines, F. W. Putney and W. B. Duling were

appointed to prepare the Program for next year.

38. A collection, amounting to \$30.33, was taken to

supplement the Minute Fund.

39. The Association was adjourned with prayer, lead by R. A. Williams, to meet at 2:30 in the afternoon.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

40. The Association was called together at 2:30 p. m., by the Moderator, H. F. Jones. "Shall We Meet Beyond the River?" was sung.

41. R. A. Williams read the report on Home Missions.

42. Prayer, lead by E. E. Dudley.

43. Marinus James read the report on Foreign Missions.

44. M. Winston lead in prayer.

45. W. F. Robertson read the report on Layman's Missionary Movement.

46. W. M. Vines lead in prayer.

47. C. S. Sawyer read the report on Digest of Church Letters. C. S. Sawyer and J. B. Jackson made some remarks on the report.

48. All the above reports were adopted as a whole,

and follow in order as read:

49. The Committee on Time, Place and Preachers, report as follows:

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after 4th Sunday in

September, 1920.

Place—Kempsville, Va.

Preachers—Introductory Sermon, R. J. Dogan, Alternate, W. B. Duling; Doctrinal Sermon, C. H. Trueblood.

50. The Apportionment in the 75 Million Campaign was opened for general discussion. The Clerk read the Apportionments, and after a general discussion it was adopted. It follows:

# THE BAPTIST SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION CAMPAIGN Apportionments for the Churches in the Portsmouth Baptist Association

BethelBlackwater	11,344.24 1,727.14 981.20
Raleigh Heights	1,476.34
Raleigh HeightsBurrows Memorial	10,397.87
Calvary	5,222.45
Campostella	2,172.94
Central	16,335.74
Centerville	6,286.60
Churchland	61,153.34
Court Street	44,812.77
Deep Creek	1,364.31
East Brambleton	1,249.41
Fairmount	1,351.29
First Church	61,853.03
Fourth Street	20,439.97
Freemason Street	72,154.01
Gilmerton	500.00
Kempsville	4,394.22
Knott's Island	702.45
Larchmont	2,200.00
Lake Drummond	2,685.14
London Bridge	7,220.16
Nanesmond	2,663.07 2,798.12
Northwest	2,198.12
Oak Grove	3,144.30
Ocean View	1,734.12 42.189.56
Park Place	26,445.83
Park Avenue	25,362.50
Park View	4.567.49
Pleasant Grove	15.816.72
Port Norfolk	7.302.08
Prentis Place	12,319.98
South Norfolk	14,464.62
South Street	39,028.64
Spurgeon Memorial	5.923.84
St. John	1.319.91
Virginia Beach	2,383.74
Westhaven	3,393.61
West Norfolk	0,000.01

51. R. J. Dogan read the report of the Finance Committee, as follows:

Special Collection \_\_\_\_\_\$ 30.33 Associational Fund from the Churches \_\_\_\_\_\_\$ 173.78 Total, paid to Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_\$ \$204.11

The report was adopted.

52. The B. Y. P. U. was added to the list of regular objects to be reported at the Association, and T. E. Bristoe appointed to prepare the report.

53. Moved and carried that the clerk write Dr. R. B. Garrett a letter of love and sympathy on behalf of the

Association.

54. W. M. Vines was elected delegate from the Asso-

ciation, to the Southern Baptist Convention.

55. A vote of thanks was extended to those who have

prepared reports for the Association.

56. The following Resolution was presented by F. W. Putney, and adopted: Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation to pastor and members of Centerville Church for the generous and bountiful hospitality furnished the Association during this Annual Session.

57. Moved and carried that the Clerk receive the usual amount for his services a nd that the rest in hand be

used to pay for printing minutes, postage, etc.

58. The Moderator announced the standing commit-

tees for the year (see back cover).

59. The Association was adjourned with prayer, lead by R. A. Williams, after singing the Campaign song.

H. F. JONES, Moderator, Portsmouth, Va.

J. B. JACKSON, Clerk, 1820 Prentis Ave., Portsmouth, Va.

#### Treasurer's Report for 1918

#### RECEIVED

From Finance CommitteeCollection to pay for Programs	12.70
Total receipts	\$143.48
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for Programs Paid for Postage Paid for Express Paid Orphanage for Printing Minutes Paid Clerk for Services	2.93 1.56 90.00
Total disbursements RECEIPTS DISBURSEMENTS	\$143.48
Left in Treasury	\$ 3.99

J. B. JACKSON, Treasurer.

We have found the above figures correct.

Auditing Committee:

M. JAMES.

R. J. DOGAN.

#### MINUTES OF

#### The W. M. U., Auxialiary to the Portsmouth Association

The nineteenth annual session of The W. M. U., Auxiliary to the Portsmouth Association, was held with the Freemason Street Church, Thursday, June 5th, meeting being called to order promptly at 10:30 o'clock A. M. by the Superintendent, who conducted the opening devotional exercises. The Constitution and By-Laws were read and while waiting for some tardy delegates, the Superintendent reported that the whole session's tuition of our pupil at Buchanan Mountain School was due, amounting to \$117.75. The body having accorded the privilege of speaking, on any subject of the day to all visitors present, several availed themselves of this privilege and spoke on this subject, resulting in a motion by Mrs. Dorcas Johnson that the balance of \$32.00 left from the Buchanan Mountain School Laundry be applied to this debt, and the remainder be raised by the body at this meeting. The motion was unanimously carried and the amount speedily raised by pledges from the different societies represented.

Reports from the W. M. Societies were read from a chart previously prepared by the Superintendent, showing a marked increase in contributions over last year, and fourteen Mission Study classes

for the year.

Following Committees were appointed by the Superintendent:

Obituary Committee-

MRS. B. K. MASON, MRS. J. T. WHITEHURST, MRS. W. W. GORDON.

#### Committee on Time and Place-

MRS. EDGAR KEEFE, MRS. C. L. WHICHARD, MRS. WALTER ANDERSON.

Committee on Resolutions-

MRS. JULIA GASKINS, MRS. F. L. STEWART. MRS. DORCAS JOHNSON.

The Nominating Committee for next year was selected by the body as follows:

> MRS. C. D. MAHONE. MRS. B. K. MASON, MISS CORA NOTTINGHAM, MRS. R. D. STEVENSON, MRS. GEO. W. TAYLOR.

The Superintendent mentioned the establishing of an Associational Fund to defray expenses of the Assistant Superintendent. Upon motion of Mrs. Turnbull, it was carried that the Superintendent apportion to each Society a sufficient amount to bear these expenses.

Mrs. C. E. Cross extended a most cordial welcome to the body

assembled; the Superintendent responding.
Mrs. W. M. Vines of the First Church spoke on Mission Study, suggesting that possibly the reason more women are not interested in this branch of the work is that the books assigned are found to be somewhat dry, and that if some of the Junior books were used as a beginning, possibly more of the women in our Societies would enjoy the studies. The speaker stressed especially the study of Home Mission books; also that some thought be given to the subject during the summer, in order to decide on the book to be studied early in the Autumn, thus getting in at least two books during the year.

The six books to be studied in order to receive a certificate from

the State W. M. U. were mentioned and the women urged to take

examinations on these books.

Mrs. B. K. Mason gave a most helpful paper on "The Importance of Observing Special Seasons of Prayer for Home and State Missions," calling attention to the responsibility of the Women's Societies in not only being instant in prayer themselves, but of training the Young People's organizations, and assisting them in their prayer services.

Mrs. Floyd Putney sang very sweetly the beautiful hymn—"Jesus Loves Even Me," which was followed by a talk on Personal Service by Miss Nixon, assistant to Miss Tweedy at the Settlement Home, in which our attention was called to the fact that by helping our fellow-man is the only way in which we can obey the command to let our light shine.

Miss Winfield of Richmond, our Young People's Leader, was presented and welcomed by the body, her subject being Stewardship.
Mrs. H. K. Williams of Calvary Church, presided over the quiet

hour, and took for her scripture lesson James 5:16, which she considered under three heads: Prayer transforms our lives, Prayer transforms the place, Prayer broadens our vision.

After singing Sweet Hour of Prayer, Mrs. Turnbull offered the closing prayer.

#### Afternoon Session

Miss Margaret Tweedy conducted the devotional exercises for the opening of the afternoon session, the prayer being led by Mrs. Aubry Williams.

Mrs. V. L. Cofer spoke in behalf of The Female Orphanage, a Moss home at Edgewater had been purchased to provide adequate room, and that the special need just now was for beds, at a cost of \$23.00 each. Three beds were secured at this meeting as follows: First Church, Fourth Street, and the Y. W. A. of Spurgeon Memorial.

Mrs. Aubrey Williams, chairman of the Obituary Committee, reported twenty-three (23) members of the Societies had passed to their reward during the year, and offered a most earnest prayer that we take up the work laid down by these workers and remain faithful to the end.

Miss Winfield gave some echoes from the Atlanta Convention under the topic of the Great Forward Movement, explaining many of the details to be worked out in the \$75,000,000 Campaign.

Mrs. A. R. Turnbull spoke on Young People's Work, her remarks being prefaced by recommendations from the Convention read by Miss Lillian Williams. Mrs. Turnbull made a most forceful appeal for leaders of Young People's organizations, and suggested that two organizations be formed (one in Norfolk and one in Portsmouth) whose members shall be leaders and prospective leaders for the young people, and whose object shall be to study the young people from childhood to adolescence; to learn the great activities of missionary advancement; and to conduct suggested programs for the success of the individual societies. Miss Winfiel dendorsed all that Mrs. Turnbull had said and recommended the Correspondence Course for Leaders.

Mrs. W. W. Gordon made a motion, which was adopted, that a Committee of two for Norfolk and two for Portsmouth be appointed by the Superintendent to have charge of Young People's Work.

Reports from the different Committees were given as follows:

Nomination Committee—Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Chairman. For Superintendent—Mrs. R. J. Whitehead.

For Secretary—Mrs. F. L. Nicholson. For Treasurer—Miss Annie Arrington.

For Assistant Superintendents-Mrs. Jas. Richardson, Mrs. H. K.

Williams, Mrs. Fred Emmerson, Mrs. A. T. Sporfrind, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson.

Committee on Time and Place—Fourth Street Church, First Thursday in June. Mrs. Edgar Keefe, Chairman. Resolution Committee—Mrs. Dorcas Johnson Chairman.

Resolved that we, the women of the W. M. U. of Portsmouth Association, express our appreciation of the royal welcome given us by the Freemason Street Church; our enjoyment of the fine addresses made by speakers on the different subjects assigned, and our special thanks to Miss Winfield for her visit and helpful talks. We also wish to thank each one of the Committee on Entertainment for the elegant lunch served so generously and which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

> MRS. DORCAS JOHNSON, MRS. L. E. LUKE, MRS. S. F. VAUGHAN,

Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer. Superintendent, Mrs. R. J. Wihtehead; Secretary, Mrs. F. L. Nicholson.

A called meeting of the Executive Committee of the W. M. U. of Portsmouth Association was held in the home of the Secretary, Thursday, September 11, 1919, to elect two Assistant Superintendents to fill vacancies caused since the regular annual meeting. Miss Annie Arrington opened the meeting with prayer and the Superintendent at once proceeded with the business in hand. Mrs. Tilley was elected to take the place of Mrs. Sporfrind as Assistant Superintendent of Centreville Group, and the Superintendent was authorized to appoint the Assistant for the Norfolk Group.

Plans for the \$75,000,000 campaign were discussed and October 8th was settled on as the date for the quarterly meeting of Centreville Group, when Miss Savage, Organizer of the Eastern Division, will be invited to speak to them and organize them for the campaign she will also be asked to speak to the Portsmouth women October 7th and to the Norfolk women October 9th.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

MRS. F. L. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

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

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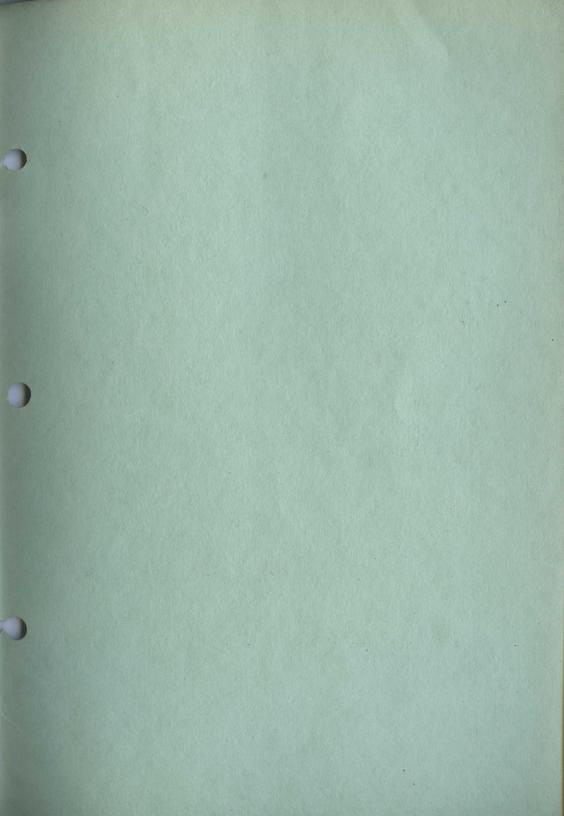
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Home Missions	F. W. Putney
Foreign Missions	Wm. M. Vines
Sunday Schools	H. M. B. Jones
Education Board	S. W. Melton
Education Commission	W. B. Duling
Ministers' Fund	R. A. Williams
Orphanage	
Pastoral Support	Dr. Burfoot
Periodicals	E. E. Dudley
Temperance	A. W. Burfoot
Woman's Work	
Layman's Movement	C. H. Myers
Digest of Letters	O. L. Riggs
ProgramF. W. Putney, W. M.	Vines, E. E. Dudley
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Obituaries	C. H. Trueblood
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