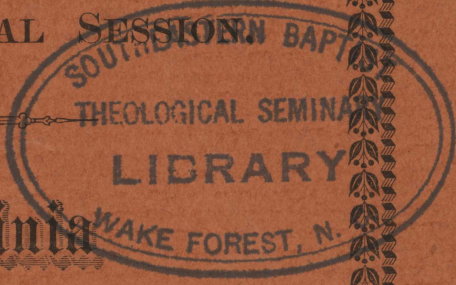


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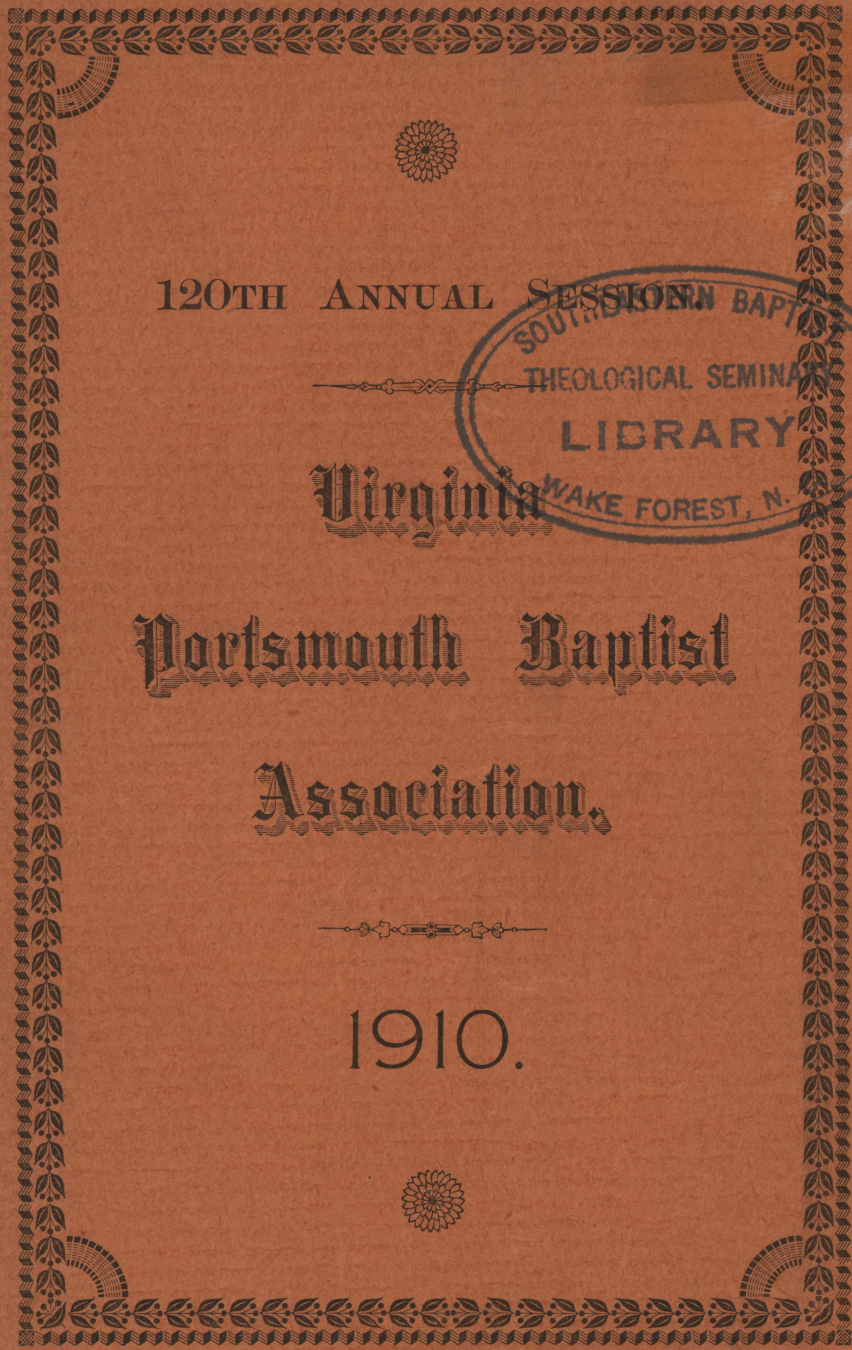
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MINUTES

OF THE

VIRGINIA

Portsmouth Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

LONDON BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH,

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,

September 27th and 28th, 1910.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR, W. J. KENDRICK.
VICE-MODERATOR, W. F. ROBERTSON.
CLERK AND TREASURER, GEO. J. HOBDAV.

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Ordained Ministers.

Anderson, J. T., Norfolk, Va.	McFarland, R. A., Suffolk, Va.
*Abbott, H. T., Gilmerton, Va.	Melton, Sparks W., Norfolk, Va.
Bateman, R. J., Norfolk, Va.	Parker, C. J. D., Portsmouth, Va.
Burfoot, A. W., Fentress, Va.	Pierce, E. S., South Norfolk, Va.
Cox, George W., Norfolk, Va.	Perryman, G. W., Norfolk, Va.
Davis, T. C., Portsmouth, Va.	Richards, N., Virginia Beach, Va.
Duling, W. B., Black Bay, Va.	Savage, W. V., Churchland, Va.
Downey, J. W., Portsmouth, Va.	Smith, W. A., Norfolk, Va.
Garrett, R. B., Portsmouth, Va.	Sisk, W. W., Lynhaven, Va.
Hobday, Geo. J., Portsmouth, Va.	Spence, J. Paul, Norfolk, Va.
*Howell, J. D., Norfolk, Va.	Swope, G. W., Norfolk, Va.
I'Anson, Vernon, Norfolk, Va.	Stephenson, R. D., Portsmouth, Va.
Jacobs, I. T., Portsmouth, Va.	Seymour, T. Y., Portsmouth, Va.
Jenkins, C. A., Norfolk, Va.	*Absent.

M. P. Williams, Licentiate, Norfolk, Va.

Clerks of the Churches.

Berkley Avenue	Geo. W. Daughtry, Norfolk, Va.
Bethel	W. A. Etheridge, Princess Anne, Va., R. F. D. 2.
Blackwater	S. L. Creekmore, St. Brides, Va.
Broadway	I. D. Dozier, Berkley Station, Va.
Burrow's Memorial	Willis Hutchins, Norfolk, Va.
Centerville	N. P. Wood, Fentress, Va., R. F. D. No. 1.
Churchland	M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.
Deep Creek	J. G. McCoy, Portsmouth, Va., R. F. D. No. 2.
Gilmerton	W. H. Cotten, Gilmerton, Va.
Immanuel	George F. Fulford, Norfolk, Va.
Kempsville	O. B. Mears, Norfolk, Va., Route 2.
Knott's Island	C. W. Gordon, Knott's Island, N. C.
Lake Drummond	B. F. Vaughan, Wallaceton, Va.
London Bridge	Elzy Land, London Bridge, Va.
Nansemond	J. E. Jordan, Driver, Va.
North West	N. B. Powers, North West, Va.
Norfolk, First	T. J. Creekmore, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Freemason Street	C. L. Whichard, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Park Avenue	F. A. Walker, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial	R. M. Jarvis, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Grace	W. W. Workman, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Central	W. S. Wilkins, 461 Olney road, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Park Place	J. C. Latham, Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Fairmount	Hillary Lamberton, Norfolk, Va.
Oak Grove	D. D. Batten, Back Bay, Va.
Portsmouth, Court Street	A. J. Rutter, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, Fourth Street	Wm. L. Walker, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, South Street	W. L. Guy, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, Calvary	W. C. Winder, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, Park View	Carroll Myers, Portsmouth, Va.
Portsmouth, Prentis Place	Foster F. V. Staples, Portsmouth, Va.
Port Norfolk	J. Stroud Roper, Portsmouth, Va.
Pleasant Grove	A. O. Lee, Hickory, Va.
Salem	
St. John	Julian C. Sawyer, Lynhaven, Va., Route 1.
South Norfolk	George B. White, South Norfolk, Va.
Suffolk	John K. Hines, Suffolk, Va.
Virginia Beach	W. C. White, Virginia Beach, Va.
West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, 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 dismissal.

RIGHTS OF THE CHURCHES.

Article 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advice when desired in a case of difficulty, and 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 prepared 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.

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 failing to represent themselves at the previous sessions, and enquire 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 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.

LONDON BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Princess Anne County, Va., September 27, 1910.

1. The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met in its one hundred and twentieth annual session with the London Bridge Baptist Church, Princess Anne County, Va., at 10:30 A. M.

2. The Association was called to order by W. J. Kendrick, the former Moderator.

3. The letters were received from the churches represented, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Berkley Avenue—J. A. Stephenson, F. Powell, J. Paul Spence, C. Guy Lawrence.

Bethel—B. B. Evans, M. L. Brothers, W. A. Etheridge.

Blackwater—R. P. Wilson, B. E. Fletcher.

Broadway—Letter only.

Burrows' Memorial—G. W. Cox, W. H. Smelser.

Centerville—M. F. Wood, J. F. Jennings.

Churchland—L. A. Deans, J. R. Carney.

Deep Creek—J. W. Cary.

Gilmerton—

Immanuel—J. D. Miller, W. H. Butt.

Kempsville—Joseph Munden, Grandy Jackson.

Knott's Island—J. L. Miller, J. E. Bonney.

Lake Drummond—George G. Waller, George B. West.

London Bridge—C. T. Whitehead, Robert Smith, David Barnes.

Nansemond—W. T. Jordan.

Northwest—Letter only.

Norfolk, First—M. P. Williams, E. E. Fuqua, J. M. Robertson, T. J. Creekmore.

Norfolk, Freemason Street—John B. Jenkins, W. F. Robertson, L. Lankford, M. Winston.

Norfolk, Park Avenue—W. McK. Woodhouse, J. Truman Anderson, R. E. Summers.

Norfolk, Spurgeon Memorial—W. J. Fulford, H. S. Jarvis.

Norfolk, Grace—W. W. Workman, W. F. Moore, E. S. Ferguson.

Norfolk, Central—Joseph W. Phillips.

Norfolk, Park Place—Letter only.

Norfolk, Fairmount—Letter only.

Oak Grove—H. W. Dudley, J. D. Fisher, T. A. Williams, R. C. Dudley.

Portsmouth, Court Street—W. C. Corbitt, John A. Morris, John N. Armentrout, O. L. Williams.

Portsmouth, Fourth Street—W. B. Lynch, E. L. Staples, L. C. Brinson.

Portsmouth, South Street—J. M. C. Duke.

Portsmouth, Calvary—D. L. Rogerson, U. T. Pierce.

Portsmouth, Park View—A. R. Williams. J. H. Trant, J. L. Robertson.
Portsmouth, Prentis Place—Letter only.
Port Norfolk—W. H. Rodman, S. B. Johnson.
Pleasant Grove—A. O. Lee, J. W. Smithson.
Salem—
St. John—Charles Widgeon, Alonzo Lee.
South Norfolk—Letter only.
Suffolk—T. R. Pond, W. J. Kendrick, C. O. Harrell, W. A. Almond.
Virginia Beach—W. H. Ackiss, W. N. Grubb, N. Richards, W. C. White.
West Norfolk—B. L. Raby, A. C. Davis.

4. The following letter was then read:

OCEAN VIEW, VA., September 26, 1910.

*Brethren of the Portsmouth Baptist Association,
 Assembled at the London Bridge Baptist Church.*

Dear Brethren—The Immanuel Baptist Church, of Ocean View, Va., which was organized the 5th of November, 1909, sends greetings and requests admission into your honorable body as a regularly constituted Baptist church.

On the first Sunday in June, 1910, a Council was called to consider our Articles of Faith and the question of regularity in organization. This Council consisted of delegates from the following churches: Freemason Street, Park Avenue, Central, Norfolk, and First Church, Norfolk, and, upon a review of our Articles of Faith and our form of organization, unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing this as a regular Baptist church.

This church desires to be enrolled as a member of the Portsmouth Baptist Association.

Done by order of the church in business session the evening of the 21st of September, 1910.

Signed, ROBERT MORRIS RABB, Pastor.
 G. F. FULFORD, Clerk.

Upon motion of S. W. Melton, the church was admitted into the Association and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the delegate, J. D. Miller.

5. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

W. J. Kendrick—Moderator.
 W. F. Robertson—Vice-Moderator.
 George J. Hobday—Clerk and Treasurer.

6. W. W. Sisk, pastor of the London Bridge Church, welcomed the delegates and visitors to the homes and hospitality of the church and community. R. B. Garrett responded in behalf of the Association.

7. Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body, viz: J. M. Pilcher, of the Petersburg Association; T. H. Ellett, of the Ministers' Relief Fund; J. T. Ellyson, of the Education Board; W. A. Street, of the Blackwater Association; B. D. Thames and J. W. Cammack, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; B. C. Henning, of the Education Commission; V. I. Masters, of the Home Mission Board; J. A. Speight, of the Blackwater Association; R. H. Pitt, of the *Religious Herald*.

8. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Finance—W. F. Robertson, W. N. Grubb.

On Program—W. W. Sisk, R. B. Garrett, C. A. Jenkins.

9. On motion, the preaching of the Introductory Sermon was postponed till 12 o'clock.

10. The report of the Missionary Committee was read by R. J. Bateman. It was discussed by the author and E. S. Ferguson, G. W. Perryman, V. I'Anson, E. S. Pierce, W. F. Robertson, W. B. Duling, S. W. Melton and N. Richards, when, on motion of S. W. Melton, further discussion was postponed until to-morrow.

11. W. W. Sisk, from the Committee on Program, submitted a report, which was referred back to the committee to be changed as the needs arose.

12. J. M. Pilcher was recognized as a special delegate from the Petersburg Association, who brought the greetings of the Association and the action of the Association in reference to the publication of the History of the Association prepared by George J. Hobday.

13. The Introductory Sermon was preached by S. W. Melton from the text, "Never man spake like this man." John vii: 46.

14. The Treasurer, George J. Hobday, presented his report, which was adopted. [See Treasurer's report].

15. The Association adjourned with prayer by A. W. Burfoot.

Tuesday—Afternoon Session.

16. Reassembled at 1:30 P. M., the Moderator in the chair. Prayer by E. S. Pierce.

17. The report on Education was presented by S. W. Melton, and after discussion by J. Taylor Ellyson, S. W. Melton and V. I'Anson, was adopted as follows:

Report on Education.

The Educational outlook of our denomination today challenges the serious thought of our people. Our attention is called on the one hand to the immense sums we have invested in plants and equipment, and on the other hand to the small number of young men who are fitting themselves for specific Christian work.

The Baptists of Virginia have done nobly by their educational institutions, and those fostered by the General Association of Virginia were never better prepared to meet the educational demands and requirements of the age.

Our Educational Board through a period of many years has conscientiously

tiously and untiringly performed its arduous tasks, and we would urge our churches to ever bear in mind this labor of love, and respond liberally to the appeals made to them.

The decreasing number of young men entering the ministry is a matter of gravest concern. Only one hundred young men in this State studying for the Gospel ministry! Not enough to fill the pulpits of our Baptist Zion! There must be some explanation. There must be a remedy. To find the cause and apply the remedy, is the great task before us today.

Respectfully submitted,

SPARKS WHITE MELTON.

18. M. Winston read the report on Ministers' Relief Fund. It was discussed by T. H. Ellett and M. Winston and adopted.

Report on Ministers' Relief Fund.

The consecrated ministry serving our Baptist churches, by their high standard of Christian living and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, challenge our admiration and most profound respect. The term self-sacrificing is used advisedly, and has reference more especially to giving unreservedly of time, talents and the best years of their lives to a cause that a monetary point of view yields so meagre returns.

Some of our ministers, serving large and influential churches, are receiving salaries that to some may seem commensurate with service rendered. The fact is, that it takes much preparation and hard work to serve such churches, and men qualified for such positions could, with much less labor, and fewer responsibilities, and less anxiety, devoted their splendid abilities to the practice of law or medicine, or to the pursuit of ordinary business, and have gained incomes beside which a \$3,000,000 salary would seem paltry.

The great majority of our ministers are serving country churches, and while we rejoice that, in many instances, churches have increased salaries, few, if any, of our ministers can meet the exacting demands incident to their position and save anything out of their salary. In most churches laymen wait for the minister to head the list when making contributions to our Boards. If anything is to be done in the matter of church improvements, the minister is again expected to lead in giving. When there is a case of destitution, should our minister fail to respond to the cry of distress, he would forfeit our confidence, if not our respect. We expect him to entertain, dress well and keep out of debt. Be it said to the credit of our ministers, they respond like heroes, their generosity being limited only to their incomes.

Thus when advancing years or some dispensation of Providence compels them to relinquish active labor, they frequently find themselves without the necessary means of support. Our Association, recognizing this condition, very wisely appointed a Board having for its special work the collection of funds wherewith to, at least in a measure, assist our aged or infirm ministers and the widows and children of deceased brethren.

Mr. T. H. Ellett, of Richmond, at the last session of our General Association reported, among other details of his work, as follows: Total number beneficiaries, 75; total assistance rendered, \$5,527 50; total receipts from the churches, \$4,974 12. This exhibit shows that the Board had to spend several hundred dollars in excess of contributions received from our churches. This state of things should not exist, and we are persuaded would not exist if the claims of this Board received the consideration they so richly merit.

Our aged and infirm brethren have earned our sympathy and support. The widows and orphans left unprovided for should be the objects of our

most profound sympathy, and we should count it a privilege to render any possible assistance in their struggles.

The Ministerial Relief Committee, who contribute so largely of their time and money, have a right to expect our aid and sympathy. Our own self-respect as a denomination should prompt us to see that these objects of our love receive every consideration they so richly merit. In recognition of our many blessings, let us give proof of our gratitude to God by sharing what we have with our brethren and the widows and orphans committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

MERIWETHER WINSTON.

19. The report on Laymen's Missionary Movement was read by W. F. Robertson, and after remarks by L. Lankford and J. W. Cammack was adopted:

Report on Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The unceasing cry "Come over into Macedonia and help us" has been ringing down through the ages with no uncertain sound, but with increasing force until the laymen of our churches are beginning to awaken to a sense of their duty to the poor heathen man in his ignorance and darkness.

The Laymen's Movement, while in its infancy, has done a great deal towards strengthening the organized missionary forces of our land which is shown by the material increase in contributions during the past year or so; still with all these added forces the results have not measured up to our opportunities and the increased demand upon us.

All of our Boards report a heavy debt while a good many consecrated men and women are holding themselves in readiness, waiting to be sent into the Foreign Field and this cannot be done until our contributions to missions are greatly augmented.

This, however, could be done if every member of our churches would catch the spirit of loyalty to Christ and their duty to their fellowmen, and contribute of their means as the Lord has prospered them.

The needs from the rural districts of our State and from the Foreign Field are increasing daily and we are not measuring up to these demands, so let us as Laymen, awaken to a sense of our duty and assist the pastors of our churches in this work.

In presenting this movement to the members of this Association we would recommend that every church appoint within its ranks one or two more active Laymen whose duty it will be to assist the pastors in impressing upon the minds of each individual male member of the church their responsibility in regard to this great work.

In order to save ourselves, we must save others. America must save the world if she would save herself, and our Laymen have it in their power to turn the current of thought in the churches to these higher things.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. ROBERTSON.

20. I. T. Jacobs read the report on Temperance, which was discussed by the author and G. W. Perryman and adopted:

Report on Temperance.

In compiling this report, it has been the endeavor of the compiler to secure such facts and figures as will best set forth what has actually been

accomplished for temperance during the past year, with such other statistics as will arouse our attention. The greatest force for temperance in the State of Virginia to-day, is the Anti-Saloon League. This organization, in operation with city and county leagues, is doing a wonderful work towards eliminating the saloon from the sacred soil of our Commonwealth. Out of 100 counties in the State, 64 are without any form of license, and these 64 dry counties have a criminal expense very much less than the remaining 36 wet counties.

During last year these 36 wet counties sent 247 persons to the penitentiary, while the 64 dry counties sent only 238 to the penitentiary, and our own Norfolk county sent 38 to the penitentiary, when 16 dry counties sent only 14. Out of 160 incorporated towns in the State, 141 are dry, and out of the 19 cities 9 are dry, two having been lost to the temperance cause, viz: Bristol and Danville, the latter by only 10 majority. Eight of the above wet cities, with one-seventh of the State's population, sent one-third of all the prisoners committed to the penitentiary, and incurred one-third or all the State's criminal expenses. During the month of August the temperance forces have won the following victories: in Nelson county, Winchester and Fredericksburg—greater majorities than ever before.

One-fifth of all divorces granted in the United States are due, either directly or indirectly, to drunkenness. The cost of maintaining paupers in unlicensed cities is 79 per cent. greater than in no-license cities. Between 25 and 30 per cent. of all the inmates of the insane asylums are there because of intemperance. Why should not these facts stir us to be more active in our efforts to combat this deadly monster, King Alcohol? Let us, if we have not already done so, line up with the Anti-Saloon League, which is gaining ground, step by step, in this State.

Much has been done toward educating our people along the line of temperance, which is proving a mighty factor for creating sentiment that will tell very substantially in the near future. The National Anti-Saloon League is putting forth strenuous efforts to secure the enactment of what is known as the "Miller-Curtice Interstate Liquor Bill," which, if enacted, will give each State the power to regulate successfully the interstate shipments of intoxicating liquors.

The State League Convention, at its last session, instructed the Legislative Committee to secure, if possible, the passage of an act allowing the people of this State to call an election and vote upon the question of State-wide Prohibition. The bill was introduced but defeated after 35,000 voters requested its passage, though the liquor forces presented no petition. It seems plain that the liquor element still dominates the law makers of our State. Should we not set ourselves to the task of electing such men as will see to the interest of the majority rather than the minority, and proving their interest by enacting such laws as will prevent the shipment of liquor into dry territory, and give the people of this grand old State a chance to rid themselves of the world's greatest curse? The sentiment for State-wide Prohibition is growing, and I believe our people are getting ready for a death blow to the liquor business in Virginia.

Respectfully submitted, I. T. JACOBS.

21. Adjourned; prayer by G. W. Swope.

Wednesday Morning, Sept. 28th.

22. The Association Assembled at 10:15 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. S. Pierce.

23. The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the next meeting: W. A. Smith, J. D. Miller, W. McK. Woodhouse.

24. V. P'Anson read the following communication:

PORTSMOUTH, VA., September 1, 1910.

To the Portsmouth Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN: At the meeting of the Old Portsmouth Association, held in Petersburg in 1906, at which time the Association was divided into three separate bodies, I was requested to bring the History of the Association, published by Rev. Reuben Jones, up to date, covering a period of twenty-five years, and to publish the same if I saw my way clear to do so.

I at once set about performing this trust and for more than two years I collected material and prepared the manuscript for the volume and have about finished the task with an outlay in cash of \$25.00.

Since beginning the work the ministerial as well as the lay constituency of the churches has almost entirely changed. To publish the work in a plain binding would require an outlay of three hundred dollars, which I am not able at this time to advance, and it would be unreasonable to ask subscribers to pay in advance for a book they had not seen, and after mature consideration I have decided to turn the manuscript over to the Virginia Baptist Historical Society at Richmond College, to be kept by them for any reference or publication they may deem wise in the future.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE J. HOBDAY.

On motion of V. P'Anson, S. W. Melton and M. Winston were appointed a committee to consider the purport of the communication and report on the same.

25. With the consent of the body, Prof. B. F. McWilliams, of the Corey Industrial Institute of Portsmouth, addressed the Association on the condition and needs of the Institute. S. W. Melton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Portsmouth Association most heartily endorses the Cory Industrial Institute, and urges the churches of the Association to contribute liberally to its assistance.

26. On motion of R. B. Garrett, a committee was appointed to consider the above matter and report on the same. Committee, S. W. Melton, R. B. Garrett, V. P'Anson.

27. C. A. Jenkins read the report on Home Missions, which, after remarks by V. I. Masters, was adopted:

Report on Home Missions.

Home Mission work has been more successful among Southern Baptists during the past year than ever before in their wonderful history.

The Board reports for the year:

27,426 persons received by baptism in the churches directly under the auspices of the home labor, and a total addition of 52,910 to the membership of said churches. So far as is known no other American Board has ever been able to make a report even half as good.

The financial increase has been in proportion, the total receipts of the year being \$329,475.

But is this enough to make us satisfied, or even to rejoice? Contemplate for a moment the alarming conditions that confront us.

The population of the United States is about 90,000,000. Of these 58,000,000 have no religious profession whatever. Of the remaining 32,000,000, 12,000,000 are Catholics, Christian Scientists, Holiness People, Holy Jumpers, and all sects combined. This leaves but 20,000,000 who in any manner are connected with evangelical denominations. Of these the overwhelming majority are worthless, worldly, indifferent church members. How unmistakably then, we can see the truth of the Master's statement, "Many are called, but few are chosen." As we behold the increasing graft in office, rapid development of political corruption, the unhallowed home life of today, the rottenness of society, the worldliness of many of our churches, surely we ought today to send up a prayer to God, so full of faith, need and feeling, that the doors of heaven would open and pour out a pentecostal shower upon our "Home Land," revive the ministry, reform the church, and win America for Jesus Christ. May the Almighty inspire each of our hearts today to determine to accomplish more in the interest of "Home Missions" than we have ever done before!

CARTER ASHTON JENKINS.

28. W. B. Duling presented the report on State Missions. It was discussed by W. B. Duling, W. W. Sisk, R. B. Garrett, and was adopted:

Report on State Missions.

State Missions grow as the years come and go, and each year brings us face to face with new obligations, great responsibilities and weighty responsibilities. Encouraged by the blessings of God in the past, and impelled by the crying needs of our old Commonwealth, the Board is extending its arms of support in many directions. For the sake of system (for all the work of the Board has but one end in view—the saving of souls), the work now is divided into three departments, viz: the Sunday School, the Colportage, and the Missionary. For the sake of brevity, your committee will consider the work under these three divisions.

1. Virginia Baptists are waking up to the importance of Sunday School work as never before in the history of our denomination. For many years we have been asleep to our privileges and have failed of our God-given opportunities. In the past year the Board has made a great stride in this direction. Rev. Joseph T. Watts, our efficient Secretary, has held institutes in all the leading cities of our State and as far in the rural districts as opportunity would admit. Our schools are rapidly being placed upon an organized and graded basis, better equipments are being provided, teachers are taking special training courses, and the outlook is indeed promising for the future.

Your committee desires to call the attention of the churches of our Association to the Baptist Encampment, held this year at Virginia Beach, as no longer an experiment, but a demonstrated success. We greatly urge our schools to send delegates and in every way encourage the Board in this work. The Encampment places a modern seminary at our door.

2. Many of our churches seem to have lost sight of the fact that the Colportage work of the State has been committed to the State Mission

Board, thus increasing the already heavy burden on the Board. With caution, yet with great earnestness, the Board entered upon this new branch of work. Last year the Board sent out eleven colporters, three of whom acted as missionary pastors. This year the Board has under appointment nine colporters. Last year the Board expended the sum of \$9,231.20, leaving a balance to the credit of the Board for this work of \$124.38. This year the work was based upon the sum of \$8,000. To September 1st the churches and schools have reported the sum of \$2,944.21, leaving a deficit of \$6,055.79. We believe the Baptists of the State will raise this amount before the books of our Treasurer closes. We urge our churches and schools in the future to take separate collections for this work.

3. We must not lose sight of the great work of the Board, the evangelizing of the State. "Virginia for Christ," and nothing short of this motto will do. This calls for enlargement each year at the hands of the Baptists of Virginia. This department must have the first place at the hands of the Baptists of our Commonwealth. Endeavoring to carry out the wishes of the Baptists of the State, last year the Board sent out 140 missionary pastors, five State evangelists and one field secretary. These missionaries manned 419 stations, preaching 12,549 sermons. Under the combined efforts of the forces, 4,043 souls were converted and 2,845 were baptized. This year the Board has under appointment 141 missionaries, five evangelists and one field secretary.

It is to be regretted that the Board started the work this year with a debt of \$1,900, and is still laboring under great financial burdens. Of the \$42,000 asked of the Baptists by this Board to carry on this work this year, only \$16,963.01 had been received by Treasurer Jacob to September 1st, leaving a deficit of \$25,036.99. The deficits in all departments to September 1st amounts to \$31,092.78.

Let us arise in the power and might of Him who loved and gave Himself for us and go to the rescue of our Board.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. DULING.

29. Adjourned. Prayer by J. D. McAlister.

Wednesday Afternoon.

30. Reassembled at 2 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair.
Prayer by C. A. Jenkins.

31. The report of the Missionary Committee was taken up and discussed by R. J. Bateman, who presented a resolution asking that a place be provided on the Church Letter blanks for contributions to "*Association Missions*," and that the churches be requested to raise at least \$1500 for that object during the next Associational year. It was so ordered and the report of the Missionary Committee adopted:

Report of the Missionary Committee.

It is with gratitude that your Committee notes the progress of this passing year. Since last we met the Lord has led us through changes—but He has led us.

He has buried some of his workers, but his work he has carried on. Thus, we can report to you that the prospects are prosperous along the whole line of local operations.

NEW CHURCHES.

Since the last report work has been going on in the way of building and dedicating new churches. Among these it is a joy to mention the following: Virginia Beach, which long rested upon the heart and hands of Brother Richards, is now completed and dedicated.

The work at Ocean View which began in the hotel ball room, under the leadership of Brother Rabb has passed into a Baptist church, and is now in their completed house and dedicated. This is fine for them.

Fairmount Park has also joined the ranks of her progressive sisters and has erected for herself a home and given to God in public dedication.

Is it also pleasant to see the old churches making for themselves new homes. In this the old First of Norfolk leads in the erection of their beautiful temple, so beautifully and usefully appointed in every respect.

Burrows Memorial follows, as does Churchland, which has, perhaps, the nicest country church in the State.

Great improvements in the way of Sunday School rooms have been made in Spurgeon Memorial.

PASTORLESS CHURCHES.

Some of our churches are now pastorless, viz: South Street, (Portsmouth), Centerville, Immanuel and Fairmount Park. May these churches be as fortunate in their choice as our others have been since our last report.

NEW WORK BEFORE US.

Your Committee desires to call attention to the section known as Huntersville in the city of Norfolk. The Conference made a recent test in this section by a tent meeting, held between 17th and 18th streets, on Church street. It shows two things. 1st. That it is sorely neglected by our and all other people who represent Christ. Since the Mission S. S. conducted by the Grace Church, it shows that the people will attend service and profit by it, for the tent has been well attended and a goodly number saved and reclaimed. If this shows anything it is that the condition and the time is ready in Huntersville, Will you do anything there?

It is a joy to report that the work which burdened our last report is soon to be opened—the work among the Foreigners. Great bodies and great ideas alike, move slowly. So this open door is about to be entered by the Home Board.

It would be unfair to go further in this report without mentioning the work of our valliant women with special reference to this foreign work. For it was among them that the successful idea arose and every society is arising to shoulder their part of the undertaking. Hence the Home Board is about to enter the port of Norfolk, which seems to us the most needy field now, because today we may comprehend the work; tomorrow it may be beyond our comprehension.

We welcome the Home Board and pledge our renewed fidelity to the work. Our only regret is that we haven't more money to give them for the work.

Let us from this hour turn our hearts and efforts to taking the cities for Christ. The cities control everything and may Christ soon control the cities. Every rural section in any way contiguous to the cities is in spirit and moral effect a suburb. Therefore, let our rural people take the hand of our earnest city workers, and together may they march against the walls of sin until the white flag of peace and purity shall wave from

every house top, beginning with the homes, and stopping only when the last fort has fallen.

R. J. BATEMAN,
W. F. ROBERTSON.

32. W. A. Smith presented the report on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting, which was adopted;

Time—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after fourth Sunday in September, 1911.

Place—To be supplied.

Preacher—J. T. Anderson; Alternate, W. W. Sisk.

33. W. F. Robertson read the report on Pastoral Support, prepared by Carroll Myers. Adopted as follows:

Report on Pastoral Support.

The pastors of our churches are men whom God has called to break bread of life to dying men and women. They are men who command our highest admiration, our deepest sympathy, and our local support in the work to which they have been ordained and to which they have given themselves.

The pastor must be on the go at all times in the heat and in the cold, early and late, always seeking to comfort those in distress, visiting and ministering to the needy and the sick, and how often do we forget that he is man, just as we are, and if in the hours of sickness or death our pastor is not the first to call, we begin to complain? A great many expect more of the pastor than should be expected and we do not think of him except when we have to complain. We expect a pastor to not only be at the bedside of all our sick and in the homes of all our bereaved, but he must keep in touch with all his members and look after the indifferent and careless ones; he must be present at every meeting held in the church, must be on every committee, and is supposed to be fully abreast of everything which the church undertakes. But this is not all we expect of him. He must preach two first-class sermons every Sunday; they must be well prepared and ably delivered. To measure up to the requirement of our churches a man must be well educated, and give his whole time and life to the work.

If we expect this from our pastors we in turn owe them our individual support.

We must believe in our pastor and in his ability to lead us, and then we must respond to every call he makes for our co-operation. We must love our pastor and should always speak well of him and if we cannot speak in the highest terms it would be far better if we say nothing. We should by all means extend to him a cordial welcome to our homes at all times, and let him know that he is always welcome at our table to partake with us a meal; but when the pastor comes do not make great preparation, as if we were entertaining a stranger, but let him sit with us, and offer him just those things we have prepared for ourselves. Do not embarrass him or make him feel uncomfortable, but make him feel at home.

Then, we should by all means see to it that our pastor is given a salary sufficiently large to enable him to live in such circumstances as to command the respect of the people with whom he comes in contact. He should have a definite salary, and this should be paid regularly by all means, yes, by all means. If those of us of the pew do any work for which we expect compensation, when that work is finished we look for the money, and to be sure the pastor expects his too, and if we fail to pay him regularly as agreed, whether weekly, monthly or quarterly, he

often is compelled to contract debts and strain his credit to such an extent as to weaken his usefulness.

Our pastor should not be burdened with the financial end of our church, but this should be looked after by the deacons and a committee appointed by the church for this purpose. We have no right to expect him to be embarrassed by the position in which this work places him.

We find from the minutes of the last session of this body that the average salary paid the pastors of this Association is \$1205.44, and of the 33 pastors in the Association there are only 17 who receive \$1200 or over, the remaining 16 receiving various amounts ranging from \$75 to \$640 per annum. Thus it will be seen that about one-half of our pastors receive less than the amount necessary, in our opinion, to live comfortably and with a mind free from the cares of the home and its problems.

“For the laborer is worthy of his hire.”

Then, brethren, let us pray for our pastor all the time, and let us work with him and for him all the time, and then when we pray we will be helping to answer our own prayer; but don't forget to pay our pastor. And now let us all go home determined that we will be more loyal and more faithful than ever before.

May God bless the pastors of the churches of old Portsmouth Association, and give them during the coming year many souls for their hire.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL MYERS, *Committee.*

34. G. W. Perryman read the report on Periodicals, prepared by M. P. Williams, which was adopted:

Report on Periodicals.

“Reading stimulates the mind, provided it is good literature,” Never before in the history of our beloved Southland have there been offered such fine institutions and advantages for the education and training of our children and fully developing our young men and young women, as exists in the present period.

Yet, in addition to these valued opportunities for learning, etc., and which prepares our youth for the battles of life and makes them suitable subjects to represent our homes our church, society, and participate in mercantile pursuits, please let it be remembered that our colleges, our high school training, will be rightly termed as beginning, rather than finishing schools.

Let us always bear in mind that good reading absolutely is as requisite for the development of the mind as good, substantial food is for producing sound and healthy bodies.

In this connection, permit me to suggest to the parents of our denomination that they do more in the future than they have done in the past to encourage their children to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Bible, which is the safeguard of our nation, our homes and our children.

I cheerfully recommend also the reading of our State paper, the *Religious Herald*, and other religious journals and periodicals, as these channels are calculated to give us an insight as to the current workings and general knowledge of our work throughout the State.

Please let me warn our parents and our youth—beware of the cheap, unwholesome literature and inflammatory novels.

Let us always beseech our Master to direct us by His Holy Spirit and His divine grace, that we may apply our hearts and minds unto wisdom.

M. P. WILLIAMS.

35. With the consent of the body, B. C. Henning addressed the Association in the interests of the Education Commission.

36. George W. Swope read the report on Foreign Missions, which, after discussion by the author, B. C. Henning, W. W. Sisk and George W. Perryman, was adopted as follows;

Report on Foreign Missions.

The blessed comity which exists between the various departments of Mission work is a source of great joy to us all. None would minimize the important work of the boards reaching our home land. The heat of the home fires is needful for the warming of the world. On the other hand let us be equally zealous in our efforts to reach all parts of the foreign field. For one to say that he is favorable to home missions but not to foreign, is to exhibit a treasonable ignorance of the command of God and the needs of mankind. It took much to convert the Apostle Paul to see the need of foreign missions, but finally he was ready to sail from Troas to the foreign field, to preach Christ and Him crucified to a foreign people, leaving a home land in which were vast multitudes unsaved.

WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS IS THE COMMAND OF CHRIST AND THE NEEDS OF HUMANITY.

In proof of the above statement a brief survey of the field will suffice.

In AFRICA, sometimes called "the white man's grave," there lives 175,000,000 people. Of this vast number only 650,000 are professed Christians.

In Asia, the pearl of missionary enterprise for a hundred years, great and inviting fields await the seed-sowing and the harvest time. In Japan there are only about 77,000 Protestant Christians in a population of 50,000,000. In India, with a vast population of 300,000,000, there are about 1,000,000 Protestant Christians. In China, with a population of 400,000,000 there are about 200,000 Protestant Christians. Other great fields in this populous continent are equally needful and inviting.

In South America, the "land of opportunity," and Central America, now so closely identified with our own national life, are neglected fields, the conditions of which should cause our Christian churches in America to be profoundly ashamed. The former, a continent to itself, beautiful and fertile, comprises an area of 7,650,000 square miles and a population of 38,000,000 people. The latter, becoming more and more strategic in American affairs, comprises an area of 970,000 square miles and a population of 18,500,000 people. Of all this vast population of more than 56,000,000 million people about 50,000 are professed Christians of the protestant faith.

These are but part of the multitudes of the earth that today are waiting the proclamation of the gospel of the son of God. The estimated population of the world is 1,500,000,000 people. Of this immense number it is thought that about two-thirds have never heard of the name of Christ.

In trying to place the responsibility for the evangelization of this billion unenlightened beings it is said that America should feel the responsibility for 600,000,000. With the present missionary force it is impossible to reach more than one-fourth of that number. This leaves 450,000,000 unreached by the gospel. To do this work it will be necessary to quadruple the missionary force so that each missionary will have in his field 25,000,000 instead of 10,000 people, as it is today.

The gifts of protestant America last year for foreign missions aggregated the grand total of \$11,000,000. To do the needed work as above suggested, this must be increased to forty-five million dollars. This seems large, but when we remember that the protestant wealth of America aggregates twenty-five billion dollars it is at once perceived that the desired sum is only about one-fifth of one per cent of that wealth.

Is not the work of reaching 600,000,000 fellow-beings with the light of the gospel worth the expenditure of that small per cent of wealth?

In the light of these facts indicating gigantic needs and glorious possibilities, we commend every instrumentality ordained of God to compass the salvation of the whole world. To this end we do especially commend the valuable work of our Foreign Mission Board, under the efficient leadership of Dr. Willingham and his allied workers, the Laymen's Movement, the Women's Missionary Union. We commend the giving for this noble work by the poor and pray that the passion for giving for a world's salvation may glow brightly in every heart, however small necessity may make the gift. However, on account of the amassment of wealth at home in the hands of comparatively few, many large gifts must be added to the multitude of small ones to meet the requirements of this work. With millionaires in our churches individual gifts of \$5,000 and \$20,000 per year should create no surprise, while those of 250,000 and \$100,000 should not be exceptional.

Brethren, let us lift our eyes and look out on the harvest field. Behold millions give to the most crass idolatry, blighting superstition, enervating social life. Behold many of them groping for the light, which God has entrusted to us, living out their lives in wretchedness and despair. And with that vision let us listen to the voice of our invincible leader, commanding us to go and disciple all the nations, telling us that the field is the world. Oh, that the vision and the voice would cause Christians everywhere to awaken to these great needs; not alone in our Southland where the jeweled turf doth mingle its incense with myriad flowers, but in the great West where the scampering herds are bathed with ocean's spray, in the East where arms of rock doth clasp the mighty ocean, and in the North where towering peaks, snow-crowned, rests sunbathed above tumultuous clouds. If the Christians of the earth would only be aroused to proper service and gifts soon the work would be done and the Son of God could come, cordoned with Heaven's angels, to inaugurate and consummate those closing events which will eternally stamp on the mind of every saint and sinner, angel and demon, the fact that He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May God grant that in this glorious work old Virginia, the mother of States, possessing a glorious inheritance, shall make full measure of her duty.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. SWOPE, *Committee.*

37. The report on Orphanage was presented by R. D. Stephenson, and after discussion by P. H. Chelf, W. V. Savage, W. A. McFarland and T. H. Ellett, was adopted as follows:

Report on Orphanage.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

There is not an object claiming the attention of the Baptists of Virginia which should commend itself to the churches and Sunday Schools with more interest than the Orphanage at Salem, Virginia.

Everybody, more or less, pities an orphan. His state of helplessness appeals to us for our protection. But what is our pity worth? During the year 1909 the white Baptist churches, their Sunday Schools and the Woman's Missionary Societies of the State of Virginia, gave to the support of our institution at Salem \$17,358.52—less than 12½ cents per member to this most important object.

The Portsmouth Association, occupying the second place from the point

of gifts, contributed the same year \$1,742.36, or a gift of 16½ cents per member. At this poor dying rate it takes 600 rich Baptists of the Portsmouth Association to support one orphan. It goes without saying that the privilege of enjoying that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father of visiting the orphans in their affliction, is not being shared very graciously by us who are so richly blessed.

This institution was opened at Salem on July 1st, 1892, with a Superintendent, one matron, one teacher and two children. Within the 18 years since the Orphanage was opened it has cared for 333 children, of whom 167 have received the full course and been dismissed. Its present capacity is sufficient to care for 180 children. There are now 163 children in the institution.

The institution now owns about 150 acres of land valued at about \$70 per acre, and has 4 horses, 21 cows, 13 hogs, and is fairly well equipped with farm implements. The grounds are being steadily improved in the way of grading and sodding, running of walks and the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers. The greater part of this work is done by the boys, and so costs the institution but little. There are 9 buildings, and the entire plant, with all its improvements, is worth about \$100,000 00.

The new infirmary, for which we have planned and hoped these several years, is completed. It has the most improved hospital equipment and adds greatly to the efficiency of our plant.

During the last year, through the work of the boys, the farm yielded \$1,274.00 of net income. Last year the girls made 2,847 garments of various kinds from material valued at \$415.24.

The principal thing to which we direct attention is the current expense of the Orphanage, which amounts to between \$1,500 and \$1,700 per month, and a debt of about \$4,000 past due on the heating plant.

Owing to the increased cost of living and much needed improvements, your committee wishes to urge regular and increased contributions from the churches and Sunday Schools throughout the Association.

It is hoped that those who are blessed with much money will remember this institution in their wills as others have done in the past.

Your committee desires to express their appreciation for all individual gifts and donations which assists us greatly in this noble work.

There has recently broken out a serious epidemic, which has resulted in the death of two of the brightest little girls; fourteen are at present in the infirmary, 2 of which are still in a serious condition. This has occasional extra expenses as 4 trained nurses have been employed to nurse these little ones.

We pray that the Great Physician shall heal these little bodies and pour out his richest blessing upon this institution.

It has been reported to your committee that at this Association 22 years ago, at London Bridge Baptist Church, the first public agitation was made in the Association as to the need of an institution of this kind. God grant, that this gathering, 22 years later, shall be the greatest hour Old Portsmouth Association has ever had for our Orphanage.

R. D. STEPHENSON.

A special prayer for the Orphanage was offered, led by the Moderator.

38. The Moderator appointed the Standing Committees. [See back of cover of Minutes].

39. By E. S. Pierce:

Resolved, That a Committee on Program be appointed to arrange a program of exercises for our next meeting, and be printed in the daily papers at least two weeks before the time of meeting, and that it be planned with a view of holding a *three* days meeting.

Adopted. Committee, George J. Hobday, R. J. Bateman and V. I'Anson.

40. The Finance Committee submitted their report, which was adopted as follows:

Report of Finance Committee.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer, find it correct and supported by the proper vouchers, and that there is a balance in his hands due the Association of \$8.86. The churches have sent up this year for the Association Fund \$101.20.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. ROBERTSON,
W. N. GRUBB, *Committee.*

41. V. I'Anson, from the committee to whom was referred George J. Hobday's History of the Association, made a verbal report, and upon motion the committee was continued and requested to lay the matter before the churches.

42. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby most heartily extended to the members of the London Bridge Baptist Church, for their generous and loving hospitality extended to us during this meeting.

43. By E. S. Pierce.

Resolved, That the Clerk have printed as many copies of the minutes as the funds in his hands will allow, after deducting \$25.00 for his services.

44. The Committee on Obituaries submitted their report, which was adopted. [See Obituaries].

45. The Association, after singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and prayer by W. A. Street, adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1911, at a place yet to be decided upon.

W. J. KENDRICK, *Moderator.*

GEORGE J. HOBDAY, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE J. HOBDAY, *Treasurer.*

1909.

Sept. 30.	By amount received from Finance Committee.	\$106 13	
	To amount paid Clerk for services..	\$ 25 00	
	To amount paid Clerk for mailing and express.....	1 42	
	To amount paid Clerk for stationery	85	
Oct. 14.	To amount paid F. A. Owen, print- ing minutes.....	70 00	
	By balance due Association.....	8 86	
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Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE J. HOBDAY, *Treasurer.*

OBITUARY.

Rev. W. E. PARRISH, pastor of South Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., after three weeks' of intense suffering, passed away from earth June 9th, 1910.

In his death the denomination sustains an irreparable loss. But slight were the flaws that veined the pure white marble of his beautiful character. If sweetness of disposition, undefiled love of God, tenderest sympathy for the sorrowing, profound scholarship, accurate interpretation of scripture, soundness in doctrine, contribute to might, then Madison E. Parrish was a great man.

A widow and son survive him. May the richest of heaven's blessings abide with them, and may a worthy son wear this Joseph's coat.

CARTER ASHTON JENKINS.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The tenth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Portsmouth Baptist Association, was held with the London Bridge Baptist Church, September 27th, 1910.

The morning session was called to order by the Superintendent, who read the tenth chapter of Romans.

The morning motto was: "Prayer is the key which, being turned by the hand of faith, unlocks all God's treasures."

The address of welcome, delivered by Mrs. Milton Gornto, of London Bridge Church, was indeed a welcome which made each one feel that she and the people of her church were glad that the ladies had come to be with them.

The response was made by Mrs. Fannie Hayes, of the First Church of Norfolk.

Reports from thirty-seven societies were read and twenty-nine delegates were present. The reports showed that good work had been done, and that the amount raised during the year was \$2,761.72.

Subjects for discussion were taken up:

I. FORWARD MOVEMENT.

1. *Membership*—Plans for the individual canvas of our entire church membership for new members, by Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Berkley Avenue Church.

2. *The Scriptures*—Mission Study Classes in Home and Foreign Missions, by Mrs. T. C. Johnson, of Freemason Street Church.

3. *Gifts*—Mrs. T. E. Baird, of Park Avenue Church.

4. *Personal Service*—Mothers' Meetings, Cottage Prayer Meetings, Visitation of the Sick and Prisoners. Left open for discussion and responded to by Mrs. Fannie Hayes, of the First Church, Norfolk, and Mrs. Sadie Culpeper, of Fourth Street Church, Portsmouth.

II. STATE MISSIONS.

1. Why does the consolidation of the State Mission Board and the Sunday School and Bible Board make it necessary to double our contributions to State Missions? by Mrs. J. W. Downey, of Calvary Church, Portsmouth.

2. Our State Mission School in Buchanan county, by Miss Emma Wilcox, of St. John's Church.

3. State Mission Day in September. Appointment for State Missions by the Secretary.

4. W. M. U. Training School, by Mrs. R. J. Bateman, of Park Place Church.

The hour for lunch having arrived, the Union was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. F. L. Nicholson, of Central Church, Norfolk.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Motto: "Your best may not be THE best, but if it be YOUR best it will bring a harvest."

After singing "Jesus lover of my soul," the Superintendent read John I, and prayer was offered by Mrs. W. N. Grubb, of Virginia Beach.

Revs. G. W. Perryman and V. P'Anson came in at this point and presented the Immigrant Work to be taken up in Norfolk. The roll of the W. M. Societies was called and the whole amount needed, with the exception of twelve dollars, was pledged for, and several societies were not heard from. Prayer was then offered by Mrs. R. J. Bateman, of Park Place Church.

The subjects for discussion were:

I. YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

1. The girl as an influence in the lives of young girls, by Miss Annie L. Pruden, of South Street Church, Portsmouth.

II. HOME MISSION WORK.

1. Mountain Schools; open for discussion.

2. Missionary to the Immigrants of Oklahoma, Miss Lula Thomas, by Mrs. Benjamin Gimbert, of London Bridge Church.

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. Hospital in Africa. Omitted on account of the absence of Mrs. R. D. Stephenson, of Park View Church.

2. Hospitals in Mexico, by Mrs. I. T. Jacobs, of Port Norfolk.

3. Hospitals in China, by Mrs. L. C. Brinson, of Fourth Street Church, Portsmouth.

III. SUNBEAM WORK.

This subject cast a gloom over the entire large audience. While the ladies stood with bowed heads, a letter written by

our Band Superintendent, Mrs. G. F. Williams, to the ladies of this Association, just before her last illness, was read by Mrs. Peter Ferebee, of Spurgeon Memorial Church, and we were then led in special prayer for the beloved ones by Mrs. Fannie Hayes, of the First Church, Norfolk.

IV. ROYAL EMBASSADOR WORK.

How to conduct a Chapter, by Mrs. S. B. Ironmonger, of Central Church.

It is needless to say that the missionary spirit is growing in the Portsmouth Association, for it was shown by the large number of ladies present, and the intelligent and forcible manner each subject was presented, that the spirit of Him who gave the great commission was prevailing.

Mrs. Frank Williams, of Court Street Church, Portsmouth, offered a resolution that we thank the ladies of London Bridge Church, by a rising vote, for their untiring efforts in our behalf, as well as the great spread they prepared for us.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," the Union was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. J. J. S. Branch, of Suffolk Church.

DELEGATES ENROLLED.

Berkley Avenue W. M. S.—Mrs. J. T. Whitehurst, Mrs. W. A. Smith.
 Calvary W. M. S.—Mrs. J. W. Downey.
 Central W. M. S.—Mrs. F. L. Nicholson.
 Freemason Street W. M. S.—Mrs. J. M. Marshall, Mrs. F. W. Thorne.
 Kempsville W. M. S.—Mrs. T. Edmonds, Mrs. W. T. Smith.
 Grace W. M. S.—Mrs. R. A. Lumber, Mrs. L. D. Ritter.
 Lake Drummond W. M. S.—Mrs. L. H. Wood.
 Norfolk, First, W. M. S.—Mrs. Fannie Hayes.
 Norfolk, Park Avenue, W. M. S.—Mrs. C. L. Hobgood.
 Norfolk, Park Place, W. M. S.—Mrs. R. J. Bateman.
 Portsmouth, Park View, W. M. S.—Mrs. J. M. Gaskins.
 Pleasant Grove W. M. S.—Mrs. Tenie Lee.
 Spurgeon Memorial W. M. S.—Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Mrs. E. E. Chapman, Mrs. P. I. Ferebee.
 St. John's W. M. S.—Miss Irene O. Toxey.
 Fourth Street W. M. S.—Mrs. Annie Johnkin.
 Park Avenue Y. M. A.—Miss Annie T. Dozier.
 South Street Y. M. A.—Miss Annie L. Pruden.
 Park Place Sunbeams—Mrs. L. Holtzclow.
 Park Avenue Sunbeams—Miss Sallie L. Cake, Miss Kathleen Runnells, Miss Mamie Jones.
 Fairmount Sunbeams—Mrs. Bessie Hanks.

MRS. SADIE J. CULPEPPER, *Superintendent.*

MRS. W. S. WILKINS, *Secretary.*

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

CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	Estab- lished.	PASTORS.	Value of Church Building and Lot.	Value of Pastor's and Lot	Sundays of Preach'g
1 Berkley Avenue.....	Norfolk, Va.....	1873	W. A. Smith	\$25000 00	.....	Every
2 Bethel.....	Norfolk Co	1889	A. W. Burfoot ..	1000 00	.....	2nd & 4th
3 Black Water.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1840	W. B. Duling.....	1200 00	.....	.....
4 Broadway.....	Norfolk Co	1898	H. T. Abbott.....	120 00	.....	1st & 2nd
5 Burrows' Memorial	Norfolk Co.....	1894	Geo. W. Cox	15000 00	.....	Every
6 Centreville	Norfolk Co.....	1872	.....	2000 00	.....	1st & 3rd
7 Churchland	Norfolk Co.....	1785	W. V. Savage.....	35000 00	5000 00	Every
8 Deep Creek.....	Norfolk Co.....	1869	T. C. Davis.....	1500 00	2400 00	1st & 3rd
9 Gilmerton.....	Gilmerton	1895	.....	.....	.....	.....
10 Kempsville	Prin. Anne Co.	1814	C. A. Jenkins.....	2000 00	.....	.....
11 Knott's Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876	W. B. Duling.....	800 00	.....	2nd
12 Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co.....	1850	H. T. Abbott.....	2100 00	.....	2nd & 4th
13 London Bridge	Prin. Anne Co.	1784	W. W. Sisk	3000 00	2500 00	Every
14 Nansemond	Nansemond Co.	1891	W. V. Savage	2400 00	.....	1st & 3rd
15 Northwest.....	Norfolk Co.....	1782	A. W. Burfoot ..	2500 00	.....	1st, 2nd & 3d
16 Norf., First.....	Norfolk Va.....	1804	G. W. Perryman ..	8000 00	8000 00	Every
17 Norf., Freemason St.	Norfolk Va.....	1848	Sparks W. Melton	7500 00	.....	Every
18 Norf., Park Ave.....	Norfolk Va.....	1885	J. T. Anderson...	3500 00	5000 00	Every
19 Norf., Spurg. Mem.	Norfolk Va.....	1892	C. A. Jenkins.....	25000 00	.....	Every
20 Norfolk, Grace	Norfolk Va.....	1884	Vernon P'Anson	12000 00	.....	Every
21 Norf., Central.....	Norfolk Va.....	1886	Geo. W. Swope...	65000 00	.....	Every
22 Norf., Park Place...	Norfolk, Va.....	1902	R. J. Bateman ..	7125 00	.....	Every
23 Norfolk, Fairmount	Norfolk, Va.....	1909	.....	5000 00	.....	Every
24 Oak Grove.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1762	W. B. Duling	2500 00	.....	1st & 3rd
25 Ports., Court St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	R. B. Garrett.....	7500 00	.....	Every
26 Ports., Fourth St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	C. J. D. Parker..	33000 00	2900 00	Every
27 Ports., South St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	.....	17500 00	.....	Every
28 Ports., Calvary	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	J. W. Downey....	10000 00	2500 00	Every
29 Ports., Park View	Portsmouth, Va.	1899	R. D. Stephenson	14000 00	.....	Every
30 Ports., Prentis Place	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	T. Y. Seymour....	1000 00	.....	Every
31 Port Norfolk	Port Norf., Va.	1898	T. T. Jacobs.....	10000 00	.....	Every
32 Pleasant Grove.....	Norfolk Co.....	1845	A. W. Burfoot ..	1000 00	.....	2nd & 4th
33 Salem.....	Norfolk Co.....	1829	.....	.....	.....	.....
34 St. John.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1856	W. W. Sisk.....	3000 00	.....	Every
35 South Norfolk	Norfolk Co.....	1893	E. S. Pierce.....	5600 00	.....	Every
36 Suffolk	Suffolk, Va.....	1827	R. A. McFarland	10500 00	3500 00	Every
37 Virginia Beach	Prin. Anne Co.	1907	N. Richards	7000 00	.....	Every
38 West Norfolk	W. Norfolk, Va.	1895	.....	1600 00	1000 00	Every
39 Immanuel.....	Norfolk County	1908	.....	2500 00	.....	Every
				\$591945 00	32800 00	

the first of the year of this Association, that we have just passed, and which was held in the Parish of St. Paul, at New York, and we were glad to have a special prayer for the behalf of the Missionary Society of the First Church, New York.

IV. ROYAL EMBROIDER WORK.

How to conduct a Chapter, by Mrs. S. B. Fournier, of the First Church.

It is needless to say that the missionary spirit is growing in the North American continent, for it was shown by the large number of ladies present, and the intelligent and forcible manner in which they presented that the spirit of Him who gave the great commission was prevailing.

DELEGATES ENROLLED.

- Mrs. W. A. ...
- Mrs. S. B. ...
- Mrs. J. ...
- Mrs. E. ...
- Mrs. H. ...
- Mrs. I. ...
- Mrs. K. ...
- Mrs. L. ...
- Mrs. M. ...
- Mrs. N. ...
- Mrs. O. ...
- Mrs. P. ...
- Mrs. Q. ...
- Mrs. R. ...
- Mrs. S. ...
- Mrs. T. ...
- Mrs. U. ...
- Mrs. V. ...
- Mrs. W. ...
- Mrs. X. ...
- Mrs. Y. ...
- Mrs. Z. ...

Mrs. BADDIE J. CUPPERMAN, ...
Mrs. W. S. WILKINS, ...

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3 Black Water.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1840	W. B. Duling.....	1200 00
4 Broadway.....	Norfolk Co.....	1898	H. T. Abbott.....	120 00	1st & 2nd
5 Burrows' Memorial	Norfolk Co.....	1894	Geo. W. Cox	15000 00	.....	Every
6 Centreville.....	Norfolk Co.....	1872	.....	2000 00	.....	1st & 3rd
7 Churchland.....	Norfolk Co.....	1785	W. V. Savage.....	35000 00	5000 00	Every
8 Deep Creek.....	Norfolk Co.....	1869	T. C. Davis.....	1500 00	2400 00	1st & 3rd
9 Gilmerton.....	Gilmerton.....	1895	.....	.....	.....	.....
10 Kempsville.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1814	C. A. Jenkins.....	2000 00	.....	.....
11 Knott's Island.....	Currituck, N. C.	1876	W. B. Duling.....	800 00	.....	2nd
12 Lake Drummond.....	Norfolk Co.....	1850	H. T. Abbott.....	2100 00	.....	2nd & 4th
13 London Bridge.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1784	W. W. Sisk	3000 00	2500 00	Every
14 Nansemond.....	Nansemond Co.	1891	W. V. Savage	2400 00	.....	1st & 3rd
15 Northwest.....	Norfolk Co.....	1782	A. W. Burfoot.....	2500 00	.....	1st, 2nd & 3d
16 Norf., First.....	Norfolk Va.....	1804	G. W. Perryman...	8000 00	8000 00	Every
17 Norf. Freemason St.	Norfolk Va.....	1848	Sparks W. Melton	75000 00	.....	Every
18 Norf., Park Ave.....	Norfolk Va.....	1885	J. T. Auderson...	35000 00	5000 00	Every
19 Norf., Spurg. Mem.	Norfolk Va.....	1892	C. A. Jenkins.....	25000 00	.....	Every
20 Norfolk, Grace.....	Norfolk Va.....	1884	Vernon P' Anson	12000 00	.....	Every
21 Norf., Central.....	Norfolk Va.....	1886	Geo. W. Swope...	65000 00	.....	Every
22 Norf., Park Place...	Norfolk, Va.....	1902	R. J. Bateman ...	7125 00	.....	Every
23 Norfolk, Fairmount	Norfolk, Va.....	1909	.....	5000 00	.....	Every
24 Oak Grove.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1762	W. B. Duling.....	2500 00	.....	1st & 3rd
25 Ports., Court St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1789	R. B. Garrett.....	75000 00	.....	Every
26 Ports., Fourth St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	C. J. D. Parker...	33000 00	2900 00	Every
27 Ports., South St.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	.....	17500 00	.....	Every
28 Ports., Calvary.....	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	J. W. Downey....	10000 00	2500 00	Every
29 Ports., Park View..	Portsmouth, Va.	1899	R. D. Stephenson	14000 00	.....	Every
30 Ports., Prentis Place	Portsmouth, Va.	1906	T. Y. Seymour....	1000 00	.....	Every
31 Port Norfolk.....	Port Norf., Va.	1888	J. T. Jacobs.....	10000 00	.....	Every
32 Pleasant Grove.....	Norfolk Co.....	1845	A. W. Burfoot ..	1000 00	.....	2nd & 4th
33 Salem.....	Norfolk Co.....	1829	.....	.....	.....	.....
34 St. John.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1856	W. W. Sisk.....	3000 00	.....	Every
35 South Norfolk.....	Norfolk Co.....	1893	E. S. Pierce.....	5600 00	.....	Every
36 Suffolk.....	Suffolk, Va.....	1827	R. A. McFarland	10500 00	3500 00	Every
37 Virginia Beach.....	Prin. Anne Co.	1907	N. Richards.....	7000 00	.....	Every
38 West Norfolk.....	W. Norfolk, Va.	1895	.....	1600 00	1000 00	Every
39 Immanuel.....	Norfolk County	1908	.....	2500 00	.....	Every
				\$591945 00	32800 00	

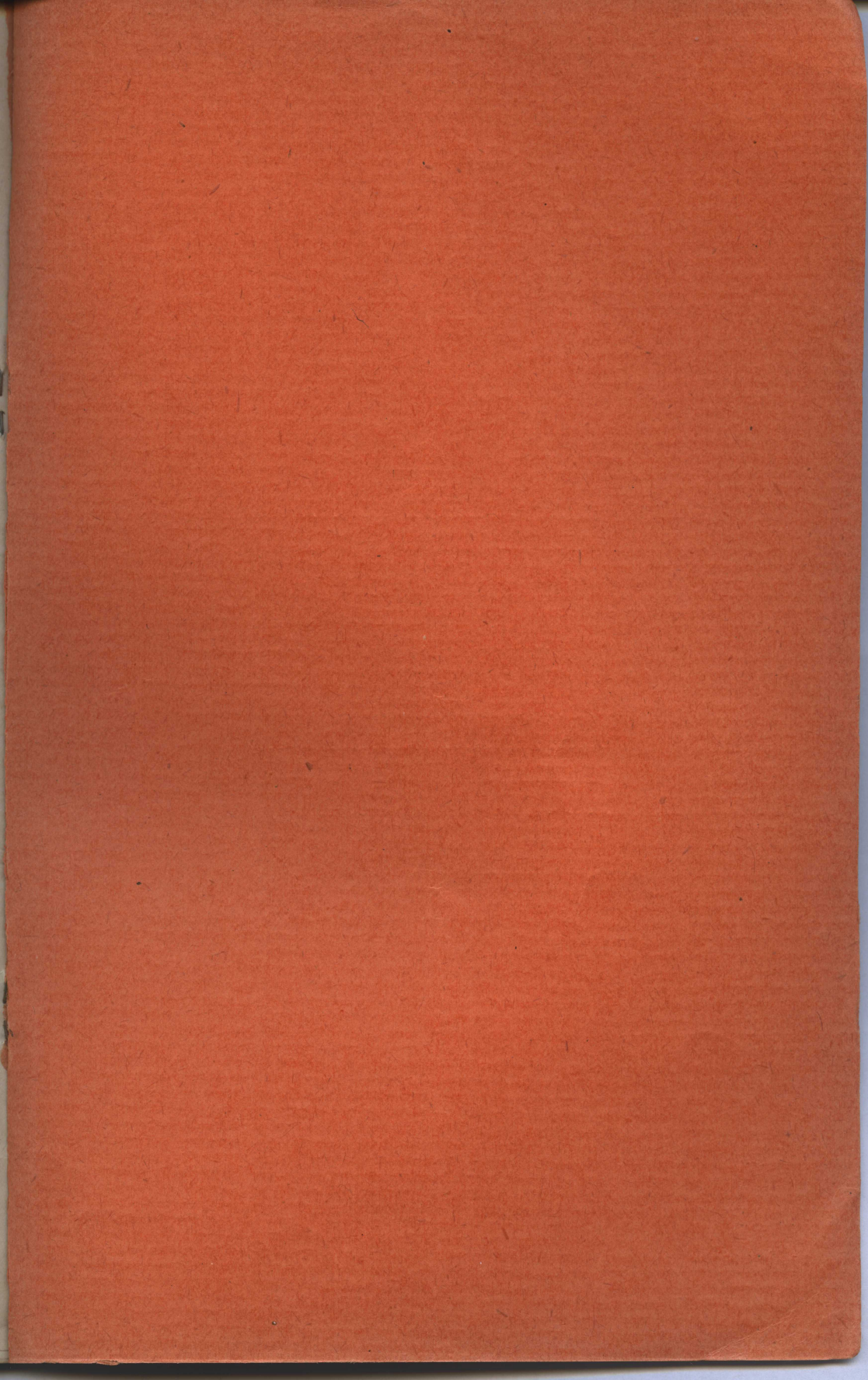
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BOARDS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Education Board.	Ministers Relief Fund.	Orphan-age.	Foreign Missions.	Educational Commission.	S. S. and E. Board.	Total.
1 Berkley Avenue	50 00	53 10	7 00	13 30	55 35	125 14	.....	1 85	305 74
2 Bethel	20 00	10 00	6 00	6 00	12 44	13 00	.....	10 00	77 44
3 Black Water	36 85	15 24	.....	.....	19 61	18 22	.....	.....	89 92
4 Broadway	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	4 00
5 Burrows' Memorial	5 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	.....	40 00	.....	1 00	115 00
6 Centreville	13 00	2 50	.....	.....	34 34	16 80	.....	.....	66 64
7 Churchland	325 00	222 00	12 50	12 50	250 00	1225 00	.....	25 00	2072 00
8 Deep Creek	4 15	6 00	6 12	.....	25 60	11 00	.....	.....	52 87
9 Gilmerton .....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10 Kempsville	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	30 65	20 00	.....	2 35	63 00
11 Knott's Island	13 00	29 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	4 00	.....	2 50	13 50
12 Lake Drummond	60 55	41 14	2 50	11 74	40 47	76 21	.....	.....	232 61
13 London Bridge	8 50	14 50	2 00	2 00	25 00	10 75	.....	4 00	66 75
14 Nansemond	12 00	10 00	4 37	5 00	10 15	20 11	.....	.....	61 63
15 Northwest	69 75	134 55	.....	15 00	27 48	36 50	.....	.....	283 28
16 Norfolk, First	673 70	1005 00	1340 00	76 80	271 73	1800 00	.....	.....	5167 23
17 Norfolk, Freemason st.	150 00	100 00	25 00	50 00	75 00	408 00	.....	25 00	833 00
18 Norfolk, Park Avenue	153 75	111 00	2 50	2 50	240 00	395 31	.....	5 00	905 06
19 Norfolk, Spur. Mem'l.	30 00	17 00	3 00	3 00	23 00	15 00	.....	.....	96 00
20 Norfolk, Grace	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	65 00	10 00	.....	.....	85 00
21 Norfolk, Central	50 00	110 00	.....	.....	77 43	127 25	.....	.....	364 68
22 Norfolk, Park Place .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Norfolk, Fairmount	55 00	35 00	5 00	5 00	35 00	35 00	.....	10 00	185 00
24 Oak Grove	400 00	328 31	100 00	100 00	180 00	868 85	.....	100 00	2077 16
25 Portsmouth, Court St.	167 80	221 31	25 00	27 50	102 17	143 76	30 00	27 00	744 54
26 Ports., Fourth Street	7 00	74 00	.....	.....	84 00	30 00	.....	.....	195 00
27 Portsmouth, South St.	45 75	21 75	.....	.....	59 06	40 20	.....	.....	166 76
28 Portsmouth, Calvary	53 56	56 25	28 70	19 50	108 87	76 50	.....	3 87	347 25
29 Portsmouth, Pk View	17 35	11 40	.....	.....	49 50	22 75	.....	.....	101 00
30 Ports., Prentiss Place	2 00	.....	.....	.....	43 82	22 90	.....	.....	68 72
31 Port Norfolk	35 16	14 00	.....	4 00	49 00	30 43	.....	.....	132 59
32 Pleasant Grove .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33 Salem	26 90	18 00	10 50	3 00	26 00	37 30	.....	5 00	126 70
34 St. John's	15 00	.....	.....	.....	60 00	73 25	.....	.....	148 25
35 South Norfolk	184 02	58 10	29 35	5 65	50 00	235 27	.....	18 07	580 46
36 Suffolk	6 00	.....	.....	.....	2 35	.....	.....	4 00	12 35
37 Virginia Beach	14 06	6 40	.....	.....	27 08	16 21	.....	.....	63 75
38 West Norfolk .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39 Immanuel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$2714 35	2715 05	1622 04	376 99	2246 78	6001 21	35 00	244 64	15955 96

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses.	Support of S. School.	Aid of Poor.	Church Building and Improvements.	Association Fund.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1 Berkley Avenue.....	1500 00	732 94	180 00	25 00	2284 53	3 00	160 00	4885 47
2 Bethel	125 00	20 40	8 00		925 00	1 50	17 00	181 15
3 Black Water	150 00	175 00	20 00		50 00	2 50		397 50
4 Broadway	95 00	20 00	10 00		12 00			137 00
5 Burrows' Memorial	100 00	300 00	100 00	50 00	5000 00	2 00		6452 00
6 Centerville		12 00	33 00			1 50	116 00	162 50
7 Churchland	1500 00	500 00	60 00	25 00	10000 00	5 00		12090 00
8 Deep Creek	300 00	44 34	45 42	2 00	1475 64	1 50	112 30	1981 20
9 Gilmerton								
10 Kempsville	400 00	25 00		10 00	100 00		150 00	685 00
11 Knott's Island	100 00	60 00	20 00	11 00	390 89	70	10 00	592 59
12 Lake Drummond	250 00		30 00	2 50	800 00	2 50	20 00	1105 00
13 London Bridge	600 00		60 00	33 00	1185 00	3 00	30 25	1978 42
14 Nansemond	192 00	30 00	19 10		97 51	2 00		340 61
15 North West	250 00	40 00	30 00	10 00	2000 00	2 00		2332 00
16 Norfolk, First	3000 00	600 00		130 00	1219 00	5 00	173 80	5127 80
17 Norfolk, Freemason St		*8303 00	802 78	452 52	12020 34	10 00	695 41	22284 05
18 Norfolk, Park Avenue	2000 00	1275 00	525 00	180 00	2800 00	5 00	75 00	6860 00
19 Norfolk, Spurg Memor'l	1400 00	463 20	354 92	200 00	1785 00	5 00	754 30	4962 42
20 Norfolk, Grace	700 00	155 00	73 30	35 00	900 00	2 50	7 97	1873 77
21 Norfolk, Central	2000 00	636 00	351 12	74 13	9335 82	3 00	75 00	12475 07
22 Norfolk, Park Place	1800 00	380 00	304 72		273 00	5 00	250 00	3012 72
23 Norfolk, Fairmount	350 00		50 00		5000 00			5400 00
24 Oak Grove	500 00	55 77	75 00	7 10	132 80	5 00	55 77	831 44
25 Portsmouth, Court St	2400 00	2669 03	225 00	302 17	200 00	5 00	691 20	6492 40
26 Portsmouth, Fourth St	1600 00	719 90	350 00	145 50	500 81	5 00	160 00	3481 21
27 Portsmouth, South St	1627 47	570 76	453 71	38 50	27 87	3 00	445 10	3166 41
28 Portsmouth, Calvary	1200 00	170 00	246 30	19 43	117 10	2 00	208 98	1963 81
29 Portsmouth Park View	1200 00	409 89	149 67	42 82	75 00	3 00	420 00	2300 38
30 Ports., Prentiss Place	656 00	37 50	96 50	10 00		2 00	30 00	831 00
31 Port Norfolk	1200 00	328 67		10 05	146 37	1 50	501 65	2188 24
32 Pleasant Grove	200 00	48 00	24 00		45 00	1 50		318 50
33 Salem								
34 St. John	400 00	31 85	30 00	7 65	15 00	1 50	112 08	598 08
35 South Norfolk	1000 00	105 81	253 01	46 00	7 09	3 00	150 00	1564 91
36 Suffolk	1200 00	644 02	350 00	45 81		3 00		2242 83
37 Virginia Beach	291 05		49 98	10 00	1200 00	1 50		1552 53
38 West Norfolk	400 00	56 50	45 90		124 57	1 50	10 00	638 47
39 Immanuel	630 00		25 00		1000 00			1655 00
Total	31316 52	19685 15	5481 43	1914 18	61245 34	101 20	5331 81	124 075 63

*Includes Pastor's Salary.



STANDING COMMITTEES.

<i>State Missions</i> ,	R. B. Garrett.
<i>Mome Missions</i> ,	R. A. McFarland.
<i>Foreign Missions</i> ,	S. W. Melton.
<i>Education</i> ,	J. T. Anderson.
<i>Pastoral Support</i> ,	E. S. Ferguson.
<i>Ministers' Relief Fund</i> ,	J. M. C. Luke.
<i>Obituaries</i> ,	Vernon I'Anson.
<i>Orphanage</i> ,	W. V. Savage.
<i>Temperance</i> ,	Geo. W. Perryman.
<i>Periodicals</i> ,	W. C. Corbitt.
<i>Missionary Committee</i> ,	R. J. Bateman, W. F. Robertson, W. J. Kendrick.