

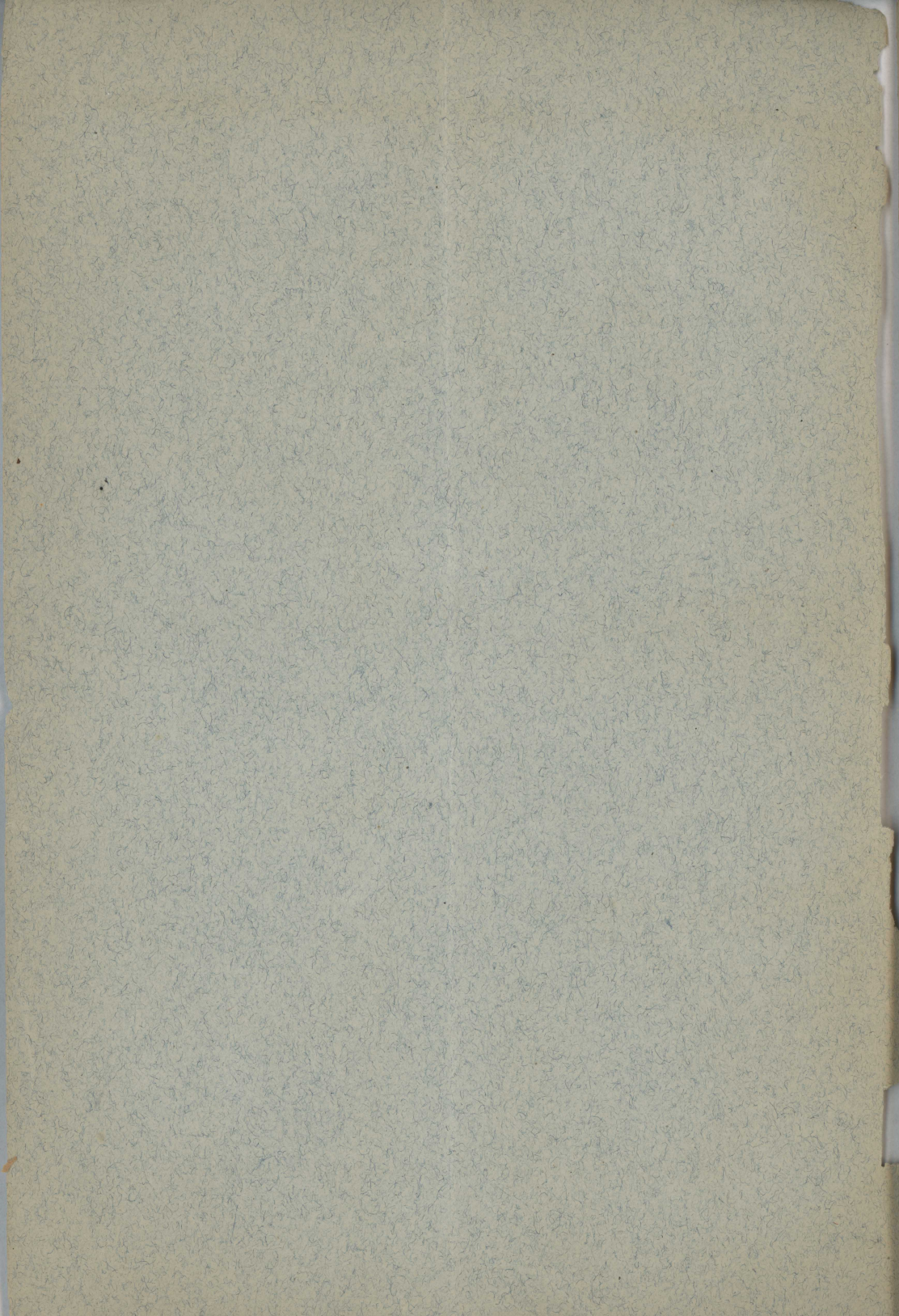
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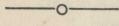
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LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Antioch—Joseph G. Mays, Samuel C. Hood.*
Beaver Dam—James R. Purvis, F. L. Snipe, J. F. Eley.
Berkley Avenue—John T. West,* P. Pritchard.*
Bethesda—John T. Parr, W. G. White.*
Black Creek—M. Lankford, Robert M. Edwards.
Black Water—Edwin N. Ives,* O. F. Baum.*
Boykins—James M. Corbitt, W. A. Joyner.
Centerville—J. E. Old, L. Jackson.
Colosse—Spencer Carr, Exum Hines.
Deep Creek—No Letter; no Delegate.
Elam—J. E. Stephenson, M. C. Bunt.*
Franklin—A. W. Norfleet, Gilliam Edwards.
Great Fork—David Brown, W. W. Knight.
Hebron—J. H. Sykes,* W. A. Powell.*
Hicksford—Joseph H. Prince, Charles Green.*
High Hills—W. N. Jarratt,* E. P. Bailey,* W. J. Thompson.*
Jerusalem—Robert N. Williams.
Kempsville—George T. Whitehurst, Thomas Edmonds,* J. W. Whitehurst.*
Lake Drummond—Lewis Duke, James C. Lynch.*
Lebanon—No Letter; no Delegate.
London Bridge—Charles Brock.
Millfield—Walter D. Pond, L. W. Stephenson, M. D. Butler.*
Mill Swamp—J. J. Johnson, T. G. B. Delk, L. B. Edwards.
Moore's Swamp—George A. Rowell, W. F. Lane.
Mulberry—William T. Carney.*
Newville—J. H. Cotten, G. B. Chappell.
North-west—E. W. Holt, William Warren,* W. L. S. Wilkins.
Norfolk, Freemason Street—Thomas D. Toy,* S. S. Gresham,* W. H. Morris.*
Norfolk, Cumberland Street—Donald McLeod, Duncan McLeod.
Oak Grove—J. O. Morris,* Dennis Etheridge,* J. H. Munden.*
Old Shop—J. T. Washer, J. R. Pettway.*
Petersburg, First Church—D. G. Potts, J. H. Maclin, T. W. Clements, M. Robertson, B. M. Robertson.
Petersburg, Byrne Street—W. H. Colwell, C. M. Walsh, J. B. Rainey, Jr.
Portsmouth, Court Street—W. F. Higginbotham, E. W. Tabb, W. C. Corbitt, E. C. Brooks.
Portsmouth, Fourth Street—Jesse T. Morris, R. G. Staples.*
Pleasant Grove—Gilbert S. Tabb, William E. Wood, Sr.*
St. John's—No Letter; no Delegate.
Salem—J. L. Guy,* W. Spruill.*
Sappony—R. H. Robinson,* S. P. Bass.*
Shiloh—A. F. Lee, J. J. Slade.*
Shoulder's Hill—J. T. Griffin, L. R. Ballard, S. B. Carney.
Smithfield—W. S. Grimes, Robert Vandeventer.
South Quay—Nelson B. Gardener, Robert J. Johnson.
Suffolk—J. H. Wright, James H. Presson.
Tucker's Swamp—John C. Griffin, C. B. Crumpler, A. T. Stephenson.
Western Branch—John Fulgham, S. H. Simons, J. F. Eley.*
Zion—James E. Morris, James G. Buckner.*

Absentees marked thus *

STANDING COMMITTEES.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

- I. UPPER DISTRICT—T. T. Eaton, Geo. J. Hobday, J. H. Prince, V. P'Anson.
II. MIDDLE DISTRICT—J. W. Ward, J. H. Wright, M. Lankford, R. R. Owens, W. S. Grimes, J. M. Corbitt.
III. LOWER DISTRICT—J. A. Speight, E. W. Holt, Geo. T. Whitehurst, W. D. Pritchard, H. Etheridge.
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OTHER COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS.

T. T. Eaton, T. G. Wood, J. H. Prince, G. J. Hobday, D. G. Potts.

HOME MISSIONS.

P. Owens, N. M. Munden, V. P'Anson, S. S. Gresham, J. H. Cotten.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

J. F. Deans, W. D. Thomas, J. T. Borum, J. F. Tuttle, R. G. Staples.

EDUCATION.

A. E. Owen, T. Hume, Jr., J. A. Speight, M. Lankford, R. R. Owens.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

J. W. Ward, E. C. Brooks, Joseph Mays, A. W. Norfleet, J. W. Gregory.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

J. H. Wright, E. C. Brooks, J. T. Griffin, M. Lankford, W. S. Grimes.

MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

J. H. Prince, J. C. Griffin, A. W. Norfleet, W. H. Morris.

PERIODICALS.

Geo. J. Hobday, W. D. Pritchard, J. C. Bailey, L. R. Ballard.

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

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

MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 2. It shall be composed of white delegates, elected by 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; provided, 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 appeal. 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 delegates 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 shall have the right to advice, when desired, in 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 require 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 an annual letter to the Association, giving—1, Locality; 2, The names of its pastor and clerk, and their respective post-offices; 3, The Sabbaths of regular service; 4, The church statistics, including the number baptised, 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 election. As soon as the new officers shall have taken their seats, the body shall be declared organized and prepared for business.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 10. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings 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 the same.

ARTICLE 14. This Constitution may be altered at any annual session of the body, by the votes of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

3rd. All 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 member shall absent himself *temporarily* without leave of the Moderator, nor *finally* without leave of the body.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without permission of the body.

7th. No member shall be allowed to talk, stand up, read, or move about the house during business, except to gain or impart information on the subject under consideration.

8th. No committee shall be in session during the hours of business, without permission from the body.

9th. The business of the Association shall be as follows, viz: 1. Introductory sermon. 2. Read and enroll names of delegates. 3. Organize. 4. Read the Constitution and Rules of Order. 5. Call the names of those churches that failed to represent themselves at the previous session or sessions, and enquire their reasons for such failure. 6. Receive new churches on their petition through letter and delegates. 7. Invite visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to seats. 8. Appoint Committees on Religious Exercises, Finance, and Digest of Church Letters. 9. Receive reports of Missionary Committees. 10. Receive reports of Standing Committees. 11. Receive reports of other Committees. 12. Appoint time and place for next meeting, and a preacher and alternate. 13. Appoint new Standing Committees. 14. Hear reports from corresponding messengers and appoint new ones. 15. Miscellaneous business.

10th. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

11th. This Constitution and these Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of each annual session of the Association.

MINUTES.

SUFFOLK, VA., *September 16th, 1876.*

1. The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met in its eighty-fifth Annual Session with the church at Suffolk, Va., on Saturday, September 16th, 1876, at 11 o'clock A. M., brother Reuben Jones, Moderator, in the chair.

2. On motion of brother J. H. Wright, the Introductory Sermon was postponed until 8 o'clock to-night.

3. Devotional exercises were engaged in for a few moments, conducted by the Moderator.

4. The letters from the churches were presented, and the names of their delegates enrolled.

5. The officers of the Association were elected by acclamation, as follows, viz: Reuben Jones, Moderator; M. Lankford, Vice-Moderator; Geo. J. Hobday, Clerk; Jos. H. Prince, Treasurer.

6. The Constitution and Rules of Order were read by the Clerk.

7. Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the following accepted the invitation, viz.: A. McDowell, President Chowan Bap. Female Institute; Rev. J. J. Reader, Dover, Delaware; W. C. Lankford, Tar River Association; J. A. Delke, Chowan Association; Hugh C. Smith, Dover Association; C. G. Manning and J. C. Fleetwood, Chowan Association.

On motion of brother J. H. Wright, Rev. Geo. E. Booker, of the Methodist Church, was invited to a seat in the body.

8. The Clerk appointed brother George B. Chappell his assistant.

9. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—Brethren J. H. Wright, J. H. Presson, T. T. Eaton, J. H. Prince and Putnam Owens.

On Finance—Brethren J. M. Corbitt, E. W. Holt and J. H. Cotten.

10. On motion of brother J. H. Wright, the hours for meeting were adopted as follows, viz: Meet 9.30 A. M.; adjourn 1.00 P. M. Meet 3.00 P. M.; adjourn 5.00 P. M.

11. Reports of Missionary Committees were called for, but none of the reports being prepared, on motion, the chairmen were allowed more time so as to present written reports.

12. On motion of brother J. H. Prince, the Rules of Order were

amended so that the 8th item of the 9th Rule should read: "*Appoint Committees on Religious Exercises, Finance, and Digest of Church Letters.*"

The Moderator appointed as the Committee on Digest of Church Letters, brethren J. H. Prince, A. E. Owen and C. B. Crumpler.

13. On motion of brother A. E. Owen, brethren B. M. Robertson, W. F. Higginbotham and E. W. Holt were appointed a Committee on Time, Place, Preacher of Introductory Sermon and Alternate, for the next meeting of the Association.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by brother P. Owens.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 3 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair, and engaged in singing: "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer by brother A. E. Owen.

14. On motion of brother T. T. Eaton, the report of the Committee on *State and Home Missions* was made the special order of the day for Monday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

15. Brother J. A. Speight read the report of the Missionary Committee for the Lower District. Remarks by brethren J. A. Speight, N. M. Munden and A. E. Owen, and adopted.

REPORT FOR LOWER DISTRICT.

Your Committee would report, that during the most of the last year no one has been employed to do general missionary work. Early in the year brother E. M. Buyn, who had been laboring in this capacity, resigned, and up to May there was no appointment made. Early in June your Committee requested brother J. F. Tuttle to visit Knott's Island and establish a mission, which he did, with very gratifying results—holding a meeting of days, and a gracious revival ensued. Since then, steps have been taken to organize a church. Most of the churches have pastors, and some of them have very interesting mission stations. Fourth Street Church, Berkley, Princess Ann Avenue, Deep Creek and Mulberry are without pastors. Excepting Deep Creek, these are all points requiring help from the Board. Our object, for the present at least, is to concentrate upon these points, hoping for great results. Our churches are generally in a prosperous condition, several having enjoyed seasons of refreshing from the Lord. We are pained to announce that early in March our beloved brother, A. Paul Repiton, D. D., was removed from our midst by death. Thus passed from our presence one eminent for his gifts and loved for his work's sake.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SPEIGHT, *Chairman.*

16. The report on Sunday Schools, in the absence of the chairman, was read by the Clerk. The report was discussed by brethren A. E. Owen, Eaton, J. H. Prince, Speight, J. H. Wright, Delke, McDowell, Lankford and Munden, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee will not occupy your time in urging the importance of this subject. The Sunday School is recognized as a necessary part of the organization of a well-ordered and prosperous church. It has made its distinct impression on the literature of

the age. The name of the publications issued in its interest, library books, magazines, papers, special commentaries, is legion. Everywhere its enthusiastic representatives are holding conferences for the discussion of improved methods of organization and instruction. The question of the best lesson-system is still exciting the earnest interest of devout minds, though so large a number of schools have adopted the so-called "uniform" plan. Officers, teachers, scholars, have no lack of sources of information and inspiration in leading or finding the way to Christ through the study of His Word.

We note, with pleasure, the number of conversions of pupils in the statement for 1875, but regret that so many churches are on record as sending no reports or very imperfect ones. *Eighteen* schools take no papers; a singular fact, when we consider their cheapness, their valuable illustrations of Bible truth, and their attractive and enlivening character. Some of our Associations have a carefully arranged Sunday School system, which consists in grouping their schools in districts, with superintendents for each district, and a general superintendent for the Association. Conventions or Institutes are held during the year in each district under the direction of the superintendent. Profitable union of effort is sometimes secured in connection with ministers' and deacons' meetings. One prosperous Sunday School organization exists within your bounds—the "Baptist Sunday School Association, of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkley"—which maintains its monthly sessions and does some missionary work. A few (individual) schools have "Missionary Unions" and "Mite Societies," and are helping to elevate the standard of Christian liberality. We believe that it is vitally important that our pastors should be closely related to the Sunday School, supervising its methods of instruction, and holding special services for the young.

Your Committee respectfully recommend that the Missionary Committees be requested to make arrangements for a "Sunday School Institute or Convention" in each district, during the next Associational year.

THOS. HUME, JR., *Chairman.*

17. On motion of brother Eaton, the suggestions contained in the report were turned over to the Standing Committee to be appointed for the next year, with instructions to make arrangements for carrying them out.

18. Brother J. H. Wright, chairman of Committee on Religious Exercises, reported the following appointments for Sunday: Baptist Church—11 A. M., brother A. E. Owen; 8 P. M., brother J. J. Reader. Methodist Church—11 A. M., brother A. McDowell; 8 P. M., brother C. T. Bailey. Christian Church—11 A. M., brother T. T. Eaton; 8 P. M., brother A. E. Dickinson. African Methodist Church—3 P. M., brother P. Owens; 8 P. M., brother J. C. Fleetwood. African Baptist Church—8 P. M., brother N. M. Munden. Court Street, Portsmouth—brother J. A. Speight. First Church, Petersburg—brother R. Jones.

Sunday School Mass Meeting at the Baptist Church, 3:30 P. M.; addresses by brethren Delke, Reader, Eaton and Ryland.

19. The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother T. T. Eaton, at 8 o'clock P. M. Text: I Cor., VIII, 23—"The Messengers of the Churches."

SUNDAY.

The day was very inclement in the forenoon, yet the various appointments were filled. The Sunday School Mass Meeting was a success. A collection was taken up at night, in the Baptist Church, for State Missions, and the sum of \$17 10 was realized.

MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, *September 18th, 1876.*

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, at 9:30 A. M., the Moderator in the chair.

Religious exercises, conducted by brethren A. McDowell and H. K. Ellyson.

20. The Minutes of yesterday's meeting were read, corrected and approved.

21. Letters from Berkley Avenue, Colosse, High Hills, Western Branch, Great Fork, Freemason Street, (Norfolk), Byrne Street, (Petersburg), and Court Street, (Portsmouth), were presented, and their delegates enrolled.

22. List of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates connected with the Association, was read and revised.

23. Invitations to seats in the Association were accepted by brethren H. K. Ellyson, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board; Charles H. Ryland, Financial Secretary Richmond College; W. E. Hatcher, President Education Board; C. T. Bailey, Editor *Biblical Recorder*; A. E. Dickinson, Editor *Religious Herald*; R. R. Savage, W. H. Riddick, Thomas Babb and T. T. Speight, Chowan Association.

24. The report on Education was read by brother A. E. Owen, which, upon motion of brother Eaton, was laid on the table until 8 o'clock, P. M.

25. The Association granted brother C. H. Ryland permission to make some explanations concerning the finances of Richmond College, with which he was closely connected as Financial Secretary.

26. The special order of the hour was then taken up, and the report on State and Home Missions was read by brother T. T. Eaton. The report was discussed by brethren H. K. Ellyson, J. A. Speight, W. E. Hatcher, A. E. Dickinson, T. T. Eaton, and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee are pleased to be able to report great activity and zeal in behalf of State Missions. Our Board in Richmond have been enabled, during the past year, to send out missionaries, who occupied 159 stations in parts of 41 counties and 19 towns and villages. These missionaries were instrumental in the conversion of 2,283 persons, nearly all of whom were added to our churches. They organized 19 new Sunday Schools and constituted 9 new churches. The entire expense of this work was about \$10,000, all of which was promptly paid. Surely, we have great reason to thank God and take courage. Still, we are not doing our whole duty to the cause of State Missions.

So far as the letters from the churches indicate what has been done, only 31 of the 47 churches composing this Association have contributed at all, and many of these contributions are quite small. The aggregate amount given by our churches to State Missions during the past year, is \$804 74. The hands of our Board must be upheld; the Gospel must be carried to the destitute regions of our loved State.

In reference to the Home Mission cause, your Committee have to lament the apathy of the churches. This apathy is not confined to our Association, but seems to be

shared by our brethren all over the State. For, while \$10,000 was given to State Missions, and more than \$10,000 to Foreign Missions, only \$729 97 was given by the Baptists of Virginia to the Home Mission cause. Of that amount \$293 30 was given by the churches of this Association, only *ten* out of the whole number of forty-seven contributing.

Your Committee are grieved to contemplate this state of things. When we look over the field to be occupied by our Home Board at Marion, Alabama, the new States, the States where Baptists are weak and need the helping hand of their brethren, the great work to be done among the Indians, committed to this Board, and remember that, when we in Virginia were prostrated by the war, that Board came to our relief, and has expended over \$2,000 more in our State than it has ever received from us, we are mortified and chagrined at the apathy of our brethren in this great cause. The Board has been struggling with debt, which, however, it has been constantly reducing, and greatly needs our sympathy and contributions. Your Committee would earnestly recommend that the claims of the Home Board be urged as never before, and that steps be taken to secure contributions from every church in this Association, during the next year, to carry forward this vitally important work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. EATON, *Chairman.*

A collection was taken up, amounting to \$40.50, which was equally divided between the State and Home Mission Boards.

27. On motion, the Moderator was instructed to appoint an agent for each of these two Boards in every church in the Association. [See Appendix.]

28. On motion of brother Geo. J. Hobday, the Rules of Order were suspended, and he offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, Efforts are now being made on the part of the "Virginia Baptist Historical Society," of which Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D., is President, and Rev. H. H. Harris, D. D., is Secretary, to collect and preserve all matters of historical interest connected with the Denomination; and

Whereas, There are facts of great interest and importance connected with the history of the churches composing this Association; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That a committee be appointed, who shall correspond with a suitable person in each of the churches, with a view to preparing brief and accurate historical sketches of the churches.

Resolved 2nd, That this committee preserve these sketches, subject to the order of the Association.

The object contained in the resolutions was discussed by brethren A. E. Owen, C. H. Ryland and G. J. Hobday. Pending the discussion the hour for adjournment arrived.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by brother A. E. Dickinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 3 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. Engaged in singing, and prayer was offered by brother Geo. J. Hobday

The resolutions offered by brother Hobday, were re-read, and after discussion by brother R. Jones, were adopted, and brother Geo. J. Hobday was appointed the committee recommended by the resolutions.

29. Rev. E. W. Beale, of the Christian Church, was recognized and invited to a seat in the body.

30. The Rules of Order were suspended to take up the report of the Committee on Time, Place, Preacher, &c. of next meeting. The report was read, and after discussions by brethren R. Owens, B. M. Robertson, T. T. Eaton, J. A. Speight, A. E. Owen, J. H. Prince, W. E. Hatcher and R. R. Owens, was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Time, Place, Preacher and Alternate for the next session of the Association, report as follows: Introductory sermon by brother Geo. J. Hobday of Petersburg; Alternate, brother T. Hume, Jr. of Norfolk. Place of meeting, Centerville Church. Time of meeting, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1877.

B. M. ROBERTSON,
W. F. HIGGINBOTHAM, } Committee.
E. W. HOLT,

31. Brother T. T. Eaton offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, two committees be appointed—one on Home Missions and one on State Missions, instead of one for both of these subjects, as heretofore.

32. Brother A. E. Owen moved, that when the Association adjourned, it meet to-night in the Methodist Church, for the purpose of holding a Mass Meeting on the subject of Education.

The motion was discussed by brethren McDowell, P. Owens, J. H. Wright, and upon motion of brother Owen, was referred to the Committee on Religious Exercises.

33. Brother T. T. Eaton read the report of the Missionary Committee for the Upper District, which was adopted.

REPORT OF UPPER DISTRICT.

Your Committee would report great destitution within the Upper District of this Association. There are two counties without a resident Baptist minister, and two others that have only one minister of our faith, in each. There are several promising fields within this region where preaching stations could, with advantage, be established. We have Baptist brethren scattered throughout the District, who would heartily co-operate in this work, and would constitute a nucleus for the formation of churches.

So far as your Committee are informed, no regular missionary has been sent into this field; there has, however, been some voluntary missionary work done with gratifying results.

The West Ward of Petersburg, presents a field of special promise. The brethren of Petersburg think of erecting a chapel in this field, and ask that a missionary be appointed to labor there and in Ettricks, promising their hearty and active co-operation. There should also be a church established in Dinwiddie county, some ten miles south of Ford's depot, where there are some earnest Baptists who, with proper encouragement, could establish, along with others who sympathize with our views and have indicated a willingness to co-operate, a prosperous church.

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. EATON, *Chairman*.

34. Brother J. W. Ward read the report of the Committee for the Middle District, which was adopted.

REPORT FOR MIDDLE DISTRICT.

Within the bounds of the Middle District, there are three places of destitution, to which Rev. Joseph F. Deans, under the appointment of the State Mission Board,

has been preaching with great success for the last ten months. At Bethesda, in Isle of Wight County, several additions have been made to the church, and a new house of worship is in process of erection. At Bacon's Castle, in Surry County, we think a church will be soon organized and a house erected, and should brother Deans be continued a few years, we think there will be self-sustaining churches at these points.

J. W. WARD, *Chairman*.

35. On motion of brother J. A. Speight, the Rules of Order were suspended to take up the report on Periodicals. The report was read by brother Hobday, and elicited speeches from brethren Eaton, Hobday, Ellyson, C. T. Bailey and Dickinson.

Pending the discussion, a motion to extend the time of adjournment for half an hour was made, and the discussion was resumed by brethren Speight, A. E. Owen, W. E. Hatcher and A. McDowell, and the report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The subject of Periodicals is one of great importance to the members of our churches. The members of the country churches stand in special need of good denominational literature. Situated as they are, with church privileges only once or twice a month, there are a thousand matters of interest and importance to them that their pastor has neither time nor opportunity to present to them from the pulpit. To supply this need, the literature of the denomination affords a suitable and inestimable means. It is the duty of the members to acquaint themselves with the facts and subjects thus brought to them. The denominational literature of to-day is cheap and valuable. The past is brought to light and the future is brightened with the glowing articles that now fill the pages of Baptist periodicals. We have ennobling principles, and their maintenance by our forefathers presents us with a glorious history.

The churches are calling for an educated ministry to cope with the advocates of error; and the ministry, no less, need an educated laity to assist them in their work. The two are mutually necessary.

Your Committee would therefore recommend: 1. The *Religious Herald*, as one of the best religious papers of the country, which clearly and forcibly sets forth our views. 2. For Sunday Schools, *Kind Words*, and the *Baptist Teacher*, are unequalled. 3. To which we add, those valuable, convenient and cheap *Tracts on the practices and history* of our Denomination, published by the "American Baptist Publication Society."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. HOBDAY, *Chairman*.

36. Brother J. H. Wright, chairman of Committee on Religious Exercises, to whom was referred the motion of brother Owen, reported that services would be held in the Methodist Church, to-night—preaching by brother C. H. Ryland—and that a mass meeting, in behalf of the general subject of Education, would be held in the Baptist Church. The report was adopted.

37. Leaves of absence were granted brethren J. E. Morris, C. B. Crumpler and A. T. Stephenson.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by brother R. R. Savage.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met at 8 o'clock P. M., the Moderator in the chair. Prayer by brother Joseph F. Deans.

38. The special order of the day—Education—was then taken up. The report was read, and was ably discussed by brethren C. T. Bailey, A. E. Dickinson, T. T. Eaton, W. E. Hatcher and M. Lankford.

39. Leaves of absence were granted brethren Eaton and B. M. Robertson.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by brother Eaton.

MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, *September 19th, 1876.*

The Association met at 9.30 A. M., the Vice-Moderator, M. Lankford, in the chair. Prayer by brother R. R. Owens.

40. Rev. J. P. Barrett, of the Christian Church, was recognized and invited to a seat.

41. The Rules were suspended so as to take up the report of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters, which was read by the chairman, brother J. H. Prince, and after discussion by brethren R. R. Owens, J. H. Prince and W. E. Hatcher, was adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the letters sent up by forty-four churches, from which we glean the following statistics, which we compare with those of last year, in the table below:

DATE.	ADDITIONS.			DIMINUTIONS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.
	Baptism.	Letter.	Restort'n.	Letter.	Exclusn's.	Death.	
1875, - -	463	72	33	83	61	63	\$26,352 20
1876, - -	532	117	25	115	82	68	25,152 77
	69	45	8	32	21	5	\$ 1,199 43

From these figures it will be seen that a total nett gain of 409 has been made to the membership, and a diminution of \$1,199.43 in the contributions, which compares very favorably with last year when we consider the exceedingly hard times through which we have passed during the last year.

The Sunday School statistics, compared with 1875, present encouraging results:

DATE.	SCHOOLS.	OFFICERS & TEACH.	SCHOLARS.	CONVER'S.	VOLS. IN LIBRARY.	S. SCHOOL PAPERS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
1875, - - -	43	570	3652	248	6663	1315	\$1,330 92
1876, - - -	46	608	4309	191	7366	1826	1,643 87
	3	38	657	57	703	511	\$ 312 95

Thirty-one churches report baptisms, varying from 4 to 121. Marked revivals have taken place in the First Church, Petersburg; Beaver Dam, Tucker's Swamp, South Quay, Oak Grove and Western Branch.

The church at Boykins are building a small and handsome house of worship, under encouraging prospects. The church at Centerville invites the Association to meet with them in our next session.

Fourth Street, Portsmouth; Shiloh, Hebron, Hicksford, Newville, Bethesda and Berkley Avenue are without pastors. Zion and Old Shop Churches report no salaries to their pastors. During the last Associational year two of our ministers have been removed from our midst by the hand of death—A. Paul Repiton and J. R. Watkins—whose obituaries we recommend the body to have appended to the Minutes. We cannot close this report without calling the attention of the body especially to the church at Jerusalem, the county seat of Southampton County. With a membership of *fifteen*, (only *two* of them males), they contribute \$157, and earnestly appeal to this body for pecuniary aid to enable them to *retain* their pastor, who is acceptable to the church and community.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRINCE, *Chairman.*

42. On motion of brother J. H. Prince, the Clerk was instructed to prepare and insert in the Minutes obituaries of brethren A. Paul Repiton and J. R. Watkins. [See Appendix.]

43. Brother J. H. Prince offered the following:

REPORT ON THE CHURCH AT JERUSALEM.

Your Committee have carefully examined the facts, taken from the Minutes of this body, the church-book and other sources, in regard to this church, and beg leave to report that, we find that the Jerusalem Church *has existed* from its organization as an independent church; that it failed to send either letter or delegates for several years to this body; yet, we are satisfied that it never ceased to exist as a church. We find the following provision in the Will of Dr. Carr Bowers: "And I also give to the persons above-named, (Joseph Johnson, Allen Edwards, Jordan Edwards), as trustees, and their successors, the further amount of ten shares of Norfolk City Stock; the interest or dividends therefrom arising, I direct to be applied towards repairing the "Jerusalem Baptist Church" and to pay the pastor thereof who may officiate there from time to time; but if the said Baptist church at Jerusalem shall go down entirely, then, and in that event, the last mentioned ten shares of Norfolk City Stock are to be held for the benefit of "Black Creek Baptist Church," in the same manner as the first named ten shares are directed to be held, subject to the same provisions or objects." Made May 5th, 1860. Your Committee are fully satisfied that the trustees, Joseph Johnson, Allen Edwards and Jordan Edwards and their successors who, under the will of Carr Bowers, hold ten shares of Norfolk City Stock, should pay to the Jerusalem Church the interest or dividends therefrom arising, from the 1st day of January, 1876, for the benefit of the pastor who may officiate from time to time, and also for the repairs of said church. We would further report that, we are pleased to state that we have every reason to believe that our advice will be adopted and carried out by the deacons and trustees of Black Creek Church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. JONES,	} <i>Committee.</i>
J. H. PRINCE,	
J. H. WRIGHT,	
M. LANKFORD,	

The report was adopted.

44. The report on Finance was read by brother J. M. Corbitt, and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that, they have examined the Treasurer's report, and find all of the credits sustained by proper vouchers; and also find a balance in his hands of \$4 74. We would further report that, we have

received from the various churches during this session of the Association, the sum of \$III 74.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. CORBITT,
J. H. COTTEN,
E. W. HOLT, } Committee.

45. Letters from Moore's Swamp and Mulberry churches were read and their delegates enrolled.

46. The committee appointed last session to inquire into the state and condition of Lebanon Church, was called for to report; but none of the committee being in attendance, no report was made.

47. The general subject of Education was resumed, and remarks were made by brethren A. McDowell, R. Jones, A. E. Dickinson, J. A. Speight, A. E. Owen, J. H. Prince, J. H. Wright, W. E. Hatcher, and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The interest in education has been steadily increasing among our people for the last ten years, and only the lack of means has prevented a large influx of students to our institutions of learning. And in spite of the great financial depression which has so largely decreased the income of a majority of our people and retarded progress in every branch of our industries, a large number of the rising generation has been blessed, during the last year, with the advantages of higher culture.

Richmond College, which should be the joy of every good man and woman, and especially of all Baptists, enjoyed, during the last session, a large degree of prosperity, and it is yearly increasing its facilities for affording thorough intellectual culture, by the cheapness of its tuition, the smallness of its fees and its admirable arrangement for securing to the student board at a low price. A young man can attend its lectures for a smaller amount than is required to attend the University of Virginia, without any charge for tuition. We would most earnestly recommend, that parents who have in view the intellectual and moral culture of their sons, and the glory of Christ, would patronize this noble institution of learning. The General Association of Virginia, at its session in Lynchburg, in 1875, adopted the plan of the "Dollar Roll," by which our church members, their families, and all friends of religious liberty and education are requested to give one dollar in cash to aid in finishing the great memorial work of raising \$300,000 as an endowment of Richmond College; and at its last session it decided to complete the work by the close of 1876. We recommend that an earnest canvass be made in all our churches to secure these contributions; that when the Centennial year shall end, this glorious work shall be accomplished.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is pushing its efforts to raise its endowment, and move its location from Greenville, S. C., to Louisville, Ky. For the present year it has suspended its collections in our State, in order not to embarrass the completion of our memorial work; but at the beginning of 1877 the work will be recommenced with an ardor that must insure success. Let us complete the work for Richmond College, and then, with efforts inspired by a grand cause, turn our attention to the endowment of our noble Seminary, where our young preachers may be instructed in the highest department of Theological learning.

There are other schools, not under the special charge of the Baptist denomination, which we commend very highly, especially the "Suffolk Collegiate Institute," of which brother J. H. Wright is the Principal. But, while we rejoice that we have such noble institutions where our sons may be instructed in the higher branches of literature, we are much rejoiced that we have such splendid schools for our girls. The people have long seen the necessity of educating their daughters, and we take this opportunity of recommending to them those institutions where they can have this necessity met.

1st. We would call attention to the Churchland Academy, Prof. A. K. Yancey, Principal. This Academy is located within the bounds of our Association, and re-

ceives both male and female students. It is situated about seven miles from the city of Portsmouth, in a refined and religious community, and in a healthy and beautiful portion of our country.

2nd. There are three institutions of high grade which we cordially recommend, viz: "Hollins Institute," Botetourt Springs, Va., "Richmond Female Institute," and "Chowan Female Institute," Murfreesboro, N. C.

There is one thing more, to which we call special attention, and that is, Ministerial Education. The Education Board of the General Association, was brought into existence to furnish aid to poor young men, who should be recommended by their churches as students for the ministry, in securing an education. Do not let us confound this Board with Richmond College. This Board pays the board of the young men while they are prosecuting their studies at Richmond College or at the Seminary. During last session the Board aided *thirty-five young men*; but, as the number was large and the receipts were small, the Board is embarrassed with a debt, which we hope the churches composing this body will immediately assist in paying, and that larger contributions be made in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. OWEN, *Chairman.*

48. The report on Foreign Missions was read by brother J. F. Deans, and after discussion by brethren Owen, Dickinson, Hobday, B. M. Robertson and A. McDowell, was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In view of what has been accomplished by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, during the past year, we have cause to thank God and take fresh courage. Notwithstanding the extreme monetary depression, they have been able to meet all their actual liabilities. During the conventional year the receipts of the Board amounted to \$45,000. Of this sum Virginia contributed \$10,094 95; an increase upon the contributions for several past years. Our own Association exhibited gratifying progress in liberality and interest. Still, the means to meet the demands of this Board, during the present year, are yet, in the main, unprovided. In view of these claims we can but feel much solicitude for the future. Not only do we need equally as large an amount, but we ought to increase our efforts and contributions. It is our desire to raise at least \$12,000 this year. Let our pastors and representative men in all our churches strive to keep alive and increase the Foreign Mission spirit. This we may easily do by keeping ourselves well posted in the operations of our Board, and frequently bringing them to the attention of our churches.

It seems to your Committee we might contribute to this end by reviving, more generally, "Concerts of Prayer" for Missions, by organizing Missionary Societies in our churches and Sunday schools, and among our sisters, and by making this subject one of free and liberal discussion at our Ministers' and Deacons' Meetings.

Those churches which have utilized these ways to some extent are giving us gratifying exhibits. Nor would we fail to commend the effort to place our religious papers, especially the *Religious Herald*, in every family. Their value, in this respect, we cannot begin to estimate. With many of us it is not so much the lack of means to give, as the want of information and interest. The latest information from our different Missionary fields is of the most encouraging character. As to their operations, we would not attempt to write in detail, but refer you to their published statements. We would in this respect, as last year, remind you that we have located in Norfolk, the Foreign Mission Board of the General Association of Virginia. Either this Board or the board in Richmond would cheerfully give you any desired information.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. DEANS, *Committee.*

49. Brother J. H. Wright, in behalf of Committee on Religious Exercises, reported that brother Hatcher would preach in the Metho-

dist Church and brother J. J. Reader in the Christian Church, tonight at 8 o'clock.

50. By mutual consent the time for adjournment was extended so as to enable the Association to finish up the business.

51. Brother J. H. Wright read the report on Ministerial Support. It was discussed by brethren W. E. Hatcher and Wright, and was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

One of the first and most pressing subjects which should engage the attention of any church is the support of its pastor. We doubt the right of any church to extend a call to a minister until it has provided for his support. If "the Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel," it is a positive wrong for any church or combination of churches to force the pastor into secular pursuits by withholding from him a support adequate to the wants of himself and his family. With very rare exceptions ministers of the gospel receive smaller compensation than men of any other vocation. Too many church members are accustomed to regard their contributions to the pastor's salary as a charity rather than a moral obligation. If the pastor does not give in exchange for these contributions a valuable consideration, or if from any cause the contributions of the members should cease or prove to be insufficient, we think it time for that pastor and church to sever their relations. Many churches languish or pass through an existence of miserable inefficiency, because the pastor's attention is absorbed with worldly pursuits, in a necessary effort to support himself and family, occasioned by the want of a support from the church.

Within the limits of this Association, there is one church that reports *no salary* to its pastor; six churches pay less than one dollar per member; twelve pay less than two dollars; while not more than one-third of the churches will average three dollars per member. A number of the churches having a large membership employ a pastor for one Sunday in the month, and pay one-fourth of a small salary. Ministers feel a delicacy in urging this subject upon the attention of their churches, but the laity, whose special duty it is to provide for the temporal wants of the pastor and his family, cannot neglect it without disregarding a solemn obligation. Your Committee earnestly urge upon the churches a larger liberality in the support of the ministry. As far as possible, every church should employ a pastor, whose time is allotted entirely to its interest; and not until this is done will the churches attain their highest prosperity. The pastor's support should be commensurate with the position he occupies. He is expected to dress becomingly, to entertain company, to attend conventions and associations of the church; he must supply himself with books and periodicals of current literature. He buries your dead, officiates at the nuptials of yourselves, your sons and your daughters; in sickness or afflictions he offers you the consolation of the Gospel. Is it not your duty to keep him above want and to enable him to make some provisions for those dependent upon him? Truly, there is no labor more exalted, and no class of men more self-sacrificing in the discharge of their duties. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WRIGHT,
JOHN T. GRIFFIN,
WILLIAM S. GRIMES, } Committee.

52. Brother Joseph H. Prince read the report on Ministers' Relief Fund, and it was discussed by brethren Prince, Owen, Dickinson and Jones.

Pending the discussion, a collection in cash and subscriptions was taken up, amounting to \$75.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

Of all the benevolent enterprises not one has a greater claim upon us than this. To provide for superannuated ministers, their widows and orphans, should touch a cord in every heart and cause it to vibrate till it opens the purse. It appeals not only to the Christian's beneficence, but to every patriot. Whose heart is not touched when he remembers the toils, sufferings, privations and imprisonments of their fathers and Christian ministers who, to meet the demands of the people, were not only willing but actually did sacrifice all to preach the pure Gospel of Christ? Our people then, and as late as 1822, gloried in a *free* gospel, and our preachers gave it to them "without money and without price." These godly men sacrificed all to preach the gospel. Many of them are dead, and are now enjoying that reward for which they so earnestly labored. Some are still living, tottering on the verge of the grave. To some of these the denomination is almost as much indebted as to those in colonial times. Can there be a Christian man or woman, or a patriot, who would not contribute to provide for these ministers, their widows and orphans? About 1822 a change, from a combination of circumstances, took place. Christians felt a greater obligation for ministerial support; and yet, with this awakening upon the subject, which has been increasing ever since, how many ministers in the State are able, from their salaries, to lay up \$100 per annum? Shall these ministers, when rendered by labor unfit for duty, their widows or orphans, be permitted to want for the necessaries and comforts of life? We would urge each church to send an annual contribution to this fund. If you desire any information as to the management of this fund, we would refer you to the minutes of the General Association of Virginia, 1876.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRINCE,
A. W. NORFLEET, } *Committee.*

53. Brother Gilliam Edwards was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the meeting.

54. The Moderator received the reports from Corresponding Messengers and appointed the following new ones:

Chowan Association—W. D. Pritchard, J. A. Speight, Thos. G. Wood.

Accomac Association—J. F. Deans, A. E. Owen, L. R. Ballard.

Dover Association—T. T. Eaton, Geo. J. Hobday, A. E. Owen.

Concord Association—V. I'Anson, J. C. Bailey, Jos. H. Prince, R. S. Elam.

Middle District Association—B. M. Robertson, T. T. Eaton, J. E. Hutson.

Valley Association—R. Jones, W. D. Thomas, E. C. Brooks.

Strawberry Association—A. E. Owen, J. W. Ward, T. Hume, Jr.

55. The Standing Committees were then appointed. [See page 5.]

56. On motion of brother A. E. Owen, it was unanimously

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the Suffolk Church, and the community at large, for their generous hospitality during the session of this body; to the Methodist and Christian Churches for the uses of their houses of worship; and to the various railroad companies for favors conferred in giving return tickets free of charge.

57. On motion of brother J. H. Wright, the Clerk was directed to have as many copies of the Minutes printed as the funds in the hands of the Treasurer would justify, and to distribute the same

among the churches according to their contributions to this fund, and that the usual allowance of \$25 be made him for that service.

58. The Moderator made some feeling and touching remarks at the close of the meeting, and, upon motion of brother A. E. Owen, declared the body adjourned to meet in its *eighty-sixth* annual session with the Centerville Baptist Church in Norfolk County, Va., on Saturday before the *fourth* Lord's day in September, 1877.

Prayer by brother A. McDowell.

REUBEN JONES, *Moderator.*

GEO. J. HOBDAY, *Clerk.*

LIST OF CHURCHES, WITH THEIR PASTORS, CLERKS, &c.

CHURCHES.	LOCATION.	CONSTITUTED.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESS.
1 Antioch	Sussex	1772	Vernon I'Anson	S. M. Cocks, Cedar View Va
2 Beaver Dam	Isle of Wight	1828	P. Owens	W. T. Holland, Carsville, Va
3 Berkley Avenue	Norfolk	1873	None	P. Pritchard, Berkley, Va
4 Bethesda	Isle of Wight	1843	None	John T. Parr, Chuckatuck, Va
5 Black Creek	Southampton	1786	P. Owens	E. J. Griffin, Franklin, Va
6 Black Water	Princess Anne	1774	N. M. Munden	E. N. Ives, Indian Creek, Va
7 Boykins	Southampton	1871	R. R. Owens	C. C. Lewis, Boykins, Va
8 Centerville	Norfolk	1872	W. D. Pritchard	W. H. Old, Great Bridge, Va
9 Colosse	Isle of Wight	1871	R. R. Owens	J. P. Rhodes, Windsor, Va
10 Deep Creek	Norfolk	1869	None	Z. Rutter, Deep Creek, Va
11 Elam	Sussex	1819	J. E. Stephenson	W. C. Presson, Waverly, Va
12 Franklin	Southampton	1871	Thos. G. Wood	J. H. Cutchin, Franklin, Va
13 Great Fork	Nansemond	1832	R. R. Owens	W. W. Knight, Suffolk, Va
14 Hebron	Southampton	1778	Geo. J. Hobday	T. R. Pond, Newsum's Va
15 Hicksford	Greensville	1839	Geo. J. Hobday	John W. Potts, Hicksford, Va
16 High Hills	Sussex	1787	V. I'Anson	Jesse Jarratt, Jarratts, Va
17 Jerusalem	Southampton	1845	J. Judson Taylor	R. N. Williams, Vicksville, Va
18 Kempsville	Princess Anne	1814	J. A. Speight	W. H. Edmunds, Kempsville, Va
19 Lake Drummond	Norfolk	1850	J. M. C. Luke	J. C. Lynch, L. Drummond, Va
20 Lebanon	Prince George	1866	None	None reported
21 London Bridge	Princess Anne	1784	J. F. Tuttle	W. H. Ackiss, L. Bridge, Va
22 Millfield	Southampton	1836	J. Judson Taylor	M. D. Butler, Berlin, Va
23 Mill Swamp	Isle of Wight	1774	J. W. Ward	J. O. Cofer, Smithfield, Va
24 Moore's Swamp	Surry	1818	J. W. Ward	J. H. Lane, Surry C. H., Va
25 Mulberry	Norfolk	1850	None	W. T. Carney, Portsmouth, Va
26 Newville	Sussex	1836	None	G. B. Chappell, Waverly, Va
27 North-west	Norfolk	1782	J. A. Speight	Jos. Williams, L. Drummond
28 Norfolk, Frem'n St.	Norfolk City	1848	W. D. Thomas	Chas. Borum, Norfolk, Va
29 Norfolk, Cumb. St.	Norfolk City	1816	Thos. Hume, Jr	T. J. Holt, Norfolk, Va
30 Oak Grove	Princess Anne	1762	N. M. Munden	D. D. Batten, Blossom Hill
31 Old Shop	Prince George	1841	J. L. Truman	W. T. Harrison, Petersburg, Va
32 Petersburg, 1st Ch.	Petersburg	1817	T. T. Eaton	R. J. J. Spratley, Petersburg
33 Peters'g, Byrne St.	Petersburg	1854	None	J. B. Rainey, Jr., Petersburg
34 Portsmouth C. St.	Portsmouth	1780	A. E. Owen	J. W. Daugherty, Portsmouth
35 Portsmouth, 4th St.	Portsmouth	1855	None	Jesse T. Morriss, Portsmouth
36 Pleasant Grove	Norfolk	1845	N. M. Munden	A. O. Lee, L. Drummond, Va
37 St. John's	Princess Anne	1853	None	W. S. Griggs, P. Anne, C. H.
38 Salem	Norfolk	1829	J. F. Tuttle	J. L. Guy, Norfolk, Va
39 Sappony	Sussex	1772	V. I'Anson	Ino. E. Baugh, Stony Creek, Va
40 Shiloh	Prince George	1836	None	T. E. Shands, Reams' Station
41 Shoulder's Hill	Norfolk	1785	R. Jones	J. S. Wright, Norfolk, Va
42 Smithfield	Isle of Wight	1830	Jos. F. Deans	R. F. Barrett, Smithfield, Va
43 South Quay	Nansemond	1785	P. Owens	A. H. Jones, South Quay, Va
44 Suffolk	Nansemond	1827	Thos. G. Wood	Robt. Riddick, Suffolk, Va
45 Tucker's Swamp	Southampton	1807	R. R. Owens	C. B. Crumpler, Zuni, Va
46 Western Branch	Nansemond	1770	P. Owens	W. R. Butler, Buckhorn, Va
47 Zion	Greensville	1868	J. C. Bailey	L. H. Foster, P. Hill, N. C.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES, DAYS OF MEETING, &c.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS BY			DIMINUTIONS BY			PRESENT NUMBER.					DAYS OF MEETING.
	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.	Total.	
1 Antioch	3					1	29	48	77		77	2nd Sunday
2 Beaver Dam	53		3	3	1	2	94	192	286	12	298	3rd Sunday
3 Berkley Avenue				2		2	9	12	21		21	Not reported
4 Bethesda	4	1	1				20	13	38		38	4th Sunday
5 Black Creek	1	2		1	6	3	42	88	130	3	133	4th Sunday
6 Black Water	8	1	3	5	1	1	37	93	130		130	4th Sunday
7 Boykins	2				1		34	35	69		69	3rd Sunday
8 Centerville		3		3	1	1	49	44	93		93	1st Sunday
9 Colosse	6			1	2	3	46	53	99		99	4th Sunday
10 Deep Creek *							20	33	53		53	No Letter
11 Elam	2	2	1		1		7	15	22		22	2nd Sunday
12 Franklin				1			17	31	48		48	1st Sunday
13 Great Fork	2	2	2	1	4		72	115	187		187	1st Sunday
14 Hebron	13	1		1		2	33	56	89		89	1st and 3rd Sundays
15 Hicksford		5		2			13	23	36		36	2nd and 4th Sundays
16 High Hills	1	2				1	44	68	112		112	3rd Sunday
17 Jerusalem	4						2	13	15		15	4th Sunday
18 Kempsville				2	1	1	32	64	96		96	1st and 3rd Sundays
19 Lake Drummond	8	1	1	2	6	1	24	37	61		61	3rd Sunday
20 Lebanon												No report
21 London Bridge				1	1	1	11	44	55		55	4th Sunday
22 Millfield	9				2	1	55	125	180		180	3rd Sunday
23 Mill Swamp	6	4	1	6	3	1	133	251	384		384	1st and 3rd Sundays
24 Moore's Swamp	8	3			5	1	51	104	155		155	2nd and 4th Sundays
25 Mulberry							6	10	16		16	No Report
26 Newville	1				1	1	46	73	119	1	120	No Pastor
27 North-west	9	3	1	3	3	4	71	132	203		203	4th Sunday
28 Norfolk, Frm'n St.	12	6		5	4	1	103	253	356		356	Every Sunday
29 Norfolk, Cumb. St.	21	20	1	4		1	81	137	218		218	Every Sunday
30 Oak Grove	28			2	8	1	80	129	209		209	1st Sunday
31 Old Shop	2			2	2	1	16	35	51		51	2nd and 4th Sundays
32 Petersburg, 1st Ch	121	29	3	18	2	10			555		555	Every Sunday
33 Peters'g, Byrne St.	14	9		20	15	7	113	193	306		306	Every Sunday
34 Portsmouth, C. St.	15	8		7	9	2	118	281	399		399	Every Sunday
35 Portsmouth, 4th St.		3	1	6					118		118	Every Sunday
36 Pleasant Grove		4		1		1	27	41	68		68	1st and 2nd Sundays
37 St. John's												No report
38 Salem									51		51	No report
39 Sappony						1	36	35	71	1	72	4th Sunday
40 Shiloh							32	37	69		69	No Pastor
41 Shoulder's Hill	9			1	1	1	88	65	153		153	Every Sunday
42 Smithfield	19			1	1		26	25	51		51	1st and 2nd Sundays
43 South Quay	36	3				2	78	97	175		175	2nd Sunday
44 Suffolk				1	2		16	37	53		53	4th Sunday
45 Tucker's Swamp	47		5	3	2	3	78	110	188	2	190	1st Sunday
46 Western Branch	72	3		3	2	5	136	199	335		335	1st Sunday
47 Zion				1	1	1	11	22	34		34	2nd Sunday
Totals	537	121	25	115	82	68	2036	2374	6134	19	6153	

* Statistics taken from Minutes of last year.

Some of the Letters were very defective in their Statistics, and this accounts for some of the above columns failing to balance.

CLERK.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS OBJECTS.

CHURCHES	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Va. S. and Bible Board.	Education Board.	Ministers' R. Fund.	S. B. Theological Seminary.	Associational Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Total Reported.
Antioch								2 00	175 00			177 00
Beav'r Dam	9 66		12 25		14 25			3 00	150 00		25 00	239 16
Berkley Av	10 47							1 00				11 47
Bethesda								1 50				1 50
Bl'k Creek,	10 25		10 00		27 50			3 00	150 00	60 00	27 50	288 25
Bl'k Water,	38 68		10 00					2 50	100 00	15 00		166 18
Boykins			10 00			5 00		2 50	150 00	20 00		187 50
Centerville,	20 50		8 00	4 00	45 0			2 00	149 50			188 50
Colosse	1 25							2 50	125 00	30 00		158 75
Deep Creek,												
Elam								1 00	60 00			61 00
Franklin	4 00		1 00					2 00	150 00			157 00
Great Fork,	4 50		8 45					3 00	150 00	25 00		190 95
Hebron	7 14		6 00		7 35	9 10		2 80	250 00	193 44		475 83
Hicksford	3 00		15 00		4 00	25 00		2 00	250 00	18 00		317 00
High Hills,	4 00							2 50	200 00	15 00		221 50
Jerusalem								2 00	150 00	5 00		157 00
Kempsville,	8 25	2 00	4 75						300 00	320 00		635 00
L. Drumm'd	2 20		20 00					2 00	250 00	11 25		285 45
Lebanon												
Lon. Bridge,	5 30							2 50	100 00			107 80
Millfield	3 50		13 50					2 00	150 00	50 00		219 00
Mill Swamp	40 10	10 00	37 90					4 00	350 00	50 00		492 00
Moore's Sw.	16 00	1 00	16 00		3 50			3 00	300 00	16 00		355 50
Mulberry	3 00		3 00					1 00				7 00
Newville	6 00		5 00		2 50			3 00		30 00		46 50
North-west,								4 00	250 00			254 00
Norf. F. St.	100 00	50 00	100 00		40 00	30 00	80 00	3 00	2000 00	1000 00	715 06	4118 06
Norf. C. St.	62 00	60 00	78 40	5 00	22 20			4 00	1200 00	1700 00		3131 60
Oak Grove,		20 00	10 69					3 00	150 00	25 00		208 69
Old Shop								1 00				1 00
Pet'g, 1st C.	50 00	80 00	128 00		40 00			5 00	1800 00	450 00	2172 65	4725 65
Pet'g, B. St.	12 00		17 00					3 00	1000 00	300 00	8 00	1340 00
Ports. C. St.	94 98	26 80	47 86	5 00	39 13			5 00	1600 00	283 11	61 75	2163 63
Ports. F. St.								2 50	349 85	292 55		644 90
Plst. Grove.	34 20		8 50					2 00	150 00	10 00	1 25	205 95
St. John's												
Salem								2 00				2 00
Sappony									100 00	8 00		108 00
Shiloh	5 00		4 00		3 75	1 00		1 80		25 00	60 00	100 55
Shoul's Hill,	90 00	20 00	103 55		22 80			4 00	700 00	50 00		990 35
Smithfield	65 00		30 08	2 00	10 00			2 00	400 00	70 00	260 00	839 08
South Quay,			10 00					3 00	150 00	10 00		173 00
Suffolk	8 29	3 00	33 86					2 50	150 00	107 26		304 91
Tuc. Swamp	11 25				8 35			4 00	150 00	50 00		223 60
Wes. Branch	37 12		37 00		10 10			5 64	150 00	15 00	75 00	329 86
Zion			6 00					2 50				8 50
Association,	37 10	20 50				75 00						132 60
Totals	804 74	293 30	795 79	16 00	259 93	145 10	80 00	112 74	13959 35	5279 61	3406 21	25152 77

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE VIRGINIA PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

In account with E. L. Turner, Treasurer, Dr.

1875.

Sept.	By am't received from the various churches at the session held with the Hicksford Church,	\$100 20	
	By amount received from J. H. Prince, late Treasurer,	8 09	
	To amount paid J. B. Ege, for printing Minutes,	\$70 00	
	To amount paid Geo. J. Hobday, for postage on Minutes,	8 55	
	To amount paid Geo. J. Hobday for services as Clerk,	25 00	
	To balance due Association,	4 74	
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		\$108 29	\$108 29
	By balance due Association,		4 74

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. TURNER,
Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Average Attendance.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Contributions to all objects.	Months of Session.	S. S. PAPERS TAKEN.										
1 Antioch	John Prince, Cedar View, Va.	1	8	4	30	20	..	100	..	4	None.										
2 Beaver Dam	W. B. Waff, Carrsville, Va.	1	16	122	75	10	150	150	..	4	25 copies Kind Words.										
3 Bethesda	Josiah Borum, Berkley, Va.	1	12	9	70	45	150	150	..	12	50 copies Kind Words.										
4 Bethesda	C. C. Channell, Chuckatuck, Va.	1	10	0	40	30	3	18	..	6	None.										
5 Black Creek	R. M. Edwards, Berlin, Va.	1	10	8	134	48	3	115	\$ 8 00	6	None.										
6 Black Water	Reuben Bradley, Land of Promise, Va.	1	10	8	82	75	7	..	\$ 16 00	12	None.										
7 Boykin's	J. M. Corbitt, Boykin's, Va.	1	13	6	64	28	..	200	14 21	12	20 copies Kind Words.										
8 Centerville	J. Jett, Great Bridge, Va.	1	9	4	70	50	..	150	..	12	None.										
9 Colosse	Spencer Carr, Carrsville, Va.	1	20	81	65	55	6	100	6 00	6	None.										
10 Deep Creek	None reported.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No Letter.	
11 Elam	R. C. Barrett, Franklin, Va.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	None reported.	
12 Franklin	W. H. Howell, Summertown, Va.	1	10	6	45	37	3	250	..	12	20 copies Kind Words.										
13 Great Fork	J. H. Barnes, Branchville, Va.	1	14	102	102	70	3	100	5 89	12	None.										
14 Hebron	John W. Potts, Hicksford, Va.	1	9	8	30	20	2	12	2 00	12	None.										
15 Hicksford	W. N. Bell, Jarratt's, Va.	1	13	8	35	20	..	..	20 00	12	6 copies Baptist Teacher.								
16 High Hills	None reported.	1	10	6	35	20	1	100	..	8	None.										
17 Jerusalem	Thomas Edmonds, Kempsville, Va.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	None reported.	
18 Kempsville	D. A. Williams, L. Drummond, Va.	1	13	8	74	40	..	150	20 00	12	50 copies Kind Words, 2 Bap. Teacher.										
19 Lake Drummond	No report.	1	11	9	62	59	8	200	28 90	12	50 copies Kind Words.										
20 Lebanon	H. H. Banks, L. Bridge, Va.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No report.	
21 London Bridge	C. S. Stephenson, Berlin, Va.	1	7	3	41	30	1	100	8 00	12	15 copies Kind Words.										
22 Millfield	A. H. White, Smithfield, Va.	1	8	6	66	38	4	150	5 00	6	20 copies Kind Words.										
23 Mill Swamp	G. A. Rowell, Surry C. H., Va.	3	24	18	326	214	..	..	..	7	74 copies Kind Words.							
24 Moore's Swamp	None reported.	1	18	12	71	50	..	50	..	6	100 copies Kind Words.										
25 Mulberry	None reported.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	None reported.	
Carried forward																			
											22	245	1564	1015	45	2095	\$134 00

(CONTINUED)

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—CONCLUDED.

Tabular Statement.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Average Attendance.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Contributions to all objects.	Months of Session.	S. S. PAPERS TAKEN.
Brought forward		22	245	174	1564	1015	45	2695	\$134 00	9	None.
26 Newville	J. H. Cotten, Waverly Station, Va.	1	14	10	62	28	4	300	20 00	12	2 copies Kind Words.
27 North-west	Joseph Williams, L. Drummond, Va.	1	14	10	90	50	4	300	674 00	12	450 various kinds.
28 Norfolk, Freemason Street	None given	1	29	25	311	275	11	600	314 11	12	350 copies Kind Words and B. Teacher.
29 Norfolk, Cumberland Street	J. W. Gregory, Norfolk, Va.	1	27	19	228	118	12	250	200 00	12	200 various kinds.
30 Oak Grove	D. Etheridge, Blossom Hill, Va.	1	20	15	100	75	18	200	2 82	6	None.
31 Old Shop	W. T. Harrison, Petersburg, Va.	1	10	7	35	20	1	80	2 82	12	100 copies Kind Words and 100 others.
32 Petersburg, 1st Church	Bartlet Roper, Petersburg, Va.	1	38	33	400	250	416	200	153 22	12	150 various kinds.
33 Petersburg, Byrme Street	C. M. Walsh, Petersburg, Va.	1	23	21	170	140	9	200	168 15	12	175 various kinds.
34 Portsmouth, Court Street	E. C. Brooks, Portsmouth, Va.	1	45	35	300	210	3	400	69 49	12	50 copies Kind Words.
35 Portsmouth, Fourth Street	R. G. Staples, Portsmouth, Va.	1	22	17	130	85	250	50	57 89	12	24 copies Young Reaper.
36 Pleasant Grove	J. S. West, Indian Creek, Va.	1	11	8	105	50	5	50	6 00	6	No report.
37 St. John's	No report	1	6	4	40	25	150	150	6 00	6	None.
38 Salem	None given	1	6	4	40	25	150	150	6 00	6	No report.
39 Sappony	None given	1	9	5	40	25	3	200	15 00	12	30 copies Baptist Teacher.
40 Shiloh	W. F. Baugh, Stony Creek, Va.	1	9	5	40	25	3	200	15 00	12	32 copies various kinds.
41 Shoulder's Hill	J. T. Griffin, Portsmouth, Va.	1	8	6	75	30	14	100	15 00	12	30 copies various kinds.
42 Smithfield	P. D. Gwaltney, Smithfield, Va.	1	8	6	90	54	4	150	14 19	12	30 other papers.
43 South Quay	A. H. Jones, South Quay, Va.	1	9	6	49	36	4	35	14 19	12	30 other papers.
44 Suffolk	John H. Wright, Suffolk, Va.	1	6	5	46	35	4	35	14 19	12	30 other papers.
45 Tucker's Swamp	C. B. Crumpler, Zuni, Va.	3	31	21	221	147	29	300	18 50	7	55 various kinds.
46 Western Branch	A. H. Ashburn, Windsor, Va.	3	20	18	208	175	35	1000	2 50	6	20 various kinds.
47 Zion	L. H. Foster, Pleasant Hill, N. C.	1	9	6	45	20	33	100	2 50	6	None.
Grand Totals		46	608	457	4309	1863	191	7366	\$1643 87	108	None.

LIST OF AGENTS

APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AND HOME MISSION BOARDS
IN THEIR CHURCHES.

STATE MISSIONS.

Antioch—John Prince.
Beaver Dam—James R. Purvis.
Berkley Avenue—John T. West.
Bethesda—C. Channell.
Black Creek—M. Lankford.
Black Water—H. Etheridge.
Boykin's—J. M. Corbitt.
Centerville—W. H. Old.
Colosse—D. Watkins.
Deep Creek—Paul Cherry.
Elam—W. C. Presson.
Franklin—W. H. Jenkins.
Great Fork—W. W. Knight.
Hebron—T. R. Pond.
Hicksford—J. H. Prince.
High Hills—W. J. Thompson.
Jerusalem—R. N. Williams.
Kempsville—George T. Whitehurst.
Lake Drummond—D. Williams.
London Bridge—H. H. Banks.
Millfield—M. D. Butler.
Mill Swamp—J. J. Johnson.
Moore's Swamp—J. N. Lane.
Mulberry—W. T. Carney.
Newville—J. R. Jones.
North-west—E. W. Holt.
Norfolk—Freem'n St.—W. H. Morris.
Norfolk—Cumberl'd St.—R. Morris.
Oak Grove—D. Etheridge.
Old Shop—W. J. Harrison.
Petersburg—1st Ch.—J. M. Williams.
Petersburg—Byrne St.—C. Walsh.
Portsm'th—Court St.—J. C. Kaufman.
Portsmouth—4th St.—R. G. Staples.
Pleasant Grove—A. O. Lee.
St. John's—W. S. Gregg.
Salem—J. L. Guy.
Sappony—J. E. Baugh.
Shiloh—J. J. Slade.
Shoulder's Hill—J. S. Wright.
Smithfield—R. F. Barrett.
South Quay—J. J. Johnson.
Suffolk—J. H. Wright.
Tucker's Swamp—J. C. Griffin.
Western Branch—J. W. McClenny.
Zion—John Wible.

HOME MISSIONS.

Joseph G. Mays.
W. T. Holland.
P. Pritchard.
W. White.
James Holmes.
R. Bradley.
C. C. Lewis.
L. Jackson.
G. F. Hines.
Z. Rutter.
M. C. Bunt.
Joel Cutchin.
William Howell.
T. J. Fox.
B. D. Tillar.
Jesse Jarratt.
R. N. Williams.
Thomas Edmonds.
Lewis Duke.
J. Overstreet.
C. Stephenson.
L. B. Edwards.
C. E. James.
T. A. Bunting.
G. B. Chappell.
W. L. S. Wilkins.
S. S. Gresham.
R. Stephens.
J. H. Munden.
J. R. Pettway.
Joseph S. Budd.
J. B. Rainey, Jr.
E. W. Tabb.
Jesse T. Morris.
S. Savells.
W. S. Gregg.
W. J. Butt.
R. H. Robinson.
James E. Daniel.
S. B. Carney.
J. A. Cofer.
J. C. Vaughan.
R. Riddick.
C. B. Crumpler.
S. Archer.
J. A. Morris.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

REV. JOHN R. WATKINS was born in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, February 10th, 1813. Professing conversion at an early age, he joined the BEAVER DAM Baptist Church in his native County. As soon as he was converted he went to work vigorously in the cause of the Master, and such was his zeal that his church licensed him to preach the Gospel.

During the late war he caused an arbor to be erected in a retired grove in his neighborhood, where he successfully conducted a Sunday School. A common shelter soon took the place of the arbor; but the interest still increasing, it was not long before the present spacious house of worship, known as the COLOSSE Baptist Church, was erected.

In 1871, brother WATKINS was regularly ordained to the full work of the ministry, and entered upon the pastorate of the Colosse Church, which office he filled until his death.

While he never enjoyed the opportunities of acquiring an education, his zeal in religion, with his profound piety, was the means of great good. To him the Colosse Church owes its conception, rise and progress; and in his removal by death, sustains a great loss.

On the 9th of October, 1875, after many months of physical suffering, which he bore with great fortitude, brother WATKINS died, in the triumph of a living faith, leaving five children and a devoted wife, all of whom belonged to the church of his charge.

“The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

LIST OF THE CHURCHES

THAT UNITED TO FORM THE

Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association in 1791.

Black Water,
Black Creek,
Cut Banks,
Eastern Shore,
Fountain's Creek,
Great Creek,
High Hills,

Isle of Wight,
Meherrin,
North-west,
Portsmouth,
Prince George,
Pungo,
Rowanty,

Sappony,
Reedy Creek,
Seacock,
Shoulder's Hill,
South Quay,
Sussex,
Western Branch,

MINISTERS PRESENT AT THE ORGANIZATION IN 1791.

Thomas Armistead,
Thomas Allmond,
David Barrow,
William Boyce,
William Brown,
Joseph Baker,
Thomas Crafts,
Jacob Daughtrey,
Solomon Edmunds,

John McGlamre,
Jordan Judkins,
Jesse Lee,
Joshua Lawrence,
John Lee,
Buckner Lanier,
William Morris,
Robert Murrell,
Edward Mintz,
Jeremiah Plummer,

Richard Rose,
William Sorey,
William Stakes,
John Turner,
Robert Tucker,
Hillory Whitehurst,
William Wallace,
George Wilson,
John Whitehead,

LICENTIATES: John Bowers, James Grimes, Beverly Booth.

TIME OF ADMISSION OF OTHER CHURCHES, CHURCHES THAT HAVE CHANGED THEIR NAMES, &c.

(See end of list for explanation of terms.)

1791. Great Creek, Isle of Wight and Prince George, ap.
1794. Eastern Shore, disap.
1797. Geneto Creek, disap.
1802. Davenport's, London Bridge, Mill Swamp, Otter Dams, First Colored, Norfolk,
Raccoon Swamp and Hayes' Creek, ap.
1803. Fountain's Creek and Great Fork, disap.
1804. Hayes' Creek, disap.
1805. Cut Banks, dis., joins another Assoc.
1807. Tucker's Swamp, ad. del., Wills Bowers, John Crumpler.
1810. Petersburg, Market Street, ad. del., David Ford, James Jones.
1811. Sandy Beach, ap.
1814. Kempsville, ad del., James Norriss. Sandy Beach, disap.
1818. Cumberland Street, Norfolk, ad. del., *Sam. Cornelius*, Wm. Pendred.
1819. Cypress Swamp, ad. del., John Spratley, John Faulcon. Rowanty, drop.
1820. Gillfield, Petersburg Colored, ap. del., W. Sykes, C. M. Warren.
1824. Muddy Creek, ad. del., John Shipp.

1828. Beaver Dam, ap. del., *J. K. Daughtrey*, W. H. Ballard. Suffolk, ad. del., S. McClenny, R. W. Oliver.
1829. Gt. Bridge, ad. del., W. H. Smith, Kedar Warden. Farmer's Creek, ad. del. *W. V. Montague*, *H. H. Banks*. "African Church," Petersburg, ad.
1830. Deep Creek, ad. del., J. Hendren. Cut Banks, read. del., *W. W. Snow*.
1831. Smithfield, ad. del., Charles Wrenn, *J. C. Jordan*.
1832. Reedy Creek, read. del., L. E. Abernathy.
1833. Seacock changed to Elam. Davenport's, disap.
1834. Reedy Creek and Cut Banks join Concord Assoc. Zion, ad. del., *Thos. Fox*.
1836. Hunting Quarter, ad. Newville, ad. Tanner's Creek changed to Salem.
1837. Shiloh, ad. del., M. Rawlins, J. E. Pettway. Millfield, ad. del., *C. C. Gordon*, Shugars Lain.
1840. Olive Branch, ad. del., W. Williams, James Smith. Hicksford, ad. del., Jos. Turner, J. R. Chambliss. Zion, Great Bridge, Deep Creek, drop. Otter Dams changed to Brandon.
1841. Cypress Swamp changed to Moore's Swamp.
1842. Old Shop, ad. del., John Newell, Theod. Temple.
1843. Bethesda and Petersburg 3rd Colored, ad. Otter Dams revives and new church formed.
1845. Pleasant Grove, ad. del., T. J. Harrison. Muddy Creek, drop.
1846. Jerusalem, ad. del., *J. W. M. Williams*, E. Nelms. Olive Branch, read.
1847. Meherrin changed to Hebron.
1848. Freemason Street, Norfolk, ad. del., William Dey, J. S. Salusbury.
1849. Bute Street, Norfolk, Colored, ad. del., R. Allen, *R. Jones*.
1850. Enon, Chesterfield County, ad. Mulberry, ad. del., Thomas W. Carney, John Ward.
1852. Lake Drummond, ad. del., J. Lynch, F. Lynch. Enon, dis., joins Middle Dist. Assoc.
1853. Brandon changed to Cabin Point. Raccoon Swamp changed to Antioch.
1855. Fourth Street, Portsmouth, ad. del., *Thomas Hume*. Byrne Street, Petersburg, ad. del., T. E. Skinner. St. Johns, ad. del., *H. F. Chandler*, J. E. Bell. Hunting Quarter and Otter Dams, drop. Pungo changed to Oak Grove.
1861. Brandon, drop.
1862. Olive Branch, drop.
1866. Lebanon, ap. The following colored churches forming Associations of their own, were dropped: Bute Street, Norfolk; First Colored, Norfolk; Gillfield African Church, and Third Colored, Petersburg.
1868. Jerusalem and Cabin Point, drop.
1869. Deep Creek and Mulberry, read.
1870. Old Shop and Zion, read.
1871. Colosse, ad. del., *J. R. Watkins*, Spencer Carr. Franklin, ad. del., A. W. Norfleet.
1872. Great Fork, ad. del., S. Savage, W. W. Knight. Centreville, ad. del., G. S. Jennings, W. S. Old. Boykin's, ad. del., J. M. Corbitt, W. K. Stephenson.
1873. Berkley Avenue, ad. del., *J. A. Speight*, J. T. West. Jerusalem, read.

EXPLANATIONS: ap.—appears on minutes with no account of a regular admission. disap.—disappears from minutes without any action on part of Assoc. dis.—dismissed at their own request. ad.—regularly admitted. del.—delegate. drop.—ordered to be dropped from the minutes. read.—readmitted by vote of the Assoc. Names in italics are ordained ministers, so far as that fact could be ascertained from the old minutes.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE VIRGINIA PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SESSION.	YEAR.	WHERE HELD.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	ASSISTANT CLERK.	TREASURER.	PREACHER OF INTRODUCTORY SERMON.	TEXT.	DAYS OF SESSION.	MEMBERS OF CHURCH'S	MEMBERSHIP.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
I.	1791	Portsmouth	John McGlamre	William Boyce	..	William Boyce	David Barrow.	I Cor., 13: 13.	May 21-24.	21	1355	4 ⁴ 188 7 ¹ / ₂
II.	1792	Meherrins	John McGlamre	William Boyce	..	..	William Brown	Ephesians, 11: 8	May 25-27.	1692	6	19 6
III.	1793	Black Creek	John McGlamre	William Boyce	..	..	William Brown	..	..	..	..	..
IV.	1794	Black Water	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
V.	1795	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
VI.	1796	London Bridge	David Barrow	William Brown	..	William Brown	William Brown	John, 14: 22	May 21-23.	1699	12	4 0
VII.	1797	High Hills	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
VIII.	1798	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
IX.	1799	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
X.	1800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XI.	1801	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII.	1802	North-west	William Brown	Jos. Saunders	William Boyce	..	William Brown	Matthew, 24: 31	May 22-24.	24	1331	7 8 6
XIII.	1803	Black Creek	John Bowers	..	..	..	..	..	May 21-23.	22	1571	7 8 6
XIV.	1804	Seacock	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XV.	1805	Portsmouth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XVI.	1806	Raccoon Swamp	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XVII.	1807	Western Branch	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XVIII.	1808	London Bridge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIX.	1809	Meherrins	Robert Murrell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XX.	1810	Otter Dam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXI.	1811	Black Water	John Bowers	Wm. P. Riddle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXII.	1812	High Hills	Robert Murrell	Jacob Darden	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXIII.	1813	Mill Swamp	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXIV.	1814	South Quay	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXV.	1815	North-west	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXVI.	1816	High Hills	Nat'l Chambliss	Carr Bowers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXVII.	1817	Black Creek	Robert Murrell	Jacob Darden	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXVIII.	1818	Norfolk	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXIX.	1819	Raccoon Swamp	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXX.	1820	Western Branch	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXXI.	1821	Pungo	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXXII.	1822	Mar. St., Pet'g	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXXIII.	1823	Seacock	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXXIV.	1824	Portsmouth	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XXXV.	1825	High Hills	Carr Bowers
XXXVI.	1826	Mill Swamp
XXXVII.	1827	Shoulder's Hill	Nat'l Chambliss
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SESSION.	YEAR.	WHERE HELD.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	ASSISTANT CLERK.	TREASURER	PREACHER OF INTRODUCTORY SERMON.	TEXT.	DAYS OF SESSION.	MEMBERS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.
XXXVIII.	1828	Raccoon Swamp	Carr Bowers	Wm. M. Jones	John Faulcon	Carr Bowers	D. M. Woodson	Hebrews, 13: 1, 2	May 23-25	3722	\$ 51 85
XXXIX.	1829	Tucker's Swamp	do	do	do	do	Smith Sherwood	Philippians, 1: 1	May 22-24	31	69 25
XL.	1830	London Bridge	do	R. B. C. Howell	Smith Sherwood	do	R. T. Daniel	II Theso., 3: 1	May 21-23	33	65 88
XLI.	1831	South Quay	Josiah Holliman	Wm. M. C. Jones	R. T. Daniel	do	W. T. Snow	Matthew, 5: 16	May 21-23	34	135 84
XLII.	1832	Netter Dam	do	R. B. C. Howell	J. C. Jordan	Benjamin Griffin	R. B. C. Howell	Hebrews, 8: 8-12	May 26-28	32	67 02 1/2
XLIII.	1833	Tanner's Creek	R. B. C. Howell	Thomas Hume	J. C. Jordan	do	Gilbert Mason	I Cor., 11: 23-26	May 25-27	33	190 38
XLIV.	1834	Beaver Dam	do	do	do	do	R. B. C. Howell	II Cor., 9: 12	May 24-27	32	111 25
XLV.	1835	Sappony	John Goodall	Thomas Hume	do	do	Smith Sherwood	Psalm, 90: 12	May 23-25	32	116 66
XLVI.	1836	Wingo	Jas. C. Jordan	J. S. Baker	do	do	Thomas Hume	I Timothy, 4: 16	May 21-23	34	106 25
XLVII.	1837	Newville	do	Thomas Hume	do	do	D. M. Woodson	I Timothy, 4: 16	Sept. 6-8	35	81 25
XLVIII.	1838	Newville	do	Thomas Hume	Josiah Holliman	Josiah Holliman	Smith Sherwood	Acts, 15: 41	May 23-26	35	522 67
XLIX.	1839	Wesmore Hill	do	do	J. L. Gwaltney	do	Josiah C. Bailey	I Samuel, 7: 12	May 22-25	35	5893
L.	1840	High Hills	do	do	do	do	Thomas Hume	Psalm, 87: 3	May 20-22	35	4722
LI.	1841	West Branch	do	do	J. T. Bidgood	do	J. B. Breed	Romans, 3: 20	May 21-24	36	6933
LII.	1842	Mill St., Pet' g'	do	do	do	do	Putnam Owens	I Cor., 10: 12	May 28-31	36	6482
LIII.	1843	Mill St., Sam' Nor.	do	do	do	do	Jacob R. Scott	II Cor., 13: 16	May 26-29	36	7392
LIV.	1844	Cumb. Swamp	do	do	R. B. Wright	do	Reuben Jones	I Timothy, 2: 15	May 24-27	39	7655
LV.	1845	Raccoon Swamp	do	do	do	do	J. W. M. Williams	Acts	May 23-26	39	7953
LVI.	1846	Tucker's Swamp	do	do	do	do	Putnam Owens	John, 14: 12	May 22-25	39	8689
LVII.	1847	C. St., Portsm' h	do	do	do	do	Putnam Owens	Psalm, 41: 6	May 21-24	40	8007
LVIII.	1848	South Quay	do	do	do	do	C. B. Jennett	Psalm, 41: 6	May 26-27	40	1912 53
LIX.	1849	Hickstofo Bridge	do	do	do	do	Thomas Hume	Psalm, 20: 5	May 25-28	41	8442
LX.	1850	London Bridge	do	do	do	do	Reuben Jones	Jude 3	May 10-13	42	10794
LXI.	1851	Moore's Swamp	J. R. Chambliss	do	do	do	T. G. Jones	Matthew, 24: 14	May 23-26	44	9582
LXII.	1852	Hebron	do	do	do	do	Wm. M. Young	I Timothy, 3: 15	May 22-24	44	9853
LXIII.	1853	Suffolk	do	do	do	do	S. G. Mason	I Theso., 5: 12, 13	May 20-23	44	9522
LXIV.	1854	Newville	do	do	do	Wm. E. Wood	J. G. Council	I Timothy, 3: 1	May 26-29	44	9966
LXV.	1855	North-west	do	do	do	do	J. H. Wombolt	Luke, 12: 15	May 25-26	45	8065 13
LXVI.	1856	Beaver Dam	do	do	do	do	Thomas Hume	I Cor., 6: 20	May 23-24	46	7912
LXVII.	1857	High Hills	do	do	do	do	T. G. Jones	Luke, 12: 15	May 20-22	46	9731
LXVIII.	1858	Black Creek	J. H. Prince	do	do	do	W. W. Keese	II Cor., 8: 9	May 19-21	46	6238
LXIX.	1859	Sycamore Hill	do	do	do	do	Thos. Lansdel	Matthew, 20: 6	May 18-20	46	7150
LXX.	1860	Black acher	do	do	do	do	M. R. Watkinson	Malachi, 2: 7	May 23-25	46	9431
LXXI.	1861	Freem. St., Nor.	do	do	do	do	J. M. Butler	II Peter, 3: 9	Oct. 1-2	46	8879
LXXII.	1862	Sappony	do	do	do	do	J. B. Hardwicke	do	Oct. 2-3	46	8879
LXXIII.	1863	High Hills	T. G. Keen	do	do	do	do	do	Oct. 27-28	46	8879

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1864. THE FEDERAL ARMY OCCUPIED THE WHOLE FIELD, AND NO MEETING WAS HELD. 1864.

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LXXXIV.	1865 Black Water . . .	Reuben Jones .	C. E. W. Dobbs	Thomas D Toy .	H Petty	Galatians, 6: 9 .	Nov. 3- 4 .	38 1778	\$ 62 00
LXXXV.	1866 Beaver Dam . . .	Thomas Hume .	C. T. Bailey . .	.....	Seth March . .	Jos F Deans . .	I Peter, 1: 15 .	Oct. 4- 6 .	38 4307	270 30
LXXXVI.	1867 Mill Swamp . . .	do	do . . . . .	.....	do	T H Pritchard .	Habakkuk, 3: 2 .	Oct. 3- 5 .	38 4123	109 80
LXXXVII.	1868 Pleasant Grove .	do	Jos. F. Deans .	.....	do	J C Hiden . . .	Isaiah, 52: 1 . .	Oct. 16-19 .	36 4115	10,159 58
LXXXVIII.	1869 Western Branch .	do	N. B. Cobb . . .	.....	do	Wm E Hatcher .	Matthew, 26: 39 .	Oct. 1- 4 .	38 4338	12,327 08
LXXXIX.	1870 Antioch	do	do . . . . .	.....	J H Hendren . .	N B Cobb . . .	II Kings, 5: 13 .	Sep 30 Oct. 3 .	40 4524	15,191 40
LXXXIX.	1871 Antioch	do	E. B. Branch . .	.....	I C Schoolfield .	A E Owen . . .	Matthew, 9: 38 .	Sept. 22-25 .	42 4715	13,952 84
LXXXIX.	1872 Millfield	do	E. L. Turner . .	.....	do	J E Ward . . .	John, 1: 46 . . .	Sept. 20-23 .	45 5259	13,981 79
LXXXIX.	1873 Shoulder's Hill . . .	do	do . . . . .	.....	do	J E Hutson . .	Colossians, 3: 11	Sept. 26-29 .	47 4596	42,088 25
LXXXIX.	1874 Tucker's Swa'p . . .	Reuben Jones .	Geo. J. Hobday .	.....	J H Prince . . .	W D Thomas .	I Samuel, 4: 13 .	Sept. 26-29 .	47 4191	24,168 39
LXXXIX.	1875 Hicksford	do	do . . . . .	.....	E L Turner . . .	Reuben Jones .	Philippians, 3: 16	Sept. 25-28 .	47 5233	26,352 20
LXXXV.	1876 Suffolk	do	do . . . . .	.....	J H Prince . . .	T T Eaton . . .	II Cor., 8: 23 .	Sept. 16-19 .	47 6153	25,152 77

* Name changed to *Hebron*. † Name changed to *Antioch*. ‡ Name changed to *Oak Grove*. § Same as *Shoulder's Hill*—Church owned two houses. ¶ Name changed to *Elam*. || Name changed to *Brandon*, and again to *Cabin Point*. ¶¶ Now known as *First Church*.

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