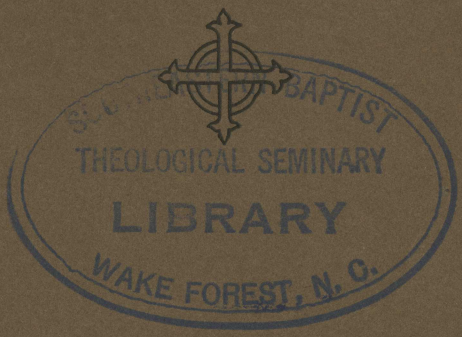
One Hundred & Thirty-second
Annual Session

Virginia
Portsmouth Baptist Association



Nineteen Hundred & Twenty-two

MINUTES

OF THE

Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

FREEMASON ST. BAPTIST CHURCH

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

September 26th and 27th, 1922

Officers of the Association

Moderator, ... W. FRANK ROBERTSON
Vice-Moderator, ... W. M. VINES
Clerk and Treasurer, ... W. T. L. SHEPHERD

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Bynum, W. J., Portlock, Va.
Burfoot, A. W., Fentress, Va.
Coons, A. J., Deep Creek, Va.
Coburn, J. T., Cradock, Va.
Cuthriell, W. E., Portsmouth, Va.
Davis, E. C., Portsmouth, Va.
Dogan, R. J., Norfolk, Va.
Dudley, E. E., Portsmouth, Va.
Harris, D. P., Portsmouth, Va.
Harrell, E. J., Back Bay, Va.
Hardy, F. L., Norfolk, Va.
Handley, F. B., Lynnhaven, Va.
Hobday, Geo. J., Norfolk, Va.
Howell, J. D., Norfolk, Va.
Hunt, N. F., West Norfolk, Va.
I'Anson, Vernon, Norfolk, Va.
James, Marinus, Norfolk, Va.
Jones, H. F., Portsmouth, Va.
Jones, H. M. B., Portsmouth, Va.
Knight, .I D. S., Norfolk, Va.
Kratzig, H. H., Norfolk, Va.
Lindsay, H. F., Norfolk, Va.
Love, A. R., Portsmouth, Va.
Martens, H. H., Norfolk, Va.
Melton, S. W., Norfolk, Va.
Mustain, A. P., Ocean View, Va.
Patrick, B. R., Chaplain, U. S. N.
Peebles, J. D., Norfolk, Va.
Riddick, J. T., Norfolk, Va.
Robinson, B. F., Portsmouth, Va.
Ramsey, E. M., Fentress, Va.
Savage, W. V., Churchland, Va.
Sawyer, Geo. W., Portsmouth, Va.
Sawyer, C. S., South Norfolk, Va.
Snyder, W. A., Portsmouth, Va.
Stephenson, R. D., Norfolk, Va.
Trueblood, C. H., Norfolk, Va.
Vines, Wm. M., Norfolk, Va.

Licentiates

Norfolk—Otto Pebworth, A. G. Shepard, J. J. Swindell, Willis Hutchings, M. P. Williams, H. S. Jarvis.

Portsmouth—G. T. Lyndall, Warren Cuthriell, Neil Mason, H. Haddon Dudley, Christopher J. Hutchins, J. W. Leafe, S. S. Leary, J. W. Welstead.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES

1. Berkley Avenue—Geo. W. Daughtry, Norfolk, Va.
2. Bethel—Mrs. F. H. Williams, Fentress, Va.
3. Blackwater—Milton Mansfield, Hickory, Va.
5. Burrows Memorial—Willis Hutchings, Norfolk, Va.
6. Calvary—H. C. Duerr, Portsmouth, Va.
7. Campostella—R. R. Pierce, Norfolk, Va.
8. Central—S. N. Woodard, Norfolk, Va.
9. Centerville—A. W. Burfoot, Fentress, Va.
10. Churchland—M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.
11. Court Street—C. T. Joyner, Portsmouth, Va.
12. Cradock—J. B. Jeffress, Cradock, Va.
13. Deep Creek—W. H. C. Deal, R. F. D. 3, Portsmouth, Va.
14. East Brambleton—W. F. Berry, R. F. D. 2, Norfolk, Va.
15. Fairmount—W. J. Edwards, Norfolk, Va.
16. First, Norfolk—Geo. E. Kirkwood, Norfolk, Va.
17. Fourth Street—N. F. Cuthriell, Portsmouth, Va.
18. Freemason Street—C. L. Whichard, Norfolk, Va.
19. Gilmerton—W. H. Cotton, Cradock, Va.
20. Grace—Miss Louis Winslow, Portsmouth, Va.
21. James Memorial—J. L. Kittrell, Norfolk, Va.
22. Kempsville—Miss Bettie Caraway, Norfolk, Va.
23. Knott's Island—J. L. Miller, Knott's Island, N. C.
24. Lake Drummond—Henry Tuttle, Hickory, Va.
25. Larchmont—W. B. Black, Norfolk, Va.
26. London Bridge—F. R. Reader, Lynnhaven, Va.
27. Nansemond—S. T. Kittrell, Beamon, Va.
28. Northwest—R. S. Poyner, Hickory, Va.
29. Oak Grove—J. W. C. Dudley, Back Bay, Va.
30. Ocean View—Mrs. W. T. Daughtry, Ocean View, Va.
31. Park Avenue—C. W. Jones, Norfolk, Va.
32. Park Place—John E. Johnson, Norfolk, Va.
33. Park View—J. L. Robertson, 220 Hatton St., Portsmouth, Va.
34. Pleasant Grove—J. W. Smithson, Hickory, Va.
35. Port Norfolk—J. D. Culpepper, Portsmouth, Va.

36. Prentis Place_____Mrs. F. M. Hackel, Portsmouth, Va.
37. Raleigh Heights_____V. L. Harper, R. F. D. 3, Norfolk, Va.
38. South Norfolk_____F. E. Barnes, Norfolk, Va.
39. South Street____W. G. Stoakes, 1049 North St., Portsmouth, Va.
40. Spurgeon Memorial_R. M. Jarvis, 742 Windsor Ave., Norfolk, Va.
41. St. Johns_____E. M. Seneca, Princess Anne, Va.
42. Virginia Beach_____Paul L. White, Lynnhaven, Va.
43. West Norfolk_____C. G. Dennis, West Norfolk, Va.
44. Westhaven_____G. W. Hamer, Portsmouth, Va.

CONSTITUTION.

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

Membership.

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

Objects.

Article 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing the harmony, the intelligence and the spiritual power of the churches, and for developing and directing their energies, their resources and their gifts, in advancing the Redeemers 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 heterdox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself, either by delegate or letter, more than two successive sessions, without sufficient reasons or that treats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application of a church for its dismission.

Rights of the Churches.

Article 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent church of Jesus Christ. As constituent members of the Association, the churches have the right to advise when desired in a case of difficulty, and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches, they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the body.

Duties of the Churches.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates, as far as practical, their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance, and to send by them a contribution to the Association Fund to pay for the printing of the Minutes and other necessary expenses.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of each church to send annually a letter to the Association giving: 1. Location; 2. The names of the pastor and clerk and their respective postoffices; 3. The Sabbaths of regular service; 4. The church statistics, including the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, deceased, expelled, and aggregate membership, male and female; 5. Sabbath-school statistics; 6.

Amount contributed to benevolent objects and the Association Fund; 7. Names of the Delegates and Alternates; 8. Any other information deemed of special importance.

Organization.

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

Duties of Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MINUTES

Norfolk, Va., September 26, 1922.

1. The Virginia Portsmouth Baptist Association met in its One Hundred and Thirty-second Session with the Freemason Street Church at 10:30 A. M., and was called to order by Moderator, L. C. Brinson.

2. Devotional exercises conducted by N. F. Hunt, of West Norfolk Church.

3. The roll of churches was called and the following delegates enrolled:

Berkley Avenue—J. H. Privott, E. J. West, J. M. Lawrence, C. W. Boone, Mrs. R. D. Stephenson, and Mrs. Eleanor Wilson.

Bethel—Mrs. Margaret Williams.

Blackwater—S. L. Creekmore.

Burrows Memorial—O. L. Gilbert, C. B. Yarborough, Willis Hutchins, W. H. Smellser, Mrs. Jennie Backus, Mrs. Fred Lambert, and Mrs. U. Grant Cobb.

Calvary—Jos. F. Culpepper, F. H. Harmon, H. C. Duerr, W. T. L. Shepherd, Mrs. D. P. Harris, Mrs. A. M. Martin, Mrs. A. F. Ozment, and Mrs. Geo. W. Bailey.

Campostella—J. D. Wood, W. D. Hawk, and Mrs. E. P. Covart.

Central—Robt. Gale, W. B. Hogg, W. F. Watkins, J. W. Phillips, Dr. W. T. Smith, S. N. Woodard, Mrs. W. S. Wilkins, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. W. F. Watkins, and Mrs. R. E. Chandler.

Centerville—W. J. Herring, T. E. Etheridge, and Mrs. E. T. Humphries.

Churchland—L. M. Coffman, J. S. Lawrence, and H. G. Griffin.

Court Street—M. P. Claud, C. P. Brownley, John A. Morris, J. W. Leafe, J. W. Jackson, H. B. Wilkins, N. E. Adamson, Mrs. Geo. King, Mrs. H. A. Hutchins, and Mrs. W. E. Gayle.

Cradock—J. B. Jeffress, W. L. Mathews, Mrs. J. T. Coburn, Mrs. E. R. Jeffress, Mrs. C. Y. Shafer, and Mrs. C. J. Lakes.

Deep Creek—W. H. C. Deal, E. B. Hurdle, Mrs. H. E. Trent, and Mrs. Chas. Fleming.

East Brambleton—

Fairmount Park—Mrs. W. A. Shacklock, Mrs. Sanbury, Mrs. J. D. Peebles.

First—W. G. Collings, J. N. Hughes, J. W. Saunders, J. M. Robertson, J. A. Derring, H. J. Williamson, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mrs. Abe Moses, Mrs. J. A. Derring, Mrs. W. G. Collings, Mrs. W. H. McGehee, and Miss Cora Nottingham.

Fourth Street—R. A. Hutchins, Jr., C. H. Myers, R. B. Esleeck, Albert Lassiter, and L. C. Brinson.

Gilmerton—J. H. Cotton and T. A. Tribble.

Kempsville—Mrs. W. F. Davis and Miss Bettie Carraway.

Knotts Island—

Lake Drummond—W. C. McCoy, C. W. Poyner, Grady Newberne, and James Spence.

Larchmont—W. C. Jenkins and J. T. Wood.

London Bridge—G. W. Reader, Ben Gimbert, Mrs. B. F. Owens, Mrs. R. B. Carter, Mrs. Ben Gimbert, and Mrs. L. W. Doyle.

Nansemond—T. W. Bidgood and A. E. Wilroy, Jr.

Northwest—N. B. Powers, D. A. Cox, Noah McPherson, Mrs. O. M. Powers, Mrs. J. B. Powers, and Miss Effie Ballance.

Oak Grove—J. W. C. Dudley, D. E. Spry, R. T. Etheridge, and S. R. Brock.

Ocean View—E. W. Rose, W. T. Daughtry, Mrs. W. T. Daughtry, and Mrs. W. S. Murden.

Park Avenue—L. E. Hall, I. N. Fentress, W. E. Crichter, Geo. W. P. Overman, F. A. Walker, Marshall V. Taylor, Mrs. Little, Mrs. J. W. Belote, Miss May Campbell, and Mrs. W. E. Hudgins.

Park Place—E. H. Hammersley, L. R. Heath, Chas. R. Robertson, C. F. Wright, C. E. Stephenson, M. McKann, J. H. Costenbader, W. W. Gresham, W. E. Williamson, and E. L. Hawkins.

Park View—A. R. Williams, T. D. Roper, Carroll Myers, L. M. Harrell, J. L. Robertson, Mrs. E. E. Dudley, and Mrs. Julia M. Gaskins.

Pleasant Grove—M. W. Sykes, J. W. Smithson, and G. W. Eason.

Port Norfolk—J. C. Blanchard, M. L. Haycock, B. E. Andrews, J. C. Collier, Mrs. Chas. F. Harper, Mrs. S. B. Johnson, Mrs. H. F. Jones, Mrs. J. J. Vaughan, Mrs. Chas. Haycock, Mrs. L. M. Bailey, and Mrs. W. C. Thurston.

Prentis Place—Geo. Anderson, W. A. Vance, R. W. Daughtry, Mrs. J. H. Hobday, and Mrs. W. C. Taylor.

Raleigh Heights—W. S. O'Neil, B. F. Wentz, and I. R. Dozier.

South Norfolk—Mrs. S. VanVleek, Mrs. L. R. Jernigan.

South Street—T. O. Williams, C. A. Bartlett, H. J. Butler, W. F. Smith, G. W. Whitehurst, Mrs. Jas. Harrell, Mrs. Friedlin, Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. C. L. Hanbury, Mrs. J. A. Rawls, Mrs. C. O. Fleming. W. A. Guy, and Mrs. Guy.

Spurgeon Memorial—E. A. Binns, W. H. Luck, W. W. Gordon, H. H. Kratzig, P. D. Barco, O. S. Hart, Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Mrs. F. L. Stewart, Mrs. L. E. Luke, and Mrs. R. J. Dogan.

St. Johns—J. C. Sawyer, A. F. Toxey, and E. M. Seneca.

Virginia Beach—John Freeman, Geo. M. Baker, and Paul L. White.

Westhaven—C. E. Hundley, W. F. Monell, Mrs. C. E. Hundley, and Mrs. F. R. Simmons.

West Norfolk—J. E. Dennis and Mrs. A. M. Hart.

Grace—Mrs. J. W. Welstead.

James Memorial—T. J. Anderson.

4. The Association organized by the election of the following officers:

Moderator—W. Frank Robertson.

Vice-Moderator—William M. Vines.

Clerk and Treasurer—W. T. L. Shepherd.

5. On motion report of Program Committee was adopted.

6. A Finance Committee was appointed, consisting of C. H. Trueblood, B. F. Robinson and John A. Morris.

7. A Committee on Reception of New Churches was appointed consisting of C. S. Blackwell, Vernon I'Anson and W. V. Savage.

8. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Ira D. S. Knight after prayer by Sparks W. Melton and the congregation had sung "Happy Day."

9. W. V. Savage introduced the following new pastors: Frank L. Hardy, Central; L. E. Barton, Larchmont; A. P. Mustain, Ocean View; W. J. Bynum, Raleigh Heights; Frank B. Handley, London Bridge; H. F. Lindsay, Campostella.

10. At this and succeeding times the following visitors were recognized: J. W. Simmons, of the Rappahannock Association; J. W. Cammack, J. P. Craft, Frank P. Crump, David Hepburn, Solon B. Cousins and Bro. Scarborough of North Carolina.

11. The following new churches were received and welcomed to membership in the Association: James Memorial, of Norfolk, represented by T. J. Anderson, and Grace, of Norfolk County, represented by John W. Welstead.

12. Report on Temperance was read by E. E. Dudley and on motion twenty minutes was allowed David Hepburn of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

It is generally understood that the report on Temperance is in reality a report on intoxicating liquors. As we look at the fearful effect from the use of intoxicating liquors we are made to shudder. As multitudes of feeble-minded, insane, crippled, as well as a vast throng thrust upon the world with criminal tendencies are crying out and asking that others may not be brought into those conditions of torment, each Christian Soldier should not only enlist, but fight the fearful battle against this evil. Let us not think that the battle is won.

The liquor forces are thoroughly organized and are spending vast sums of money in fighting our Prohibition Laws. The illicit distiller and the bootlegger have been so persistent in furnishing the people with liquor that some fine citizens have been known to say that Prohibition is a failure, and that there is as much drinking now as before the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment. We have only to compare the number of drunken men on the streets of our cities twenty years ago with the absence of them at the present time to be convinced that such a statement is false. We should earnestly pray that no Christian shall be willing to become a mouthpiece for the promotion of the liquor traffic.

We need a true citizenship and soldiery with hearts set on seeing that the law is enforced. A citizenship that will frown on any man who speaks lightly about the impossibility of enforcing liquor laws or

any other laws of our land. In the main, officers have taken a firm stand and have apprehended and punished the violators of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Even though it is a terrific fight, the Temperance forces have many things that should encourage them. Two years of National Prohibition has reduced the number of drinkers of alcoholic beverages from 20,000,000 to 2,500,000. Only fifteen per cent of former drinkers are drinking now, and these drink but 5% of the liquor formerly consumed. Two billion dollars per year less is spent for liquor now than two years ago. Our insurance companies state that the health of the people is much better than when they drank. Not only this, but thrift, prosperity and happiness are in the wake of the enforcement of law against the sale and use of intoxicants. Prominent banks in every section of the country testify that Prohibition has promoted the thrift movement and that it is shown by the increased savings. The commander of the Salvation Army states that since the enactment of the Volstead Act drunkenness among the poor has almost entirely disappeared. She says that the annual "Booze Day" in New York has been abolished and five thousand boys under 14 years of age are being cared for on that day, because one of the greatest curses of humanity has been placed beyond the place of men and women.

It is encouraging to see men who formerly drank up all that they made, not only sober, but paying for their homes; thus Prohibition not only brings prosperity and happiness to our homes, but helps to fill our schools and churches and give a better citizenship. Let all Christians fight to a finish.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. DUDLEY.

13. Motion by W. M. Vines that we stand and by that act give assurance that we endorse what has been said and will stand behind the movement to strengthen the prohibition laws of our State.

14. Report on Ministers' Fund was read by Dr. A. M. Burfoot and on motion by R. J. Dogan a committee of three was appointed to digest the same. The chair named the following to serve: R. J. Dogan, T. D. Savage and N. E. Adamson.

15. Sparks W. Melton made several announcements and on behalf of the people of Freemason Church the Association was welcomed to the church and city.

16. Adjourned with prayer by C. S. Blackwell.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

17. Devotional exercises conducted by W. J. Bynum.

18. Report on Sunday Schools was read by H. F. Jones and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The work of the Sunday School Board during the past year has been carried on under unusually favorable circumstances. The board has enjoyed the greatest co-operation of the Baptist people that it has had since its establishment. Their business has continued to

increase until there is a manifest spirit of loyalty and co-operation on the part of nearly all the Bible Schools of our churches. The receipts for the Sunday School Board of the S. B. C. for 1921-22 were $1,289,489.07, a gain of $141,767.34 over last year. The annual report shows a gain of 701 Sunday Schools and a gain of 234,735 students, in the S. B. C. territory for the year. A reduction has been made in the prices of our periodicals. The Board has given to other denominational objects $234,242.75. The Book-Editing Department has been added to this Board and a great number of new books have been coming from our press. The educational department has transformed the teaching forces of our Bible Schools. There were awarded 86.965 diplomas to the teachers in the Bible Schools of the Baptist churches within our S. B. C.

In the Bible Schools of Virginia there are 165,000 students. During last year there were 7,105 conversions. There were 6,217 diplomas awarded, 8,514 seals awarded, and 113 post-graduates. We are fortunate indeed in Virginia to have at the head of our Sunday School work one of the best loved and most efficient Sunday School men in the South. He is stimulating us continually in the matter of equipment and teacher training; developing our organized class work and winning the lost to God. Institutes are not only held in our Summer Assemblies and city churches, but in towns and throughout the rural communities. Our rural churches are feeling the effects of these institutes and one notes with pride and pleasure the enlarging of their equipment and their growth in interest and activity. We must lay more emphasis upon the Bible School work in the future than we have in the past. Since the Bible is no longer taught in the homes of the people and since the public school cannot teach it acceptably, let us resolve to make the coming year the greatest of all years in Bible School work. Let preachers, superintendents and teachers, rededicate themselves anew to the great task, for Jesus and the people.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. JONES.

19. The Orphanage Report was read by C. H. Trueblood and after being discussed by C. H. Trueblood, E. E. Dudley and W. V. Savage, the report was adopted.

THE ORPHANAGE

The idea of a Virginia Baptist Orphanage was born in the minds of a few far-seeing, big-hearted Baptists, over thirty years ago; placed in the bulrush ark of faith, pitched with love, and committed to the Nile of hope, its religious parents prayed earnestly that Pharoah's daughter of denominational support might find and adopt it as her own.

Miriam's vigil at the cradle "by the river's brink," was not comparable to that of those Baptists, who, like guardian angels, thirty years ago were in "watchful waiting" at the cradle of the Baby Institution, and caused to be present the fair Goddess of "Christian Charity"; and she, "beholding when the babe wept, had compassion on it," and her great sympathetic heart suggested the gracious words to her lips: "Take this child and nurse it for me and I will give thee thy wages"; and then, at her behest, Christ-like, self-sacrificing men and women were found in Virginia, who were willing and glad to undertake the management and operation of the institution—not alone for paltry wages received, but having respect unto the recompense of the higher reward of laboring for Christ and making sacrifices for His

sake, they have watched over it along the track of years, until now we are privileged to behold a marvelous development.

At the present time there are twelve buildings in use at the institution. Besides these, the farm has been brought up to date, while a $10,000 printing plant has been installed. The total property value of the institution is now estimated to be a quarter of a million dollars. During its history it has cared for over seven hundred and twenty-five children, two hundred and twenty-five of whom are now at the orphanage being prepared for useful positions in life. The health of the children has been exceptionally good. There has been no epidemic or serious illness at any time. It is also gratifying to know that the children are being systematically instructed in Sunday School work, and trained in Christian service. No child has ever left the orphanage who was not a church member, and many of them are useful Christian workers in their respective communities.

We are proud, indeed, of the record of this institution but if we are to go forward and make provision for a much larger number of children, who are now knocking at our orphanage door, we must pay our pledges, and thereby provide the institution with $437,000, ($87,400 per year), according to the apportionment made for the orphanage in the Seventy-five Million Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

C. HERMAN TRUEBLOOD.

20. Educational Report was read by Frank B. Handley and discussed by J. P. Craft, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

This large and vital subject is one that meets the quickest response from the people of this country—Education. We believe that education includes the whole child, youth and man; that it involves his physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual nature. We believe that the source and spring of character, which is the highest result of education, is faith in God as revealed in Christ. Religion is at the foundation of Education, first, last and always.

Southern Baptists are beginning to realize that Christian Education is a Kingdom Task. There was never a time when the world was in the state of such alarm, nor when good men were needed as now. All kinds of people with all kinds of harmful notions are abroad and the object of Christian Education is to send out men and women whose minds have been trained and stored with useful information, but who have one predominating motive and that is to do good.

The life and future of our nation depends upon our schools and colleges. Ignorance is a menace to any nation. We should be loyal to our own denominational institutions because our denomination has a specific mission, its teachings are peculiar. If we have leaders, they must be educated in our own colleges, and furthermore if we as a denomination hold our place in the world we must have educated leadership. Our own schools give all the learning that other schools give, and take care of the spiritual life besides. "Education without religion is simply veneering rotten wood," Bishop Welsh.

Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are 129 schools under control and owned by Baptists. 35 of which are classed as Senior Colleges; 23 as Junior Colleges; 56 as Academies or High Schools and 5 as Bible and Theological Schools. The enrollment the past session reached almost 40,000. The property valuation of our schools and seminaries is now given as $20,883,647 and their

combined endowment equals $13,060,662, making a grand total of $33,944,309.

The following are some of our Baptist Schools in Virginia: Averett College (Junior), Danville; Virginia Intermont College (Junior), Bristol; Chatham Training School, Chatham; Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union; Lee Baptist Institute, Pennington Gap; Oak Hill Academy, Kendrick; Buchanan Mission School, Council; Blue Ridge Mission School, Buffalo Ridge; University of Richmond, including Richmond College for men, Westhampton College for women and T. C. Williams Law School; Bluefield College, Graham; Piedmont Mission School, Woodson. Total enrollment in our Baptist Schools in Virginia last year, 2129.

Number young men preparing for ministry in our Baptist Schools, 127. Number of Virginia Students at Louisville Seminary, 37. Number in our Baptist School in Virginia, who have volunteered for the Foreign Field, 45. Number of students who were not professing Christians at end of the session out of an enrollment of 2129, 29.

A far off star lures us onward and upward. And the enchanting glory and beauty of the distant goal inspires us to meekly wait and patiently hope. Much, everyway, has Christianity to do with Education, but chiefly this, that it makes the task worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK B. HANDLEY.

21. The B. Y. P. U. Report was read by Miss Clyde White and adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

The past year marks a distinct era in B. Y. P. U. work, not only in the Portsmouth District and other districts in Virginia, but throughout the Southland. For years the B. Y. P. U. was treated like a stepchild of the Church, yet it struggled on, until now we can say with joy, "The B. Y. P. U. has come into its own."

In our B. Y. P. U.'s a vast army of young people have been in training to fulfill the Great Commission—"Do all things whatsoever I have commanded ye to do." They have found there an opportunity for activity and development which satisfies the longings of their mental, spiritual, and social natures.

Pastors are now more friendly to the B. Y. P. U.'s than in the past. They have begun to realize that if they are not interested in B. Y. P. U., no modern, up-to-date church wants them. Progressive Sunday School Superintendents are taking more interest in B. Y. P. U. They are depending upon them for teachers and officers. The churches, as a whole, are assuming the responsibility of the B. Y. P. U. as a denominational task. Deacons of the churches in the absence of pastors are putting the responsibility of prayer services upon the young people.

The secretaries of Mission Boards are sending in appeals to the B. Y. P. U.'s to furnish recruits for the Mission fields. In almost every case, the volunteers for definite Christian service come from the B. Y. P. U's. Last year, there were more than twenty-five volunteers from the Portsmouth B. Y. P. U.'s—some for the ministry, some for Mission fields, and still others for other definite Christian service.

The seminaries and training schools are looking to the B. Y. P. U.'s for future students, Baptist educational literature is being sent to them for distribution and Educational Secretaries are visiting them to boost the Baptist Schools in the South.

Baptist Conventions are giving recognition to B. Y. P. U. more than ever. At Virginia Beach, the past summer, B. Y. P. U. work held

a more exalted place than formerly and next summer, the B. Y. P. U.'s are to have a separate one-week convention, starting a week ahead of the other encampment work. Hurrah for "Watts and Wright! ! !"

The work that has been accomplished by the B. Y. P. U.'s of Norfolk, Portsmouth and vicinity truly exemplifies the value of applying that great Bible verse,—II Timothy 2:15.

There are in the Portsmouth District thirty-two Senior B. Y. P. U.'s, fourteen Intermediate Unions, and fourteen Junior Unions, making a total of sixty B. Y. P. U.'s, with an enrollment of approximately twelve hundred members. There are three City Associations—Portsmouth Senior, Portsmouth Junior and Intermediate, and Norfolk, consisting of Senior, Intermediate and Junior. In the Norfolk Association, two Unions are reported A-1, in the Portsmouth Associations ten Senior, two Intermediate and three Junior Unions are reported A-1. Virginia leads the South in A-1 Unions.

Through the B. Y. P. U.'s Bible Readers' Course, the young people are daily making God's word a "Lamp unto their feet and a Light unto their path." Systematic and Proportionate Givers have doubled in the past year. In many of the churches the B. Y. P. U.'s are not only 100% in giving, but have a large number of tithers. In fact, in most of our churches 75% of the tithers are young people. Institutes were held in both Norfolk and Portsmouth in the Spring, resulting in more than four hundred awards. Recently Study Classes in all the Manuals were conducted at the South Norfolk Baptist Church.

Our B. Y. P. U.'s have caught the true meaning of Service and have engaged in many outside activities. They have distributed literature, visited the sick, given financial aid, conducted prayer services, church services, and best of all evangelistic services, in the jails and Union Mission, resulting in many conversions.

The latest movement for the advancement of B. Y. P. U. work in this vicinity is the holding of semi-annual joint meetings of Norfolk and Portsmouth Associations. Two such meetings have been held. No longer do two B. Y. P. U. chains encircle each city separately, but the two have been forged into one and now we can sing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Five State B. Y. P. U. Banners are now floating in this district. These banners would mean nothing to us if we didn't see high above them the Cross of Jesus Christ, if we didn't realize the deeper meaning of personal consecration and service.

In reviewing the things accomplished by our B. Y. P. U.'s, we recognize the Omnipotent Hand of God, guiding and directing, and rejoice that much has been done for the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) CLYDE V. WHITE.

22. Report on Laymen's Movement was read by the Clerk and adopted.

OUR LAYMEN'S TASK

The conception of this enterprise was planted in the mind of the late John B. Sleman of Washington, D. C., March, 1906, a busy Christian layman. His soul was profoundly stirred and this thought came to his mind, the great need for consecrated laymen who would arise in their might and provide ample funds to finance the missionary enterprise. Oh, for the consecration that will open wide the gates of the world so "Christ's Messengers, hearing the Macedonian call, may carry the message of life.

Furthermore, Mr. Sleman was right in his conviction that a zealous Christian man who has high standing in business or professional life,

could have free access to the hearts of other business and professional men and would be able to make a winning appeal. His plea would not be professional, the business **bond** would give him the ear of his comrades and they would give him an attentive hearing.

Business men think along similar lines and have a common speech. This fact constitutes a large kingdom asset which live laymen should recognize as stewards of the manifold grace of God and should turn to good account for the cause of righteousness.

It honors the high calling of the pastor and would esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake. It would not seek to be competitive, but co-operative, would not supplant, but supplement the pastor, loyalty and adequate support of the pastor. He is the Lord's annointed and must be relieved from business worry, that he may give himself continually to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Regular attendance on the worship of God's house solves about all the other problems in Christian living.

God, give us men, a time like this demands, strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. DARDEN.

23. The chair announced the Committee on Time, Place and Preachers as follows: Marinus James, H. M. B. Jones and Charles R. Robertson.

24. Adjourned with prayer by J. T. Riddick.

TUESDAY EVENING

25. Illustrated Educational Lecture by J. W. Cammack. Selections by the Freemason Church quartette and the male quartette from the Chinese Home.

26. A plea for the 75 Million Campaign was made in two stirring addresses by W. Frank Robertson and Solon B. Cousins, pastor Second Baptist Church of Richmond.

27. The body adjourned with prayer by A. R. Love.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

28. Devotional exercises by J. T. Riddick.

29. Report on State Missions was read by R. J. Dogan and after being discussed by the same brother the report was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

The Baptist State Mission Board of Virginia was organized 99 years ago, and the splendid history of this board through the past century is evidence of the God-given wisdom and Kingdom-vision, not only of those who organized this board, but also of those who have maintained that vision through all the eventful years to the present time.

Largely due to the Kingdom-vision and work of this board, there is but one county in the Old Dominion, where a Baptist church cannot be found. Evangelists and colporters under direction of this board

have gone as "heralds of light", into practically every community of the State.

The work of this board is our work; it belongs to Virginia Baptists. It operates as we co-operate, and it should be the proud privilege of every Virginia Baptist to share in the glorious achievements of our State Mission Board.

The board supplements to the extent of $65,000 annually the salaries of 147 pastors, in rural and city fields, who occupied last year 428 stations, these reported 3,324 baptisms. They organized 32 Sunday Schools and 5 churches.

Co-operating with the missionary pastors, the board employs five consecrated men who give all their time to evangelism and enlistment; these report 1571 conversions and 1183 baptisms.

The board has under its care four promising mission schools, located at strategic points in the State: namely, Buchanan School, 207 students, in Buchanan County; Blue Ridge, 155 students, Patrick County; Oak Hill Academy, 125 students, Grayson County, and Piedmont Academy, in Nelson County opened its first session with 50 students.

This school work is of most vital importance in our State Mission program and must be given unstinted support by our people.

The board maintains one of the strongest and the most efficient Sunday School departments in all the Southland.

In addition to the permanent staff, there are forty young men and women, qualified for and consecrated to the task, who devote the summer months to holding institutes in the country churches of the State.

Since 1909 more than 7,500 officers and teachers and workers have received Normal diplomas from the Sunday School Board for having completed the Normal Manual. In addition to the diplomas granted, more than eleven thousand seals for advanced work have been given.

The Sunday School Department has charge of the two Summer Assemblies at Virginia Beach and Bristol, where more than 2,500 Christian workers assemble each year for special training in the various phases of Christian service. The membership of our Sunday Schools has grown from 103,000 in 1909 to 170,000 in 1922. The immeasurable importance of our Sunday School work is apparent when we remember that 60 per cent. of all baptisms reported in Virginia came directly from the Sunday Schools.

This board is headquarters of the Baptist Young People's Union and under its supervision this organization has grown in numbers and efficiency.

The Colportage department of the board did a gross business last year of $70,663, an increase of $15,000 over last year. It is earnestly requested by the board and recommended by your Committee that our Baptist people and organizations order books and supplies from the Book Department, Richmond, Va.

In our State the work of city missions and extension is conducted in most part by Baptist Councils. These organizations are operating with Christian wisdom and foresight.

The splendid achievement of our own Baptist Council in recent years is ample evidence of a high place of these organizations in the program of the Kingdom.

It is earnestly recommended by your Committee, that the Portsmouth Association heartily endorse the Evangelism and Enlistment program as announced by our State Mission Board and that the churches of this association co-operate to the full extent of their ability.

R. J. DOGAN.

30. Report on Pastoral Support was read and discussed by W. F. Watkins.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The question of Pastoral support is a very vital one, in connection with our Denominational growth and efficiency.

There is a very solemn and binding obligation upon our Churches to pay the Minister a salary that will enable him to live comfortably and support his family as well as any member of the Church.

Unfortunately, our Churches in the past have sadly neglected this matter, and too frequently, the Minister has been embarrassed because the salary was not sufficiently large, or was not paid promptly.

The Minister must not only be a good Preacher and Pastor, but he must lead in all of the Church's activities, as well as community affairs.

The question of dress, which is a very important one, certainly the minister should be able to dress in a manner that would be in keeping with his calling.

The Minister is called upon to do a great deal of entertaining and the calls upon his finances are much greater than the average Church Member realizes.

If he expects to be well informed, his library must be up-to-date, new books, magazines and periodicals are necessary, and calls for quite an outlay each month.

Our Churches not only owe it to the minister to pay him a salary sufficiently large to take care of his family, but it should also be large enough to allow him to lay up something for the proverbial rainy day.

The matter of compensation to our Ministers is not only urgent upon the local Church, but upon the Denomination as well, if we expect to attract the highest type of young men to the Ministry. The Churches have too frequently left the matter of Pastoral support to chance, feeling that if the Minister is called of God to preach, He would in some way provide for him. We must employ business principles in our Church work as well as in our business.

Again the Church, and especially the city Church, with its many problems and difficulties, demands that the Pastor give all of his time to this work, and certainly, the salary must be commensurate with these demands.

While we rejoice today, that our Churches are realizing as never before the importance of adequate Pastoral support, there is much yet to be done, no Church should be satisfied until they have done their very best.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WATKINS.

31. Report on Women's Work was read by Mrs. G. R. Martin and after being discussed by T. O. Williams, R. J. Dogan, E. J. Harrell and W. M. Vines, the same was adopted.

REPORT OF W. M. U. OF PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION, 1922.

It is with genuine pleasure that I bring to the attention of this body some of the achievements of the organized efforts of the women of the Portsmouth Association. The year just closed has brought us a glad surprise. In spite of the gloomy business conditions growing

out of the reconstruction period, we have made more than our usual progress in financial, as well as in other departments of our work.

Gifts.

Our total contributions for the year just closed are $49,948.98, this being $5,542.54 more than last year. Attention is called to the fact that the amount here given does not represent all that was given by the women. In many instances the women are not given proper credits, and in some instances not any credits at all. It is our hope that soon we may be able to report all the contributions of the women, and so reach the high standards set by us. To this end we beg the help of our pastors and treasurers in crediting all contributions of women to the Woman's Missionary Union.

Special Objects.

Among our special objects we mention our Settlement work, which goes forward under the supervision of Miss Nonie Gravatt. The sphere of usefulness of this work grows daily, as the attendance is continually increasing. In connection with this work the first Daily Vacation Bible School in this Association was conducted. Our women are realizing the need and importance of these schools, as two additional ones were reported last summer. Our Buchanan Mountain School receives constant proof of the devotion of our women in the support of students and boxes of clothing. Four students were supported during the past year by the women of this Association.

Mission Study.

Our record in Mission Study reads like some magic story. Listen to it! One hundred and four classes have been held, with eight hundred and eighty seals awarded. The first official seal, representing the study and examination of six books has been won by fifty-five, while the second official seal, which means the study and examination of six more books, has been won by four. The large blue official seal which emphasizes especially the book entitled "Talks on Soul-Winning" has been awarded to six. To those who have won the three official seals and have taught a mission study class an Honor Certificate is awarded. Surely you will be delighted to know that five such certificates have been awarded to our women. Special mention is made of the most excellent mission study work done in the Port Norfolk Church. Four out of the five Honor Certificates were awarded to women of this Church. Second honors in this work go to Calvary Church. So great has been the increase in our mission study work that at our annual session in June Mrs. H. E. Hood was elected as Mission Study Leader for the Association. As we faithfully pursue our study in these missionary books our interest in the homeland is increased and our love and sympathy extends to the whole wide world and we no longer ask "Who is my neighbor?"

Organizations.

This year we report our largest number of organizations, 111—80 of these being Young People's Societies. We rejoice over this record while it does not in any way realize our goal. Our aim is to have in every church our graded system, consisting of the five organizations. We believe with the help of our pastors we can do this in nearly all of our churches. There is no work that we as women can do that will prove more important in the missionary future of our churches than the organization and fostering of these missionary societies, especially those for our young people. We would urge our pastors not to think that the B. Y. P. U. can in any way take the place of them. The two organizations do not supply the same need, but answer a different purpose and may be made mutually helpful. For greater efficiency in our work our Association is divided in five

groups, with a leader in charge of each group. Our aim is to have quarterly meetings in each group. To a large degree this has been realized during the past year.

With this noble army grouped before us, our largest number of organizations ever listed, is it not a challenge to us to go forward? As we think of advances made, as we look upon the needs of seizing opportunities for further enlistment, our thoughts turn to the third chapter of Ecclesiastes beginning with these words, "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose." We follow down the lines and read there is "a time to build up." Surely today in our woman's missionary work, this is the time to build up. A study of our statistics will show increased interest and enlargement in all phases of our work. And yet best of all is that which cannot be tabulated on the printed page and which is becoming more and more an outstanding feature of our work—the gift of time, talents and self to the furtherance of His cause. Upon this present interest and upon this increasing strength, now is our time to build up.

Apart from the women and young people gathered together in societies we see another group, those who were once in organizations, but whose societies through lack of encouragement or support in leadership have become lifeless. In our third chapter we read "a time to keep." This is our time to keep, to conserve our societies. All of us realize that everything worth while has its cost. We must pay our time, our efforts, our interest, our prayers if we would have and hold our organizations. Now is our time to keep.

And still another group we see. Those who have never been connected with any W. M. U. work. How often in God's Word we find His children compared to useful stones. The Psalmist speaks of daughters as "corner stones", the apostle Peter speaks of believers as "living stones." Turning again to our third chapter we read there is "a time to gather stones together." Oh, that many who have not yet been enlisted might be this year, "gathered together as corner stones, living stones in the building up of His Kingdom."

Turning again to our third chapter, we find this phrase, "a time to love." And as we face the new year may a great love for His Cause so fill our hearts that we will strive to build up our woman's work, that we will endeavor to keep those already enlisted and that we will purpose under His guidance to gather together stones for our Master's use. Now is our time to love.

In the accomplishing of these ideals we ask the support and co-operation of the messengers of this Association.

MRS. G. R. MARTIN.

Quite a number of Pastors stood and agreed to attempt the organization of Mission Study Classes among the men of their churches.

32. Motion by Ira D. S. Knight that a committee of seven be appointed to organize the men's work in the Portsmouth Association. The motion was adopted. W. Frank Robertson was elected chairman and he appointed the following: W. F. Watkins, Frank A. Walker, N. E. Adamson, L. E. Barton, Ira D. S. Knight and W. M. Vines.

inhabitants as live within the bounds of our convention territory.

We now have 622 churches on our foreign fields with a total membership of 64,251. About one-third (206) of these churches are self-supporting. More than one-half (375) of these churches own their houses of worship. There are 694 schools of all grades with an enrollment of 26,507 students. This enrollment is about equal to the enrollment in all the Baptist Colleges in the South. Last year there were 971 Sunday Schools with 53,691 scholars studying the Bible. The crowning glory of all the work done last year was the baptizing of 7,891 converts. This was nearly one thousand more baptisms than we have ever recorded in any year in our Foreign Mission history. We reverently give God the glory.

Our Foreign Mission Board has sent out this statement: "The most discouraging feature of our foreign mission work during the last year came not from the fields abroad, but from the response to this cause here at home. Southern Baptists gave during the last year $1,755,678 as against $2,498,381 year before last. This is a drop in foreign mission gifts of $742,703 in one year. This is most serious. Our work abroad has been expanded greatly. It will be dreadfully embarrassed if its support is cut down this year like it was last year."

Let us heed the cry of a broken-hearted, suffering, sinful world as it calls to us with a persistence that must be answered. We must, at whatever cost of sacrifice and consecration, preach in this opportune day Christ's gospel unfalteringly to the whole world for which He died.

IRA D. S. KNIGHT.

36. The Association adjourned with prayer by E. E. Dudley.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

37. C. S. Sawyer read from the 29th Psalm and lead in prayer.

38. The Doctrinal Sermon was very ably preached by A. R. Love on the subject "Regeneration."

39. Report on Digest of Church Letters was made by H. M. B. Jones. Discussed by H. F. Jones, J. T. Riddick, H. M. B. Jones, and adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Church membership reported 1921	16,727
Church membership reported 1922	17,454
Gain over last year	727
Baptisms reported 1921	1,350
Baptisms reported 1922	907
Decrease in baptisms	443
Sunday School Enrollment 1921	17,351
Sunday School Enrollment 1922	18,027
Gain in Enrollment	676

N. B. These enrollments include Home Department and Cradle Roll.

Conversions from Sunday Schools 1922	815
Church Members enrolled in Sunday Schools 1922	7,910
Number of workers holding Normal Diplomas 1922	368
Contributions for Home Purposes 1921	$284,067.56
Contributions for Home Purposes 1922	233,699.53
Decrease for Home Purposes	$ 50,368.03
Paid to 75 Million Campaign 1921	$109,838.00
Paid to 75 Million Campaign 1922	101,298.05
Decrease to Campaign	$ 8,539.95

Remarks: This report would be much more complete if church clerks would take more pains to fill out every detail of the church letters. It is apparent that very few churches are soliciting pledges for the 75 Million Campaign of new members.

The net gain in membership would be much larger, but for the fact that several churches revised their rolls. Not less than 600 names have been erased and excluded this year.

40. Committee appointed to digest the report on Ministers' Fund submitted the following:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Your Committee appointed to consider and report on the Report on Ministerial Relief submitted to the Body on yesterday, reports as follows:

1. That when it applied to the Clerk of the Association for the Report on Ministerial Relief read on yesterday, it was informed by the Clerk that this report had been withdrawn and neither the original nor a copy was available for the consideration of your Committee.

2. Your Committee is deeply impressed with the wisdom, justice and desirability of providing adequate and even liberal aid for the old and disabled ministers of the Denomination, and would regard as most unfortunate any controversy as to the methods now employed which might tend to impede or retard the efforts now being made by the Denomination to that end. As your Committee has no report on this subject before it, and as it feels that it is not within its province to write such a report, it can only commend to your favorable, enthusiastic and generous consideration and support the care, maintenance and relief of the aged or disabled Ministers of the Denomination, which it feels these ministers should receive at your hands, not as charity, but as their due.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. J. DOGAN,
T. D. SAVAGE,
N. E. ADAMSON,
Committee.

Motion by H. F. Jones, and adopted, that a committee of three be appointed to recommend to the Annuity Board at Dallas, through the State Mission Board, the amount necessary for caring for the old ministers of our denomination in this Association.

Dr. Burfoot stated that the report of the committee was satisfactory to him and he heartily endorsed the same.

41. Report of Missionary Committee was made by Marinus James and adopted.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Speaking in superlatives is an innocent pastime indulged in from year to year by readers of associational reports. Every brother thinks that his report should have the pre-eminence on account of his peculiar interest in one phase of denominational activity. Following the lines of least resistance and drifting with the annual tide, the chairman of your Missionary Committee maintains that his report is the most important of them all.

Speaking seriously, is it not true that when the home base suffers, the whole gospel line suffers with it; and when the home base is made strong, the far flung battle line is made stronger also?

The Association has had a growthful history; the net gain in church membership brings the grand total up to 17,354. The gain for the year is not a source for boasting, although it must be remembered that the populations of Norfolk and Portsmouth are getting back to normal, moreover several churches have had a "back door revival".

The Association now has in round figures as many Baptist Church members as the entire State of Maryland, 2,000 more than the State of New Hampshire and half as many as the State of Maine; fifty per cent. more than the City of Cleveland and nearly twice as many as the City of St. Louis. The membership of our city churches has doubled in ten years. What a compeling challenge to men of brain and means! With the tremendous growth of greater Hampton Roads, this section is rapidly becoming a Baptist citadel and it takes very little imagination to forecast the future of the old Portsmouth Association, as she is constantly renewing her youth.

During the past year three new churches were organized, namely: Indian Creek, the Grace and the James Memorial. These churches are developing rapidly, especially the latter two and buoyant spirit prevails. Several of our churches in line with the general building revival which followed the early war reaction, have built or are building. The list follows: Burrows Memorial is completing a fine brick Sunday School plant, pipe organ and steam heating plant at a cost of $25,000.

The Westhaven Baptist Church has recently completed a modern brick house of worship costing $30,000.

Park Avenue has bought a $7,000 piece of property. The residences on the property has been furnished and is used for Sunday School purposes.

The Oak Grove Baptist Church has built two wings to its original house of worship and greatly beautified the interior and exterior appearance of the same. This church, by the way, is the oldest Baptist church in the Association dating back to the year 1762. Her old age, however, is no indication of approaching death. The grand old lady was never more alive.

Larchmont has been forced to erect another addition to the original portable Chapel, for lack of Sunday School room. This is the third time the Larchmont Saints have expanded in three years.

Central Baptist Church has arisen out of the ashes of a disastrous fire, more beautiful than ever. The wisdom of ample insurance of church buildings was clearly demonstrated in this case. The insurance fully covered all damages. Brethren take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly. This church has also bought a ten thousand dollar parsonage.

Grace Baptist Church members are building a frame church which will be ready for business at an early date. For several months this plucky band has worshiped in homes and in temples not made with hands under the blue canopy of heaven. They are erecting the building themselves, practically all of the workers giving their services free.

We pay glad tribute to all these master builders.

The James Memorial Church building was erected out of the funds of the Baptist Council. Present indications already point to the necessity for more room, the Sunday School attendance having jumped from 23 to 140 in six weeks. Several other churches should and must build soon or they will lose their greatest opportunity.

The members of your Committee while not encouraging churches to plunge blindly into cumbersome debts, also feel that the cry "Let us wait for better times" has been overdone to a vengeance. The better times are just ahead to churches and men of faith and vision. Brethren do not lull yourselves to sleep, while the day is breaking! The night is over if we will have it so.

A few words must be spoken in the minor key. Eleven new ministers have come into the Association during the year just closed. Two of these have already moved away and at this hour we have seven pastorless fields. Several causes contribute to this state of affairs. In this restless age, the pulpit and the pew alike are ever "on the wing". Churches unable or unwilling to pay a living salary expect Spurgeon to come back to life in some magic way when the pastor's salary surpasses the $1500 a year mark. Blessed is the church that keeps a pastor and thrice blessed is the pastor who is kept by a loving liberal congregation.

Another cause of this shifting drifting process is the frequent unwillingness of pulpit committees to be advised by men who are in a position to advise (not to dictate). Baptist independence gone to seed often plays mischief in this respect, especially in small churches. Another contributing cause is found in the inconsiderate changes in the formation of fields, sometimes by addition, more frequently by withdrawing of churches. A bit of consultation here would not be amiss. Brethren there must be more prayer and less petty scheming.

These statements are not made recklessly, but are result of a panoramic view of the situation from the watch tower of the Baptist Council, which according to its Constitution comprises all of forty-seven Churches and Missions in the Portsmouth District Association.

A careful reading of the Annual Report of the Baptist Council is humbly urged. The report gives a bird's eye view of the local missionary activities not mentioned in this report.

The office of the Baptist Council continues to be at the service of the entire brotherhood as the official local clearing house for all denominational affairs. No service is too lowly but it will be rendered with joy. Your Chairman has literally carried the Association on his heart for the past four years.

We submit the following recommendations:

1st. That the entire District Association emphasize Evangelism during the ensuing year, as never before, since Evangelism is the backbone of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2nd. That the entire District Association enter heartily into the Supplemental Campaign already endorsed by the Ministers' Conference of Norfolk and Portsmouth and now under way in all the Southern States, culminating in Loyalty Week, November 26-December 3, 1922.

3rd. That the country churches singly or in groups arrange for all day meetings in the interest of this Campaign, following the plan

carried out previous to Victory Week in 1919. The Secretary of the Council will gladly assist in the matter of securing able speakers.

4th. That the country churches avail themselves more generally of the services of the Baptist Council than heretofore, as the city churches have done increasingly during the seven years since the Council came into existence.

5th. That so-called Missionary Churches now helped by the State Mission Board gradually reduce their annual requests for help, working toward independence. This spirit will not only strengthen these churches materially, giving them confidence in their own ability, but it will also enable the State Board to heed the call from new churches needing help in the days of their youth.

Respectfully submitted,

MARINUS JAMES, Chairman.
T. O. WILLIAMS,
W. F. WATKINS.

42. Report on Periodicals was read by the Clerk and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Good literature has been called the "Bread and water of the mind." It is difficult for us to properly estimate its value to us in shaping thought and conduct, and in its power to furnish inspiration for all our life's work.

Wholesome literature in our homes is absolutely essential, and money invested therein, is money wisely spent, and cannot fail to bring large returns in character-building; as well as in bringing to us and to our children, and through us all, to our churches and communities a wealth of information which we so much need, and which we could not otherwise possess.

Our Baptist people cannot afford to be without our denominational paper. The Religious Herald is recognized as one of the best edited papers of our Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. R. H. Pitt always comes clear and clean upon every issue that lays any claim upon him as its editor, or upon us as a denomination. Virginia Baptists have ever looked to the Herald for direction in denominational matters, and have not been disappointed. The paper ought to be in every Baptist home in Virginia. Many of our churches have already made provision in their church budgets for this important item, and are giving the Herald to those who are either unable or unwilling to pay for it. Let us hope, and this report would so recommend, that wherever possible, all our churches adopt this method of acquainting their members with denominational affairs, and with things that are vital to Christian thought and living.

We claim to be missionary Baptists, but how are we to be intelligent missionary Baptists, except as we inform ourselves concerning our great mission fields and their needs?

If we have any passion for souls, we will seek to know the things of God, and show interest in the spread of the Gospel of His Son. Therefore, we cannot close our eyes to the sources of light. Our Home and Foreign Fields is really a great missionary journal. It comes to us bringing its stories of the lives and works of our missionaries. If our people would read these stories, we would be drawn closer to those whom we have sent out to carry the light into the dark places of earth; we would have visions of earth's needs, and in trying to save others would be 'working out our own salvation

with fear and trembling.' We are in need of this vision for "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

This report would beg to call attention to the publication—"In Royal Service" which has been of so much help to our women of the Woman's Missionary Union. It has furnished knowledge, inspiration, and direction to them, and is telling wonderfully in the progress of missions in our churches. Let us see to it, therefore, that we get the publications mentioned in this report and read them.

Very respectfully,

D. P. HARRIS.

43. Report of J. D. Peebles, Committee on Obituaries, as follows:

OBITUARIES

Rev. Richard Bayman Garrett, D. D. On the 1st of July, 1922, God called to rest our friend, Dr. Garrett. It is natural that we associate the memory of him with Court Street Baptist Church where for twenty-one years he served as pastor. But he was so related to the denominational work throughout the Portsmouth district, the State of Virginia and the Southland that his influence extended far beyond the bounds of this Association.

His was a life of service, and it can be truly said of him that he went about doing good. He gave his time, his counsel, his splendid latent and his strength in helping others. During the early existence of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Baptist Council he worked untiringly in its behalf, and for the first four years he served as the Executive Secretary, without compensation, and in addition to carrying the burdens of his pastorate. He was the prime mover in starting several of the churches in our Association. Just a little while before his death and when in rapidly failing health, he was before the Home Board seeking financial aid for one of our churches, and succeeded in obtaining this aid.

For forty years he was a pastor. He was Moderator of the Portsmouth Baptist Association for five years, from 1913 to 1917, inclusive. Without diminishing his great interest and usefulness in the local affairs of his denomination, he served in many positions of distinction among Baptists of the State and the South. For many years he was trustee and a member of the Executive Committee of our orphanage at Salem and was a trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Richmond. For twenty-three years he was the Virginia Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board. Many of us will recall how dear to his heart was the work of this Board and how he labored in the interest of Foreign Missions.

There are many monuments of his great career. Three beautiful church buildings stand today because of his efforts while pastor of these churches. But grander and more to be desired than material monuments are the many hundred souls whom he led to Christ and the twenty-two young men whom he influenced, during his pastorate at Court Street Church, to give themselves to preaching the Gospel of our Christ and Savior.

Senator William Carr Corbitt died in Portsmouth, Va. on April 22, 1922. He had for many years been a delegate to the Portsmouth Baptist Association from Court Street Church. For more than fifty years he was a member of that church, and at the time of his death was its beloved senior deacon.

Brother Corbitt had been active in the work of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Baptist Council from the time the Council was organized, and had served as Treasurer.

From 1915 until the time of his death he represented Portsmouth and Norfolk County in the state Senate.

He was a man beloved by his many friends throughout the community, and in his death they feel a great loss.

John Worsham Rodgers. Was born in Prince Edward County, Va., March 11, 1860, and died at South Norfolk, Va., March 24, 1922, at the age of sixty-two years. He was the son of the late Albert G. and Sarah Keirsey Rodgers. He was married to Miss Alice Burton of Petersburg, Va. in 1894. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Rodgers, by two sons, Clyde W. and J. S. Rodgers, and a daughter, Miss Alice E. Rodgers; by two brothers, Samuel D. and G. Edward Rodgers, three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mrs. Norman Keirsey, Mrs. Thomas Keirsey of Petersburg.

John W. Rodgers had lived in South Norfolk for thirty-one years, he was a member of the City Council, a deacon of the South Norfolk Baptist Church and a member of Doric Lodge No. 44, A. F. & A. M.

John W. Rodgers was a type of the all around American citizen. His achievements were due to his own efforts. He acquired a liberal education, some property, a partnership in an ideal home, and a place of honor and esteem in the hearts of his fellow-townsmen.

44. Motion adopted that the Program Committee be requested to consolidate all of the State work into one report and have the various phases discussed by a speaker for each department.

45. Report of Treasurer as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1921

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand from 1920	$ 12.13	
Associational Fund from the Churches	264.85	
Special Collection at meeting	38.45	
Total	$315.43	$315.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Printing Minutes	$198.25	
Paid for Printing Programs	8.50	
Postage on Minutes	5.20	
Stamps and Stationery	2.25	
Clerk's Salary for 1919 and 1920	80.00	$294.20
Balance on hand		$ 21.23

W. T. L. SHEPHERD,
Treasurer.

46. The following resolution was offered by Dr. A. M. Burfoot and adopted:

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks and profound appreciation to the pastor, to Bro. Robertson and to the people of Freemason Street Church for the splendid, generous and bountiful hospitality furnished us during the session of the Association.

47. Moved and carried that the Clerk receive the usual amount for his services.

48. The Moderator announced the Standing Committees for the year. (See back cover.)

49. The Association, after a most delightful session, adjourned with prayer.

W. FRANK ROBERTSON, Moderator,
Norfolk, Va.

W. T. L. SHEPHERD, Clerk,
Portsmouth, Va.

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

	CHURCHES	LOCATION	Established	PASTORS	Value of Church Building and Lot	Value of Pastorium and Lot	Sundays of Preaching
1	Berkley Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1873	R. D. Stephenson	$ 35000 00	$10000 00	Every
2	Bethel	Norfolk Co., Va.	1889		1500 00		2nd & 3rd
3	Blackwater	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1774	G. W. Sawyer	2500 00		1st & 3rd
4	Burrows Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1894	C. H. Trueblood	40000 00		Every
5	Calvary	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	D. P. Harris	80000 00	6000 00	Every
6	Campostella Heights	Norfolk Co., Va.	1916	H. F. Lindsey	10000 00		Every
7	Centerville	Norfolk Co., Va.	1872		2000 00	2500 00	4th
8	Central	Norfolk, Va.	1885	Frank L. Hardy	115000 00	10000 00	Every
9	Churchland	Norfolk Co., Va.	1785	W. V. Savage, D.D.	32000 00	5000 00	Every
10	Court Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1789		200000 00		Every
11	Cradock	Portsmouth, Va.	1919	John T. Coburn	3500 00	3500 00	Every
12	Deep Creek	Norfolk Co., Va.	1869	A. J. Coons	3000 00	3000 00	1st & 3rd
13	East Brambleton	Norfolk Co., Va.	1913		2500 00		Every
14	Fairmount Park	Norfolk Co., Va.	1909	J. D. Peebles	7000 00		Every
15	First	Norfolk, Va.	1801	W. M. Vines, D.D.	100000 00	12000 00	Every
16	Fourth Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1855	A. R. Love	35000 00	5000 00	Every
17	Freemason Street	Norfolk, Va.	1848	S. W. Melton, D.D.	140000 00		Every
18	Gilmerton	Norfolk Co., Va.	1895	A. J. Coons	1500 00	800 00	2nd & 4th
19	Grace	Norfolk Co., Va.	1922	John W. Welstead	1000 00		Every
20	James Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1922		11000 00		Every
21	Kempsville	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1814	H. H. Martens	10000 00	5000 00	Every
22	Knotts Island	Currituck, N. C.	1876				
23	Lake Drummond	Norfolk Co., Va.	1850	A. G. Shepard	2100 00		
24	Larchmont	Norfolk, Va.	1919	L. E. Barton	11000 00	9500 00	Every
25	London Bridge	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1788	Frank B. Handley	3000 00	3000 00	Every
26	Nansemond	Drivers, Va.	1891	W. V. Savage, D.D.	2000 00		1st & 3rd
27	Northwest	Norfolk Co., Va.	1782	A. G. Shepard	5000 00		4th
28	Oak Grove	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1762	E. J. Harrell	2500 00	1000 00	Every
29	Ocean View	Norfolk Co., Va.	1910	A. P. Mustian	1000 00	500 00	Every
30	Park Avenue	Norfolk, Va.	1885	J. T. Riddick	47000 00	5000 00	Every
31	Park Place	Norfolk, Va.	1902	Ira D. S. Knight	90000 00		Every
32	Park View	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	E. E. Dudley, D.D.	10000 00		Every
33	Pleasant Grove	Norfolk Co., Va.	1845	L. E. Barton	2000 00		2nd & 4th
34	Port Norfolk	Portsmouth, Va.	1898	H. F. Jones	50000 00	5000 00	Every
35	Prentis Place	Portsmouth, Va.	1906		4000 00		Every
36	Raleigh Heights	Norfolk Co., Va.	1898		3500 00		Every
37	South Norfolk	Norfolk Co., Va.	1893	C. S. Sawyer	50000 00		Every
38	South Street	Portsmouth, Va.	1889	H. M. B. Jones	50000 00		Every
39	Spurgeon Memorial	Norfolk, Va.	1892	R. J. Dogan	75000 00	5000 00	Every
40	St. John	Princess Anne Co., Va.	1856	E. J. Harrell	3000 00	2000 00	Every
41	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach, Va.	1908		20000 00		Every
42	Westhaven	Portsmouth, Va.	1913		30000 00	5000 00	Every
43	West Norfolk	Norfolk Co., Va.	1895	N. F. Hunt	5374 54	1550 00	Every
				Total	1298974 54	100350 00	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES

	CHURCHES	ADDITIONS BY				DIMUNITIONS BY				Present Number		
		Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Statement	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Males	Females	Total
1	Berkley Avenue	29	30	1	7	6	----	1	4	233	335	568
2	Bethel	3	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	43	44	87
3	Blackwater	12	2	----	3	1	----	----	1	60	59	117
4	Burrows Memorial	74	20	6	4	5	----	----	3	202	330	532
5	Calvary	25	5	----	1	22	----	1	5	344	454	798
6	Campostella Heights	24	14	----	2	12	----	----	1	69	138	207
7	Central	19	50	1	2	45	----	14	5	321	434	755
8	Centerville	6	2	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	173
9	Churchland	----	----	----	----	1	----	----	1	112	108	220
10	Court Street	59	56	----	9	54	----	----	5	454	506	960
11	Cradock	24	41	----	9	31	----	2	----	105	162	267
12	Deep Creek	10	6	1	----	1	----	24	----	118	117	235
13	East Brambleton	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	42
14	Fairmount Park	25	35	----	1	5	----	----	1	122	134	256
15	First	51	49	4	4	41	1	6	8	502	738	1240
16	Fourth Street	60	14	----	13	31	133	----	7	351	476	827
17	Freemason Street	43	49	----	----	38	1	----	14	534	730	1264
18	Gilmerton	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	30
19	Grace	13	14	----	----	----	----	----	----	15	12	27
20	James Memorial	8	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	30	53	83
21	Kempsville	1	8	----	1	5	----	10	2	69	67	136
22	Knotts Island	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	84
23	Lake Drummond	----	----	----	----	7	----	2	1	56	62	118
24	Larchmont	6	13	----	1	9	----	----	----	64	58	122
25	London Bridge	7	9	----	----	4	----	----	1	77	97	174
26	Nansemond	----	----	----	----	8	----	----	1	19	15	34
27	Northwest	17	1	----	----	----	----	----	2	81	159	240
28	Oak Grove	28	----	1	2	1	26	1	1	170	169	339
29	Ocean View	8	22	----	2	8	----	----	2	54	66	120
30	Park Avenue	90	65	1	40	43	----	----	2	450	623	1073
31	Park Place	31	63	----	3	61	----	90	10	496	682	1178
32	Park View	1	6	----	1	32	----	----	5	284	333	617
33	Pleasant Grove	5	7	1	----	1	----	1	2	68	66	134
34	Port Norfolk	20	20	15	10	15	----	----	3	423	438	861
35	Prentis Place	64	30	2	11	18	42	6	3	218	296	514
36	Raleigh Heights	17	2	----	2	4	----	10	1	32	45	77
37	South Norfolk	31	36	1	4	13	3	2	4	333	424	757
38	South Street	15	10	----	6	17	----	52	7	325	386	711
39	Spurgeon Memorial	45	21	----	9	28	----	105	2	373	529	902
40	St. John	12	----	----	3	----	----	----	----	82	117	199
41	Virginia Beach	2	3	----	----	1	----	----	3	48	55	103
42	Westhaven	13	12	2	1	14	----	----	----	69	100	169
43	West Norfolk	9	3	----	----	2	----	----	----	49	55	104
	Totals	907	718	36	151	584	206	327	107	7455	9670	17454

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	CHURCHES	Superintendents and Post Offices	Total Enrollment	Conversions	Church Members in School
1	Berkley Avenue	J. A. Starboard, 404 Berkley Ave., Norfolk, Va.	528	29	342
2	Bethel	W. Y. E. Davis, Route No. 3, Norfolk, Va.	64	-----	-----
3	Blackwater	S. L. Creekmore, Hickory, Va.	50	-----	40
4	Burrows Memorial	George R. Martin, Powhatan Ave., Norfolk, Va.	645	45	240
5	Calvary	W. T. L. Shepherd, 2108 London St., Portsmouth, Va.	1023	22	461
6	Campostella Heights	J. J. Swindell, 154 Elm St., Norfolk, Va.	240	22	110
7	Central	W. F. Watkins, 806 Spottswood Ave., Norfolk, Va.	677	15	350
8	Centerville	W. W. Cowan, Hickory, Va.	165	6	-----
9	Churchland	M. J. Kilby, Churchland, Va.	203	-----	102
10	Court Street	George B. Ish, 309 Dinwiddie St., Portsmouth, Va.	662	50	-----
11	Cradock	J. B. Jeffries, 26 Shell Road, Cradock, Portsmouth, Va.	387	25	191
12	Deep Creek	J. T. Forehand, Route 2, Portsmouth, Va.	179	9	-----
13	East Brambleton	W. F. Berry, Route No. 2, Box 4, Norfolk, Va.	94	-----	-----
14	Fairmount Park	J. C. Simpson, 4th St., Fairmount, Norfolk, Va.	381	16	100
15	First	J. A. Derring 1802 Omohundro Ave., Norfolk, Va.	898	125	627
16	Fourth Street	L. B. Pendergraph, 318 Fourth St., Portsmouth, Va.	1041	40	487
17	Freemason Street	W. Frank Robertson, 524 36th St., Norfolk, Va.	1070	36	704
18	Gilmerton	T. A. Tribble, Gilmerton, Va.	112	-----	-----
19	Grace	John W. Welstead, Portsmouth, Va.	78	-----	27
20	James Memorial	R. E. Summers, 4410 Newport Ave., Norfolk, Va.	131	-----	-----
21	Kempsville	J. E. Old, R. F. D., Lynnhaven, Va.	133	-----	-----
22	Knotts Island	S. J. Waterfield, Knotts Island, N. C.	100	-----	-----
23	Lake Drummond	R. D. Godfrey, Hickory, Va.	55	-----	40
24	Larchmont	S. A. D. Parker, Hanover Ave., Norfolk, Va.	204	6	80
25	London Bridge	R. B. Carter, Lynnhaven, Va.	149	6	115
26	Nansemond	T. W. Bidgood, R. F. D. 5, Suffolk, Va.	43	-----	-----
27	Northwest	Andrew McPherson, Northwest, Va.	115	20	70
28	Oak Grove	W. W. Dudley, Back Bay, Va.	355	29	160
29	Ocean View	G. J. Butcher, Norfolk, Va.	208	6	54
30	Park Avenue	F. A. Walker, 511 Reeves Ave., Norfolk, Va.	789	73	410
31	Park Place	W. H. Pearson, M. D., 604 Taylor Bldg., Norfolk, Va.	1248	25	600
32	Park View	Alwyn Howell, 1053 Holladay St., Portsmouth, Va.	619	-----	300
33	Pinners Point	J. E. Shackleford, 215 Maryland Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	107	2	71
34	Port Norfolk	H. W. Dickerson, 500 Broad St., Portsmouth, Va.	932	23	812
35	Pleasant Grove	Alexander Charlton, St. Brides, Va.	128	2	77
36	Prentis Place	S. A. W. Poe, 1704 Richmond Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	682	56	325
37	Raleigh Heights	B. F. Wentz, Route No. 3, Norfolk, Va.	122	9	40
38	South Norfolk	G. B. White, 68 Chesapeake Ave., South Norfolk, Va.	950	17	-----
39	South Norfolk Mission	C. E. Johnson, 110 Jackson St., South Norfolk, Va.	156	9	-----
40	South Street	T. O. Williams, 605 London St., Portsmouth, Va.	580	31	365
41	Spurgeon Memorial	E. A. Binns, 717 Windsor Ave., Norfolk, Va.	1021	43	442
42	St. John	J. J. Whitehurst, Princess Anne, Va.	165	9	98
43	Virginia Beach	John Freeman, Virginia Beach, Va.	107	-----	-----
44	Westhaven	G. W. Hamer, Route No. 2, Box 252, Portsmouth, Va.	300	-----	-----
45	West Norfolk	A. C. Davis, West Norfolk, Va.	131	9	70
	Totals		18027	815	7910

These figures include Home Department and Cradle Roll.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME PURPOSES

	CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Current Expenses	Support of S. School	Church Improvements	Aid of Poor	Associational Fund	Other Benevolences	Miscellaneous	Total
1	Berkley Avenue	2500 00	1287 50	474 38	838 46	128 17	10 00	463 41		5701 92
2	Bethel	250 00	40 00		85 51		2 00	110 59	54 19	542 29
3	Blackwater	200 00	37 00	70 00	25 00		3 00		33 00	368 00
4	Burrows Memorial	2700 00	686 92	694 39	7000 00	298 71	5 00		756 55	12141 57
5	Calvary	3220 00	2222 17	1263 76	225 74	87 90	8 00		296 39	7323 96
6	Campostella Heights	1497 50	1321 96	559 84		25 00	4 14		100 00	3508 44
7	Central	4200 00	631 94	1889 68	6000 00	169 17	15 10		3085 85	15991 74
8	Centerville	1250 00	40 00	133 68		25 00	3 00	32 00	125 00	1608 68
9	Churchland	2500 00	800 00	111 50	350 00	240 00	5 00	278 41	150 00	4434 91
10	Court Street	4406 67	8653 12	1200 00	3880 76	1148 89	19 20			19308 64
11	Cradock	1275 00	123 56	350 95	202 83	20 00			349 04	2321 18
12	Deep Creek	1000 00	42 00	272 00	56 00		5 00		117 50	1492 50
13	East Brambleton	500 00								500 00
14	Fairmount Park	2392 00	400 00		690 00	108 00	3 00		45 00	3638 00
15	First	6200 00	9112 37	1477 78		365 03	24 80	1899 26	5422 49	23501 73
16	Fourth Street	3500 00	2902 96	1359 46		891 30	16 54	707 12	111 29	9488 67
17	Freemason Street	6000 00	8744 68	2044 62	1057 50	1060 21	15 00		3898 16	22820 17
18	Gilmerton	240 00	30 00		40 00		50			310 50
19	Grace			14 00	600 00		54	38 25	10 00	662 79
20	James Memorial						2 50			2 50
21	Kempsville	1600 00	108 61	211 49	206 50	40 00	3 00		595 30	2763 90
22	Knotts' Island									
23	Lake Drummond	300 00	40 08			5 50	2 50		13 31	361 39
34	Larchmont	1562 50	2432 56	407 43	258 97		2 50	200 00		4863 96
25	London Bridge	1200 00	120 32	113 18	346 50		5 00	33 48	125 00	1943 48
26	Nansemond	330 00	40 75	41 33			2 00			414 08
27	Northwest	400 00	80 00		100 00	75 00	5 00	1 00	775 00	1436 00
28	Oak Grove	900 00	67 65	156 62	1742 61		5 00		64 00	2935 88
29	Ocean View	2400 00	149 94		40 00	40 00	2 00	246 18	10 00	2888 12
30	Park Avenue	3300 00	2294 15	840 89	1719 74	647 16	12 00		4899 59	13713 53
31	Park Place	4500 00	5173 62	1363 30	791 83	193 00	15 00	119 74	4946 03	17102 52
32	Park View	5000 00	1448 05	1235 45		141 26	10 00			7834 76
33	Pleasant Grove	360 00	25 00				4 00	68 00	50 00	507 00
34	Port Norfolk	4004 00	627 94	915 68	486 65	168 31	10 00		3011 81	9224 39
35	Prentis Place	2488 00	359 90	952 29	530 00		5 00		199 00	4534 19
36	Raleigh Heights	842 07	673 24	68 36		24 13	1 70	335 22	315 70	2260 42
37	South Norfolk	1820 00	1186 04	1300 00	2054 00	425 00	10 00	240 00		7035 04
38	South Street	3000 00	999 75	1006 65	300 00	54 85	10 00	301 61		5672 86
39	Spurgeon Memorial	3000 00	1196 26	1610 66	5098 44	367 20	12 00	562 03	2082 34	13928 93
40	St. John	900 00	44 70	140 76			4 00	48 50	70 00	1207 96
41	Virginia Beach	720 00	25 00	30 00	1600 00		2 06			2377 06
42	Westhaven	1500 00	76 00	338 00		42 00		100 05	34 00	2090 05
43	West Norfolk	1000 00	155 85	489 45	3649 54	10 00	3 00		20 80	5328 64
	Totals	84957 74	54401 67	23137 58	39976 58	6800 79	268 08	5784 85	31766 34	46092 35

BAPTIST SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION CAMPAIGN

	CHURCHES	Quota	Pledged	Paid to Date
1	Berkley Avenue	11344 24	27618 00	10495 35
2	Bethel	1727 14	1424 25	553 77
3	Blackwater	981 20	1280 00	673 00
4	Burrows Memorial	10397 87	28500 00	11201 00
5	Calvary	5222 45	12713 25	3901 65
6	Campostella Heights	2172 94	3026 00	1622 58
7	Central	16335 74	38423 00	12338 48
8	Centerville	6286 50	6341 00	2788 99
9	Churchland	61153 34	62251 80	30083 14
10	Court Street	44812 77	62237 10	24609 40
11	Cradock	---------	1589 00	1016 46
12	Deep Creek	1364 31	3200 00	1143 50
13	East Brambleton	1249 41	1000 00	94 85
14	Fairmount Park	1351 29	5582 00	2605 25
15	First Church	61853 03	90000 00	36352 19
16	Fourth Street	20439 97	31270 00	9115 07
17	Freemason Street	72154 01	111705 71	44151 41
18	Gilmerton	500 00	1005 00	550 00
19	Kempsville	4394 22	5000 00	1446 08
20	Knott's Island	---------	---------	---------
21	Lake Drummond	2685 14	3764 50	777 10
22	Larchmont	2200 00	8632 00	4175 42
23	London Bridge	7220 16	9195 00	3114 55
24	Nansemond	2663 07	4025 00	2120 31
25	Northwest	2798 12	3272 00	2033 00
26	Oak Grove	3144 30	1761 70	1021 85
27	Ocean View	1734 12	2197 00	1008 60
28	Park Avenue	26445 83	43879 75	18551 94
29	Park Place	42189 56	79786 00	25760 00
30	Park View	25362 50	27230 40	13178 41
31	Pleasant Grove	4567 47	5157 00	1165 00
32	Port Norfolk	15816 72	32758 60	9474 93
33	Prentis Place	7302 08	10124 25	3153 95
34	Raleigh Heights	1476 34	3000 00	370 10
35	South Norfolk	12319 98	12467 00	5853 86
36	South Street	14464 62	26146 00	8851 25
37	Spurgeon Memorial	39028 64	40175 50	12406 10
38	St. John	5923 84	4477 00	1542 20
39	Virginia Beach	1319 91	2000 00	687 00
40	West Haven	2383 74	3653 00	990 13
41	West Norfolk	3393 61	4364 40	1821 20
	Total	548882 75	822232 21	312799 07

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTSMOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Session.	Year.	WHERE HELD	MODERATORS	CLERKS	PREACHERS	Churches.	Membership.	CONTRIBUTIONS
117	1907	Pleasant Grove	L. Lankford	Geo. J. Hobday	W. F. Watson	39	9564	97660 45
118	1908	Fourth St.	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	W. Mosby Seay	37	10156	102472 01
119	1909	Suffolk	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	A. J. Fristoe	38	10478	189495 68
120	1910	London Bridge	W. J. Kendrick	Geo. J. Hobday	S. W. Melton	39	10132	140031 59
121	1911	Deep Creek	W. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	J. T. Anderson	40	10521	107730 62
122	1912	Churchland	W. F. Robertson	Geo. J. Hobday	Geo. W. Swope	40	9905	95163 16
123	1913	Port Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	R. D. Stephenson	38	10627	127146 82
124	1914	South Street	R. B. Garrett	Geo. J. Hobday	L. F. Paulette	39	10717	118914 98
125	1915	Oak Grove	R. B. Garrett	H. M. Fugate	W. M. Black	39	11330	129897 97
126	1916	South Norfolk	R. B. Garrett	J. A. McKaughan	W. A. Snyder	39	11890	39304 26
127	1917	St. John	R. B. Garrett	A. O. Boda	B. K. Mason	39	------	----------
128	1918	Central	W. W. Gordon	J. B. Jackson	R. A. Williams	39	10617	151734 52
129	1919	Centerville	H. F. Jones	J. B. Jackson	G. W. Cox	40	13553	246801 87
130	1920	Kempsville	L. C. Brinson	W. T. L. Shepherd	R. J. Dogan	41	14985	336048 77
131	1921	Northwest	L. C. Brinson	W. T. L. Shepherd	H. F. Jones	41	16727	495568 58
132	1922	Freemason Street	W. F. Robertson	W. T. L. Shepherd	I. D. S. Knight	43	17454	339782 53

NOTE—In 1906 the old Portsmouth Association was divided into three separate bodies. Viz.: Portsmouth, Blackwater and Petersburg Associations. The above is table of Portsmouth Association since divided.

W. M. U.

MINUTES OF W. M. U. OF PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION

MORNING SESSION

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Portsmouth Baptist Association was held in Court Street Baptist Church, June 22nd, 1922, and was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. George Martin, at 10:30 o'clock. Singing, "The Son of God Goes Forth To War." Prayer by Mrs. S. A. D. Parker.

Enrollment Committee appointed was Mrs. E. L. Barlow, Mrs. A. H. Belote, Mrs. S. A. Jennings.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. L. E. Barton.

Constitution and By-Laws read by the Secretary.

Enrollment Committee reported fifty-six delegates had registered. Motion made by Mrs. Barlow that the delegates enrolled constitute the body and those coming in later be added. Motion carried.

Program arranged and in hands of delegates was accepted as program of the day. Mrs. Emmett Deans welcomed the Association on behalf of Court Street Society. Mrs. Martin responded.

The following recommendations of Executive Committee were read and adopted:

First: That Article 2 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the word men after the words—work of the.

Second: That Article 3 of Constitution be amended by inserting the words Mission Study Leader after the word Treasurer.

Third: That Article 2 of By-Laws be amended by adding the words—one from each group after the word members.

Fourth: That Article 4 of the By-Laws be changed to read—that a collection of $2.00 from each W. M. S. and Y. W. A. be taken at each annual session to defray expenses of Superintendent to State Convention and Executive Board meetings in Richmond and all necessary expenses in connection with the work. That the various groups provide funds to defray expenses of Supt. to W. M. U. of S. B. C.

Fifth: That Article 1 of By-Laws be amended by adding Section 5, Mission Study Leader. It shall be the duty of the Mission Study Leader to supervise the work of Mission Study in the Association.

Sixth: Whereas, the attendance at the annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Portsmouth Association has increased to such an extent we, the Executive Committee, fear that providing for the lunch may grow to be a burden, therefore, we recommend that each person pay the sum of $0.25 for lunch at all future meetings of the Association.

Wives of new ministers were recognized, Mrs. L. E. Barton, Mrs. E. M. Ramsey, and Mrs. Coburn. Also Training School Girls, Miss Gravett and Miss Watkins.

The following committees were appointed by the Superintendent: Committee to nominate delegates to S. B. C.: Mrs. W. W. Gordon, Miss Annie Arrington, Mrs. C. E. Johnson. Obituary Committee for 1923: Mrs. B. F. Robinson, Mrs. L. E. Hitchings, Mrs. R. J. Campbell. Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. J. T. Coburn, Mrs. E. E. Dudley, Mrs. S. A. D. Parker. Time and Place: Mrs. C. E. Holland, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mrs. W. V. Savage. Nomination Committee for 1923 selected by the body as follows: Mrs. C. L. Whichard, Mrs. D. P. Harris, Mrs. Joseph Grimes, Mrs. E. M. Ramsey, Mrs. John Freeman.

Review of Groups by Group Leaders, using posters, showing number of new organizations and new possibilities.

Societies in Review by W. M. S. President showing in attractive poster form the outstanding feature of their work for the year.

Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation."

"Value of Posters in W. M. U. Work" was impressively presented by Mrs. A. R. Turnbull.

"Figures are Facts," a very interesting report of the S. B. C., was given in attractive poster form by Mrs. I. D. S. Knight.

Mrs. Martin stated that Mrs. R. A. Henderson, who was to have addressed the Association, had not as yet reached the city.

Devotional led by Mrs. E. M. Ramsey closed the morning session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon session was called to order by the Superintendent. Hymn, "Come Women, Wide Proclaim. Prayer, Mrs. P. S. Ferebee.

Minutes of morning session read and accepted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Mission Study was next presented with posters representing the different books in each course. Each book spoke urging us to deeper study that we may be fitted for greater service.

Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Reports of Committees: Time and Place—First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Thursday after third Sunday in June, 1923. Adopted.

Obituary: With saddened hearts your committee brings to your notice the names of those members of the W. M. U. who have died since our last meeting. We thank our Heavenly Father for their Christian lives, and what they have meant to us and our work. Court Street, Mrs. E. W. Tabb, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. E. Thompson; Freemason Street, Mrs. J. F. Shurtliff; Central, Mrs. P. D. Frank; First, Mrs. H. J. Williamson; Park Avenue, Mrs. Annie Arrington, Mrs. M. Thatch, Mrs. S. A. Wicks, Mrs. A. R. Foster; Spurgeon, Mrs. J. C. Haynes, Mrs. A. B. Bingley; Park Place, Mrs. Melva Cromwell, Mrs. F. T. Thompson, Mrs. W .E. Carmen; Berkley Avenue, Mrs. Elizabeth Scarborough, Mrs. J. M. Keeter, Mrs. H. C. Manry, Mrs. W. H. Tarrow, Mrs. Emma Whitehurst, Mrs. Emily Eutyz; South Street, Mrs. W. E. Lewis; Churchland, Mrs. Kate Harrell; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Fannie Buskey; Park View, Mrs. Mary Young, Mrs. Henrietta Saunders, Mrs. Mote, Mrs. W. R. Turner. Rev. 14:13.

The W. M. U. Associational Banner was awarded to Spurgeon Memorial Society.

75 Million Campaign demonstration was effectively given by eight young ladies, stressing the need of paying our pledges.

Stewardship was presented by Miss Grace Cannon.

Solo—Mrs. J. E. Anderson.

Mrs. Martin made a plea for all who would to sign Stewardship Cards.

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers."

Nominating Committee reported the following: Supt., Mrs. George Martin; Asst. Supt., Mrs. R. J. Dogan; Secretary, Miss Cora Nottingham; Treasurer, Miss Annie Arrington; Mission Study Leader, Mrs. H. E. Hood; Norfolk Group Leader, Mrs. W. W. Gordon; Portsmouth Group Leader, Mrs. S. B. Johnson; Berkley Group Leader, Mrs. C. E. Johnson; Norfolk Co. Group Leader, Mrs. J. E. Johnson; Princess

Anne Group Leader, Mrs. Ben Gimbert. Mrs. F. L. Nicholson took the chair and upon motion the officers were elected. Mrs. Martin was presented with a W. M. U. pin in appreciation of her faithful services.

"Royal Service" demonstration was beautifully given by thirty-eight young people of Park Avenue Church, under the direction of Miss May D. Campbell.

Mrs. Turnbull made a motion that a message of love from this body be sent to Dr. R. B. Garrett who was ill in a Richmond hospital. Motion carried.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. R. J. Dogan.

EVENING SESSION

Evening session was opened with singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Rev. B. F. Robinson.

A review of our Junior organizations was given by fifty young people from the Sunbeams, G. A.'s, R. A.'s, and Y. W. A.'s of Portsmouth.

Devotional service led by Mrs. R. A. Henderson, of Council, Va.

Quartet—Mrs. R. E. Bacchus, Mrs. T. C. Flynn, Mr. W. H. McGhee, Mr. B. F. Holland.

Report of Young People's Leader by Mrs. Dogan.

Y. W. A. Banner was presented to Calvary, G. A. to Berkley Avenue, R. A. and Sunbeam banners went to Port Norfolk.

Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us."

Rev. W. Marshall Craig, of Petersburg, Va., addressed our young people on "The World Challenge to Christian Leadership."

Dismissed with prayer by Dr. A. R. Love.

MRS. GEORGE MARTIN, Superintendent.

MISS CORA NOTTINGHAM, Secretary.

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