

North Carolina State Firemen's Association

Secretary Reports – 1910 to 1919

Excerpted from annual conference proceedings.

Listing names of member fire departments.

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J. L. Miller, expenses.....	81 30
J. D. McNeill, expenses.....	110.40
J. D. McNeill, salary.....	150.00
	\$1,026.25

Balance.....\$1,267.44

President McNeill :

You have heard the report of the Treasurer ; it is proper that it be sent to the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Secretary is called for and read, as follows :

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Gentlemen :

I herewith hand you my report as Secretary for the year just ending.

The organization and its membership consists of 99 companies, 1164 men, 44 chiefs, 33 assistant chiefs, 6 superintendents of fire alarms, 12 superintendents of water works and 3 chairmen of fire committees, representing 49 cities as follows :

Cities.	Companies.	Men
Asheville	3	36
Biltmore	1	14
Benson	1	8
Burlington	1	18
Charlotte	3	24
Concord	3	23
Chapel Hill	2	20
Clinton	1	
Chestnut Hill	1	16
Dunn	2	28
Durham	4	39
Elizabeth City	1	15
Edenton	3	32
Fayetteville	2	18
Freemont	1	28
Graham	2	24
Greensboro	5	69
Gastonia	1	14
Greenville	1	32
Goldsboro	3	35

Henderson	1	9
Hickory	2	19
High Point	3	54
Kinston	1	28
Louisburg	2	29
Lexington	1	20
Lenoir	1	14
Monroe	2	53
Morganton	8	34
Mount Airy	1	12
New Berne	2	24
Oxford	1	20
Rocky Mount	1	25
Raleigh	4	
Reidsville	1	
Red Springs	1	
Rockingham	1	19
Salem	2	31
Salisbury	3	18
Sanford	1	14
Spencer	2	24
Statesville	1	13
Southern Pines	3	16
Tarboro	1	25
Washington	5	62
Wilmington	5	37
Winston	4	37
Wilson	1	8
Warrenton	1	
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I have collected the following amounts for the years 1909 and 1910, from the following cities:

1909	Per Capita Tax.
Durham Fire Department.....	\$ 8.50
Dunn Fire Department.....	13.00
Salem Fire Department.....	.50
Rockingham Fire Department.....	15.00
Washington Fire Department.....	6.50
High Point Fire Department.....	.50
Winston Fire Department.....	.50
Charlotte Fire Department.....	8.50

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ments, increases the efficiency of all and adds much to the enthusiasm of the younger members of the Association.

Your business affairs are in good shape, and have been conducted upon business principles. I refer you to the detailed reports of your Secretary and Treasurer. I would recommend the appointment of a Special Committee to formulate a set of rules to especially govern the payment of claims by the several local boards of trustees throughout the State. It seems that there are still a number of them who do not understand their plain duty under the law.

My friends, as far as I know, I am the oldest active member in point of actual service, on the roll of the Association. The present meeting will mark the end of forty-five years of service, since I joined my home department in 1866. I am one of the charter members of our Association, and have given to its best interests freely of my time and service. The work has been one of love and duty. My work as your Chief Executive for the past eighteen years has been made pleasant to me by the many, many courtesies and kindnesses that I have always received from you. I am growing old, however, and the shadows of human existence, are gradually surrounding my life. So long as I may live though, I will certainly retain an intense interest in all that pertains to the welfare of this organization.

I deem it my duty to remind you that this is an age of progress and advancement. The day of young men of energy, enthusiasm and push. To such men must we look for the future of this Association and its best interests.

I say this in all candor and sincerity, and again repeat to you, as I have often done before, that I am ready to turn over to my successor at any time the high honor you have so often conferred upon me, and I can only hope that whenever he is selected that he will give to the position the devotion that the place so eminently deserves.

If the Association ever owed me anything it has fully repaid the debt by the warm fraternal words of sympathy that have come to me from all sections of the State in my recent sad bereavement and grief, and I feel that had it not been for the sympathy of my friends that I could not have borne my burdens.

To one and all, my comrades, I thank you for your wishes, your letters and your kindly expressions of sympathy.

Let me congratulate you upon being the guests of the Queen City of North Carolina. I well know that everything will be done by your hospitable hosts to make your visit pleasant and enjoyable. "That's Charlotte's Way."

In return let us do all we can to show our appreciation and

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to make them realize that they are entertaining the very flower of the patriotic citizenship and manhood of this great old State of ours. Owing to the fact that our comrades in South Carolina and Georgia hold their Annual Tournaments in their own states within the next thirty days, we are deprived of their attendance with us this week. While we regret this very much, both on our own and their part, and of Charlotte's account, still we will try and show to our hosts such an exhibition of skill, daring and efficiency in our Tournament work as to make them fully realize that the Service of North Carolina are entitled to rank with the very best on earth, in all that calls for a splendid demonstration of grit and manhood.

Urging the utmost harmony in all of our proceedings and especially requesting all delegates to pay attention to the business affairs of the Association. I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. D. McNEILL.

President McNeill:

Next report. The report of the Secretary. The report of the Secretary is read, as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Gentlemen:

I herewith hand you my report as Secretary for the year just ending.

The organization and its membership consists of 95 companies, 1,300 men, 44 chiefs, 28 assistant chiefs, 8 superintendents of fire alarms, 8 superintendents of water works and 1 chairman of fire committees, representing 51 cities as follows:

Cities	Companies	Men
Asheville	3	36
Biltmore	1	16
Benson	1	8
Burlington	1	19
Charlotte	3	16
Concord	3	24
Chapel Hill	1	17
Clinton	1	
Chestnut Hill	1	15
Dunn	2	23

Durham	3	34
Elizabeth City	1	17
Edenton	3	32
Fayetteville	2	22
Fremont	1	23
Graham	1	17
Greensboro	5	64
Gastonia	1	14
Greenville	1	30
Goldshoro	3	64
Henderson	1	11
Hickory	2	19
High Point	3	55
Kinston	1	25
Louisburg	2	26
Lexington	1	20
Lenoir	1	14
Monroe	2	60
Marion	1	09
Morganton	1	18
Morehead City	1	6
Mount Airy	1	12
New Bern	3	42
Oxford	1	15
Rocky Mount	1	24
Raleigh	4	80
Reidsville	1	
Red Springs	1	
Rockingham	1	
Salem	2	18
Salisbury	3	34
Sanford	1	17
Spencer	2	15
Statesville	1	24
Southern Pines	3	13
Tarboro	1	17
Washington	5	26
Wilmington	5	62
Winston	4	33
Wilson	1	79
Warrenton	1	8
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I have collected the following amounts for the years 1910

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and 1911, from the following cities:

1910	Per Capita Tax.
Asheville Fire Department	\$1.50
Fayetteville Fire Department	3.00
Kinston Fire Department	16.00
New Bern Fire Department	7.50
Rocky Mount Fire Department	.50
Raleigh Fire Department	45.00
Sanford Fire Department	.50
Wilmington	1.00
Morehead City Fire Department	9.00
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Asheville Fire Department	22.00
Burlington Fire Department	14.00
Charlotte Fire Department	10.00
Concord	13.00
Chestnut Hill	9.50
Durham	21.00
Elizabeth City	9.50
Fayetteville	10.00
Fremont	16.00
Greensboro	34.00
Greenville	17.00
High Point	29.50
Hickory	11.50
Henderson	6.50
Kinston	13.50
Lenoir	8.00
Louisburg	14.00
Monroe	31.00
Mount Airy	8.00
New Bern	22.00
Oxford	9.50
Rocky Mount	14.00
Sanford	8.50
Salisbury	10.50
Salem	19.50
Southern Pines	10.00
Spencer	15.00
Statesville	9.50
Tarboro	16.00
Winston	40.00
Wilmington	21.50
Washington	18.50

Let me again renew my hopes that the departments of the State will observe our regular memorial day, in accordance with our ritual, in a manner worthy of the sentiment that it so eminently merits.

I recommend that a copy of the ritual be published in our annual year book. In accordance with Topic No. 4, I recommend the annual appropriation of \$500.00 or at least as much as 5 per cent. of the Insurance tax that now goes into our general fund amounts to (not to exceed that amount) be appropriated as a bonus to the Town or City, that entertains our annual Convention and Tournaments, to help them defray the necessary expenses incident to the occasion. I especially hope that this matter will receive the most intelligent discussion.

As you all doubtless remember, at our last year's session in Charlotte, we had no especial invitation extended to us for our 1912 meeting and the matter at my suggestion was left to your Executive Committee. For some years, it had been my cherished desire to have you all to meet here in my home City, but I so fully realized the danger of not being able to comfortably take care of so large a body of visitors within our limited hotel accommodations that I hesitated to extend you the invitation; however receiving such an enthusiastic response from our people to the suggestion that you should be our guests next year, I did so, and can only hope that every visitor will be pleased with the treatment that he will receive and go back to his home with the pleasantest of recollections of his visit to this historic old city of the upper Cape Fear.

Now, my comrades and friends, with a heart overflowing with gratitude for the honors and courtesies that you have extended to me in the past, let me thank you one and all for the invaluable assistance you have rendered me in building up our Association to the highest standard of organized efficiency that we have attained. Let me urge upon you to ever let your motto be to go forward! I have served you now for ten years as your Chief Executive. I never have been and never expect to be a candidate in any sense of the word for re-election. I am ready, and truthfully and honestly willing, to retire in favor of anyone whom you may select to succeed me, and I heartily pledge in advance to him my best efforts to make the future of

our Association greater and more benefit to its members and the general public than ever before.

Counselling the utmost harmony in all of our deliberations, and urging upon every one to excel his brother in good deeds, I am,

Yours to command,
JAS. D. McNEILL,
President.

President McNeill:

What is the wish of the convention as regards this report?

Delegate:

I move you, sir, that the report be accepted with thanks.

Motion seconded and carried.

President McNeill:

I tried to write this report for publication in the State papers. It seems to me that I have put in material that ought to have some good effect as an educating influence among the reading public of the State. Mr. Secretary, the report will be filed and copied in the regular proceedings of the convention.

President McNeill:

The convention will please pay attention to the reading of the report of the Secretary of this Association. This is another very valuable report and you must pay attention to it at this business session.

(Secretary Miller reads his report.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Gentlemen:

I herewith hand you my report as Secretary for the year ending July 1, 1912.

The organization and its membership consists of 98 companies, 1,277 men, 45 chiefs, 26 assistant chiefs, 4 superintendents of fire alarm, 7 superintendents of water works, representing 53 cities and towns as follows:

Cities.	Companies.	Men.
Asheville	3	37
Benson	1	8
Biltmore	1	16
Burlington	1	18
Chapel Hill	1	22
Charlotte	3	19
Chestnut Hill	1	15
Concord	3	29
Clinton	1	
Dunn	2	23
Durham	3	34
Edenton	3	32
Elizabeth City	1	14
Fayetteville	2	22
Fremont	1	8
Gastonia	1	14
Graham	2	29
Goldsboro	2	49
Greensboro	5	65
Greenville	1	27
Henderson	1	15
Hickory	1	17
High Point	3	54
Kinston	2	43
Lincolnton	1	10
Lenoir	1	13
Louisburg	2	24
Lexington	1	
Marion	1	
Morehead City	1	21
Monroe	1	22
Morganton	1	18
Mount Airy	1	12
Newbern	4	56
Oxford	1	15
Raleigh	4	80
Red Springs	1	
Reidsville	1	
Rockingham	1	
Roanoke Rapids	1	26
Rocky Mount	1	24
Salem	2	37
Salisbury	3	14
Sanford	1	12

Cities.	Companies.	Men.
Southern Pines	3	16
Spencer	3	49
Statesville	1	16
Tarboro	1	25
Washington	4	54
Wilmington	5	36
Wilson	1	14
Winston	4	73
Warrenton	1	
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I have drawn during the year the following warrants on the general fund, amounting to \$840.40:

W. A. Cruse, operating Electric Starter. Charlotte	\$ 30.00
M. S. Davis, Stat., salary, printing, expense to Charlotte	57.50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, printing letter heads	1.50
J. L. Miller, secretary, envelopes and letters	6.50
J. L. Miller, secretary, official starter	25.00
J. L. Miller, Sec., Ex. to Charlotte, tape, postage & express	31.25
J. D. McNeill, president, expense to Charlotte meeting	32.35
R. C. Taylor, expense Charlotte meeting	20.55
Mrs. S. W. Summers, stenographic work Charlotte meeting	30.00
J. D. McNeill, president, salary to July 1st, 1911	37.50
J. L. Miller, secretary, salary to July 1st, 1911	37.50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, salary to July 1st, 1911	37.50
J. D. McNeill, president, salary to October 1st, 1911	37.50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, salary to October 1st, 1911	37.50
J. L. Miller, secretary, salary to October 1st, 1911	37.50
Harris Printery, printing 500 benefit blanks	5.00
J. L. Miller, secretary, postage, express and freight on proceedings	29.52
Winston Ptg Co., 650 copies proceedings and 500 envelopes	201.80
J. D. McNeill, president, salary to January 1st, 1912	37.50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, salary to January 1st, 1912	37.50
J. L. Miller, secretary, salary to January 1st, 1912	37.50
J. D. McNeill, president, expenses executive committee meeting Concord	16.65
T. D. Maness, premium on secretary's bond	5.00
J. D. McNeill, president, printing and postage	12.75
M. S. Davis, Stat., expense executive committee meeting Concord	14.94
J. D. McNeill, president, salary to April 1st, 1912	37.50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, salary to April 1st, 1912	37.50
J. L. Miller, secretary, salary to April 1st, 1912	37.50

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mittee, we might appoint one to formulate some plan of action and it can be put before the body and accepted or rejected.

President McNeill:

The chair will state that we always appoint special committees: The position you take is exactly right; that's the course that should be taken and I would like to see all the delegates pay more attention to the business interests of the Association. This is getting to be a great big business organization, and more business should be put into our convention affairs. Do I understand you to make that as a motion, that the President's report be referred to a Committee to separate it?

Mr. Jeanerette:

I think that would be advisable, but I didn't want to put it as a motion, because I haven't taken much interest in the Association recently; I have somewhat neglected the convention as I am an old farmer. This is the second year I have attended the convention in many years.

Mayor Boyden:

This matter has to be governed by each organization. They are the only men who are competent to report the condition of your men. It is absolutely in the hands of each company that has an organization.

President McNeill:

The chair will remind Mr. Boyden that the question is upon the report as a whole. Mr. Jeanerette's motion was that a committee to dissect that report and report back to the house.

Mr. Park, of Raleigh, moves the adoption of the President's report as a whole; motion duly seconded and carried.

President McNeill:

That carries it, Brother Jeanerette, the appointment of a committee to get up this matter. My understanding was that the Committee would present a form of certificate adoption.

Mr. Jeanerette:

If the chair decides that it provides for the Committee, I will take your decision for it.

President McNeill:

The recommendation was that the committee be appointed and the adoption of that report naturally carries that with it.

Delegate from Salisbury:

I move that the Executive Committee be instructed to get that form up for the next meeting.

President McNeill:

The Executive Committee is composed of the officers and we all go out of office now.

Delegate from Salisbury:

I don't know about that, Captain.

President McNeill:

Well, however that it, it should be made the Executive Committee, whoever it may be.

The motion is seconded, put and carried.

President McNeill:

The next report is the report of the Secretary. This is the most important office in your Association. He has more to do than all the balance of the officers put together. The work is piling up and the affairs of the Association are in the best possible shape—the best shape they have ever been in, and I am anxious for you to see the condition he has it in.

The Secretary reads his report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Gentlemen:

I herewith hand you my report as Secretary for the year, ending July 1, 1913.

The membership of the organization consists of 96 companies, 1,260 men, 46 chiefs, 28 assistant chiefs, three superintendents of fire alarms, six superintendents of water works, representing 54 cities and towns as follows:

Asheville, Benson, Biltmore, Burlington, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Concord, Chestnut Hill, Clinton, Dunn, Durham, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Fremont, Gastonia, Graham, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Henderson, Hickory, High Point, Kinston,

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Lincolnton, Lenoir, Louisburg, Lumberton, Morganton, Morehead City, Monroe, Mount Airy, Newbern, Oxford, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Rockingham, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Salem, Spencer, Spencer (Shop), Spencer (East) Salisbury Sanford, Southern Pines, Statesville, Tarboro, Washington, Wilmington, Winston, Wilson, Warrenton.

I have drawn during the year the following warrants on the General Fund, amounting to \$1,342.44:

July 25, 1912. Davis, M. S., Statistician, salary, postage and expense to Fayetteville convention.....	\$ 47.86
July 25, 1912. Thompson, C. W., operating electric starter	25.00
July 25, 1912. Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, official starter, expenses to Fayetteville convention, irons pins, tape etc.	52.23
August 10, 1912. McNeill, Jas. D., President., railway fare, hotel bills, etc.....	62.06
August 10, 1912. Taylor, R. C., Treasurer, expense to Fayetteville and postage	16.10
August 17, 1912. Bernard, S. G., expense on Acct. Insurance Com.-meetings	68.10
August 17, 1912. McNeill, Jas. D., expense on Acct. Insurance Com.-meetings	584.30
October 1, 1912. McNeill, Jas. D., President, salary to October 1, 1912	37.50
October 1, 1912. Taylor, R. C., Treasurer, salary to October 1, 1912	37.50
October 1, 1912. Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, to October 1, 1912	37.50
October 23, 1912. Taylor, R. C., Treasurer, premium on bond to August 12, 1913	15.00
January 1, 1913. McNeill, Jas. D., President, salary to January 1, 1913	37.50
January 1, 1913. Taylor, R. C., Treasurer, salary to Jan. January 1, 1913	37.50
January 1, 1913. Miller, J. L., Secretary, salary to Jan. January 1, 1913	37.50
Jan. 25, 1913. Myrover, H. L., stenographer, Fayetteville meeting.....	25.00
March 1, 1913. Miller, Secretary, bond, cuts, postage on minutes, express, etc.	49.49
March 1, 1913. Concord Times, printing minutes.....	232.50
April 1, 1913. McNeill, Jas. D., President, salary to April 1, 1913	37.50

April 1, 1913. Taylor, R. C., Treasurer, salary to April 1, 1913	37.50
April 1, 1913. Miller, Jno. L., Secretary, salary to April 1, 1913	37.50
June 30, 1913. McNeill, Jas. D., President, salary to June 30, 1913	37.50
June 30, 1913. Taylor, R. C., Treasurer, salary to June 30, 1913	37.50
June 30, 1913. Miller, Jno. L. Secretary, salary to June 30, 1913, and printing and postage	52.40
June 30, 1913. McNeill, Jas. D., President, railway fare, hotel bills, printing, postage, Richmond, Wilmington, etc.	82.40
	\$1,724.94
Less printing proceedings	\$232.50
Less Treasurer's salary for one year	150.00
	\$382.50
Total	\$1,342.44

I have drawn during the year the following warrants on the Relief Fund, amounting to \$1,802.50:

Elks, R. E., Goldsboro.....	\$ 26.00
Hill, Frank, Asheville	204.00
Smith, R. C., Wilmington	7.00
Squires, L. M., Burlington	15.00
Alligood, S. F. Washington	20.00
Holbrooks, H. E., Salem	20.00
Rogers, R. L., Winston	12.00
Poole, E. L., Fayetteville	29.00
Tuttle, R. M., Winston	25.00
Monroe, W. P. Wilmington	15.00
Watson, W. A., Greensboro	200.00
Palmer, W. H., Charlotte	42.00
Sizemore, E. E., Oxford	28.00
Walker, Burette, Statesville	20.00
Parsons, Carlton, Newbern	27.00
Moore, G. D., Burlington	25.00
Christian, D. C., Durham	20.00
Disosway, W. J., Newbern	28.00
Barnhardt, J. A., Spencer	44.00
Moody, A. E., Charlotte	72.00
Agent, J. T., Newbern	8.00
Johnston, T. F., Durham	6.00
Thompson, R. F., Wilmington	20.00
Cavin, E. D., Salisbury	5.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.
Gentlemen:

I herewith hand you my report as Secretary for the year ending July 1, 1914.

The membership of the organization consists of 104 companies, 1420 men, 50 chiefs, 33 assistant chiefs, 7 superintendents of fire alarms, 7 superintendents of water works, and one fire marshal, representing 57 cities and towns as follows:

Asheville, Benson, Biltmore, Burlington, Chapel Hill, Charlotta, Concord, Chestnut Hill, Clinton, Dunn, Durham, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Fremont, Gastonia, Graham, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Henderson, Hickory, High Point, Kinston, Lincolnton, Lenoir, Louisburg, Lumberton, Morganton, Morehead City, Monroe, Mount Airy, Mooresville, Newbern, Oxford, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Rockingham, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Salem, Spencer, Salisbury, Sanford, Southern Pines, Statesville, Tarboro, Washington, Wilmington, Winston-Salem, Wilson, Warrenton, East Spencer, Thomasville, Lexington.

I have drawn during the year the following warrants on the General Fund, amounting to \$1,836.36:

August 2, 1913. Jas. D. McNeill, President, printing and postage and expense to meeting in Wilmington	\$ 42.05
August 15, 1913. Chief Chas. Schnibbens, Chairman Finance Committee on account of the Convention	500.00
August 15, 1913. G. T. Williamson, operating Electric Starter	25.00
August 15, 1913. Jas. D. McNeill, President, expense to Charlotte, Sanford, etc	39.80
August 15, 1913. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, expense to Wilmington meeting, \$36.00; printing and postage, \$14.17; official starter, \$25.00	75.17
August 18, 1913. M. Stewart Davis, Statistician, salary for year, \$25; expense Wilmington meeting, \$22.65; telegram, 50 cents; stenographer and postage, \$6.80	54.95
August 23, 1913. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, expense to Wilmington meeting, stamps, etc.	31.30
August 30, 1913. Jas. D. McNeill, President, expenses to Wilmington meeting, \$29.45; expense to Concord, Gastonia, etc., \$20.40.	49.85
August 30, 1913. A. H. Boyden, Vice President, expense to Wilmington	24.75
September 17, 1913. Mears Harriss, stenographer, reporting proceedings of Wilmington meeting	35.00

October 1, 1913. Jas. D. McNeill, President, salary to October 1, 1913	50.00	
October 1, 1913. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, salary to October 1, 1913	43.75	
October 1, 1913. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, salary to October 1, 1913, and printing	55.75	
November 6, 1913. R. C. Taylor, premium on bond, one year	14.00	
November 6, 1913. The Concord Times, printing 700 copies proceedings and envelopes	175.05	
January 1, 1914. Jas. D. McNeill, President, salary to January 1, 1914.	62.50	
January 1, 1914. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, salary to January 1, 1914	50.00	
January 1, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, salary to January 1, 1914.	62.50	
January 1, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, printing, postage, express, telegrams and stationery	30.27	
March 20, 1914. Jas. D. McNeill, President, expense to Winston and Raleigh, printing etc.	26.20	
April 1, 1914. Jas. D. McNeill, President, salary to April 1, 1914	62.50	
April 1, 1914. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, salary to April 1, 1914.	50.00	
April 1, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, salary to April 1, 1914, \$62.50; postage, \$4.90	67.40	
July 1, 1914. Jas. D. McNeill, President, Salary to July 1, 1914	62.50	
July 1, 1914. R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, salary to July 1, 1914	50.00	
July 1, 1914. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, salary to July 1, 1914, \$62.50; stationery, printing and postage, \$33.57	96.07	
Less printing proceedings	\$175.05	\$1,836.36
Less Treasurer's salary	200.00	375.05
July 1, 1914. Total		\$1,461.31

I have drawn during the year the following warrants on the Relief Fund, amounting to \$1,786.05:

July 12, 1913. Shaw, G. R., Greensboro	24.00
July 12, 1913. Willis, J. L., Morehead City	24.44
July 12, 1913. Cline, P. D., Salem	16.00
July 28, 1913. Glascoe, H. B., Winston	15.00
August 2, 1913. Smith, G. G., Wilmington	28.00

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"First Aid to the Injured," with demonstrations, and to lead the discussion upon the necessity for "Fire Inspection and Prevention." To Chief Nissen, of Winston, "The Necessity for and the Best Methods of Caring for Fire Hose." To Chief Schnibben, of Wilmington, and to Chief Davis, of New Berne, "The Value and Use of Chemicals in Extinguishing Fire." I trust every member will take an interest in these important discussions, and that anyone will feel at liberty to ask for information on any subject connected with fire-protection of fire-prevention.

Let me congratulate you upon being the guests of one of the most noted Fire Department towns in the world. We have been its guests twice before. We knew that when we accepted their generous invitation last year that a joyous time awaited us as their 1915 guests. I predict for you one of the pleasantest events in your organized existence.

Let me also congratulate you upon the continued advancement in our Association membership. To those who are meeting with us this year for the first time, let me extend a warm welcome to all of our deliberations and privileges. Push the button—New Berne and your comrades will do the rest.

Counselling the utmost harmony in all our deliberations, and a constant attendance upon our sessions, with my heart full of gratitude for all, for your very, very many courtesies, kindnesses and honors bestowed upon myself in the past, I have the honor to be

Gratefully and fraternally,
JAS. D. McNEILL.

President McNeill:

What shall be done with the report?

(It was moved and seconded that it be adopted and made a part of the minutes.)

President McNeill:

The next business is the Secretary's report. Gentlemen, this is a question of your finances. Please pay attention as it is a matter of the greatest importance to you.

(Secretary reads the report.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

Gentlemen: It is a pleasure and my duty to transmit herewith to you, this report as Secretary, for the fiscal years ending, July first, nineteen hundred fifteen.

The membership of the organization consists of 118 companies, 1411 men, 59 chiefs, 42 assistant chiefs, 12 superintendents of water works, 8 superintendents of fire alarms and 2 fire marshals, representing 66 cities and towns as follows:

Asheville, Benson, Biltmore, Brevard, Burlington, Carthage, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Clinton, Concord, Dunn, Durham, East Spencer, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Fremont, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Graham, Greensboro, Greenville, Henderson, Hickory, High Point, Kinston, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, Louisburg, Lambertton, Maxton, Monroe, Mooresville, Morehead City, Mount Airy, Morganton, New Berne, Newton, Oxford, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Sanford, Shelby, Southern Pines, Spencer, Statesville, Tarboro, Thomasville, Warrenton, Washington, Waynesville, Winston-Salem, Wadesboro, Beaufort, Enfield, Farmville.

I have issued during the year warrants on the General Fund, amounting to \$1996.64 as follows:

1914.

July 11. J. D. McNeill, President, railroad fare, hotel bills, to Florence, Winston-Salem, Richmond and Charlotte and printing -----	\$ 56.25
July 23. Schultz, the Florist, two wreaths, funerals of Chief Wallace and Capt. Glenn -----	25.00
Aug. 5. M. S. Davis, Statistician, salary for one year and expenses to Winston-Salem Convention -----	95.62
Aug. 7. R. L. Hopper, Chief, Chairman Finance Committee on account of the Convention -----	500.00
Aug. 7. P. L. Womack, furnishing and operating Electric starter for tournament. -----	25.00
Aug. 13. Jno L. Miller, Secretary, railroad fare and hotel bills, while visiting the following towns: Wadesboro, Rockingham, Hamlet, Lexington, Reidsville, Thomasville, Winston-Salem, Wilkesboro, Tay-	

mony in all our deliberations, and wishing for all a most pleasant and instructive meeting, I am fraternally,

Yours to Command,

JAS. D. McNEILL,

There is a great deal in the report and not so much either. It is simply a resume of the past and recommendations for the future. We have before us now, I think, the greatest work of any organization in the State. There are more people looking to us, more dependent upon us than upon any other organization in the State, and I want this organization to measure up to the high standard upon which we have placed it. The report is now before your body if there is anything in it you desire to discuss. What shall be done with the President's Report?

It was moved and seconded that the Report of the President be accepted and that it be spread upon the minutes of this Convention.

Motion adopted.

President McNeill:

Mr. Secretary, you are the most responsible and important officer of this Association. Your report is the next in order.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

Gentlemen: It is a pleasure and my duty to transmit herewith to you my annual report as Secretary for the fiscal year ending July the first, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

The membership of the organization consists of 133 companies, 1,568 men, 65 chiefs, 37 assistant chiefs, 11 superintendents of water works, 11 superintendents of fire alarm and 2 fire marshals, representing 76 cities and towns as follows:

Asheville, Beaufort, Belhaven, Benson, Biltmore, Bre-

vard, Burlington, Carthage, Charlotte, Chapel Hill, Clinton, Concord, Dunn, Durham, East Spencer, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Enfield, Farmville, Fayetteville, Fremont, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Graham, Greensboro, Greenville, Hamlet, Henderson, Hickory, High Point, Kannapolis, Kings Mountain, Kinston, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, Louisburg, Lumberton, Maxton, Monroe, Mooresville, Morehead City, Morganton, Mount Airy, Mount Olive, New Berne, Newton, North Wilkesboro, Oxford, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Salisbury, Sanford, Selma, Shelby, Southern Pines, Southport, Spencer, Statesville, Tarboro, Thomasville, Wadesboro, Warrenton, Washington, Waynesville, Wilmington, Wilson, Winston-Salem, Canton, Elm City.

I have issued during the year warrants on the General Fund amounting to \$1,626.79 as follows:

1915.

July 17, Jas D. McNeill, President, railroad fare, hotel bills, to Newbern, Raleigh, Wadesboro, Charlotte, Brevard, Monroe, Shelby and Marion -----	\$ 87.45
July 30, Thos. D. Davis, Statistician, railroad fare, hotel bill, to Charlotte, Ex.-Com. meeting. -----	18.40
Aug. 12, Thos. D. Davis, chairman, finance committee, appropriation, entertaining Convention -----	500.00
Aug. 12, Thos. D. Davis, operating electric starter for contests 1915 -----	25.00
Aug. 23, Thos. D. Davis, Statistician, stationery, postage, and salary for one year -----	91.00
Aug. 23, Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, hotel bill, railroad fare, convention 1915, and official starter -----	67.79
Aug. 27, Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer, premium on bond -----	13.75
Aug. 27, Hon. Victor Bryant, expense to Newbern -----	11.75

Asheville, Beaufort, Belhaven, Benson, Biltmore, Brevard, Burlington, Canton, Carthage, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Clinton, Concord, Dunn, Durham, East Spencer, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Elm City, Enfield, Farmville, Fayetteville, Fremont, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Graham, Greensboro, Greenville, Hamlet, Henderson, Hickory, High Point, Kannapolis, King's Mountain, Maxton, Monroe, Mooresville, Morehead City, Morganton, Murphy, Mount Airy, Mount Olive, New Berne, North Wilkesboro, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Salisbury, Sanford, Selma, Shelby, Southern Pines, Southport, Spencer, Spencer Shop Team, Statesville, Tarboro, Thomasville, Warrenton, Wadesboro, Waynesville, Washington, Wilmington, Wilson and Winston-Salem.

I have issued during the year warrants on the General Fund amounting to \$2,089.26 as follows:

1916.

July 20, The Judge Printing Co., printing certificates, letter heads and reports -----	\$ 63.50
July 20, Jas D. McNeill, Pres., expense visiting different departments -----	84.00
July 20, Chas. D. Farmer, chairman, appropriation entertaining convention. -----	600.00
July 25, Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, expense to Convention, postage, printing badges, official starter -----	71.12
July 25, A. A. Doolittle, operating electric starter -----	25.00
July 26, H. Mahler & Sons, purchase of gift and presented to Capt. Jas. D. McNeill -----	120.00
July 26, A. H. Boyden, expense to convention -----	15.00
July 26, W. T. Smith, stenographer for convention -----	25.00
Aug. 5, Thos. D. Davis, Stat., expense to convention, postage and salary for one year -----	92.00
Aug. 10, Chief J. H. Wood, floral design Chief Lipe -----	15.00
Aug. 26, Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer, expense to convention, and premium on bond -----	52.10

Aug. 28, A. M. Clarke, Vice President, expense to New Berne and aleigh Convention -----	29.60
Sept. 29, Jas. D. McNeill, Pres., expense to convention, telephone and telegraph messages -----	36.25
Oct. 1, Jas. D. McNeill, President, salary for quarter ending October 1, 1917 -----	62.50
Oct. 1, Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer, salary for quarter ending October 1, 1917 -----	50.00
Oct. 1, Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, salary for quarter ending October 1, 1916, and postage -----	67.76
Nov. 24, The Concord Times, printing proceedings of 1916 convention (186 pages) -----	186.20
Nov. 24, Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, postage on minutes, official seal and drayage -----	27.40

1917

Jan. 1, Jas. D. McNeill, President, Salary for quarter ending January 1, 1917 -----	62.50
Jan. 1, Chas. Schnibben, Treasurer, salary for quarter ending January 1, 1917 -----	50.00
January 1, Jno. L. Miller, Secretary for quarter ending January 1, 1917. -----	62.50
Feb. 13, H. S. Williams, time spent in Raleigh and expense -----	35.00
Feb. 13, Jno. L. Miller, printing Raleigh, mailing tube and seals, expense to Raleigh and postage -----	43.10
Feb. 17, Paul R. Capelle, expense to Raleigh Legislative Committee -----	15.00
Feb. 17, The Judge Printing Co., printing and stamps -----	18.20
Feb. 17, Jas A. Turner, expense Leg. Com. meeting -----	14.50
Feb. 28, E. E. Pain, expense, Leg. Com meeting -----	25.45
March 2, Jas. D. McNeill, expense, Leg. Com. meeting -----	106.71

In order to make the event as profitable and as enjoyable as possible, I suggested to Insurance Commissioner Young that he join in with us and hold his Electrical and Fire Prevention meeting at the same time and place. To this he agreed, and I trust that every delegate will make it his business to attend these meetings as well as those of our State Association.

I cannot too strongly impress upon each and everyone of the value and importance of our State Association and the work that its members are doing in protecting and preserving the property and lives of our people from destruction by man's most dangerous enemy. General Sherman said that "war is hell," and the Huns are certainly making it hellish in its hideousness and while the military manhood of America is doing its full duty in preserving to humanity the blessings of our Christian civilization just so, my comrades, are you patriotically protecting and defending from destruction the lives and hopes of those for whom our military manhood is giving up so freely their human efforts, blood and lives. Our work, therefore, being of an intense patriotic character, I trust that you will all feel and realize that you are in the service of your country and doing your full part in helping our Government in winning the war and restoring humanity its birth-right of freedom and civilization.

It gives me pleasure to report the financial affairs of the Association in a strong, healthy condition, as the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer will show. Our business affairs have been conducted in a business-like manner by good business men. Asking from every member their hearty co-operation in making this year's Convention a success in every way, I have the honor to be,

Fraternally yours,

JAS. D. McNEILL,
President.

The next report is the report of the Secretary, which will be read by acting Secretary Taylor.

(Secretary's Report read by Mr. Taylor.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:
Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure and my duty to transmit herewith to you my annual report as Secretary for the fiscal year ending July 1, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

The membership consists of organizations in 76 cities and towns as follows:

Asheville, Beaufort, Belhaven, Benson, Biltmore, Brevard, Burlington, Canton, Carthage, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Clinton, Concord, Dunn, Durham, East Spencer, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Elm City, Enfield, Farmville, Fayetteville, Fremont, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Graham, Greensboro, Greenville, Hamlet, Henderson, Hendersonville, Hickory, High Point, Kannapolis, Kings Mountain, Kinston, Maxton, Monroe, Mooresville, Morehead City, Morganton, Murphy, Mount Airy, Mount Olive, New Berne, Newton, North Wilkesboro, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Salisbury, Sanford, Selma, Shelby, Southern Pines, Southport, Spencer, Statesville, Tarboro, Thomasville, Warrenton, Wadesboro, Waynesville, Washington, Wilmington, Wilson, Winston-Salem, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, Louisburg, Lumberton.

I have issued during the year warrants on the General Fund amounting to \$1,238.55 as follows:

1917.

July 31, Jno. L. Miller, Sect'y, expense to convention, stenographers expenses, stamps and tele-

report as Secretary for the fiscal year ending July 1st, nineteen hundred and nineteen.

The membership consists of organizations in seventy-seven cities and towns as follows:

Asheville, Beaufort, Belhaven, Benson, Biltmore, Brevard, Burlington, Canton, Carthage, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Clinton, Concord, Dunn, Durham, East Spencer, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Elm City, Enfield, Farmville, Fayetteville, Fremont, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Graham, Greensboro, Greenville, Hamlet, Henderson, Hendersonville, Hickory, High Point, Kannapolis, King's Mountain, Kinston, Lenoir, Lexington, Lincolnton, Louisburg, Lumberton, Maxton, Monroe, Mooresville, Morehead City, Morganton, Murphy, Mount Airy, Mount Olive, New Bern, Newton, North Wilkesboro, Oxford, Oteen, Raleigh, Red Springs, Reidsville, Roanoke Rapids, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Roxboro, Salisbury, Sanford, Selma, Sheby, Southern Pines, Southport, Spencer, Statesville, Tarboro, Thomasville, Warrenton, Wadesboro, Waynesville, Washington, Wilmington, Wilson, Winston-Salem.

I have issued during the year warrants on the General Fund amounting to \$1,972.15, as follows:

1918.

Sept. 5, Concord Job Printery, printing for Secretary -----	\$ 14.00
Sept. 5, R. C. Taylor, expense to convention and Concord -----	39.00
Sept. 5, Jas. D. McNeill, Pres., expense to Asheville and Wilmington, postage and stenographer --	82.00
Sept. 5, Chas. Schnibben, Treas., badges for convention -----	34.62
Sept. 5, Leon Motte, stenographer for convention	25.00
Sept. 6, F. A. Lord, premium on Treasurer's bond	13.75
Oct. 1, Jas. D. McNeill, Pres., salary to Oct 1, 1918	62.50

Oct. 1, Chas. Schnibben, Treas., salary to Oct. 1, 1918 -----	50.00
Oct. 1, Jno. L. Miller, Sect., stamps and salary to October 1, 1918 -----	81.90
Dec. 4, C. W. Styron, expense to Relief Committee meeting, Wrightsville -----	16.04
Dec. 4, D. D. Overton, expense to Relief Committee meeting, Wrightsville -----	16.00
Dec. 4, E. E. Bain, expense to Relief Committee meeting, Wrightsville -----	16.00
Dec. 4, J. W. Thurman, expense to Relief Committee meeting, Wrightsville -----	16.00
Dec. 4, Chas. D. Farmer, expense to Relief Committee meeting, Wrightsville, and salary for year -----	90.50
Dec. 4, Jas. D. McNeill, Pres., expense to Convention, telephones and telegrams -----	31.55
Dec. 31, Jas. D. McNeill, Pres., salary for quarter ending Dec, 31, 1918 -----	62.50
Dec. 31, Chas. Schnibben, Treas., salary for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1918 -----	50.00
Dec. 31, Jno. L. Miller, Secty., salary for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1918 -----	62.50
Feb. 8, R. C. Taylor, expense Legislative meeting, Raleigh -----	11.00
Feb. 22, Chas. D. Farmer, Stat., printing envelopes, reports and letter heads -----	18.75
March 12, Chas. W. Styron, expense Legislative Committee meeting, Raleigh -----	18.96
March 12, J. W. Thurman, expense Legislative Committee meeting, Raleigh -----	93.90
March 12, Annie J. DeBoy, stenographic work for Chas. D. Farmer, Chairman Legislative Committee -----	28.46
March 12, Chas. D. Farmer, expense as Chairman Legislative Committee -----	87.70