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THIRTEENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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Reformed Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

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THIRTEENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

Acts and Proceedings

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened according to appointment in the Second Reformed Church, Tiffin O., May Twenty-Third, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine. The sessions commenced on the evening of the Twenty-Third and continued until Wednesday afternoon the last day in the month of May.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the Second Reformed church, Tiffin, O., on Tuesday evening, May 23rd, A. D. 1899, at 7:30 P. M., agreeably to appointment of the last triennial meeting, and was opened with religious services conducted by Revs. Drs. Sam'l G. Wagner and Ph. Vollmer. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Jno. A. Peters, of Tiffin, O., from the text recorded in St. John 15:26-27 and Acts 1:8.

After the service Synod was called to order by the President, Rev. Dr. Jno. A. Peters, and formally opened with prayer.

The Stated Clerk called the Synodical Roll; all the certified delegates present, answered to their names and a quorum was found in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Eastern Synod.

Classes.	Ministers.	Elders.
<i>East Pennsylvania</i> . . .	Thomas H. Krick, Wallace H. Wotring, Henry M. Kieffer, D.D. ⁹ Franklin W. Smith,	Jacob Rader, Jos. D. Siegfried,

Classes.	Ministers.	Elders.
<i>Lebanon</i>	Jonath. E. Heister, D.D. Henry Hilbish,	John M. Leiss,8 Geo. W. Stein,
<i>Philadelphia</i>	Jno. H. Sechler, D.D., Henry T. Spangler, D.D. David U. Wolff, R. C. Zartman, D. D.,	C. F. G. Hobson, Esq.,8 H. M. Housekeeper,7 Preston T. Nyce,8 Philip Willeard,
<i>Lancaster</i>	E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Milton H. Sangree,9 J. Stewart Hartman,9 John G. Noss, 9	Jno. W. Appel, Esq.,8 Jno. J. Nissley, Jno. B. Kieffer, Ph. D. Ezra H. Burkholder,9
<i>East Susquehanna</i> ...	Simon P. Brown,8 Chas. B. Schneder,9 J. Calvin Leinbach,	Chas. C. Leader,8 Geo. M. Conrad,8 M. D. Lehr, M. D.,6
<i>West Susquehanna</i> ..	Tilghman Derr, S. H. Eisenberg, Ph. D.	Isaac F. Brown,6
<i>Goshenhoppen</i>	L. Kryder Evans, D. D. Isaac S. Stahr,8	T. J. March,7 Jas. B. Leinbach,8
<i>Tohickon</i>	Abram B. Koplin, D. D. A. P. Horn,	Jos. G. Moyer,7 Theo. S. Ruch,
<i>Lehigh</i>	S. G. Wagner, D. D. Thos. J. Hacker, M. H. Diefenderfer,	Geo. W. Hartzell, Chas. L. Hottenstein.
<i>Schuylkill</i>	Calvin E. Bartholomew, Hy. A. Keyser, D.D.C-4	H. W. Hibschman,8 Chas. A. Meek,9
<i>Wyoming</i>	Wm. D. Happel, Jac. B. Kerschner, Alfred Houtz,	Daniel Clinger,7 Amandus Oswald, F. Lange,
<i>Reading</i>	Fred B. Hahn, C. S. Gerhard, D. D.	Daniel Miller, c A. S. Roudenbush, M. D.
<i>Synod of Ohio.</i>		
<i>Miami</i>	Chas. E. Miller,9 Henry S. Gekeler,9 Fred W. Hoffman,9	John Blum,7 J. J. Hoover,7 Wm. H. Siegfried,5
<i>Lancaster</i>	Chas. E. Stoner, D. Webster Loucks,	Geo. Loucks,9 Geo. S. Stein, M. D.,8
<i>Tuscarawas</i>	A. E. Baienty,9 Jas. S. Freeman, I. U. E. Kunkle,8.	W. D. Oberlin, W. H. Bahl,9
<i>Tiffin</i>	Jno. M. Schick, D. D. Edw. D. Wettach, D. D. Jno. A. Peters, D. D.	Geo. A. Klahr, Jos. Waggoner, Jos. Burnside,
<i>Eastern Ohio</i>	Geo. W. Henning, Jno. J. Leberman, D. D.	Peter Eckerman,9
<i>St. Joseph</i>	S. V. Rohrbaugh, Jesse H. String,8	A. M. Yundt,8

Synod of the North West.

Classes.	Ministers.	Elders.
<i>Zion</i>	J. F. Winter,5 B. Ruef,	H. Peters,8 H. Seelig,7
<i>Sheboygan</i>	J. J. Janett,8 F. Grether, F. Aigner,	W. Wedemeyer,8 W. Klumb,7 H. Peters,7
<i>Indiana</i>	C. F. Kriete, J. O. Vitz,7 A. G. Gekeler,9	F. W. Hoff,9
<i>Milwaukee</i>	H. C. Nott, F. P. Leich,8	A. Kern,
<i>Minnesota</i>	No one present.	
<i>Nebraska</i>	No one present.	
<i>Ursinus</i>	No one present.	
<i>Missouri</i>	W. F. Horstmeier, 8-b	
<i>Chicago</i>	John E. Traeger,	
<i>South Dakota</i>	H. Treick,b	

Pittsburg Synod.

<i>Westmoreland</i>	John N. Bauman, J. Harvey Mickle,	D. W. Bortz,6 Jas. C. Cribbs,8
<i>Clarion</i>	Henry D. Darbaker, Richard F. Gass,	Lewis D. Weber, Peter Wingerd,
<i>St. Paul</i>	Geo. E. Limbert, Louis P. Goerrig,	J. H. Twitmeyer, M.D.,8 Wm. H. Beil,
<i>Somerset</i>	Wm. Rupp, D. D. Edgar S. Hassler,8	Wm. H. Hav.8
<i>Allegheny</i>	Alpha K. Kline, C. L. Alspach,	Jno. M. Conroy,9 H. F. Texter,

Synod of Potomac.

<i>Zion</i>	Gideon P. Fisher,8 O. P. Shellhamer,5	Reuben A. Paules,8 Henry Inners,8
<i>Maryland</i>	Calvin S. Slagle, Wm. I. Stewart, B. D. E. R. Deatruck, B. D. Harry F. Dittmar, Geo. A. Snyder,	John Gassman, David C. Hammett,8 Geo. W. Mowen,8 Abram H. Geiman,8 Chas. H. Coblentz,9
<i>Mercersburg</i>	Frank F. Bahner, D. D. Chas. A. Santee,	John A. Diehl,7
<i>Virginia</i>	Jas. B. Stonesifer,b Albert B. Bauman,	Jas. H. Myers, Jno. S. Crown,8
<i>North Carolina</i>	Wm. A. Long, Jas. D. Andrew,b	

Classes.	Ministers.	Elders.
<i>Gettysburg</i>	Thos. J. Barkley, D. D. Jno. H. Hartman,	Jacob H. Schriver, Geo. W. Hoffman,8
<i>Carlisle</i>	Sam'l N. Callender, D.D. J. David Miller,	Jno. H. Scheibley,
<i>Juniata</i>	Fred A. Rupley, S. Chas. Stover,8 Chas. E. Creitz,	Benj. S. Fouse, J. Scott Corle,8 P. D. Aurandt,7

German Synod of the East.

<i>New York</i>	Eugen G. Fuessle, Wenzel Walenta,	H. Heinking,9 Conrad Fink,5
<i>West New York</i>	A. E. Dahlmann, D. D. M. Heinze,7	Philip Wahl,7
<i>German Philadelphia.</i>	P. H. Dippell, D. D.,b,9 Ph. Vollmer, D. D. M. F. Dumstry, D.D.,b9	
<i>German Maryland</i> ...	P. Wienand,8	
<i>Ger. West Pennsylv.</i> ...	C. Borchers,	P. W. Siebert,

Central Synod.

<i>Erie</i>	F. Mayer, Jno. H. C. Roentgen,D.D. L. C. Rettig,8	C. W. Heymann,
<i>Heidelberg</i>	Conrad Hassel, Peter S. Kohler, Frank C. Witthoff,7	J. S. Zimmerman, G. Druschel,8 G. Clausing,8
<i>St. John</i>	Jacob Dahlmann, D. D. F. H. Keller,	M. Schneider,
<i>Cincinnati</i>	Ferd O. Zesch, D. D.,7 Benj. S. Stern,	Geo. F. Wendel,9 H. W. Tuechter,
<i>Toledo</i>	H. M. Gersmann,	Frederick J. Brand,

Synod of the Interior.

<i>Illinois</i>	Henry L. Beam, Daniel N. Frantz,b	
<i>Iowa</i>	D. Frank Boomershine, Louis P. Krome,	Jos. J. Duncan,9
<i>Kansas</i>	Jno. W. Love, D. D.,9 S. A. Alt,	Fred Isely,
<i>Wichita</i>	Dennis S. Shuey,9	Frank W. Bushong,9
<i>Lincoln</i>	Thomas F. Stauffer.	

Rev. D. B. Burghalter, delegate secundus of Miami Classis (Synod of Ohio), occupied, until the third day, the seat of Rev. F. W. Hoffman.

Rev. Jno. A. Hoffheins, D. D., delegate secundus of Virginia Classis (Synod of Potomac), occupied, to the third day, the seat of Rev. Jas.

B. Stonesifer, and on the seventh and eighth days the seat of Rev. A. B. Bauman.

Rev. H. E. Kilmer, delegate secundus of Eastern Ohio Classis, occupied, from the eighth day, the seat of Rev. Geo. M. Henning.

Elder N. L. Brewer, Esq., delegates secundus of Tiffin Classis, occupied, from the fourth day, the seat of Elder Joseph Waggoner.

Elder Geo. W. Barrach, delegate secundus of Tiffin Classis (Synod of Ohio), occupied the seat, on the second day, of the primarius Elder Geo. A. Klahr.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Stepler, delegate secundus of Erie Classis (Central Synod), occupied, from the seventh day, the seat of Rev. L. C. Rettig.

NOTE.—The letters in their order denote the day on which the delegates took their seats, and the numerals indicate the day on which they obtained leave of absence.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

Eastern Synod.

Lancaster Classis. Rev. B. Howard Roth.

Philadelphia Classis. Rev. C. J. Musser.

East Susquehanna Classis. Rev. S. P. Mauger.

Lebanon Classis. Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Elder Joseph L. Lemberger.

Lehigh Classis. Elder Thos. N. Reber.

Reading Classis. Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., Elder Jas. T. Reber.

Central Synod.

Heidelberg Classis. Revs. J. Vogt, C. Schmitt, J. Bachmann, D. D., Peter Greding, D. D., H. B. Robrock, J. W. Belser, C. O. Kohler, E. R. C. Meier, W. Settlage, C. M. Schaaf, P. H. Land.

Erie Classis. Revs. Christian Schiller, J. S. Kosower, J. D. Buehrer, A. Korbel, J. H. Stepler, D. D.

St. John's Classis. Revs. A. G. Lohman, C. H. Schneider, W. Grether, Fred Grether, W. Leich.

Toledo Classis. Rev. J. G. Steinert, F. Schaad, J. Wernly.

Cincinnati Classis. Revs. W. H. Fenneman, F. H. Diehm.

Potomac Synod.

Mercersburg Classis. Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D.

Carlisle Classis. Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D. D.

Virginia Classis. Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D.

Maryland Classis. Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D., Cyrus Cort, D. D., E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Simon S. Miller.

Juniata Classis. Rev. Lewis Robb.

Zions Classis. Henry H. Apple.

Ohio Synod.

Tiffin Classis. Revs. S. Z. Beam, D. D., Geo. A. Dreibelbies, A. H. Zechiel, J. C. Smith, Fred Cromer, J. H. Steele, D. D., J. I. Swander, D. D., D. A. Parks, Reuben Good.

Tuscarawas Classis. Revs. N. H. Loose, D. D., H. J. Christman, J. C. Schaaf, S. C. Goss, D. D., L. C. Edmonds.

Miami Classis. Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., Reuben Keller, Chr. Good, Ross F. Wicks, H. E. Jones.

Lancaster Classis. Revs. S. W. Seeman, S. B. Yockey, C. Hange, J. P. Stahl.

St. Joseph Classis. Revs. C. W. Brugh, J. A. Sites.

Eastern Ohio Classis. Revs. P. H. Weaver, A. V. Casselman, H. E. Kilmer.

Pittsburg Synod.

St. Paul's Classis. Revs. S. T. Wagner, H. I. Crow, A. S. Glessner, J. C. Horning, Elder C. M. Boush.

Allegheny Classis. Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. D., John H. Prugh, D. D., A. M. Schmidt, E. H. Otting, J. G. Walter.

Westmoreland Classis. Revs. T. S. Land, D. A. Souders, W. H. Tussing.

Synod of the Interior.

Iowa Classis. Revs. D. S. Fouse, D. D., D. H. Fouse.

Illinois Classis. Chas. V. Molnar.

Wichita Classis. A. Casselman.

Synod of the North West.

Indiana Classis. Rev. T. F. Herman, J. J. Wagoner.

South Dakota Classis. Rev. William Hansen.

Sheboygan Classis. Rev. J. W. Grosshuesch.

Zions Classis. Rev. John H. Bosch.

German Synod of the East.

New York Classis. Rev. Paul Sommerlatte.

Visiting Brethren.

Rev. J. B. Fowler, Presbyterian, Muncie, Ind.

Rev. D. D. Bigger, D. D., Presbyterian, Tiffin, O.

Rev. G. W. Miesse, Evangelical Association, Tiffin, O.

Rev. A. A. Juergins, German Evangelical Synod.

Rev. John Pearson, D. D., American Bible Society.

Rev. C. Gallimore, M. E. Church, Tiffin, O.

Rev. J. E. Hill, U. B. Church, Clyde, O.

Rev. O. V. W. Chandler, M. P. Church, Tiffin, O.

Rev. J. P. Stratton, D. D., Presbyterian, Tiffin, O.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following are the officers duly elected by General Synod for the current triennial term:

President, REV. CALVIN S. GERHARD, D. D., Reading, Pa.

Vice-President, REV. J. J. LEBERMAN, D. D., Louisville, O.

Vice-President—REV. BENJ. S. STERN, Dayton, O.

Stated Clerk, REV. JNO. PH. STEIN, D. D., Reading Pa.

Assistant Clerk, REV. JACOB DAHLMANN, D. D., Akron, O.

Corresponding Secretary, REV. J. DAVID MILLER, Duncannon, Pa.

Treasurer, ELDER WM. R. BARNHART, Greensburg, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order adopted by the General Synod at Akron,, 1887, were observed in the transaction of business.

The President defined the Bar of the House to extend to the line of circular pews numbered 31 from the chancel.

The hours fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions are as follows, to wit:

Session opens at 8:30 A. M. and closes at 4:30 P. M., with a recess from 11 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. The evening session begins at 7:30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. *Religious Services*: Revs. J. D. Buhner, Jno. M. Schick, D. D., Jno. H. Steele, D. D. Elders G. W. Barrach, Jos. Burnside.

2. *Minutes of General Synod*: Revs. Henry S. Gekeler, Thos. H. Krick, J. F. Winter. Elder E. H. Burkholder.

3. *Minutes of Eastern Synod*: Revs. D. U. Wolff, Tilgh. Derr, S. P. Brown. Elders A. S. Rudenbush, H. W. Hibshman.

4. *Minutes of Ohio Synod*: Revs. A. E. Baichley, J. H. String, G. W. Henning. Elders W. H. Bahl, A. M. Yundt.

5. *Minutes of Synod of the North West:* Revs. J. J. Janett, J. Otto Vitz, F. P. Leich. Elders H. Peters, W. Reineck.
6. *Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod:* Revs. J. H. Mickley, C. L. Alspach, Richard F. Gass. Elders W. H. Hay, J. M. Conroy.
7. *Minutes of Potomac Synod:* Revs. F. F. Bahner, D. D., O. P. Shellhamer, Wm. A. Long. Elders Jno. S. Crawn, Jno. H. Scheibly.
8. *Minutes of German Synod of the East:* Revs. Eugen G. Fuessle, P. Wienand, C. Borchers. Elders Henry Heinking, Phil Wahl.
9. *Minutes of the Central Synod:* Revs. Jno. H. C. Roentgen, D. D., Conrad Hassel, Henry M. Gersman. Elders J. S. Zimmermann, G. Clausing.
10. *Minutes of Synod of Interior:* Revs. J. W. Love, D. D., D. B. Shuey, Thos. F. Stauffer. Elders F. W. Bushong, Fred Isely.
11. *Minutes of English Classes:* Revs. J. C. Leinbach, F. B. Hahn, D. W. Loucks. Elders Jacob Rader, Dr. M. D. Lehr.
12. *Minutes of German Classes:* Revs. Phil. Vollmer, Ph. D., F. Mayer, A. G. Gekeler. Elders P. W. Siebert, M. Schneider.
13. *Overtures:* Revs. F. Grether, L. K. Evans, J. S. Hartman. Elders Benj. S. Fouse, G. W. Hartzel.
14. *Correspondence with Sister Churches:* Revs. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., A. E. Dahlman, D. D., I. U. E. Kunkle. Elders John B. Kieffer, Peter Eckerman.
15. *State of the Church:* Revs. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., J. A. Peters, D. D., B. S. Stern. Elders T. J. March, Jno. W. Appel, Esq.
16. *Home Missions:* Revs. H. T. Spangler, D. D., H. L. Beam, P. H. Dippell, D. D. Elders G. W. Mowen, C. C. Leader.
17. *Foreign Missions:* Revs. S. G. Wagner, D. D., J. M. Schick, D. D., Henry C. Nott. Elders G. W. Stein, C. M. Housekeeper.
18. *Orphans' Homes:* Revs. A. B. Koplín, D. D., G. E. Limbert, M. Heinze. Elders D. C. Hammett, W. D. Oberlin.
19. *Sunday Schools:* Revs. T. J. Hacker, C. E. Miller, A. K. Kline. Elders Prester T. Nyce, M. A. Foltz.
20. *Nominations:* Revs. Wm. Rupp, D. D., C. F. Kriete, J. J. Leberman, D. D. Elders F. G. Hobson, Esq., J. J. Nissley.
21. *Finance:* Revs. T. J. Barkley, D. D., E. D. Wettach, D. D., Jno. H. Sechler, D. D. Elders H. Tuechter, G. W. Stein.
22. *On Societies:* Revs. C. L. Alspach, M. H. Sangree, C. E. Creitz. Elders P. Aurandt, J. J. Hoover.
23. *Recording Advisory Members:* Revs. S. H. Eisenberg, A. B. Bauman, B. Ruef. Elders P. W. Siebert, A. M. Yundt.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following documents were received and referred to the respective Committees:

1. Three copies of the Minutes of the General Synod in the English, and three in the German language, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod.

2. Three copies of Minutes from each of the District Synods for each of the three years intervening, since the last triennial sessions of General Synod, were received from the respective Stated Clerks, and referred to the Standing Committees of the several District Synods.

3. The Abstract-Minutes of the following Classes were received and referred to the Standing Committees of the English, and of the German Classes in the following order :

I. *Eastern Synod*: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, and Reading.

II. *Ohio Synod*: Lancaster, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph.

III. *Synod of the North West*: Sheboygan, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota.

IV. *Pittsburg Synod*: Westmoreland, Clarion, Somerset, Allegheny.

V. *Potomac Synod*: Zion, Mercersburg, Virginia, Carlisle.

VI. *German Synod of the East*: West New York, German Philadelphia.

VII. *Central Synod*: Erie, St. John, Cincinnati.

VIII. *Synod of the Interior*: Iowa, Lincoln, Wichita.

4. The reports of the Board of Home Missions and of its treasurer were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

5. The reports of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and its Treasurer were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

6. The report of the Sunday School Board was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

7. The report of General Synod's Board of Directors concerning Orphan Homes was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Homes.

8. The report of the Treasurer, Elder Christian G. Gross, was read and referred with vouchers to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Other documents and official communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The following religious services were observed during the sessions of General Synod, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported from time to time the following appointments, which were adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services, to wit:

Second Reformed Church.—Thursday, 7:30 P. M. Meeting in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions. Speakers: Miss Mary E. Hollowell, Rev. Dr. Jas. I. Good, Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler. Friday, 7:30 P. M. Meeting in the interest of Sunday School and Young People's Work. Speakers: Rev. R. W. Miller, Rev. C. E. Miller. Saturday, 1:30 P. M. Meeting in the interest of Orphanage and Deaconesses Homes. Speakers: Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. B. Ruef, Rev. Dr. J. H. C. Roentgen. 3 P. M. Preparatory Services. Speakers: German, Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart; English, Rev. F. F. Bahner. Sunday, 8 A. M. Holy Communion, conducted by the officers of the General Synod. Sunday School, 8:45 A. M., in all the churches of the city. 10 A. M. Regular services. Sermon by Rev. C. F. Kriete. 7:30 P. M. Addresses by Rev. Wm. Hansen and Rev. P. Sommerlatte.

First Reformed Church.—Thursday, 7:30 P. M. Missionary Conference, under the direction of Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. Address by Miss M. E. Hollowell. Sunday, 10 A. M. Regular services; sermon by Rev. Dr. E. V. Gerhart. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. W. I. Stewart, B. D.

Grace Reformed Church.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Regular Sunday services. Sermon by Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. Dr. C. Clever.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday, 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. Dr. J. H. Prugh.

Methodist Episcopal.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Dr. W. Rupp. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. E. R. Deatrick.

Methodist Protestant.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. R. C. Zartman. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. H. Dittmar.

Evangelical Association.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. J. H. String. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. D. W. Loucks.

Evangelical Church.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. W. Walenta. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. W. Grether.

English Lutheran.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Dr. J. W. Love. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. Dr. S. G. Wagner.

Baptist Church.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Dr. S. H. Eisenberg. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. T. S. Stauffer.

United Brethren in Christ.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Mickley. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. H. D. Darbaker.

Disciple Church.—Sunday, 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Dr. J. G. Noss. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. D. B. Shuey.

Heidelberg.—Y. M. C. A. Hall.—Sunday, 1:30 P. M. Addresses by Mr. F. G. Hobson, Esq., and Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BUHRER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

I. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session of the third day, submitted its report, which was acted on, item by item, and finally adopted as a whole.

The report as adopted is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod respectfully submit the following items which claim your attention:

Item 1, p. 35, 41. Appointment of Committee of Correspondence with Reformed Churches on continent of Europe.

Item 2, p. 37. Appointment of Delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 3, p. 50. Appointment of Committee on Plan of Federation and Consensus Creed.

Item 4, p. 50. Stated Clerk instructed in regard to Metrical Version of Psalms.

Item 5, p. 58. Stated Clerk to make Necrological Record.

Item 6, p. 85. General Board of Home Missions to inquire into feasibility of re-establishing Pacific Coast Missions.

Item 7, p. 86. German Synodical Mission Board to be invited to co-operate with General Board in supporting German Missions in the West.

Item 8, p. 87. General Board to invite co-operation of Reformed Church of America and of Presbyterian Church in support of Harbor Missions.

Item 9, p. 87. General Board is to utilize Sunday School missionaries in its work of extension.

Item 10, p. 89. Instructions to Synods, Classes and Boards to carry on missions on plan of co-operation submitted by Alliances of Reformed Churches holding Presbyterial system.

Item 11, p. 89. General Board to co-operate with German Boards in establishing German missions in large cities.

Item 12, p. 126. Foreign Board authorized to start China Missions, conditionally.

Item 13, p. 127. Stated Clerk to incorporate minutes of W. M. S. with minutes of General Synod.

Item 14, p. 127. Notes expiration of term of offices of members of

(a) Board of Home Missions.

(b) p. 128. Board of Foreign Missions.

(c) p. 136. Board of Director for Orphan Homes.

(d) p. 184. Sunday School Board.

Item 15, p. 88, 126, 179. The various Boards are authorized to institute new missionary periodical.

Item 16, p. 136. Local Orphan Boards are to report annually to General Synod's Board, and General Board to report triennially to General Synod.

Item 17, p. 136. Charter of General Orphan Board is to be published in Minutes of General Synod, so that local Boards may understand their relation to General Board.

Item 18, p. 143. Committee appointed to define relation of Deaconesses and Deaconess Homes to Church.

Item 19, p. 146. Committee appointed to confer with Society of Ministerial Relief.

Item 20, p. 147. Stated Clerk to incorporate triennial report of Society of Relief in Minutes of General Synod.

Item 21, p. 149. Standing Committee on Young People's Societies to be appointed.

Item 22, p. 179. Sunday School Board is authorized to secure charter of incorporation.

Item 23, p. 180. Committee appointed on amendment to Constitution.

Item 24, p. 180. Sunday School Board instructed to have Dr. Stahr appointed a member of International Sunday School Lesson Committee.

Item 25, p. 183. Sunday School Board to prepare a Sunday School Hymnal.

Item 26, p. 198. Committee appointed to formulate amendment to Constitution, to provide for Court of Appeal.

Item 27, p. 202. Committee on Church Hymnal continued.

Item 28, p. 209. Officers of General Synod to convey deed of Emporia Church property to General Board of Home Missions.

Item 29, p. 209, 210. Committee appointed to draw up digest of decisions. Dr. Cyrus Cort, Chairman.

Item 30, p. 210, 251. Stated Clerk to provide statistical blanks.

Item 31, p. 211. Stated Clerk to report on approval or rejection of Revised Constitution.

Item 32, p. 241. Archives located at Reading, in charge of Stated Clerk.

Item 33, p. 241. German Minutes to be bound.

Item 34, p. 241. Dr. Reiter's Minutes of General Synod to be purchased.

Item 35, p. 241. Printing of special edition of Minutes of 1863, 1866.

Item 36, p. 247. Treasurer to pay various bills.

Item 37, p. 247. Printing Minutes of General Synod.

Item 38, p. 248. Stated Clerk to furnish Minutes of General Synod to Libraries of Colleges and Seminaries, p. 248, 255.

Item 39, p. 248. Stated Clerk to purchase block and gavel.

Item 40, p. 249. Purchase of plates and printed copies of Directory of Worship of Dan. Miller.

Item 41, p. 251. Instructions to Boards to print their triennial reports.

Item 42, p. 251. Board to present extract of reports, including recommendations.

Item 43, p. 260. Clerk to transmit copy of actions on arbitration to President of United States.

Item 44, p. 261. Congress requested to pay war claims of Centenary Reformed Church at Winchester, Va.

Item 45, p. 262. Corresponding Secretary to report to Woman's Keely League actions on Temperance.

Item 46, p. 264. Dr. Cort continued as Synodical R. R. Agent.

Item 47, p. 85. Missions in West and South.

Item 48, p. 258. Schlather Memorial Service.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. GECKELER.

THOS. H. KRICK,

JOHN F. WINTER.

E. H. BURKHOLDER.

The action of General Synod on the items contained in the foregoing report is as follows: Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted, see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches; items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 22, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 45, 47 and 48 were reported as having been attended to; the instructions with regard to items 5 and 9 were reiterated; item 14, having regard to vacancies on various boards, was referred to Committee on Nominations; items 18, 19, 20 and 21 see Article XIV, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; items 23, 26 and 31, see Article XVIII, Church Government; items 24 and 25, see Article XV, Sunday Schools; items 27, 29, 30, 35, 37 and 40, see Article XXI, Publication; item 28, not attended to; officers of General Synod instructed to convey deed of Emporia Church property to Board of Home Missions; item 33, not attended to, instructions reiterated; items 39 and 46, see Article XXIII, Miscellaneous; item 44 not attended to, instructions reiterated and referred to General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

II. MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

I. *Minutes of Eastern Synod.*

The several Standing Committees on the Minutes of the District Synods presented their reports, which were acted on item by item, and then adopted as a whole. The several reports with action thereon is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Eastern Synod begs leave to submit the following report, to wit:

Item 1, pp. 13, 78 and 85, Minutes of 1896. The Eastern Synod took favorable action upon all the recommendations and accepted all the appointments sent down by General Synod.

Item 2, pp. 102 and 103, Minutes of 1896. General Synod overtured to amend Article 26, in Rules of Order.

Item 3, p. 16, Minutes of 1897. Lebanon, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Reading Classis approved, and Philadelphia and Wyoming Classis rejected the Revised Constitution, and East Pennsylvania Classis had a tie vote.

Item 4, pp. 102 and 103, Minutes of 1898. Appeal of Rev. Wilson More, in the name of Rev. T. O. Stem from the decision of Synod to General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. U. WOLFF, *Chairman.*

T. DERR.

S. P. BROWN.

A. S. RAUDENBUSH,

H. W. HIBSHMAN,

The action of General Synod on the Report, taken on the fifth day of its session, is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted; on item 3 reference is made to a special committee, see Article XVIII on the Constitution; item 4, the appeal was withdrawn and the item adopted.

2. *Ohio Synod.*

The Standing Committee of Ohio Synod reports as follows:

Item 1. Minutes of 1896, page 11. Synod adopts all the recommendations of General Synod.

Item 2. Accepts all of General Synod's appointments.
Minutes of 1897.

Item 3, p. 14. Synod makes official record of the votes of the various classes on the New Constitution.

Miami Classis No. 28, non-liquet, 3; Tuscarawas No. 21, yes, 1; Tiffin No. 23, yes, 3; Lancaster No. 17, yes, 1; St. Josephs No. 4, non-liquet, 7; Eastern Ohio No. 6, yes, 12.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BAICHLEY.

J. H. STRING.

W. H. BAHL.

The action of General Synod taken on the Report, on the fifth day of its session, is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted; item 3 was also adopted and subject matter referred to a special committee, see Article XVIII, Church Government.

3. *Synod of North West.*

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod of North West presented the following report, which was considered item by item, and adopted:

Item 1, p. 60. Synod recommends the founding of Missionary Societies, that the missionary spirit be fostered in our Sunday Schools—that its apportionment for Foreign Missions enacted by General Synod be recognized, so that its members be requested to give 15 cents per capita for this purpose—recommends the support of Harbor Mission and calls the attention of its members to the paper: "Reformed Church Tidings."

Item 2, p. 97, 2 and 3. In regard to publications, Synod wishes success to the English speaking brethren, desires however, to purchase its literature from the Central Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio. In regard to religious instruction, Synod takes pleasure in working in harmony with the English brethren.

B. *Minutes of 1897.*

Item 3, p. 18, 11. Synod recommends to its pastors the Society for the Relief of Ministers, etc.

Item 4, p. 24, 3. Synod desires statistical blanks in the accustomed form in German, with column for Sunday School.

Item 5, p. 59 V. In regard to the \$6,000 allowed by General Synod for mission work among the Germans, Synod does not acknowledge its part of contributing to the cause as an apportionment, but recommends the work to its congregations for support.

Item 6, p. 23, 2. Zion, Sheboygan, Indiana, Milwaukee, Nebraska, Ursinus, Missouri, Minnesota, Chicago and South Dakota rejected the revised Constitution.

c. *Minutes of 1898.*

Item 7, p. 15, 1a. Synod requests the Honorable Board of General Synod for Foreign Missions to also consider graduates from the Mission House when calling missionaries to new Missions.

Item 8, p. 62, 1. Synod receives Portland, Oregon, Classis from the Potomac Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. JANETT.

F. P. LEICH,

J. OTTO VITZ.

WM WEDEMEYER,

F. PETERS.

The action of General Synod taken on this Report, on the fifth day of its sessions, is as follows: Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted; item 5 was adopted and the subject matter referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions, see Article XIII, on Missions; item 6 adopted, subject matter referred to Special Committee on Revised Constitution, see Article XVIII, Church Government; item 7 adopted, and referred to Standing Committee on Foreign Missions; item 8 adopted, and instructions given to make the proper transfer on the statistical tables.

4. *The Pittsburgh Synod.*

The following report was received, acted upon item by item, and finally adopted.

To the Reverend General Synod, Fathers and Brethren:

Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod respectfully report, that we have examined the Minutes of said Synod for 1896, 1897 and 1898, and find the following items which claim the attention of General Synod:

Item 1, pages 8 and 10, Minutes of 1896. The Pittsburgh

Synod took favorable action on all the recommendations of General Synod.

Item 2, page 12, Minutes 1897. The Classes Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset, Allegheny, approved the New Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MICKLEY.

C. L. ALSPACH.

R. F. GASS.

WM. H. HAY.

J. M. CONROY.

The action of General Synod taken on this Report, on the fifth day of its sessions, is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and the subject matter of the last item was referred to Special Committee on Revised Constitution, see Article XVIII, on Church Government.

5. THE SYNOD OF POTOMAC.

The report of the Standing Committee was presented on the fifth day of sessions, acted on item by item and finally adopted.

Your Committee on Minutes of Potomac Synod respectfully report as follows:

Item 1, p. 13, Minutes of 1896. Synod approves of all the recommendations of General Synod and accepts the assigned apportionment.

Item 2, p. 13, Minutes of 1897. Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata Classes approved the Revised Constitution. Zion and Portland-Oregon, and North Carolina Classes referred it to a Special Committee, who reported a protest against its adoption.

Item 3, p. 62, Minutes of 1898. Synod petitions General Synod to reinsert in its statistical table the number of Sunday School scholars, officers and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER.

O. P. SHELLHAMER,

W. A. LONG.

JNO. S. CONROY.

The action of General Synod on the report is as follows: Item 1 and 2 adopted, and the subject matter of the last item is referred to Special Committee on Revised Constitution, see Article XVIII, on Church Government.

6. *German Synod of the East.*

The following report was received, acted on item by item, and finally adopted:

The Rev. General Synod:

Your Committee begs leave to call the attention of the General Synod to the following items:

I. All the recommendations of the last triennial session of the General Synod, referred to the District Synods, have been acted upon, favorably, with the exception of:

a. The recommendation of a Mission in China. Minutes 1896, page 37, 13.

b. The Standing Committee on Young People's Society does not receive favorable recognition. Minutes 1897, page 9, II. 2.

c. The Synod begs General Synod to simplify the Sunday School statistics. Minutes 1897, page 14, IV. 3.

d. Synod resolved to retain the Sunday School statistics in the regular formulas, as they have been before. Minutes 1897, page IV. 3.

II. The vote in regard to the revised Church Constitution has resulted in a rejection of the latter by all the Classes of the German Synod of the East, viz.: New York, West New York, Philadelphia, Maryland, West Pennsylvania Classes. Minutes ~~1897, page 12, IV. 2.~~

III. This Synod desires a distinct explanation of the forty-sixth (46th) Article of our Constitution, viz.: if this article permits, besides English and German Classes, also the organization of Hungarian Classes. Minutes 1898, page 70, 1.

IV. Considering the newness of this work, the German Synod of the East does not deem it advisable to recommend, at the present time, the organizing of such Hungarian Classes. Minutes 1898, page 70, 2.

V. Synod supports the New York Classis in upholding a disapproval about the manner in which the Mission-work

among the Hungarians of the City of New York and its vicinity has been, as yet, supervised by the General Board of Home Missions, and about the calling of ministers from Hungary. Minutes 1898, page 27, C.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. FUESSELE.
PAUL WIENAND.
C. BORCHERS,
H. HEINKING.
PHILIP WAHL.

The action of General Synod on the Report is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and the subject matter of item 2 referred to Special Committee on Revised Constitution, see Article XVIII, on Church Government; items 3, 4 and 5 were adopted, and referred to Standing Committee on Home Missions, see Article XIII, on Missions.

7. *Central Synod.*

The following report was presented, considered item by item, and finally adopted:

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Central Synod present the following items for consideration:

Item 1, page 10, Minutes 1896. Central Synod accepted all of the recommendations of General Synod and referred them to the several Classes.

Item 2, page 89. In regard to the amount apportioned by General Synod for German Mission work in large cities Central Synod expresses its joy, with the hope that the amount will be raised and applied to the object designated.

Item 3, page 76, Minutes 1897. In regard to referring the apportionments made on Central Synod for the cause of Missions to the several Classes, it resolved to obtain the specified sums by free-will offerings of the congregations.

Item 4. The Revised Constitution was rejected by Erie, Heidelberg and Cincinnati Classes, while St. John Classis had a tie-vote.

Item 5, page 71, Minutes 1897. Central Synod directs the complete filling out of the Sunday School statistical blanks, and

requests General Synod to embody the entire Sunday School statistics in the statistics of the congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. C. ROENTGEN.

C. HASSEL.

H. M. GERSMANN,

J. S. ZIMMERMANN.

The action of General Synod on the Report, taken on the sixth day, is as follows: Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted; item 4 was adopted, and subject matter referred to Special Committee on Revised Constitution, see Article XVIII, Church Government; item 5 adopted, and subject matter referred to Standing Committee on Sunday Schools, see Article XV, Sunday Schools.

8. *Synod of the Interior.*

The following report was received, acted on item by item, and finally adopted:

Your Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Interior would report:

Item 1, Minutes 1896, pages 9-12. All recommendations and injunctions of General Synod were favorably acted upon and complied with, except the one as to the amount asked for Home Missions. For this good cause Synod apportioned 50 cents per member instead of 20 cents. See pages 12 and 35.

Item 2, Minutes 1896, page 64, is an overture asking General Synod "to ratify all acts and proceedings of Synod" taken and passed without a constitutional quorum, elders from one classis only being present.

Item 3, Minutes 1897, pages 16 and 17, reports that Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln Classes approved the revised Constitution, submitted to them by General Synod.

Item 4, Minutes 1898, page 54, is an overture asking General Synod "to take into consideration the matter of making provision in a larger way to meet the wants of our worthy poor ministers and their wives."

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVE.

D. B. SHUEY.

T. F. STAUFFER.

F. W. BUSHONG.

FRED ISELY.

The action of General Synod on the Report is as follows: Items 1 and 2 adopted. In connection with item 2, the following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, That inasmuch as two annual meetings of the Synod of Interior have been held since the meeting referred to, and as no protest to any action therein passed has been filed, this General Synod is of opinion that the action and proceedings of the Synod of Interior of 1896 has been thereby confirmed, and that no further action by this General Synod is necessary." Item 3 adopted, and subject matter referred to Special Committee on Revised Constitution, see Article XVIII, Church Government; item 4 adopted, and subject matter referred to Special Committee on Ministerial Relief, see Article XIV.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

I. ENGLISH CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of English Classes submitted a report on Monday during the morning session. It was acted on, item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Minutes of English Classes would respectfully submit the following report:

There were referred to the Committee the Minutes of the following Classes: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Tohickon, Lehigh, Reading, Goshenhoppen, Lancaster, (Ohio Synod) Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph, Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Allegheny, Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Iowa, Illinois, Wichita, Lincoln, Miami, Kansas. Having carefully examined the abstracts furnished us, we find them to contain the following items requiring the attention of the General Synod:

1. *Matters referred to the Classes.*

Item 1. The Classes report that the recommendations referred to them by the General Synod were adopted.

2. *Requests and Overtures.*

Item 2. An Overture to General Synod from Philadelphia Classis, to adopt a policy for locating Missionaries. Page 8.

Item 3. An Overture from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, asking General Synod to ordain that the Stated Clerk of General Synod keep a register of Licensure, Ordination and Installation of Ministers. Pages 10, 11.

Item 4. Overture from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, asking General Synod to add two columns to the General Statistical table. Page 5.

Item 5. Lehigh Classis overtures the General Synod to appoint a Commission to prepare a New Constitution.

Item 6. Reading Classis overtures General Synod to send agents to Cuba and Porto Rico to establish Missions.

Item 7. Reading Classis overtures General Synod to have the Sunday School Statistical columns restored in the Statistics of the Parochial Reports.

Item 8. The Classis of Lancaster (Ohio Synod), overtures General Synod to reduce the present number of our Missionary Superintendents; and asks that General Synod recommend the appointment of Classical Superintendents of Missions.

Item 9. Eastern Ohio Classis overtures General Synod to restore three Sunday School columns in Statistical table.

Item 10. Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, calls attention of the General Synod to a clerical error or omission of Stated Clerk of General Synod. Page 199.

Item 11. Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, questions the right of General Synod in excusing a Synod for transacting business without a quorum.

Item 12. Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod, calls attention of General Synod to an error in the designation of the Literary and Theological Institutions of the Ohio Synod. Page 253, Minutes General Synod.

Item 13. Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod, overtures General Synod to give a deliverance on the question of an Ordained Minister filling the office of Ruling Elder. (Page 66, Minutes Ohio Synod).

Item 14. Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod, requests General Synod to restore column in blanks used for statistics for the number of Sunday School scholars. Page 21, Printed Minutes.

Item 15. Mercersburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac,

overtures the General Synod to consider the subject of consolidating the publication interests of the Reformed Church. (Page 1).

Item 16. Mercersburg Classis overtures General Synod to consider the advisability of asking the English District Synods to appoint Commissioners to carry out the plan of consolidation.

Item 17. Maryland Classis, Potomac Synod, overtures the General Synod to simplify the Sunday School Statistical table and to restore the column of Sunday School scholars in the statistical report.

Item 18. Gettysburg Classis, Potomac Synod, overtures the General Synod to abolish the Statistical blank for Sunday Schools and have the column of Sunday School statistics restored in the General Parochial blanks.

Item 19. Westmoreland Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, overtures the General Synod to readjust the representation of her various Boards.

Item 20. Kansas Classis (Synod of the Interior) overtures General Synod for the appointment of a suitable Field Secretary and Financial Solicitor of Missions.

4. *Complaints.*

Item 21. Zion's Classis, Potomac Synod, complains to General Synod against the continued relation of J. Henry Leaser with the Reformed Church as a minister of the Gospel.

New Constitution.

Item 22. The following Classes approve the New Constitution: Eastern Ohio, Maryland, Wichita, Illinois, Lincoln, Kansas, Lancaster (Eastern Synod), Reading, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Allegheny, Lehigh, Lebanon, Virginia and Gettysburg Classes. Not approving: St. Joseph, Miami, East Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Philadelphia Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CALVIN LEINBACH.

F. B. HAHN.

J. RADER.

D. W. LOUCKS.

The Report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 10, 12 and 22 were adopted; item 2 referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Thos. J. Hacker, A. E. Baichley, and Elder J. W. Appel, Esq., see Article XVI, Appeals and References; item 3 adopted, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. G. W. Henning, W. I. Stewart, J. H. Mickley, Elder C. M. Boush, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; items 4, 7, 9, 14, 17 and 18 adopted, see Article XV, Sunday Schools; item 5 adopted, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Thos. J. Hacker, F. F. Bahner, and Elder Jno. W. Appel, Esq., to report on the overture at the next sessions of General Synod; items 6, 8 and 20 were adopted, and referred to Standing Committee on Missions, see Article XIII, Missions; item 11 adopted, and subject matter laid on the table; item 13 adopted, and subject matter referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Jno. G. Noss, Chas. E. Creitz, and Elder Geo. A. Klahr, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; items 15 and 16 adopted, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Wm. Rupp, J. H. Sechler, E. R. Deatrich, R. C. Zartman, Thos. F. Stauffer, Elders Jno. H. Conroy and Jacob Rader, see Art. XXI, Publication; item 19 adopted, and subject matter referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. D. Wettach, J. H. Mickley, Ph. Vollmer, W. I. Stewart, and Elder Daniel Miller, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; item 21 adopted, and subject matter referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Jno. W. Love, C. F. Kriete, and Elder J. B. Leinbach, see *Article XVII, Complaint*.

II. GERMAN CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the German Classes submitted its report on Monday during the afternoon session. It was considered item by item and adopted as a whole. It is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Minutes of German Classes would respectfully report as follows:

There were referred to your Committee the Minutes of Zions, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Sheboygan and Indiana Classes of the Synod of the North West; of German Philadelphia and West New York Classes of the German Synod of the East, and of St. John's, Erie and Cincinnati Classes of the Central Synod.

The German Maryland, New York and West Pennsylvania Classes of the German Synod of the East, Ursinus and Missouri Classes of the Synod of the North West, Heidelberg and Toledo

Classes of the Central Synod have failed to send in a report of their proceedings.

Having carefully examined the Minutes of the Classes reporting we find them to contain the following matters requiring the attention of General Synod :

I. *Matters referred to the Classes.*

Item 1. All the Classes accepted the various apportionments made by General Synod.

Item 2. Favorable action was taken by all the Classes on the following recommendations of General Synod: (a) To urge promising graduates from our institutions to consider the claims of the South and West as fields of usefulness. (b) To co-operate with other Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system in the establishment of Home Missionary enterprises. (c) To forward to our Home Missionaries the names of Reformed people moving into their respective fields. (d) To collect funds for beneficiary education; for the Kaneko and Schlatter Memorial Funds and for the support of the several Orphan Homes. (e) And to recommend the work of Deaconesses in our Churches.

Item 3. The recommendations of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers was favorably acted on by all the Classes. St. John Classes resolved to nominate annually one minister for membership in said Society and pledged itself to pay the annual sum of \$65 into the Treasury of the Society for that purpose.

Item 4. General Synod's request to appoint a Classical Sunday School Committee was granted by all the Classes with the exception of Sheboygan, which fails to see its usefulness. German Philadelphia, which regards it as impracticable; South Dakota and Minnesota for the reason that their Sunday Schools are organized after the old pattern of children's instruction.

Item 5. General Synod's request that Sunday Schools make an annual offering to the Sunday School Board was granted by some Classes, simply noted by others and negatived by South Dakota Classis.

Item 6. General Synod's recommendation to organize Synodical, Classical and Congregational Women's Missionary Societies was adopted by a majority of Classes. South Dakota does not favor such Societies. West New York and Indiana while acknowledging the good work done, are averse to Classical and Congregational organizations of that character.

Item 7. The request of General Synod to secure a yearly average of fifty cents a member for Home Missions was generally approved. South Dakota and Minnesota express their inability to raise that sum, while Cincinnati reduces the average to twenty-five cents.

Item 8. The action of General Synod creating a Standing Committee for Young People's Societies was noted by all the Classes. New York Classis, while favoring the endeavor of the young people to grow in piety, cannot see any necessity for a Standing Committee.

Item 9. The planting of a Mission in China was approved by St. John Classis, discouraged by the majority of the Classes, while Cincinnati Classis, in the name of Salem's Reformed Church at Cincinnati, pledges the sum of \$200 annually for the support of such a Mission on condition that Rev. Ernest Saure be appointed the missionary in the new field.

Item 10. The Revised Constitution was rejected by Zions, Cincinnati, Sheboygan, South Dakota, Erie, Minnesota, Milwaukee, Chicago, German Philadelphia, West New York, Nebraska and Indiana Classes. The vote of St. John's Classis resulted in a tie vote.

II. *Requests from the Classes.*

Item 11. While all the Classes accepted the revised Statistical tables in its general features, they at the same time request General Synod to restore the columns for Sunday Schools, thereby emphasizing the inseparable connection of Churches and Sunday Schools.

Item 12. The German Philadelphia Classis respectfully requests General Synod to simplify the Statistical tables for the Sunday Schools.

Item 13. Erie Classis asks permission of General Synod

to be excused from filling out the Sunday School Statistical tables.

Item 14. Cincinnati Classis overtures General Synod to raise the standard of qualification of candidates for the ministry and requests General Synod to direct the Classes and Synods to exercise the utmost care in admitting ministers from other Churches, in order that the present superabundance of ministers may be reduced.

Item 15. Erie Classis requests General Synod that the money collected by their own Churches towards the \$6,000 apportioned for Mission work for the Germans in the large cities be paid directly into the Treasury of the German Home Mission Board of the North West and Central Synods.

Item 16. Seeing that seven German Classes have failed to send in reports of their proceedings the attention of these Classes is hereby called to this omission in failing to comply with the requirements of the Constitution as expressed in Art. 81 and its amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP VOLLMER.
FRED MAYER.
A. G. GEKELER.
P. W. SIEBERT.

The Report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 16 were adopted; item 10 was adopted, and referred to Special Committee on Revised Constitution; items 11, 12 and 13 were adopted, and referred to Standing Committee on Sunday Schools; item 14 was adopted, and referred to special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Jno. A. Peters, F. Grether, and Elder J. J. Duncan, see Article XVIII, Church Government; item 15 adopted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions, see Article XIII, Missions.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals. It was acted on item by item and finally adopted as a whole. It is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following items culled from papers referred:

1. An overture from Wichita Classis requesting General Synod to publish in its Minutes the Classical Statistical tables of the same year in which the Minutes of General Synod are published.

2. An overture from the same Classis concerning the use of the Heidelberg Catechism in the Sunday School.

3. Invitation from the Literary Department of Heidelberg University requesting Synod to visit this institution.

4. Memorial from the Cincinnati Classis in reference to the education of students for the ministry.

5. Invitation from the Detroit Convention and Business Men's League to hold the next meeting of General Synod in that city; and a similar invitation from the Business Men's Convention League of Cleveland.

6. Report from the Evangelical Church of Italy and an invitation to send a delegate to its 24th assembly.

7. A petition from Rev. Wm. Hansen requesting General Synod to place a missionary in Winnipeg, Canada.

8. Greetings from Rev. Jairus P. Moore, missionary to Japan, now at St. Helena, California.

9. Reports from Presbyterian Historical Society, and a communication from same announcing the election of our President as an honorary member of said Society.

10. Copy of the Manual of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, etc.

11. Report of the Executive Committee of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, etc., Western Section.

12. A plan of co-operation for the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, etc.

13. A request from the Secretary of the Alliance of Reformed Churches for the official signature of our President to an Address to the Queen of Holland.

14. A petition of the Chairman of the Reformed Presbytery of Pozsony, Hungary, asking for aid in building the Martyrs' Memorial Church.

15. Catalogues from our Educational Institutions:

(a) Heidelberg University.

(b) College of Northern Illinois.

- (c) Mission House.
- (d) Ursinus College.
- (e) F. and M. College, Lancaster, Pa.

16. Two copies of an edition of Heidelberg Catechism, by Rev. Aaron Spangler.

17. Temperance documents.

(a) Communications from Mrs. H. S. Ellis, Secretary Sunday School Work, National Secretary Sunday School Work, Non-Partisan W. C. T. Union.

(b) A memorial on a Temperance Sabbath. Request from Mrs. Hattie C. Jamison, Assistant Superintendent Sunday School Department W. C. T. U.

18. An overture from the Classes of Reading, Eastern Synod, urging the appointment of representatives to visit Cuba and Porto Rico in the interest of Mission Work there.

19. An overture from same Classis, urging this Synod to restore the columns of Sunday School statistics in the annual Parochial Reports.

20. Triennial statements of operations of Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

21. Two Missionary Pamphlets—one on “*The Hungarian Work*,” and one “*On to China*,” presented by The Woman’s Journal, Alliance, O.

22. Request of the American Sabbath Union for a definite deliverance on the vital question of the Lord’s Day.

23. Books presented to General Synod. (a) *Christian Education of Youth*, by Ulrich Zwingli, translated by Alcide Reichenbach, A. M. (b) *History of the Reformed Church in the U. S. 1725-1792*, by Dr. Jas. I. Good.

24. Letter from Rev. Engelbert C. Oggel, delegate-elect from the Reformed Church in America.

25. Credentials issued by the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches to Dr. Jas. I. Good as delegate from that body to this Synod.

26. A paper from the Mayor of Niagara Falls advertising the advantages of this place as a convention city.

27. A petition from Revs. W. A. Long and J. D. Andrew concerning the payment of one-half of traveling expenses.

28. An invitation to attend Decoration Day in Tiffin.

Respectfully submitted,

F. GREYER,

L. K. EVANS.

J. S. HARTMAN.

W. WALENTA.

B. S. FOUSE.

The action of General Synod on the Report is as follows: On item 1, "Resolved, That General Synod deems it inexpedient to insert the classical statistical tables of the present year in the published minutes of its triennial sessions." Item 2 laid on the table until report on Minutes of English Classes is presented; item 3, invitation accepted; General Synod held its afternoon session on the third day in Rickley Chapel; item 4 was laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes report, see Article IX, Minutes of Classes; items 5 and 26, invitations accepted with thanks; items 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24 and 25, see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 7 referred to the Board of Missions of Central Synod and Synod of North West; item 8, Stated Clerk instructed to acknowledge the letter and return the greetings; items 15, 16 and 23, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. E. Heister, D. F. Boomershine, and Elder H. Seelig, see Article XXIII; item 17 referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. F. F. Bahner, F. H. Keller, and Elder J. B. Leinbach, see Article XXIII; items 18 and 21, see Article XIII, Missions; item 19, see Article XV, Sunday Schools; items 20 and 22, see Article XIV, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; item 27, see Article XX, Finance; item 28, see Article XXIII, Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, during the morning session of the seventh day, presented the following report, which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee has received various communications from the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system. From these your Committee condenses the following items:

1. The Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, Western Section, have taken the following action, which is herewith transmitted to you.

“The Coetus of the Pennsylvania Reformed Churches was organized at Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1747, by Rev. Michael Schlatter, under the auspices of the Reformed Church of Holland. Out of this, in 1793, came the present Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. The Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system, congratulates that Synod, one of its constituent members, upon the approach of the sesquicentennial of that important event in its history.” This Minute was adopted unanimously, and is tendered most cordially in the name of all the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in the Alliance.

Your Committee recommends that the President of this body be directed to convey to Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D. LL. D., Secretary of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, Philadelphia, Pa., the expression of its high appreciation of the courtesy of this recognition of the growth and prosperity of the Reformed Church in the United States.

2. The Alliance has exerted its influence in a marked way in favor of arbitration as a method of settling all difficulties arising between nations, and, on the 29th of December, 1898, the committee appointed by it had an audience with the President of the United States, who said that “he had already recommended to the Senate of the United States arbitration as a method of settling difficulties with Great Britain, and that he hoped for its ultimate adoption by both nations; that he had also responded promptly to the Czar’s proposal for disarmament, but that under present circumstances the armament of the United States could not be lessened, but would in any event be smaller than would satisfy European nations.” The petition thus presented to President McKinley bears the signature of prominent dignitaries of the Church of England, of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, of twenty-nine other churches in Great Britain and Ireland, and of churches in Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Australia, and

of the United States of America,—the total number of Christian denominations supporting it being one hundred and forty-five, and representing more than ninety millions of Protestant Christians. At the urgent request of the Alliance your Committee recommends that this General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States requests “the congregations within its bounds to offer public prayer that the blessing of God may rest upon the Conference of associated representatives of the nations now in session at the Hague, Holland, at the request of the Czar of Russia, to consider the question of disarmament.”

3. The Alliance notifies your venerable body that it has appointed Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., as its delegate to convey to you its cordial greetings, as giving expression to the fraternal sentiments of Christian affection, which bind together in a real union the several churches of the Alliance.

Your Committee therefore recommends that an opportunity be afforded the representatives of the Alliance to address the Synod.

4. The Executive Commission of the Alliance presents to your venerable body its cordial greetings, and sends you official notification that the Seventh General Council of the Alliance will be held in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., Sept. 27 to Oct. 8, 1899. It requests that delegates be elected to represent this General Synod at said General Council, and that provision be made for the portion of expenses due from the Synod.

Your Committee therefore recommends: 1st, That twenty-seven delegates be selected to represent this body at said General Council,—that being the number to which it is entitled according to the basis of representation in the Council; and 2d, that the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay to George Junkin, Esq., Sixth and Walnut streets, Philadelphia, Pa., the Treasurer of the Alliance, the sum of \$390.00, that being the amount of the expenses of the Alliance due from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

5. Three communications addressed to the Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters, President of the General Synod of 1896, have been placed in our hands, all from the Presbyterian Historical Soci-

ety. A letter of Jan. 14, 1897, from Dr. Lowrie, Corresponding Secretary, notifies him that he had been elected a member of this Society, and one of the Honorary Vice Presidents. Two other letters, one dated April 12, 1898, the other Dec. 14, 1898, inform him of his re-election, for the year 1898, to the office of Vice President of the Presbyterian Historical Society; and extend to him an invitation to be present at the formal opening of the Witherspoon building on Jan. 23, 1899. This invitation was recognized by Rev. Dr. Peters by an appropriate communication.

Your Committee has also two reports of this Historical Society, one of 1897, being its 46th report, the other of 1898, being its 47th report. The former gives an account of the removal of the Library from the rooms of the Board of Publication to the new Witherspoon building, and appends a tribute to the memory of the late President, Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Cattell. The latter reports the thorough investigation and reconstruction of the large and valuable accumulations of books and pamphlets, by which chaos has been wrought into cosmos; also the election of the Rev. Henry C. McCook to the office of President. To this is appended an address by Rev. Dr. A. Kuyper on "The Antithesis of Symbolism and Revelation." It is recommended that our President be instructed to address a letter to the Rev. Samuel T. Lowrie, expressing the feelings of sincere pleasure with which we have learned of the action of the Presbyterian Historical Society as communicated in his letters to the former President of our General Synod; and tender our thanks for the interesting reports received.

6. We have the reports of the delegates to the Reformed Churches on the Continent of Europe: to the Churches of Germany, Rev. Dr. J. H. Roentgen; to Hungary and Holland, Rev. Dr. James I. Good; to Switzerland, Rev. Dr. J. Kuelling; to Russia, Rev. H. W. Stienecker.

The Reformirte Bund of Germany invites this General Synod to send a delegate to a meeting of the Bund to be held at Magdeburg, Aug. 22, 1899.

An invitation of the same import came to us from the officers of the "Deutsche Hugenotten-Verein," which will assemble

at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Sept. 19, 1899. We recommend that \$25 be transmitted by our Treasurer to the Hugenotten-Verein.

Your Committee recommends that the Rev. Dr. James I. Good and the Rev. Geo. W. Richards be constituted the representatives of this Synod to respond to these fraternal invitations from the "Reformirte Bund" and the "Hugenotten-Verein;" also that these reports from our delegates be read; and that the printed proceedings of the several Reformed organizations in Europe, which have been put in our hands, be placed in the Library of the Historical Society.

7. A letter has been referred to us from Rev. G. D. Mathews, D. D., addressed to Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters, requesting authority to subscribe his name to an address to be presented to the Queen of Holland on the occasion of her coronation. As Dr. Peters has informed this Synod that he promptly gave an affirmative response to this request we propose that this action of our former President be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

1. A communication from the Evangelical Church of Italy, containing interesting statements of its growth and present prosperous condition, its fraternal greetings, and the request that our Church either be represented by a delegate at their General Assembly (held October 15, 1897), or enter into correspondence with them.

Inasmuch as the President of the last General Synod, the Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., has, in an appropriate manner, returned the cordial greetings and assurances of Christian fellowship and love to the Evangelical Church of Italy; therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Synod hereby approves the answer sent by Dr. Peters as its own.

2. A petition from the Pozsony Presbytery of the Reformed Church of Hungary, through its chairman, the Rev. E. Balogh, to aid said presbytery in the erection of a memorial church in memory of the martyrs of Pozsony. A small pam-

phlet, sent with this letter, gives the history of these martyrs. Pozsony is in Hungary, near Vienna.

Your committee recommends that a communication be sent by the Secretary to this Pozsony Presbytery of the Reformed Church of Hungary, assuring them of the sympathy, brotherly love and prayers in their behalf of the Reformed Church in the United States; and that, as an expression of our good-will and appreciation of the worthy object of their solicitation, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) be transmitted to them from the treasury of General Synod.

3. A communication from Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., chairman of the "General Committee on Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions for 1900." This communication indicates the character of the conference and the general plan of its sessions. The conference is to be held in the city of New York, from April 21 to May 1, A. D. 1900. A general interest is to be aroused and every pastor called upon, if possible to be present at its sessions. In regard to this communication, your committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this General Synod hereby commends this conference to the interest, sympathy and prayers of every pastor and church member of the Reformed Church in the United States; that all who can are called upon to attend its sessions in order to gain new information, inspiration and zeal for the noble cause of Foreign Missions; and that our Church be officially represented at this conference by not less than six representatives, to be appointed by this General Synod.

4. A letter of cordial congratulations on the Sesqui-Centennial of our Church from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, signed by Sheldon Jackson, Moderator, and Wm. Henry Roberts, Stated Clerk.

Resolved, That we record our appreciation of the kind regards and congratulations of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and instruct the President to communicate this action with our grateful acknowledgement of their assurances of Christian fellowship and love, to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

5. A communication of the "Committee on Co-operation in Home Missions of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System." This communication refers to the Plan of Co-operation in Home Mission Work, and contains an explanation of certain principles of action.

We recommend that this communication be referred to the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

E. V. GERHART,
I. U. E. KUNKLE,
A. E. DAHLMAN,
PETER ECKERMAN,
JOHN B. KIEFFER.

In compliance with the instructions embodied in the foregoing Report, the President appointed Revs. Drs. S. N. Callender, Jas. I. Good, C. J. Musser, Ph. Vollmer, A. V. Casselman, and Elder Daniel Miller, as representatives at the Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions.

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The delegates elected by the last General Synod at Dayton, O., in 1896, to corresponding bodies presented their reports, which were received and adopted. The several reports, as respectively presented, are as follows, to wit:

1. *The United Presbyterian General Assembly*

To Reverend General Synod:—

I respectfully report that on Monday, Jan. 3, 1896, I attended the meeting of the United Presbyterian General Assembly, in session at Xenia, Ohio, and conveyed to that body the fraternal greetings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, then in session in Dayton, Ohio. Personally, it was a very great pleasure to your representative to return to the town, in whose schools, he had, as a boy and young man, spent so many happy years, and he was doubly glad to return, at that time, as the representative of our highest Church judiciary. Your Commissioner was given a most cordial greeting, and the kind, good wishes of our General Synod, and warm sentiments of fraternity and love, were received with applause.

And will you, sir, allow me to say in this connection, that

there has always been a bond of deep sympathy between the Scotch Reformed and the German and Swiss Reformed. Your Commissioner went direct from that United Presbyterian Assembly, in Xenia, to Glasgow, Scotland, and then, at the Council meeting of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches of the World, thrilling reference was, one day, made to John Knox's finding a refuge from persecution at old Heidelberg, and of his carrying back with him subsequently, from Germany, a copy of the Heidelberg Catechism, which he had reprinted in the English language, from the press of Edinburg. The Scotch Reformed Church, thereby, became greatly indebted to the German Reformed. And the Scotch did not forget it. Two hundred years ago, when an appeal for financial aid went over the sea, from our poor German Reformed ancestors in Eastern Pennsylvania, the Scotch and English Reformed raised \$6,000 for the help of our poor Reformed forefathers. Thus did they, kindly, try to square the indebtedness.

And, Mr. President, it is gratifying to know that the same sympathy and brotherly feeling still exists between those who descended from the German Reformed and those who descended from the Scotch.

At that meeting in Xenia, in 1896, the Moderator wished me to convey to this body, the warm fraternal greetings of the United Presbyterian General Assembly; most happily he commented on the present close relationship of our two sister denominations, that have, so heartily, in these latter days, been co-operating in the Alliance of the Reformed Churches of the World, for the advancement of the Kingdom of God; and, touchingly, he ended by praying God's richest blessing upon our Reformed Church in the United States, in all the departments of its work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRUGH...

2. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in United States:

Dear Brethren:—

Your delegate to the Reformed Church in America re-

spectfully reports that he attended the meeting of the General Synod of that Church at Asbury Park, N. J., on June 3 and 4, 1897. He was most cordially received by that body, and, arrangements having been made for his formal presentation to the Synod, he delivered the fraternal salutations of your honorable body, to which the President of the Synod made suitable response, with the request that the cordial greeting and good wishes of the Reformed Church in America, be presented to its sister church, the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR.

Lancaster, Pa., May 12, 1899.

3. *The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in U. S.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

In accordance with the appointment of the General Synod convened at Dayton, Ohio, in 1896, I had the honor to represent the Reformed Church in the United States before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, convened at Minneapolis, Minn., on Friday, May 19, 1899. The reception of your delegate was most cordial, and the Moderator referred in the most complimentary terms to the close relations that have existed between the two denominations, expressing the hope that these relations might continue.

My bill of expenses from Tiffin to Minneapolis and return was \$30.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER.

4. *The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

To the General Synod of Reformed Church in United States:

Dear Brethren:—

Conformably to the appointment with which your reverend body honored me, it was my privilege to present personally your greetings to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church assembled at Mansfield, Ohio, June 9-17, 1897.

As your representative I was most cordially welcomed, and by the President, Rev. Dr. Hamma, was kindly asked to

bear to you the good wishes and Christian greetings of their Synodical body.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. BOWMAN.

5. *The Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.*

To the General Synod of Reformed Church in United States:

Fathers and Brethren:—

It was my great pleasure to attend the Quadrennial Synod of the Moravian Church, Northern Province of North America, held at Lititz, Pa., Sept. 8, 1898. Your delegate was cordially received by that reverend body, and in response to his fraternal greetings by its President the feeling was most heartily reciprocated. He expressed the wish and prayer that many Christian denominations would have fraternal relations similar to those sustained by our Synods. Your representative was requested to communicate to your reverend body the fraternal feelings and good wishes of our Sister Church with her benediction on our work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER.

6. *The German Evangelical Synod of North America.*

To the General Synod of Reformed Church in United States:

Dear Brethren:—

As your delegate, appointed to bear the fraternal greetings of your reverend body to the Evangelical Synod of North America, I attended the sessions of this Synod, held in Quincy, Ill., from the 21st to the 29th of September, 1898. I was very cordially received and permitted to address the Synod, whereupon a series of resolutions were passed inviting me to take an active part in the deliberations of this reverend body, and I was requested to bear the good wishes and the fraternal greetings of the Evangelical Synod of North America to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK GREYHER.

7. *The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.*

To the General Synod of Reformed Church in United States:

Brethren:—

I beg leave to report that I attended the sessions of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church held in the city of Philadelphia, May 26, 1899; that I delivered a copy of the Minutes of your Synod to the Clerk, presented your fraternal greetings, and made a general statement of the work of our own Church, of our interest in and well wishes for the prosperity of the United Presbyterian Church. I was courteously received and was charged to communicate to your reverend body the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the body visited.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER.

III. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following named brethren were elected delegates to the several corresponding bodies herein designated, viz.:

1. To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D. D., primarius, and Rev. Wm. Rupp, D. D., secundus.

2. To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. J. C. Musser, primarius, and Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, D. D., secundus.

3. To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. E. P. Herbruck, D. D., primarius, and Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, secundus.

4. To the Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., primarius, Rev. Adam Zimmerman, secundus.

5. To the German Evangelical Synod of North America, Rev. A. G. Gekeler, primarius, Rev. J. H. Stepler, D. D., secundus.

6. To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. S. W. Seeman, primarius, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D. D., secundus.

IV. DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following delegates from corresponding bodies appeared at General Synod and being officially recognized, took their seats as corresponding members.

1. During Thursday afternoon's session Rev. Jean E. Knatz, D. D., of Paris, delegate to the Franco-American Committee of Evangelization, was introduced and the courtesy was accorded him of addressing the Synod in regard to the Reformed Church of France. He stated that the Church which he represents is in strong sympathy with the Reformed Churches in other countries. He briefly stated the severe trials and persecutions endured by the Reformed Church in his native land, and the sore spiritual need of the people in the rural districts. He begged for the sympathy and prayers for the spiritual welfare of his countrymen. The Vice President, Rev. Benj. S. Stern, responded in behalf of Synod, assuring him of the sympathy and prayers of the Church represented by this General Synod.

2. The presence of Dr. Pearson, Secretary of American Bible Society for State of Ohio, was announced. He was welcomed by the President and introduced to General Synod. Whereupon he addressed the Synod upon the necessity of translating the Scriptures into the dialects spoken in the provinces which have recently become the possession of the United States, and that provision be made for a more rapid circulation. The President responded fittingly to this address, and in addition the following action was adopted, viz. :

That the General Synod has heard with profound interest of the work and responsibility of the American Bible Society. In addition to the great work of this Society throughout the United States and also its vast work in the Foreign fields, both through its agents and through the co-operation of our American Missionary Societies, it has now an unusual and pressing call to furnish the Holy Scriptures to our possessions in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. These islands have over thirty languages, in not one of which is there a line of the Holy Word. In the providence of God it is the duty of this Society in the

name of our American Protestantism to give every Cuban, every Porto Rican, and every Philippino a copy of the Word of God, at the earliest possible day.

We therefore most heartily commend to all our Churches this great Society and invite them all to contribute liberally to its funds in order to enable it to meet the great obligations that are now upon it.

3. Dr. J. P. Stratton, of Tiffin, O., was introduced as the delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. In a very appropriate manner did he speak of the cordial relations existing between the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. The President, Dr. C. S. Gerhard, in the name of the Synod reciprocated the cordial words that had been spoken.

4. Rev. Dr. Jas. I. Good was sent as a delegate to represent the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system. In a brief address he presented the greeting of that body and announced that there would be a conference next year in the city of New York for the discussion of the subject of Missions. He likewise reported that the work of Missions under the guidance of the Alliance is carried forward in the best of harmony.

5. A letter was received from Rev. E. C. Oggel, D. D., New Paltz, N. Y., who was appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America as a corresponding delegate to this body. In this letter he expresses his regrets that circumstances beyond his control prevent him being present at these deliberations, and with his pen he communicates the Christian salutations of the Reformed Church in America, to General Synod.

6. The following telegram was received in response to a communication and read by the President:

Minneapolis, Minn., May 26, A. D. 1899.

To General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, Tiffin, O.:

The Presbyterian General Assembly at Minneapolis responds cordially to the Christian greetings of the brethren be-

loved of the General Synod, invoking upon each of them and their work the blessing of God. See Numbers 6th chapter 24-26.

ROBERT P. SAMPLE, *Moderator.*

WM. R. ROBERTS, *Stated Clerk.*

Delegates to Reformed Alliances.

The attention of General Synod was directed by the Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches to the official notification that the Seventh General Council of the Alliance will be held in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., Sept. 27 to Oct. 8, 1899, and that 27 delegates be selected to represent the Church in said Council.

The following persons have been elected as delegates *primarius*:

Rev. Jno. A. Peters, D. D.,	David Van Horne, D. D.,
Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D.,	John H. Prugh, D. D.,
J. B. Kieffer, Ph. D.,	Ph. Vollmer, Ph. D.,
Jas. I. Good, D. D.,	Wm. Rupp, D. D.,
C. S. Gerhard, D. D.,	Jas. T. Reber,
C. Clever, D. D.,	Rufus W. Miller,
J. S. Stahr, D. D.,	Geo. S. Stein, M. D.,
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.,	Jno. H. Sechler, D. D.,
E. R. Eschbach, D. D.,	Jno. C. Bowman, D. D.,
Geo. F. Baer, Esq.,	F. Grether,
John W. Appel, Esq.,	Geo. B. Russell, D. D.,
Benj. S. Stern,	C. M. Boush, Esq.,
J. J. Leberman, D. D.,	N. L. Brewer, Esq.
J. H. Bomberger, D. D.,	

ALTERNATES.

John Bachmann, D. D.,	J. O. Vitz,
D. S. Fouse, D. D.,	Geo. W. Richards,
Cyrus Cort, D. D.,	H. C. Nott,
Jno R. Stein, D. D.,	H. S. Dotterer,
J. Crawford, D. D.,	W. R. Barnhart,
J. H. Pannebecker, D. D.,	Dr. H. M. Shuffel,
A. E. Dahlmann, D. D.,	T. J. Manch,
F. A. Gast, D. D.,	Daniel Clinger,
R. C. Zartman, D. D.,	H. M. Housekeeper,
H. T. Spangler, D. D.,	Jno. M. Conroy,
John M. Titzel, D. D.,	Aug. Becker,
Edwin Bromer,	Jacob Langendoerfer,
Jas. W. Meminger,	F. Hoff,
David U. Wolff,	

Plan of Federation and Consensus Creed.

In Item 3 in Report on Minutes of General Synod, reference is made to this subject referred to a Special Committee of Synod at Dayton, O. The Committee presented the following report, which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Consensus Creed and Federation would report that this movement, begun some years ago by the Presbyterian Church (North), has since been given up by them. We would therefore recommend to your reverend body the discharge of your Committee.

JAMES I. GOOD.
DAVID VAN HORNE.
EME. V. GERHARD.

V. REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO FOREIGN REFORMED CHURCHES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod during the morning session of the third day on Item 2 reported the appointment of Committee of Correspondence with Reformed Church on the Continent. The following reports were received and referred to Synod Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches. The reports are as follows, to wit:

REVEREND GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Dear Fathers and Brethren in Christ:

Your Committee on Correspondence with Church-bodies of the Reformed faith in European countries respectfully submits the following report:

Your Committee appointed for correspondence: with Germany, Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen, D. D.; with Hungary and Holland, Rev. J. I. Good, D. D.; with Switzerland, Rev. J. Kuelling, D. D., and with Russia, Rev. H. W. Stienecker.

A. *Correspondence with Germany.*

Your Correspondent transmitted the greeting of Honorable General Synod, including a few copies of its proceedings of 1896 to the: "Reformed Bund," the "Reformirte Synode von

Hannover," the "Deutsche Hugenotten-Verein," and other minor branches of the Reformed faith.

Your Correspondent received the following letters and submits them to your Honorable Body: A letter from Rev. Dr. Brandes, Moderator of the Reformirte Bund, with three copies of their proceedings; a letter from E. Graf. Knyphausen, the President of the Reformirte Synode von Hannover, with six copies of their proceedings, and one letter from Rev. Dr. Tollin at Magdeburg, the President of the "Deutsche Hugenotten-Verein," and proceedings of their meeting. The proceedings of the Reformirte Bund show, that this Honorable Body has difficulties in the publication of the Reformirte Kirdenzeitung as well as in the support for the Theological Seminary at Elberfeld; but is highly rejoiced over the establishment of a Reformed Deaconess Home at Lippe, as a token of interest for Home Mission work of the Reformed Church. The President as well as the Treasurer of said body gave thanks to General Synod for their friendly support and submit to General Synod fraternal greetings with the invitation to visit the meeting of the Reformirte Bund on the 22d, 23d and 24th day of August, 1899, at Magdeburg, by a representative of the General Synod.

From the Minutes of the "Reformirte Synode von Hannover" we learn that this Honorable Body gave most attention to a project of Church-law in regard to the salary of ministers, regulating the salary of ministers by time of service; then to a project of Church-law, regulating the visitation of congregations by the General Superintendent. The President submits the greetings of his Synod to your Honorable Body.

The "Deutsche Hugenotten-Verein" is a society to bring the descendants, living in dispersion, in nearer contact. This Society meets annually at different places; has a library of 338 volumes and publishes historical sketches of Huguenot congregations of earlier time. The Society gave support to ten poor congregations. The President, Dr. Tollin, submits to your Honorable Body the heartily greetings; an invitation to send a delegate to their meeting at Frankfort-on-the-Main on the 19th, 20th and 21st of September, 1899; asks for intercession, good advice and a helping hand. Your Correspondent had the honor

to be appointed an honorary member of this Society, also Dr. J. I. Good.

At last we beg to call your attention to the newly published book, "Sammlung der Reformirten Bekenntnis-Schriften mit geschichtlicher Einleitung" by Prof. Miller, in Erlangen Especially to the publication of the oldest Reformed Synodical reports from Poland (1553-63), including 108 heretofore unpublished letters of the Poland Reformer Laski in the Latin language, by Rev. Dr. H. Dalton, Berlin.

B. *Correspondence with Switzerland.*

Rev. Dr. J. Kuelling, who is the member of the Committee to correspond with Switzerland, reports that he has had no correspondence with the Evangelical Union of Switzerland. But your Committee has learned that the sum of \$25, which was given by the last General Synod to that Society for work in Switzerland, was appropriated to aid the newly founded Church at Bellinzona, in the canton of Ticino. In the days of the Reformation there was an Italian Reformed congregation at Locarno, in that canton, whose members were driven over the snowy Alps in winter to Zurich. Their industry led to the present prominence of Zurich as the commercial metropolis of Switzerland. But since the Reformation that canton of Ticino has been given over to Romanism. About twenty years ago, when the railroad of the St. Gothard pass was built, quite a number of the Reformed from the German cantons of Switzerland moved to Bellinzona and the Swiss Evangelical Union opened a preaching station there. A few years ago its chapel was attacked by some fanatical Catholics. But it has now grown into a considerable congregation. It was to this worthy object that the \$25 given by the Synod was sent.

C. *Correspondence with Hungary.*

One of the members of the council, the Rev. Dr. Good, visited Hungary, in 1896, and there came in contact with some of the leading theological professors of the Hungarian Reformed Church, as Prof. Balogh, of the University of Debreczin, and Prof. Lzabo, of the Theological Seminary of Budapesth. He learned that the best method for our Church would

be for its officers to address an official letter to the Bishops (Superintendents) of that Church, stating our desire to come into correspondence with them, especially as we had so many of their children under our care in America. The correspondence thus officially begun by our officers could be continued by our Committee on European Correspondence.

D. Correspondence with Holland.

Rev. Dr. Good, while in Holland, last summer, had a conference with several prominent ministers of the Reformed Church of Holland. Our General Synod, in 1893, in connection with the Centenary of the Synod, sent a communication to the General Synod of that Church. It was learned that as the Church was a State Church, and the General Synod a small body whose duties were limited to the business of the congregation under it, that it was not the best church court to be approached for correspondence, as it never takes up the larger practical subjects before the Church, as missions, correspondence, etc. It was suggested in Holland that our General Synod would do better to come into contact with the Classis of Amsterdam, whose clerk expressed himself as favorable to correspondence. It would be very proper to do this, for during the long period that our Church was under the Reformed Church of Holland, in the last Century, it was the Classis and Consistory of Amsterdam which contributed more than half of the money given by Holland to support the German Reformed Churches in America. The correspondence of our Church with the Mother Church in Holland, which was broken off in 1792, should be resumed, and we suggest that the committee be given authority to approach the Classis of Amsterdam to that end.

E. Correspondence with Russia.

The correspondent of the committee with the Reformed Church of Russia, Rev. Mr. Stienecker, reported that he had been able to have no correspondence with that Church. Your committee is of the opinion that it would be difficult to come into correspondence with that Church, as its freedom is largely circumscribed (by the iron rule of the Czar and of the Greek

Church which surrounds it). We, however, will endeavor to come into correspondence with Rev. Dr. Gelderbloom, pastor of the Reformed Church of St. Petersburg, and thus continue the correspondence.

F. *Delegates.*

Your committee would suggest that as the Reformed Alliance (Reformirte Bund) of Germany will have its meeting this Summer at Magdeburg, in August, that Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., and Rev. George W. Richards, both of whom expect to visit Europe, be appointed delegates, and that the committee have authority to appoint any other minister who can attend that meeting as a delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. C. ROENTGEN,
JAMES I. GOOD,

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

DEAR BRETHREN:—From the reports submitted to your committee, as the source from which we are to glean the data necessary to the work you have been pleased to commit to us, we learn, with profound feelings of gratitude to Almighty God, that the work of the Church has been faithfully and joyfully prosecuted during the past three years, and with abundant blessing.

Evidences are by no means wanting in these reports that this work has been attended with difficulty and pursued amidst many discouragements. Many, if not indeed quite all of these reports have much to say of the trials that have befallen our beloved pastors in their self-sacrificing labors of love. Their work during these, as in all former years, has been hindered, and hedged about with difficulty and hardship. They lament the slowness of the growth of our congregations; they deprecate the neglect of the ordinances in some sections of the Church; they mourn over the inability of many pastors to

awaken their people to a larger and more liberal spirit of benevolence; they bewail the steadily increasing tendency to disregard the sanctity of the Lord's Day; they sorrow, with a true sorrow of heart, over the indifference of many of our people to the solemn and binding obligations of the religious life.

Yet, on the other hand, while this element of difficulty and discouragement is manifest in these reports, there is at the same time in them a deeper and a far more prevailing undertone of firm confidence, abiding and abounding hope. One cannot read these reports without being thankfully impressed with the conviction that our churches are growing in faith and good works, steadily from year to year, and that, in the midst of those difficulties which always have been encountered, and always will be encountered, in the development of the religious life of a people, they at the same time breathe the confident spirit of St. Paul, when he wrote to the Church at Corinth: "As dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, and yet always rejoicing; as poor, and yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." For these reports abound far less in acknowledgement of difficulty and failure, than in expression of thanksgiving to the blessed Lord and Master for His abundant mercy in crowning the labors and prayers of the Church with blessings innumerable.

We perceive in these reports, furthermore, the presence of a tranquil hope, and a peaceable spirit, whereby the unity and fellowship of the Church have been conserved. We perceive in them a vein of thankfulness for the broad and catholic spirit of our Church, on the part of both ministers and people, as manifested and maintained in the attitude we occupy, and always have occupied since the days of Zwingli, toward all other branches of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Nor is there wanting evidence that the same free spirit is manifest in that liberal tendency in our theology, which, while seeking sacredly to conserve the old, is yet able and willing also to make room for that which is legitimately new. Reference is frequently made in these reports to prevailing worldliness and fears are entertained in some quarters, lest, in the midst of the

materialistic tendency of the times, everywhere manifest, and apparently unavoidable in the development of a new country like our own, and breathing as we do, both ministers and people alike, the atmosphere of an agnostic and skeptical age, we be swept from the safe and sure anchorage of the faith once delivered to the saints. For, perhaps, never was our Church, in common with all the churches of the land, more severely tried than in the present day, by the power of practical and theoretical skepticism prevailing in all departments of the world's life. The agitation of thought in the theological world finds its legitimate and necessary counterpart in the threatened, if not the already accomplished breaking away of the masses from the Church and her faith. We are sometimes amazed at the growing indifference of thousands of the people to the claims of religion, and their neglect of those religious and moral obligations which are equally binding upon every soul made in the image and likeness of God, and redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. The danger to be apprehended from certain agencies which are slowly but surely revolutionizing the entire social fabric; the absorption of the wealth of the country in the hands of the few; the steady enlargement of the poorer classes of people, and the gradual diminution of a prospering and happy middle class, the hope of every thriving state; the rapid increase and intensification of all those social and industrial agencies which tend to make human life a burden of despair to the many, and a material paradise to the few—all these things cannot but exert a baleful influence upon, and prove a constant hindrance to the progress of the Kingdom of Christ upon earth. Perhaps in no respect is the evil tendency of this worldly spirit more significantly expressed on the practical side than in the growing, popular disregard and secularization of the Lord's Day. Many of the reports coming up to us from the lower judicatories make mention of this, and we deem it well that our pastors and people be encouraged stoutly to maintain, by precept and example, the honor due the day appointed of God as a day of rest and worship for man, "an emblem and a foretaste of that eternal Sabbath Day that shall know no setting sun!"

With St. Paul we may enumerate the many things that are

against us. But, things always have been against the Church of Christ, and always will be to the end of time, when Christ Himself shall come and take His people home. In this world the storm will always be sweeping over the sea, and instant destruction hang ever imminent, when Christ with his loved ones is in the ship. But destruction, ever threatening, shall never come. The bush ever aflame with fire, shall never be consumed. More than once, in past times, the Church has conquered heathen philosophy, and she can do so and will do so again. And having more than once in earlier ages of her glorious history survived the wreck of empires and withstood the irruption of barbarous hosts, she may confidently expect, by the indwelling power of the Holy Ghost, to survive all the social and theological dangers of the present day. That we are warranted in holding fast to our confidence without wavering, we may reassure ourselves with the comforting fact that the rate of growth of our membership has outstripped the rate of growth of the population of the United States. That this was so during the years intervening between 1880 and 1890 can be verified by any one who will be at the pains to consult "The Statistics of Churches," as published by the Government of the United States, in the Ninth Census Report; and we believe that the same rate of increase in our membership is being maintained in the present decade—a fact which can be verified, of course, only by the forthcoming census of the closing years of this century.

During the years that have elapsed since our Synod last assembled, as may be learned from the statistics to accompany this report, the Church has made very encouraging progress in all the varied departments of her activity. Many new churches have been erected, and twenty-three new congregations organized in different parts of our widely extended field.

During the period covered by the reports—that is, from May, 1895, to May, 1898, the latest statistics, as given in the Minutes of the District Synods, show that the number of our ministers has increased from 961 to 1046, a net gain of 85; our membership has grown from 226,572 to 238,644, a net gain of 12,072. We regret, however, to call your very serious and

earnest attention to the fact that our benevolent contributions have, during the three years above named, decreased from \$676,271, as given in the last report made at the Synod at Dayton, to \$630,454, or \$45,817 less than in the preceding term: while the contributions for congregational purposes have increased from \$3,067,780 to \$3,212,306, a net gain of \$144,526.

In reference to the distressing fact that there has been such a large falling off in our benevolent contributions, your committee deems it well to remind the Synod that these figures are necessarily taken from the only available statistics, viz., from those given in the minutes of the District Synods: and that these tables, being made up from the Classical reports preceding the annual meetings of these Synods last fall, reach no further than the month of May or June, 1898. They, therefore, cover a period of depression from which all churches, in common with our own, have been suffering greatly, and they do not bring to us that cheering knowledge of the better state of things during the past ecclesiastical year, which we gain from other sources. For, from the reports of our various Boards which cover this period not covered by the statistical tables above referred to, we learn that our Church has in this year largely recovered from the deficiency above mentioned.

We rejoice greatly to know that a better state of things has evidently existed during the last twelve-month. It is most gratifying to your committee to be able to state that seldom, if ever, in our history have our missionary operations been carried forward with more loving zeal or more encouraging success. In common with the Boards of all sister churches, our own have been very greatly embarrassed by debt and disheartened by doubt and fear, until during the last few months, when, in the abounding goodness of God, the cloud so long impending has lifted, and the gloomy fears so long entertained have vanished away. Those of us who, in profoundest sympathy with members of these Boards, have watched with anxiety the growing indebtedness and increasing embarrassment of our missionary operations, both at home and abroad, and have been anxiously asking ourselves whether we should go forward, or ingloriously sound the retreat, could scarcely have been

brought, three months ago, to believe or even to hope at this meeting of our Synod both Boards would be practically out of debt. Yet such we are assured, by the reports of these Boards, is actually the state of our affairs. Our people, our beloved people of the Reformed Church, of whom we so often hastily and with lack of faith and hope complain, have responded most nobly to the necessitous and pitiful plea of our Boards. They have given liberally of their means, and stand ready, we believe, to give yet more liberally; if we do but bring the needs of the Church home to them, and have faith in them—and in God.

Our Orphans' Home and our Society of Relief have been cared for with a tender solicitude and a liberal hand. Our Sunday Schools have increased in membership and efficiency, while our Young Peoples' and our Missionary Societies have been aiming to train the young for greater usefulness and more efficient service in the work of the Church. In reference to the Young People's Societies in the Church, your committee deems it well to express the hope that, under the wise control and management of the proper authorities, they may be carefully guarded against the danger of becoming, in any sense, a substitute for the regular worship and service of the congregation.

Our Literary and Theological Institutions are making encouraging progress, increasing in endowment and enlarging in equipment. But we are constrained to express the belief that in no other department of our varied enterprises is there a greater or a more pressing call for large and liberal giving. Our institutions of learning, everywhere in the Church, are much hindered and hampered by deficiency of endowment, and we believe that they all need, and greatly need, a far larger proportion of the interest and support of the Church than they have been receiving.

Thus, from a rapid and cursory review of all the agencies and operations of our Church, it seems but just to express the belief that the Reformed Church is in better condition for work to-day than ever before. We are at peace amongst ourselves. We have great opportunities set before us as an open door. We have the confidence and hearty support of our people, and we have the assured promise that the grace of God shall not fail us,

if we be faithful to the great trust committed to us. With profound gratitude for God's goodness and mercy in the past, let us press on with renewed hope and redoubled energy in the blessed work of bringing men to the true knowledge of Jesus Christ, whom to know aright is life everlasting.

During the past three years forty-six of our ministers have passed from our numbers, and been called to worship God in the better Church which is on high. We mourn their departure, and sadly miss the comfort of their presence, and the guidance of their counsels. One by one they have been called away from their labors of love here to their blessed reward in heaven. Prominent in the long list of the names of our departed brethren which will accompany this report, is that of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Gilmore Apple, who for many years occupied an honored place in our institutions of learning, and by his scholarly attainments helped to shape and mould the doctrine and cultus of the Church. His well-known and beloved voice, often heard on the floor of this body, is heard no more in the councils and the worship of the Church on earth, being lifted up now with the voices of the mighty multitude of the redeemed of all ages who praise God in the heavenly world. He, with all the many other brethren who have departed hence in the Lord, now rest from their labors, their works following them. May we who remain be faithful to the most high and mighty trust committed to us in the work of the Church, that, when the measure of our days is fulfilled, we may enter with joy into the blessed reward of our common Lord and Master. "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

HENRY MARTYN KIEFFER,
JOHN A. PETERS,
BENJAMIN S. STERN,
JOHN W. APPEL,
T. J. MARCH,

Committee.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

As a Supplement to the Report of the State of the Church, the undersigned was instructed to record the names, with years of service, of the ministers, who died during the triennium from June 1, 1896 to June 1, 1899.

JNO. Ph. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Ministers.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Residence.	Died.	Age.
Accola, DD. Oswald John	1860	1860	Chicago, Ill.	1896 Nov. 17	60, 11, 21.
Addams, Geo. Eckert	1859	1859	Reading, Pa.	1897 June 19	75, 2, 7.
Albright, Daniel W.	1890	1890	Reading, Pa.	1897 Mar. 20	35, 4, 20.
Alspach, Joel W.	1862	1862	Altamont, Ill.	1895 Dec. 5	61, 2, 24.
Apple, D.D., LL.D. Thos. G.	1852	1852	Lancaster, Pa.	1898 Sept. 17	68, 10, 3.
Bair, Henry	1862	1862	Forrester, Ill.	1896 July 16	59, 3, 15.
Bretz, John L.	1882	1882	Millersburg, Ind.	1897 Nov. 30	45, 5, 3.
Brugger, Louis	1881	1881	Fruithurst, Ala.	1897 Sept. 4	45, 11, 6.
Cecil, J. W.	1862	1862	Thomasville, N. C.	1899 Mar. 5	
Derr, Calvin, O. U.	1891	1891	Spring City, Pa.	1897 Mar. 12	33, 2, 12.
Dieckman, Henry	1886	1886	Frostburg, Md.	1887 June 17	40, 7, 22.
Dotterer, John	1874	1874	Lamar, Pa.	1897 Aug. 20	53, 6, 14.
Dubbs, D. D. A. J. G.	1851	1851	Allentown, Pa.	1897 Nov. 7	68, 4, 30.
Engle, Wm. G.	1862	1862	Williamsport, Pa.	1897 Feb. 2	63, 9, 16.
Erb, Geo. C.	1889	1889	Orbisonia, Pa.	1897 Apr. 8	35,
Ferencl, Frank			Columbus, O.	1896 Jan. 12	42, 23.
Fetzer, J. G.	1853	1853	Clear Spring, Md.	1899 May 6	73, 8, 30.
Goodrich, Wm.	1886	1886	Allentown, Pa.	1899 Jan. 19	43, 1,
Greenwald, D. J.	1876	1876	Bonner Springs, Kans.	1896 Nov. 9	42, 1, 16.
Groh, Milton H.	1870	1870	Lincoln, Neb.	1898 Mar. 20	55, 5, 20.
Heimberger, C. T.	1840	1840	East Saginaw, Mich.	1897 June 27	87, 8, 27.
Kanne, Augustus	1875	1875	Covington, Ky.	1897 Sept. 26	49, 11, 22.
Kessler, John M.	1852	1852	Navarre, O.	1898 July 16	74, 9, 11.
Klahr, John C.	1846	1846	Philadelphia, Pa.	1898 Apr. 28	77, 10, 5.
Kroh, Daniel	1852	1852	Elizabethville, Pa.	1897 Oct. 28	78, 2, 14.
Kuhl, John G.	1848	1848	Reading, Pa.	1896 June 22	70, 11, 2.
Kuhn, Samuel	1862	1862	Salem, N. C.	1898 Dec. 25	
Leberman, Lawrence, D.	1879	1879	Wirth, Arkansas	1896 June 18	44, 5, 12.
Leinbach, D. D., Aaron S.	1882	1882	New York City, N. Y.	1897 Nov. 19	79,
Long, Thos.	1862	1862	Pittsburg, Pa.	1898 June 10	45,
Matzinger, Isaac			Elk Rapids, Mich.	1898 Jan. 29	67, 0, 10.
Miller, D. D., Jacob O.	1848	1848	York, Pa.	1898 Apr. 18	75, 3, 18.
Muehe, Emil F. J.	1895	1895	Lancaster, Pa.	1899 Feb. 15	34,
Neuber, J. G.	1858	1858	Philadelphia, Pa.	1896 Apr. 21	70,
Noll, Moritz	1873	1873	New Knoxville, O.	1898 Nov. 2	53, 2, 11.
Pilgrim, Frederick	1866	1866	Lititz, Pa.	1896 July 5	60, 6, 11.
Prakschatis, D. D., Louis	1864	1864	Cleveland, O.	1896 Dec. 7	59, 2, 17.
Rahauser, Reuben	1873	1873	Emigsville, Pa.	1897 June 13	60, 9, 26.
Rettig, John	1859	1859	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	1899 Feb. 15	69,
Rothrock, Daniel	1858	1857	Bethlehem, Pa.	1897 June 19	68, 6, 18.
Schaaf, D. D. Carl	1866	1866	Norwood, O.	1896 Sept. 11	55, 5, 14.
Schroth, Daniel F.	1869	1849	Helvetia, W. Va.	1898 Mar. 21	63, 8, 8.
Shaw, Samuel	1860	1861	Lone Tree, Iowa	1897 Apr. 7	62, 0, 13.
Sheip, Levi C.	1864	1865	Doylestown, Pa.	1897 Feb. 18	63, 1, 18.
Shoemaker, Joseph	1866	1856	Blackburn Station, Pa.	1896 Oct. 20	68, 2, 5.
Stern, D. D., M. G. I.	1852	1852	Cincinnati O.	1898 Dec. 17	70, 7, 8.
Super, D.D., LL.D., Henry W.	1851	1851	Collegeville, Pa.	1897 Nov. 26	72, 10, 25.
Weiser, D. D., Clement Z.	1852	1852	East Greenville, Pa.	1898 Mar. 1	67, 4, 2.
Witzel, Henry F.	1896	1896	Hazleton, Pa.	1897 Nov. 4	26, 8, 28.
Woehler, Edward, T.	1852	1852	Green Bay, Wis.	1896 Apr. 9	79, 5, 2.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The Reports herein presented, on the subject of Missions, both Home and Foreign, received the attention of General Synod during its session :

- I. TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, FOR THREE YEARS PRECEDING MAY 1, 1899.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Reverend Fathers and Brethern in Christ:

With a deep consciousness of the responsible trust which in the name of Jesus Christ your reverend body has committed to our fostering care and guidance, your Board of Home Missions begs leave to submit the following report of the work done during the past three years :

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

The following reorganization was effected at the opening of this triennial term: President, Rev. J. A. Peters; Vice-President, Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D.; Treasurer of general funds, Elder J. T. Reber; Treasurer of Church-building Funds, Elder C. M. Boush. The Executive Committee consists of Revs. J. A. Peters, J. J. Leberman, T. J. Barkley, E. R. Eschbach and Elder C. M. Bousch.

The following Superintendents were chosen: General Superintendent, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.; Rev. A. C. Whitmer, for the Eastern and the Potomac Synods; and Rev. A. S. Dechant for the Synod of the Interior.

RETROSPECTIVE VIEW OF THE PERIOD.

As we review the progress of the work during these three years, the Board recognizes the gracious guidance and blessing of a divine providence in the fulfillment of the ever-abiding promise, made to the Church by our Lord: "Lo, I am with you alway." Never before has your Board had so many calls and opportunities for spiritual help from fields, both east and

west. According to the measure of the pecuniary means at our command we have heeded these calls. Yet not to all the invitations have we been able to give heed. Because of lack of means, to many promising calls for mission work in growing centers of population have we been obliged, with regret, to give a negative response. For the work, however, which we have been able to accomplish, in keeping the fields under our care supplied with missionaries, in the self-sacrificing labors, the faithful and earnest pastorates of the missionaries themselves, as well as in the effective help which we have been able to render the cause through our system of Church-building Funds, we would challenge your reverend body with a grateful recognition of the special blessing from the Lord of missions which has so richly attended this sacred trust. To Him from whom has come such abundant grace in the discharge of our holy commission be ascribed all praise and honor and glory!

WORK OF THE GERMAN SYNODS.

The efforts made by the two Boards of the German Synods to strengthen the work already in hand and also to extend the field of their operations, have been measurably successful. The Western Board reports that it "has enlarged its work by taking up Winnipeg and other Manitoba points and Neudorf Assa, where a number of Reformed Gallicans have settled." It has also extended its territory westward by taking up a promising point in the State of Oregon. The outlook in general is hopeful, although both Boards complain of the hindering effect of the hard times in business relations. The Eastern Board regrets that the progress of the existing missions under its care for the past two years has been very slow; and missionaries complain very much of the difficulties which they must encounter in their efforts to increase the membership of the missions. Yet the same Board says that if the churches would give more freely for this work, it would be able to organize three new missions at once.

The view seems to prevail among the brethren of the German Synods that the present relation existing between their Boards and ours is perhaps the best possible for the work that is to be accomplished. The report says: "The action of Gen-

eral Synod, however, relative to the work of German missions in our large cities is not fully understood by all among the German brethren. Some hold that both German and English congregations should send contributions to the General Board, and this Board then remit to the German Boards; while others contend that the General Board should make an appropriation amounting to the sum which the General Synod had in view, and remit the same to the German Boards."

In view of this diversity of interpretation we submit the question of the propriety of your reverend body making a deliverance as to the precise intention of the action taken at your last session with reference to "mission work among the Germans in our larger cities." See Minutes of 1896, page 89, resolution 19.

The Western German Board directs attention to the sad loss which it has sustained in the death of Rev. M. G. I. Stern, D. D., who served for many years as its President. He departed this life December 19th, 1898. "His love for the cause, his zeal, his remarkable information on matters pertaining to mission work, as well as his accurate judgment are greatly missed" among the brethren with whom he labored. The number of missions started by the said Boards during the period is 17; the number reaching self-support, 4; and the number abandoned as unpromising, 3.

THE HARBOR MISSION.

We have as yet been able to maintain but one Mission for the needs of immigrants to our country, viz., the one at the port of New York City. Rev. Paul Sommerlatte, the missionary in charge, has completed his eighth year of service. His ministrations to the stranger, often in sickness, friendlessness and poverty, have been richly blessed. He reports that during the three years 934 families and single persons were directed by Christian pastors and other friends in Europe to his special care, to whose wants he ministered while they tarried in New York, and whom he directed in their journey westward to their several points of destination. Some of these immigrants locate in New York and New Jersey, many go to Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, while the majority settle in Wisconsin, Nebraska

and and the Dakotas. The larger number who come under advice from friends in the fatherland are members of the Reformed Church. The missionary has conclusive evidence for believing that these, with comparatively few exceptions, unite with our congregations whenever they find the Church of their own faith. Through the indefatigable energy, the excellent judgment and tact as well as the economy shown by the missionary in charge, the work at New York is well organized and has become an efficient factor in the extension of the Church. More could be accomplished in the way of ministering to the spiritual necessities, as well as the bodily wants, of the immigrants, if the Church owned a building exclusively devoted to this mission. When will the General Synod be ready to order a forward movement in this important trust by purchasing a house and dedicating it to this sacred purpose?

In this connection the Board calls the attention of Synod to the large deficit in the payment of the apportionment made for this work. Synod apportioned \$1.015 per annum, \$3,045 for the three years. Toward this amount the Board has received but \$2,310, leaving a shortage of \$735. If this work is to be sustained properly, it is imperative that the apportionment for it should be promptly paid. We ask, therefore, that such action may be taken as may tend to correct this delinquency on the part of the District Synods.

THE WORK AMONG THE HUNGARIANS.

Our work among the Hungarian population of this country has been greatly blessed, both in the edification of the Christian life in the congregations already established and in the extension of the work into new territory. During the last three years the Board has called four additional helpers from Hungary, viz., Rev. Frank Csanfordi, located at Trenton, N. J.; Rev. Zoltan Kuthy, located in New York City; Rev. Paul Konyha, located at Pittsburg, Pa., and Rev. Alexander Csutoros, located at Cleveland, O. Rev. Julius Hamborski, for some time a resident of this country, has also been commissioned for the Slavic-Hungarian mission at Mt. Carmel, Pa. We have now under our care, in active service, eight Hungarian pastors.

One other, Rev. Gustavus Jurany, not now employed by the Board, yet holds his membership in our ministry.

Under the sanction of the Board, a Hungarian church paper, called *The Orallo*, largely missionary in its character, has been started by these pastors, and is filling a worthy purpose among the Hungarians.

These pastors have petitioned the Board for the appointment of a traveling Hungarian missionary, who shall meet the spiritual wants of the scattered Hungarians who have not the ministrations of the Church. Nearly enough money has been pledged for this work for two years; and the Board has created the office of "Traveling Hungarian Missionary" and has called a suitable man from Hungary.

In order to accomplish their peculiar work more efficiently, these missionaries have also requested the Board to take constitutional steps necessary for the formation of a Hungarian Classis. This the Board has done. We have instructed these brethren how to proceed in the several Classes and Synods interested, and we now also ask your reverend body to declare that the organization of a Hungarian Classis is within the meaning of Article 46 of the general Constitution.

WORK AMONG THE BOHEMIANS.

The Reformed Church has received a special call to minister in spiritual things to another foreign people in our beloved country, namely, the Bohemians who belong to our own household of faith in two of our large cities. In July, 1896, a mission among these people was opened in Chicago, Ill. Rev. Charles V. Molnar, a native Bohemian, was commissioned. Chicago teems with an immense population of this nationality, many of whom are adherents of the Reformed Church. The mission as yet owns no church, but worships in a store building for which the Board pays the larger portion of the rental. But a church is greatly needed. The outlook for gathering in souls is very promising.

The other appeal came to the Board from the city of Cleveland, Ohio, which numbers among its population 45,000 Bohemians. The Erie Classis during the past year took the initiative in establishing a mission among these people and placed

it in charge of the Rev. Anthony Korbel, a native Bohemian. This congregation, of nearly fifty members, worships in the Sixth (German) Reformed Church. A lot has been bought, and they will build at an early day. At our last quarterly meeting the mission was enrolled and Rev. Korbel was commissioned.

RESUMING WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Board has not been unmindful of the special instruction given by the Synod at its last sessions "to inquire into the feasibility of undertaking missionary work anew among the faithful Reformed people of the Pacific coast." The Board entered into an extensive correspondence with the German Board of the West, touching a union of all the Boards in renewing the work on the Pacific coast. Failing to enlist the cooperation of the said Board, and feeling convinced from former experiences that the peculiar nature of that work demands the direct supervision and co-operation of the German Boards, we could do no more.

THE MICHAEL SCHLATTER MEMORIAL FUND.

So far as possible the Board heeded the injunctions of General Synod touching memorial services to be held throughout the Church during 1897, to commemorate the labors of the Rev. Michael Schlatter; and in connection with the said services the Board earnestly challenged our people for liberal contributions towards the \$100,000, which shall be known as "The Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund." We are happy to report that such sesquicentennial services in memory of the great pioneer missionary were generally held by our Synods, Classes and charges. The amount raised for said purpose appears in the report of our Treasurer of Church-building Funds; but doubtless we shall for some years yet reap the fruit of seed then sown. The Board has issued certificates recognizing the donors to said fund who have contributed \$5 or more.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.

The Synod authorized our Board to co-operate with the Board of Foreign Missions and the Sunday-school Board in the establishment of a monthly missionary periodical. This we

have done. Since October, 1896, the said periodical has been issued monthly under the title of *The Reformed Church Tidings*. The paper is published at Reading, Pa., and is managed by a joint committee composed of two members from each Board above mentioned. From the report of this Publishing Committee we learn that *The Reformed Church Tidings* has won for itself a place of usefulness, and we are convinced that its publication should be continued. It is now in its third year. The subscription list is about 15,000; and although not quite self-supporting, yet, in view of the good done by this wide diffusion of missionary intelligence, we consider it proper for each Board concerned to pay its proportionate share of the deficit, which share has been about \$300 annually. Every effort should be made to increase the circulation of this helpful paper.

THE POWER OF THE BOARD IN TEMPORAL TRUSTS.

The Board finds it necessary to state that in the transaction of business, embarrassment is sometimes experienced by the fact that men fear that the Board has not proper authority to execute certain necessary obligations.

Therefore, inasmuch as the Board has obtained a charter of incorporation under which it transacts business and attends to its temporal affairs in a corporate capacity, and inasmuch as the General Synod is a judiciary claiming control of ecclesiastical matters alone, the Board of Home Missions respectfully asks the General Synod to declare that in the transactions of the Board of Home Missions relating to temporal trusts, all acts done or caused to be done by it are valid and binding without any action or approval by the General Synod.

MANUAL FOR THE USE OF THE BOARD AND ITS MISSIONS.

Our Board has given much time and care to the preparation of a suitable Manual for the use of the Board and the missions under its care, containing the charter, rules and regulations which govern our business. When completed we shall place six copies of this Manual in the archives of the Synod.

HELP GIVEN BY THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Board again places on record its recognition of the valuable assistance rendered by the Woman's Missionary So-

cieties. The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod reports the following gatherings during the period :

For the general cause of home missions.....	\$6,053.51
For the special work of Hungarian missions.....	165.40
For the special work of Bohemian missions.....	5.00
For church-building	679.70
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Total.....	\$6,903.61

In justice, however, we must express some doubt whether the above statement represents a complete exhibit of what the women have accomplished for the cause. Doubtless the Synodical and Classical Societies have given considerable sums for local or even general work which have not been reported to the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

LEGACIES RECEIVED.

The following legacies have been received :

By the Treasurer of the General Board from Mrs. Catharine Eckhard, Cleveland, Ohio, for the benefit of the Harbor Mission	\$ 100.00
By the Treasurer of the Bi-synodic Board :	
1. Major J. B. Fisher, Penn Hall, Pa., A Church-building Fund, \$500 and for missions. \$200.....	700.00
2. Daniel Hottenstein, Northumberland County, Pa.	185.00
3. Miss Susan M. Pontius, Mifflinburg, Pa., a Church-building Fund, of which the Executor has paid	4,500.00
4. Miss Sarah Johnson, York, Pa.....	5,888.25
5. Miss Elizabeth Houtz, Orangeville, Pa.....	190.00
6. Christian Bender, Northampton Co., Pa.....	950.00
7. Miss Lydia Hoy, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	210.50
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Total of legacies.....	\$12,723.75

OUR CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

We must help our missions to build their churches, because they cannot do it themselves. The Church at large must reach out her helping hand and give them homes. This we have always done, at least in a small way; but until a dozen years ago the help was an outright gift. Now, however, we loan such money to missions, and this loan-plan is what we mean by our Church-building Funds.

A Church-building Fund is \$500 or more, and bears the name of the giver or any other suitable name. This money, given to the Board of Home Missions, must always be held as a Distinct Fund, and used only for the building of churches in missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions, or for the purchase of ground for such churches.

These Funds are loaned to the missions on first mortgage, so as to insure safety; they must come back within a reasonable time and so repeat their former work again. This loan-plan has the unqualified approval of all our Synods, and is now in operation throughout the whole Church. In 1886 the English Board in the East adopted it, and a few years later the General Board adopted it. It is a noteworthy fact that these two Boards now have about eighty of these Funds on record and at work, about \$40,000, all gathered since April, 1886.

But the end is not yet. We are only beginning. God has richly blessed our work, and for this very reason we are now asking the Church for two hundred more of these Funds, that is, \$100,000 made up of \$500 Funds to be known as the Schlatter Memorial Fund. We are asking for \$100,000 for church-building, that money may be at hand to be used when the great opportunity is at hand, and that in the future the Church may be saved the great losses and sad experiences of the past; and this call for \$100,000 is the best news, because it is the sign of growth and prosperity, the sign of God's blessing upon our Church and upon our missionary work.

As it will be a great satisfaction to those who have given Church-building Funds to know where their money has been used, and as the same information will be a matter of interest to all earnest minded people, we herewith give a full statement of the Funds belonging to each Board, including the name of the Fund, the name of the giver, the date of the giving, and the place and the time of use. When the name of a place is given, of course the mission there located is meant.

The following descriptive list is from the records of April 1, 1899:

I. THOSE OF THE BI-SYNODIC BOARD.

1. *The First Special Church-building Fund.* Raised mainly by \$50 pledges in 1886, and finished in 1887. Loaned to Sioux City, Iowa, July, 1888. Now in a loan to Trenton, N. J.

2. *The Virginia Classis Church-building Fund.* Given by Virginia Classis in 1887. Loaned to Sioux City, Iowa, July, 1888. Now in a new mortgage on said property.

3. *The Emmanuel's Hanover Church-building Fund No. 1.* Given by the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa., in 1887. Loaned to Sioux City, Iowa, July, 1888. Now in a new mortgage on said property.

4. *The Charles Santee Church-building Fund.* Given in 1888 by Elder Charles Santee, of Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa. Loaned July, 1888, to Faith church, Baltimore, Md. Returned in 1893, and \$450 loaned to Scranton, Pa. Balance in a loan to Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

5. *The Catharine Dietz Church-building Fund.* Given in 1888 by Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, of Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa. Loaned \$400 first to Ballard, Wash., returned in 1897; now in a loan to Salisbury, N. C. Balance in Scranton, Pa.

6. *The Missionary Society Church-building Fund.* This \$1000 was given in 1889 by sixty-five Missionary Societies. Used in buying a lot in Astoria, Ore., August, 1893.

7. *The Emmanuel's Hanover Church-building Fund, No 2.* Given in 1889 by the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa. Loaned to Christ church, Baltimore, Md., July, 1889. By 1894 it was repaid, and is now loaned to Fourth church, Harrisburg, Pa.

8. *The Malinda M. Acker Church-building Fund.* Given in 1889 by Mrs. Malinda M. Acker, of Uwchland, Chester Co., Pa. Loaned to Steelton, Pa., May, 1891. The \$150 paid are now in a loan to Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

9. *The John and Hannah Brownback Church-building Fund.* Given in 1889 by Miss Mary M. Brownback, of Uwchland, Chester Co., Pa. Loaned to Steelton, Pa., May, 1891. All returned. Now \$350 in South Norwalk, Conn., and \$150 in Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

10. *The Woman's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis Church-building Fund.* Given by that Society in 1890. Loaned to Faith church, Baltimore, Md., July, 1890. All repaid, and loaned again as follows: \$250 to Scranton, Pa., and \$250 to Steelton, Pa.

11. *The Harriet Hoke Schnebly Church-building Fund.* Given in 1890 by the will of Mrs. Harriet M. Schnebly, of Mercersburg, Pa. Loaned to Faith church, Baltimore, Md., July, 1890. Repaid by 1897. Now loaned as follows: \$50 to Steelton, Pa., \$50 to South Norwalk, Conn., \$300 to Salisbury, N. C., and \$100 to Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

12. *The Riegelsville Church-building Fund.* Given in 1891 by Elder John L. Riegel, of Riegelsville, Pa. Loaned to St. Stephen's mission, Baltimore, Md., January, 1893. Repaid in 1897, and loaned to Salisbury, N. C.

13. *The Woman's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis Church-building Fund.* Completed in 1891. Used in parts for several years, but now loaned to Tioga mission, Philadelphia, Pa.

14. *The Eliza C. Knecht Church-building Fund.* Given in 1891 by Miss Anna M. Knecht, of Freemansburg, Pa. Loaned to St. Stephen's mission, Baltimore, Md., January, 1893. Repaid in 1897, and loaned to Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.

15. *The Joseph Keely Church-building Fund.* Given in 1891 by Mrs. Anna Keely, of Spring City, Pa. Loaned to Royersford, Pa., February, 1893.

16. *The William A. Wilt Church-building Fund.* Given in 1891 by Mrs. Imilda Loucks, of York, Pa. Amount, \$666.67. Loaned \$266.67 to Mt. Pleasant, N. C., in 1895, which was paid in 1898. This, with \$25 more, is in Grace church, Altoona, Pa. \$75 are in a private loan, and \$300 in the treasury.

17. *The Irene May Thatcher Church-building Fund.* Given in 1892 by Mr. Mahlon D. Thatcher, of Pueblo, Colo. Loaned to St. Stephen's mission, Baltimore, Md., December, 1892. Repaid in 1896, and loaned to Messiah mission, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1897.

18. *The Benjamin Riegel Church-building Fund.* Given in 1892 by Mr. Benjamin Riegel, of Riegelsville, N. J. Loaned to St. Stephen's mission, Baltimore, Md., December, 1892. Repaid in 1896, and loaned to Messiah mission, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1897.

19. *The Tohickon Classis Church-building Fund.* Completed in 1892. Loaned to Royersford, Pa., February, 1893.

20. *The Rebecca Loudon Church-building Fund.* Given in 1892 by Mr. William Loudon, of Altoona, Pa. Loaned to St. Stephen's mission, Baltimore, Md., December, 1892. Repaid in 1896, and loaned to Harrisonburg, Va., July, 1897.

21. *The Henry Gable Church-building Fund.* Given in 1892 by Elder Henry Gable, of Hanover Junction, York Co., Pa. Loaned to St. Stephen's mission, Baltimore, Md., January, 1893. Repaid in 1897, and loaned to Salisbury, N. C.

22. *The Florence Clark Shuman Church-building Fund.* Given in 1893 by Elder Jeremiah S. Shuman, of Catawissa, Pa. Loaned to Fourth church, Harrisburg, Pa., May, 1894.

23. *The William and Susan Dice Church-building Fund.* Given in 1893 by the heirs of Elder William Dice, of Chambersburg, Pa. Loaned to Fourth church, Harrisburg, Pa., May, 1894.

24. *The John and Sarah E. Emig Church-building Fund.* Completed in 1894 by three daughters, York, Pa. Loaned to Thomasville,

N. C., January, 1895. Amount paid, \$62, is in loan to Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

25. *The Woman's Missionary Society of East Pennsylvania Classis Church-building Fund.* Completed by the Society in 1894. Loaned to Lykens, Pa., in 1895.

26. *The Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley Memorial Church-building Fund.* In loving memory, from their children. Amount \$600. Given in 1894. Loaned as follows: \$500 to Fourth church, Harrisburg, Pa., May, 1894, and \$100 to Steelton, Pa., May, 1895.

27. *The Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Church-building Fund.* In loving memory from their brothers and sisters (the children of Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley). Given in 1894. By request transferred to the General Board of Home Missions in 1896.

28. *The Emmanuel's Hanover Church-building Fund, No. 3.* Given in 1894 by the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa. Loaned to Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa., 1895.

29. *The Martin^s L. and Anna C. Lerch Church-building Fund.* Given in 1894 by Elder Martin L. Lerch, of Freemansburg, Pa. Loaned to Wyoming Classis, April, 1895, for Scranton, Pa.

30. *The Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super Church-building Fund.* Given by Rev. Dr. H. W. Super, of Colledgeville, Pa., July, 1895, and loaned to Hungarian Reformed church, Bridgeport, Conn. All paid, \$300 being now in a loan to Salisbury, N. C., and \$200 in the treasury.

31. *The Emmanuel's Hanover Church-building Fund, No. 4.* Given by the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa., in 1896. Loaned to Fourth church, Harrisburg, Pa., \$400, and to General Board of Home Missions, \$100.

32. *The Adam Calvin Fisher Church-building Fund.* Given in 1896 by the will of Mr. Jared B. Fisher, of Penn Hall, Center Co., Pa. Loaned to Messiah church, Philadelphia, Pa., July, 1897.

33. *The Juniata Classical Missionary Society Church-building Fund.* Completed by the Society in 1897, and loaned to Grace church, Altoona, Pa., in 1898.

34. *The Sarah and Elizabeth Johnson Church-building Fund.* Amount, \$1000. By will of Miss Sarah Johnson, of York, Pa. Paid in 1897. Loaned to Maryland Classis for Christ church, Baltimore, Md., January, 1899.

35. *The Rev. and Mrs. John Cares Church-building Fund.* Amount \$1000. By will of Miss Sarah Johnson, of York, Pa. Paid in 1897. Loaned to Maryland Classis for Christ church, Baltimore, Md., January, 1899.

36. *The Emmanuel's Hanover Church-building Fund, No. 5.* Given by the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's Church, Hanover, Pa., March, 1898. Loaned to Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

37. *The Woman's Missionary Society of Wyoming Classis Church-building Fund.* Completed by the Society in 1898. Loaned as follows: \$141.24 to Scranton, Pa., \$146 to Steelton, Pa., and \$212.76 to the General Board of Home Missions.

All these Funds, unless otherwise stated, are \$500 each. Many are broken into parts which find place in various loans, because when payments are made these are at once sent out to do their work again; but on the record each is held as a distinct whole, and its parts are readily traced.

In addition to these completed Funds, the Board has several partial Funds, *i. e.*, still in process of completion. They are as follows:

The Woman's Missionary Society of Lebanon Classis Church-building Fund. Begun in 1894. Amount paid, \$258.58. Loaned \$200 to Salisbury, N. C., and \$58.58 to Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

The Catechumen Church-building Fund. Begun in 1893. Amount paid, \$437.05. Loaned to Scranton, Pa., \$42.60; to Steelton, Pa., \$168.45; to General Board of Home Missions, \$208.15; and \$17.85 are in the treasury.

The West Susquehanna Classis Church-building Fund. Begun in 1893. Amount paid, \$174. Loaned to Steelton, Pa., \$93.55; to General Board of Home Missions, \$63.25; and to Grace church, Altoona, Pa., \$17.20.

The John Frederick and Frederick Ephraim Pontius Church-building Fund. By will of Miss Susan M. Pontius, of Mifflinburg, Pa. Amount paid, \$4500. Loaned to Bridgeport, Conn., \$2000 in 1896; to the General Board of Home Missions, \$1000 in 1897; to the Hungarian church, Trenton, N. J., \$1000 in 1898; and \$500 are in the treasury.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Lancaster Classis Church-building Fund. Amount paid, \$120.55, now in Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

II. THOSE OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

1. *The East End Church-building Fund of Allegheny Classis,* \$2450. Received in 1891 from the sale of East End property. Invested in New Kensington, Pa.

2. *The Miami Classis Church-building Fund,* \$1000. Contributed by said Classis in 1891. Invested in Cleveland, Ohio.

3. *The Somerset Classis Church-building Fund,* \$600. Contributed by said Classis in 1891. Invested in Cumberland, Md.

4. *The Pastor's Offering Church-building Fund,* \$500. Contributed by Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., in 1891. Invested in Cumberland, Md.

5. *The St. Joseph's Classis Church-building Fund,* \$500. Contributed by said Classis in 1892. Invested in Lincoln, Neb.

6. *The Sarah Brinker Church-building Fund,* \$2000. Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Brinker, of Lisbon, O. Invested in 1892 in Lincoln, Neb., \$1000. Invested in 1893 in Kansas City, Mo., \$1000.

7. *The Elizabeth Diefenbacher Church-building Fund*, \$650. Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Diefenbacher, of Edwardsburg, Mich. Invested in Kansas City, Mo.

8. *The Elizabeth Jordon Church-building Fund*, \$550. Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Jordon, of Harrison Co., Indiana. Invested in Kansas City, Mo.

9. *The L. H. Diehl Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed in 1892 by Elder L. H. Diehl, Astoria, Ill. Invested in Wilson Avenue church, Columbus, O.

10. *The Tuscarawas Classis Church-building Fund*, \$1000. Contributed in 1893 by said Classis. Invested in Cleveland, O.

11. *The Synod of the Interior Church-building Fund*, \$500. Completed by said Synod in 1895. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

12. *The Charles Santee Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed in 1892 by Elder Charles Santee, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Cleveland, O.

13. *The B. S. Schneck Church-building Fund*, \$500. Bequest of Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck in 1892. Invested in Cleveland, O.

14. *The Maria Susan Scholl Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed in 1893 by Mrs. James M. Hood, Frederick, Md. Invested in St. Joseph, Mo.

15. *The Lancaster Ohio Classis Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by said Classis in 1893. Invested in Wilson Avenue church, Columbus, O.

16. *The Bernard Withers Wolff Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Elder B. Wolff, Pittsburg, Pa., in 1893. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

17. *The Union Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by various persons in 1894. Invested in St. Joseph, Mo.

18. *The Neriah Church-building Fund*, \$600. Contributed by St. Joseph's Classis in 1894. Invested in St. Joseph, Mo.

19. *The Lewis Shriver Church-building Fund*, \$1050. Legacy of Lewis Shriver, of Tiffin, O. Invested in Wilson Avenue church, Columbus, O., \$450. Invested in Youngstown, O., \$600.

20. *The John C. Bucher Church-building Fund*, \$500. Legacy of Rev. Dr. John C. Bucher, of Lewisburg, Pa. Invested in Wilson Avenue church, Columbus, O.

21. *The Diana Bolander Church-building Fund*, \$400. Bequest of Mrs. Diana Bolander, of Dakota, Ill. Invested in Wilson Avenue church, Columbus, O.

22. *The Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod Church-building Fund*, \$500. Completed by said Society in 1895. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

23. *The Tiffin Classis Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by said Classis in 1895. Invested in Youngstown, O.

24. *The Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by their brothers and sisters in 1894. Received by transfer from the Bi-synodic Board in 1896. Invested in Youngstown, Ohio.

25. *The Sarah Hivling Church-building Fund*, \$2887.50. Bequest of Miss Sarah Hivling, of Xenia, O. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

26. *The Anna Maria Klopp Church-building Fund*, \$500. Bequest of Mrs. Anna Maria Klopp, of Womelsdorf, Pa. Invested in Denver, Col.

27. *The Daniel C. and Emma I. Tobias Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Rev. James B. Stonesifer and wife, of Winchester, Va., in 1896. Invested in Denver, Col.

28. *The Christian Endeavor Society Church-building Fund, No. 1*, \$500. Contributed by said Societies in 1896. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

29. *The Dr. Jacob D. and Anna Maria Thomas Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Mrs. Anna Maria Thomas, of Adamstown, Md., in 1897. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

30. *The Evangelical Frederick Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by the Evangelical Reformed church, of Frederick Md., in 1897. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

31. *The Christian and Dorothea Zumdahl Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed in 1897 by Mrs. Dora M. Korf, *nee* Zumdahl, Christian Frederick and August H. Zumdahl, of Forreston, Ill. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

32. *The Arthur and Jane Hughes Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Mrs. Rosa H. Jenks, of Lancaster, Pa., in 1896. Invested in Denver, Col.

33. *The Caroline Henry Stein Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed in 1896 by Elder George W. Stein, of Annville, Pa. Invested in Springfield, O.

34. *The Henry D. Hackman Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Mr. Henry D. Hackman, Womelsdorf, Pa., in 1897. Invested in Springfield, O.

35. *The William A. and Mary B. Schall Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by William A. Schall, of Barto, Pa., in 1897. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

36. *The William W. Anspach Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by William W. Anspach, of Milton, Pa., in 1898. Invested in Springfield, O.

37. *The Jacob C. Bomberger Church-building Fund*, \$1000. Contributed by Rev. I. M. and Mrs. A. S. Motter, of Adamstown, Md., in 1898. Invested in Springfield, O.

38. *The William H. Schneider Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by William H. Schneider, of New Hanover, Pa., in 1898. Invested in Detroit, Mich.

39. *The Barbara S. Schmitt Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by B. Schmitt, N. B. Schmitt, and Miss L. V. Schmitt, of Woodstock, Va., in 1898. Invested in Lincoln, Neb.

40. *The Union Schlatter Church-building Fund, No. 1*, \$500, from small contributions. Completed in 1898. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

41. *The Philip Daubenspeck Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Elder Philip Daubenspeck, of Butler, Pa., in 1898. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

42. *The Mahlon and Sallie W. Hillegass Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Elder Mahlon Hillegass and wife, of East Greenville, Pa., in 1898. Invested in Lincoln, Neb.

43. *The Sunday School Church-building Fund, No. 1*, \$500. Contributed by the Sunday School Board in 1898. Invested in St. Louis, Mo.

44. *The Francis D. Hartzel Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Mrs. Catherine A. Hartzel, James M., Leidy S., R. Frank, Levi M., Wilson S., and Harvey S. Hartzel, and Mrs. E. I. Murphy, of Easton, Pa., in 1898. Invested in Easton, Pa.

45. *The Thomas T. and Emma M. Miller Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Mrs. Annie E. Hart, Frank C. and Rufus W. Miller and Mrs. Florence M. Thompkins, of Easton, Pa., in 1898. Invested in Easton, Pa.

46. *The Philip Williard Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by Elder Philip Williard, of Collegeville, Pa. Invested in Sioux City, Iowa.

47. *The Westmoreland Classis Church-building Fund*, \$500. Contributed by said Classis in 1899. Invested in Connelsville, Pa.

48. *The Freeland G. Hobson Church-building Fund*, \$500. Completed by Elder F. G. Hobson, Collegeville, Pa., in 1898. Invested in Denver, Colo.

49. *The Otis Barnet Church-building Fund*, \$500. Legacy of Otis Barnet, of Stoutsville, O., in 1899. Invested in St. John's church, Columbus, O.

In addition to these completed Funds, the Board has several partial Funds in process of completion. They are as follows:

The Woman's Missionary Society of Illinois Classis Church-building Fund. Contributed by said Society in 1895, \$258.85. Invested in Youngstown, O.

The Roney Church-building Fund, \$150. Contributed by Miss Lizzie Roney, of Dayton, O., in memory of her parents. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

The Christian Endeavor Society Church-building Fund, No. 2. Contributed to April, 1899, \$199.66.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Allegheny Classis Church-building Fund. Contributed by said Society to April, 1899, \$306.85.

The Union Schlatter Church-building Fund, No. 2. From various small contributions to April, 1899, \$62.93.

The Ministers of the Interior Synod Church-building Fund. Contributions to April, 1899, \$171. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

The Elders of the Interior Synod Church-building Fund. Contributions to April, 1899, \$128.10. Invested in Colon, Mich.

The Women of Northern Illinois Church-building Fund. Contributions to April, 1899, \$252.43.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Interior Synod Church-building Fund. Contributions to April, 1899, \$260.63. Invested in Colon, Mich.

The Mercersburg College Church-building Fund. Contributions to April, 1899, \$100. Invested in Denver, Colo.

The St. Paul's Reading Sunday School Memorial Thank Offering Church-building Fund. Contributions by St. Paul's Reformed Sunday School, Reading, Pa., to April, 1899, \$250.

CONDITIONS THAT CALL FOR ENLARGEMENT OF THE WORK.

Up to this point we have endeavored to give your reverend body a view of the work as favorable as possible. Notwithstanding, however, the many tokens of prosperity which in the narrative we are permitted to recount, and the evidences of God's blessing which it is our privilege to record, we feel that it is our duty to remind the Synod of some facts in the situation which are not so encouraging. Indeed, the experience of the Board during the past three years has inclined us to believe that our beloved Church in this country is confronted with somewhat serious and, for her welfare and growth in the future, very important conditions. In our last report we called the attention of the Synod to the urgent claims which many large centers of population had upon the Reformed Church, and the frequent opportunities which during the past ten years have been presented to us as a denomination to enter these cities. These open doors of opportunity have been rapidly multiplying, and the voices inviting us have become more importunate. The Board has prayerfully pondered the situation and has been keenly sensible of the call. But, because of the failure of the Church to furnish the necessary means promptly, the Board has been to a great degree prevented from entering new territory and assuming new responsibilities.

The Synod three years ago, inspired with commendable love for the cause and with laudable intentions, promised \$45,000 annually, \$135,000 in the aggregate, to meet the running expenses of the work, aside from the apportionments made for the Hungarian, Harbor and German missions. This promise, we regret to say, has not been promptly fulfilled; and on this account your Board has repeatedly been forced to make loans in order to meet the pressing wants of the missionaries. We have thus been obliged during the three years to pay interest on such loans to the amount of \$1,518.70. We make this statement with sorrow and with some sense of humiliation, hoping that it may incite our people to greater liberality in the work of missions, and that we may avoid the necessity of any further loans for such purposes. As a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us prayerfully consider these conditions that call for enlargement of this important work. Let us meet the issue in the fear of God and for the sake of perishing humanity. If the Church is to continue to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, she must in some legitimate way be aroused to more liberal devotion of her interest, her prayers and her pecuniary means to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in our beloved land. "The fields are white already to harvest." In this country city missions are particularly an imperative necessity, in order that we as a people may be saved from impending social and political evils which threaten the welfare of both Church and State. The only power that can heal these maladies is, as we believe and preach, the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation, both in social relations and in personal needs. The Church, then, just at this time, has a most urgent mission in this country. The question of the hour on all sides is, whether she is sufficiently alert in heeding this important call.

Your Board, therefore, most urgently challenges the attention of your reverend body to these positive indications of a call from the Master for an advance movement along the line of home missionary activity. Next to a larger individual consecration of life and soul and property throughout the Church to God's service, more comprehensive and energetic methods

are needed than those which have hitherto prevailed. The work can be extended only by larger giving. Our people have the means; and they need to be inspired with more love to Christ and His cause and thus with a keener sense of their stewardship and responsibility.

In order that the Church may be moved to meet this emergency according to Christian methods, and thus remove the hindrances which stand in the way of the extension of her borders, the Board offers the following suggestions:

1. The recommendation by Synod of a larger force for the field work. In the judgment of the Board, the time has come when at least one Financial Secretary, if not more, should be called into service.

2. Some legislation or recommendation by this Synod, which may lead to a greater unity and promptitude on the part of the respective Classes and charges in raising the entire apportionment for this work. Let there be less dissipation of our means and energies.

3. The propriety of General Synod during these sessions inaugurating "the twentieth century movement" in behalf of home missions and church-building. As a plan for the guidance of this movement we herewith present the following special action taken by the Board at its late annual sessions:

A. That the General Synod be overtured to designate the year 1901 as the initial year for the observance of the twentieth century movement.

B. That General Synod appoint a committee of nine, the members of which may be either clerical or lay, one member from each District Synod, together with the President of the Board of Home Missions *ex officio* chairman of said committee. The said committee shall have charge of the general guidance and direction of the movement throughout the Church. Together with the Board of Home Missions and the Superintendents of Missions, the said committee shall prepare or have prepared a suitable literature for an educational purpose, consisting of tracts, essays and addresses bearing on the necessity and value of home missions and church-building,

which literature shall be distributed to our membership gratuitously.

C. That each District Synod be urged to hold during its annual sessions in 1900, for the purpose of inaugurating the movement within its boundaries, a special educational or church work convention, or popular meeting, in the interest of this movement, the special arrangement of program to be left to the Synod holding said convention.

D. That each District Synod be requested to instruct its several Classes as to the necessity of carrying this movement into practical effect, first on the occasion of its own annual sessions, and secondly in every charge and congregation; that each Classis be requested to divide its territory into districts to be composed of no more than five contiguous charges, in each of whose congregations two or more educational or church work conventions shall be held during the year, on which occasions the special needs of the Board shall be presented to the people, as also the necessity for the inauguration of more energetic church-building work.

E. That on the occasion of all these gatherings our people shall be earnestly importuned to consecrate their pecuniary possessions with themselves to the Lord for the spiritual benefit of home missionary activity.

F. That the pastors be urgently requested to educate their people by preaching special sermons on the necessity of a greater interest in home missionary activity, in order to help the spiritual health of the churches, so that a holy enthusiasm may be awakened throughout our borders in behalf of this cause. Christianity is essentially a missionary religion; and the crying need of the Church of the present, as in past ages, is for a missionary ministry.

Before we close this section of the report, it is proper to inform your reverend body that the Board at its late annual meeting, acting with faith in God and with confidence in the Church, enrolled the following new missions: Altoona, Pa., Homestead and Duquesne, Pa., North East Baltimore, Md., and Des Moines, Ia.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THE TRIENNIUM.

Missions enrolled, 17; number reaching self-support, 17; points abandoned as unpromising, or referred to Classes for reconstruction, 5; total number of missions at present under the care of the Board, 91.

Statistics of the Boards of the German Synods: New missions enrolled, 17; number becoming self-supporting, 4; points abandoned, 3; whole number at present sustained, 51.

The Board of Church Erection of the Synod of the North-West and of the Central Synod has now a fund of \$30,550.80.

Total number of missions sustained by all the Boards, 142.

Lots, mortgages and titles held by the General Board, secured by property, valued at \$84,334.04. Those of the Bishopsynodic Board, \$43,000.

The indebtedness of the General Board, as well as the assets of the same, will appear from the report of the Treasurer of Church-building Funds herewith presented.

AMOUNT PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MISSIONS.

By the General Board.....	\$136,238
By the German Board of the West.....	22,580
By the German Board of the East.....	9,031
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Total.....	\$167,849

AMOUNT RAISED FOR CHURCH BUILDING.

By the General Board.....	\$ 54,653
By the German Board of the West.....	7,226
By the German Board of the East.....	200
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Total	\$ 62,079
Sum total raised for all purposes.....	\$229,928.

The statistical tables herewith presented will exhibit a fuller and more particular statement of the whole work of home missions as to membership and contributions during the period.

The reports of both Treasurers of the Board have been audited, found to be true statements of our financial record, and are herewith presented.

The current expenses of the Board sum up the following annual aggregates:

For the year 1896-1897.....	\$1422.43
“ “ “ 1897-1898	1236.47
“ “ “ 1898-1899	1554.52

Sum total, \$4213.42

The three Superintendents have been re-elected, each for the term of three years beginning with October 1st, 1899.

The term of service of the following named members of the Board expires with the present sessions of Synod, viz., Revs. John Bachman, Thomas J. Barkley, John J. Leberman and Samuel B. Yockey, and Elders Horace Ankeny and James T. Reber.

In reviewing the work done and in contemplating the possibilities of future operations, we would recognize the gracious help which God has vouchsafed to the Church and the indications of a divine providence pointing to a larger fruitage in the years to come. Regretting that on account of the limited means at our command we have not been able to accomplish more for Christ and His Church, yet hopeful of the coming of a brighter day in the history of our home missionary work, when our beloved Zion will realize more fully the blessedness of giving unto the Lord, this report of our labors is herewith

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS, President.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

NAME OF BOARD.	Number of Missions.	Communicant Members.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars, Teachers and Officers in Sunday-schools.	Amount raised by the Missions for Benevolence.	Amount raised by the Missions for Congregational Use.	Amount received by the Board from the Church at large for Home Missions.	Amount received by the Board for Church-building.
Board of General Synod.....	91	10,187	111	12,190	\$25,890	\$209,422	\$136,238	\$54,653
Board of the Synod of the Northwest and the Central Synod.....	39	3,457	21	2,750	3,308.89	50,249	22,580	7,226
Board of the German Synod of the East.....	12	1,631	39	2,160	497.80	14,286	9,031	200
Totals.....	142	15,275	162	17,100	\$29,696.69	\$273,957	\$167,839	\$62,079

The sums given in the last four columns are for the three years preceding May 1, 1899.

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Communicant Members.	Amount raised by the Mission for Congregational Use.	Amount raised by the Mission for Benevolence.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1889.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1889.
OHIO SYNOD.						
Ada, O.	Vacant	125	700	15	350	75
Akron, O.	J. S. Freeman	181	925	250	450	450
Athens, Mich.	E. H. Laubach	41	514	44	300	200
Barberton, O.	C. E. Ewing	130	325	115	300	300
Bethel, O.	S. U. Snyder	150	783	189	550	100
Canton, O.	F. Strassner, D. D.	58	642	493	150	425
Cleveland, O.	Alex. Sutoros	229	300	304	400	400
Cleveland, O.	Anton Korbel	58	200	53	100	400
Columbus, O.	S. W. Seeman	256	1762	140	850	250
Columbus, O.	S. B. Yockey, D. D.	73	350	58	50	950
Colon, Mich.	H. S. Nicholson	101	829	88	350	175
Detroit, Mich.	C. W. Brugh	37	1834	23	125	600
Hamilton, O.	H. E. Jones	137	898	74	150	150
Lima, O.	F. Cromer	47	200	121	125	650
Massillon, O.	Vacant	113	639	128	250	400
Millersburg, O.	J. J. Wagoner	80	422	44	400	100
Springfield, O.	R. F. Shultz	87	3100	71	200	800
Warren, O.	J. J. M. Gruber	97	704	116	200	450
Youngstown, O.	J. M. Kendig, D. D.	105	697	74	325	825
PITTSBURG SYNOD.						
Apollo, Pa.	J. N. Naly	157	1057	136	450	250
Braddock, Pa.	A. K. Kline	90	918	120	325	475
Buffalo, N. Y.	J. M. G. Darms	160	1179	60	150	200
Connellsville, Pa.	A. J. Heller, D. D.	24	31	10	800	800
Cumberland, Md.	U. C. E. Gutelius	97	1171	87	225	550
Grove City, Pa.	G. E. Limbert	151	576	153	475	150
Johnstown, Pa.	J. H. Mickley	217	1943	221	550	450
New Kensington, Pa.	H. W. Bright	115	1100	102	325	475
Pittsburg, Pa.	P. Konyha	600	950	63	200	450
Scottdale, Pa.	E. D. Meixell	185	827	283	600	150
Sharpsville, Pa.	E. E. Emhoff	182	685	134	425	150
Turtle Creek, Pa.	T. R. Dietz	130	2125	139	575	275
INTERIOR SYNOD.						
Abilene, Kans.	Vacant	120	600	80	.....	.....
Altamont, Ill.	L. C. Summer	87	225	111	200	200
Anna, Ill.	R. R. Lackey	62	292	42	250	150
Boulder, Ia.	P. Bock	53	375	75	400	100
Brandon, Ia.	C. Foster	31	220	50	125	275
Cheney, Kans.	J. R. Lewis	77	490	107	450	150
Chicago, Ill.	B. B. Royer	31	350	97	100	1400
Chicago, Ill.	A. Harsanyi	180	2435	20	.....	500
Chicago, Ill.	C. V. Molnar	51	146	14	.....	900
Denver, Colo.	H. Tesnow	74	1115	130	100	875
Edinburg, Ill.	G. S. Gill	97	475	150	400	200
Emporia, Kans.	L. S. Faust	23	115	25	100	500
Hiawatha, Kans.	L. L. Hassenpflug	70	215	100	350	300
Holton, Kans.	W. B. Jackson	47	118	6	150	375
Iola, Kans.	D. B. Shuey	75	409	90	240	400
Kansas City, Kans.	J. W. Love, D. D.	69	565	80	300	800
Leighton, Ia.	G. C. Baumgartel	79	469	77	350	150
Lincoln, Neb.	E. H. Fisher	63	200	15	250	600
Lone Tree, Ia.	E. D. Lantz	82	681	124	500	100
Lyons, Kans.	A. Casselman	44	340	56	150	325
Maquoketa, Ia.	D. F. Boomershine	82	669	123	350	175
Sioux City, Ia.	T. F. Stauffer	24	212	12	100	700
Shelby, Ill.	J. F. Bair	75	263	87	275	200
St. Joseph, Mo.	A. O. Reiter	75	644	38	450	550

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS.—Continued.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Communicant Members.	Amount raised by the Mission for Congregational Use.	Amount raised by the Mission for Benevolence.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1899.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1899.
Tipton, Ia.....	J. A. Hunsicker.....	59	492	84	425	75
Ursinus, Ia.....	A. Darms.....	45	231	39	200	250
White Water, Kans.....	C. D. Schaffer.....	33	370	84	220	350
Wichita, Kans.....	B. Griffith.....	115	689	133	400	400
Wilton Junction, Ia.....	S. Ream.....	56	324	60	360	200
Zions, Neb.....	C. Ruefener.....	76	567	166	.....	.....
POTOMAC SYNOD.						
Altoona, Pa.....	P. S. Leinbach.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500
Baltimore, Md.....	A. S. Weber.....	212	950	163	600	500
Baltimore, Md.....	W. L. Stewart.....	191	5786	149	700	300
Baltimore, Md.....	C. W. Levan.....	86	810	52	300	625
Baltimore, Md.....	F. W. Bald.....	113	861	69	135	740
Burlington, N. C.....	J. D. Andrews.....	88	115	57	150	350
Harrisonburg, Va.....	Vacant.....	15	.....	.....	150	250
Duncannon, Pa.....	J. D. Miller.....	222	622	191	475	50
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	P. Barringer.....	221	418	221	.....	.....
Roanoke, Va.....	E. S. Hay.....	21	98	22	60	940
Salisbury, N. C.....	Vacant.....	15	50	.....	.....	750
Thomasville, N. C.....	J. C. Leonard.....	184	184	.....	300	275
Washington, D. C.....	A. T. G. Apple.....	141	89	134	500	600
EASTERN SYNOD.						
Bridgeport, Conn.....	A. Kalassay.....	180	1353	30	300	460
Harrisburg, Pa.....	M. H. Sangree.....	103	575	168	325	575
Mt. Carmel, Pa.....	J. Hamborsky.....	90	.....	.....	200	200
New York, N. Y.....	Z. Kuthy.....	90	585	10	300	500
Norristown, Pa.....	B. Bates.....	119	1337	162	275	400
Philadelphia, Pa.....	W. Delaney.....	140	1090	5	600	200
Philadelphia, Pa.....	C. B. Alspach.....	211	1754	140	675	500
Philadelphia, Pa.....	A. Noll.....	95	1621	88	200	600
Philadelphia, Pa.....	H. A. Bomberger.....	94	1214	137	450	560
Philadelphia, Pa.....	E. W. Middleton.....	109	1575	107	275	625
Reading, Pa.....	J. P. Stein.....	245	1129	82	700	175
Royersford, Pa.....	E. W. Lentz.....	130	500	50	500	100
Scranton, Pa.....	G. W. Welsh.....	100	1000	86	200	800
South Norwalk, Conn.....	G. Dokus.....	97	120	.....	120	460
Steelton, Pa.....	H. H. Sangree.....	141	994	115	450	350
Tower City, Pa.....	L. D. Steckel.....	160	1597	48	720	200
Trenton, N. J.....	F. Csanfordi.....	97	3173	.....	300	400

Of these missions three became self-supporting April 1, 1899, namely, Abilene, Kans.; Lions, Neb.; and Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

TRIENNIAL REPORT OF ELDER C. M. BOUSH, TREASURER OF CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, April, 1896.....	\$1011 25
From Ohio Synod on apportionment.....	1172 20
From Pittsburg Synod on apportionment.....	2677 00
From Bi-synodic Board on apportionment.....	4835 54
From Philadelphia Classis.....	277 21
From West Susquehanna Classis.....	12 78

From Synod of Interior on apportionment.....	303	31
For Church-building Funds.....	149	83 68
Small offerings toward the Schlatter Memorial Fund.....	562	93
From the missions on indebtedness.....	3955	18
From the missions, interest due.....	868	45
On bonds and notes issued for loans.....	209	76 00
Special donations.....	28	62
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Total receipts to April, 1899.....	\$51,664	15

EXPENDITURES.

Invested in real estate and loans to missions.....	\$41691	01
Donations to missions	2980	51
Interest on bonds, notes and mortgages.....	3260	78
Bonds and notes redeemed.....	1500	00
Incidentals, including printing, postage, revenue stamps, traveling expenses and officers' salaries.....	959	02
Balance in the treasury April, 1899.....	1272	83
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	\$51,664	15

The committee appointed to audit the account of Elder C. M. Boush report that they have compared the above totals with his itemized statement made to the Board, and have examined his books and vouchers, and find all correct.

DAVID B. LADY,
JOHN J. LEBERMAN.

REPORT OF JAMES T. REBER, TREASURER OF THE BOARD
OF HOME MISSIONS.

For Home Missions:

Eastern and Potomac Synods	\$76,444	78
Ohio Synod	15,593	32
Pittsburg Synod	18,112	34
Interior Synod	6,134	19
Central Synod	42	00
Miscellaneous sources	5,345	63 121,672 26

For Hungarian Missions:

Eastern and Potomac Synods	5,503	20
Ohio Synod	578	87
Pittsburg Synod	1,276	74
Interior Synod	186	87
Miscellaneous sources	607	95 8,153 63

For the Harbor Mission:

Eastern and Potomac Synods	1,173	81
Ohio Synod	165	27

Pittsburg Synod	625 00	
Interior Synod	48 07	
Central Synod	201 00	
Northwestern Synod	94 54	
Miscellaneous	760 66	3,068 35
<i>For German Missions:</i>		
Eastern and Potomac Synods	1,903 38	
Ohio Synod	576 15	
Pittsburg Synod	86 97	
Miscellaneous sources	39 42	2,605 92
Total		\$135,500 26
Paid Missionaries, interest, etc.....		135,428 10
Balance in treasury May 23, 1899.....	\$	72 16

JAMES T. REBER, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions during Tuesday's session submitted its report, which was amended and adopted. The report is as follows:

The following documents were placed in the hands of the Committee for consideration:

1. Triennial report of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod, and abstract of items claiming the attention of the Synod.

2. Item 5, page 59, of Report of Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod of the North West, relating to the apportionment for work among the Germans in large cities.

3. Items 3, 4 and 5 of Report of Standing Committee on Minutes of German Synod of the East, relating to Hungarian missionary work.

4. Item 8 of Report of Committee on Minutes of English Classes, being an overture of the Classis of Lancaster, Synod of Ohio.

5. Item 20 of Report of Committee on Minutes of English Classes, being overtures from Wichita Classis in relation to the appointment of Field Secretaries.

From the Report of the Board we learn that the Home Mission work of the Church has been attended with gratifying success. A balance is in the Treasurer's hands at the time of this meeting of General Synod, after paying all salaries and expenses for the quarter ending April 1st, 1899. There has been received during the triennial period the sum of \$167,849.00 for the general work of Missions and \$62,079.00 for Church-building purposes, over against \$144,058.00 for general mission work and \$28,418.00 for Church-building during the three years preceding. The work of the Board has been conducted with a view of keeping it within the contributions of the Church. On this account the total number of missions enrolled at the present time is only 135, over against 142 three years ago. The number of members in the Mission Churches has, however, increased from 13,762 to 15,275; the contributions of the Missions for benevolence from \$13,767 to \$17,100, and for congregational use from \$144,323 to \$273,957. These figures indicate a healthy, intensive development of the work and the Board is to be commended for the judicious management of its trust. The Home Mission work of the German Synods gives evidence of having been carried forward with characteristic self-sacrifice and thrift.

GERMAN-ENGLISH WORK.

Although the apportionment for work among the Germans in large cities has not been paid, it is recommended that a special apportionment for this purpose be again made, and that the method of handling payments on account of this apportionment be as follows:

1. Resolved, that an apportionment of \$6,000 a year be made for mission work among the Germans in large cities.

2. Resolved, that both German and English Synods and Classes be directed to pay their apportionment for mission work among the Germans in large cities to the Treasurer of General Synod's Board of Home Missions through the Treasurers of the District Synods, and that the amounts thus contributed be transmitted to the German Boards for use as the German Boards and General Synod's Board may have agreed.

HARBOR MISSIONS.

The Board reports the satisfactory continuance of the Harbor Missions at the port of New York, and the faithfulness and efficiency of the Missionary in charge, Rev. Paul Sommerlatte, are acknowledged. In order that the work of our missionary may be aided in advance, it is desirable that he maintain correspondence with the Immigrant Missionary Societies of Bremen and Hamburg, in order that the emigrants to this country may be specially directed to our Mission upon their arrival at New York. This will necessitate a small additional cost for postage and miscellaneous expenses and, therefore, a slight increase in the apportionment for Harbor Missions is requested.

In view of the importance and benefit of the Harbor Mission to the whole Church, it is urged upon all the Classes and congregations that the apportionments for Harbor Mission be paid promptly and in full. Therefore, also,

3. Resolved, that \$1,150.00 a year be apportioned upon the District Synods for the Harbor Mission.

The U. S. Government is about to erect at the port of New York a new building for its use, including the care of immigrants arriving at that port. As many of these immigrants are detained at the port for various periods, and many of them are devout Christians, desiring the ministrations and the sacraments of the Christian Church, our Missionary suggests that the Government be requested to set aside a room in the new building where religious services may be held. It is, therefore, recommended that the following action be taken:

4. Resolved, that the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. hereby respectfully calls the attention of the United States Government to the need, in its new building at the port of New York, of a room especially set apart for the use of the several Christian denominations maintaining missionaries at that port, for the purpose of holding religious services and administering the sacrament of the Church.

5. Resolved, that a copy of this action be forwarded to the Hon. Terrence V. Powderly, Supt. of Immigration, Washing-

ton, D. C., with the request that he give this matter his special personal attention.

THE WORK AMONG THE HUNGARIANS.

The Board reports that this work has been greatly blessed. Eight Hungarian pastors are now laboring under the care of the Board, and a Hungarian Church paper has been started by these pastors. At their request the Board has also called a suitable man from Hungary to serve as "Traveling Hungarian Missionary," to be supported for two years by funds specially provided for the purpose. The request of the Hungarian pastors to be organized into an Hungarian Classis is referred by the Board to this General Synod for approval.

On account of the newness of the work in this country, the lack of intimate personal knowledge of the men engaged in it, such as is gained of our own ministers during their seven years' course of training in college and seminary, the inability of the Church to apply to them, on account of non-acquaintance with their language, the same tests passed by men trained in this country when they enter the ministry; because of the functions exercised by a Classis to license and ordain ministers and to retain men in the ministry, and because of the constitutional questions involved in the request, the following action is recommended:

6. Whereas, in the minds of a large number of the members of the General Synod there is no constitutional authority to organize any Classis other than a German or English one; therefore,

Resolved, that this Synod does not see its way clear to authorize the organization of Hungarian Classes at the present time.

Resolved, that a Special Committee be appointed to formulate an amendment to the Constitution to be submitted to the Classes providing for the formation of Classes in other languages beside German and English.

7. Resolved, that all Hungarian and other foreign missionaries and pastors be directed to connect themselves with an English or a German Classis, covering the territory in which

they labor under the conditions of the period of probation provided for in Article X of the Constitution of the Church.

8. Resolved, that the Hungarian pastors and churches be authorized to hold annual Conventions for mutual consultation and encouragement, the conventions to have advisory power after their conclusions have been approved by the Board of Home Missions.

9. Resolved, that the Board of Home Missions be instructed to consider the advisability of assisting the Hungarian missionaries in understanding the American Church life by preparing a suitable course of reading on the subject.

10. Resolved, that the employment of a "Traveling Hungarian Missionary" be approved.

11. Resolved, that the Board be enjoined to emphasize in all their intercourse and dealings with foreigners among whom the Church is doing missionary work, the imperative necessity of systematic and persistent effort, on their part, towards self-support.

WORK AMONG BOHEMIANS.

The Board has commissioned two men to work among Bohemians in this country, one in Chicago and the other in Cleveland. The Rev. Charles V. Molnar, the missionary in Chicago, appeared before your committee and furnished valuable information and suggestions. In view of what was learned from the report of the Board and the missionary, we would recommend:

12. Resolved, that missionary work among the Bohemians in America be carried forward as vigorously as the funds of the Board may allow, under the same general conditions prescribed for among the Hungarians.

13. Resolved, that \$8,000 a year be apportioned for work among the Hungarians and Bohemians.

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

The Board reports that Michael Schlatter memorial services were held generally throughout the Church during the year 1897. The report does not indicate clearly what amount of money was realized directly from these services, but expresses

special satisfaction with the responses of churches and individuals to appeals for funds for church-building purposes.

During the triennial period there was contributed for this branch of Church work \$62,079 by the various Synods. Eighty permanent Church-Building Funds of at least \$500 each are now held by different Boards of the Church.

14. Resolved, that six cents a member be apportioned annually for church-building among the English Synods; and that the creation of Church-Building Funds be commended anew to individual members of the Church, of large and of smaller means, to congregations, Classes, Societies and institutions throughout the Church, and that the attention of the District Synods be directed to this matter.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.

15. Resolved, that the Boards of the General Synod be authorized to continue the publication of "The Reformed Church Tidings."

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Board recognizes the valuable assistance rendered by the various Women's and other Missionary Societies of the Church.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod reports contributions aggregating \$6,093, though, doubtless, it is entitled to credit for a much greater amount.

16. Resolved, that General Synod commends the energetic work of all the Missionary Societies of the Church, and urges that they be given all possible sympathy and encouragement by Synods, Classes and congregations.

MANUAL FOR THE USE OF THE BOARD AND ITS MISSIONS.

The Board reports that it has given much time and care to the preparation of a suitable Manual for the use of the Board and its Missions, and states that when completed six copies of the Manual will be placed in the archives of the Synod.

POWER OF THE BOARD IN TEMPORAL TRUSTS.

In answer to the request of the Board of Home Missions concerning the Board's power of administering temporal trusts, we offer the following:

17. Whereas, the Board of Home Missions, acting under its charter of incorporation, transacts business and attends to its temporal affairs in accordance therewith; therefore,

Resolved, that the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States hereby declares that in the transactions of its Board of Home Missions relating to temporal trusts all acts done, or caused to be done, by said Board are valid and binding without any action of approval by the General Synod.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Board your committee would recommend the following plan for commemorating the incoming of a new century, as a means to inspire the Church with more love to Christ and His cause, and with a keener sense of stewardship and responsibility.

18. Resolved, that the General Synod designate the year 1901 as the initial year for the observance of the twentieth century movement for missions and church-building.

19. Resolved, that the General Synod appoint a committee of nine, either clerical or lay, one member from each District Synod, together with the President of the Board of Home Missions, *ex-officio*, chairman of said committee, to have charge of the general guidance and direction of the movement.

20. Resolved, that with the aid of the Board and Superintendents of the Board, this committee shall prepare, or have prepared for distribution, a suitable literature for educational purposes, consisting of tracts, essays and addresses, bearing on the necessity and value of the different branches of the missionary work of the Church, said literature to be distributed to the membership of the Church gratuitously.

21. Resolved, that each District Synod be urged to hold during its annual session in 1900, for the purpose of inaugurating the movement within its boundary, a special educational or church-work convention or meeting in the interest of this movement, the special program for the occasion to be left in the hands of the officers of the Synod and the Synod's member of the General Committee, herein provided.

22. Resolved, that each District Synod be requested to instruct its several Classes as to the necessity of carrying this

movement into practical effect: first, by holding a meeting or convention in its interest at the time of the annual meeting of the Classis; and, secondly, by holding a convention in every charge and congregation of the Classis.

23. Resolved, that each Classis be requested to divide its territory into districts to be composed of not more than five contiguous charges, in each of whose congregations a convention of two or more sessions shall be held during the year.

24. Resolved, that at all these conventions our people be earnestly importuned to consecrate their pecuniary possessions with themselves to the Lord for the spiritual work of His Church.

25. Resolved, that all pastors be urgently requested to educate their people by preaching special sermons on the necessity of greater interest in the missionary activities of the Church.

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1899-1902.

The amount requested by the Board for its general work during the next triennial period is \$50,000 a year, an increase of \$5,000 a year over the last three years; therefore,

26. Resolved, that \$50,000 a year be apportioned among the English Synods for the next three years for the work of Home Missions of General Synod.

In response to the request of the Board for action by General Synod which may lead to greater unity and promptitude on the part of the respective Classes and Charges in raising their entire apportionment, therefore,

27. Resolved, that Classes be directed to urge the congregations under their care so to distribute their benevolence that the apportionment for Home Missions may receive the prompt and united support of the whole Church.

In response to the request of the Board and the overture of Kansas Classis that at least one Financial Secretary, if not more, be employed to collect funds for the work of Missions, and the overture of the Classis of Lancaster (Ohio Synod), that in order to reduce the expense of administering the Missionary operations of General Synod, the number of Superintendents

be reduced to one, and that Classical Superintendents be employed to serve without salary, the following action was taken:

28. Resolved, that the General Synod approve this policy of the Board in the appointment of a Field Secretary or Financial Agent, in order to supplement the existing methods of raising the necessary funds for the use of the Board.

29. Resolved, that Classes are urged to appoint a financial agent, whose duty it shall be to co-operate, without salary, with the Field Secretary, in gathering funds for Home Missions and Church Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Revs. HENRY T. SPANGLER,
H. L. BEAM,
P. H. DIPPELL,
Elders, GEO. W. MOWEN,
C. C. LEADER.

The following persons, called for in 19th Resolution, were appointed to aid the Board of Missions in carrying forward the Twentieth Century Movement, viz.: Dr. E. R. Eschbach, C. J. Musser, C. Clever, Amos Casselman, A. K. Kline, F. Mayer, A. E. Dahlman, A. G. Gekeler, and Elder G. A. Baries.

The committee called for in 6th Resolution consists of Revs. Benj. S. Stern, W. D. Happel, and Elder J. J. Hoover. For report, see Article XVIII, on Church Government.

III. FOREIGN MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

*Seventh Triennial Report of the Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church
in the United States.*

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Fathers and Brethren:—

With profound gratitude to the God of Missions for His wise counsel and loving care, as also for the blessed fruits with which He has been graciously pleased to crown our labors, we submit this Seventh Triennial Report of our stewardship to your Reverend Body.

After the meeting of General Synod in May, 1896, at which the retiring members of the Board of Foreign Missions, namely: Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Rev. P. Greding, D. D., Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., and Elders Jos. L. Lemberger and Benjamin Kuhns, were re-elected for the term of six years, the Board, agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution, met in Salem Reformed Church, in Harrisburg, Pa., on June 30, 1896, for re-organization. The names of the re-elected members were retained on the roll, and the Board was re-organized by the re-election of its former Board of Officers, to-wit: Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., President; Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary, and Elder Jos. L. Lemberger, Ph. M., Treasurer, for the term of three years.

The Executive Committee was constituted by the re-appointment of Rev. A. R. Bartholomew and Elder J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., to serve with the officers of the Board, agreeably to the requirements of the Constitution.

The regular meeting, three quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee, and one of the full Board, were duly held each year, together with special meetings of the Board, called together by the Executive Committee, as occasion required.

These meetings, impressed with a deep sense of the gravity and sacred import of the service with which they were charged, seeking the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, endeavored to administer their trust, and enact such measures as commanded their judgment, in the light and under guidance of the help accorded them from on high.

THE GENERAL WORK.

During the last three years the scope of our work in general, and the number of preaching stations, have been enlarged, and a still greater enlargement has been restrained by the want of a sufficient number of native evangelists. The labors of our missionaries have been untiring, and their hearts have been made glad, and their hands strengthened by the precious harvest of souls they were permitted to gather; yet while the increase of our principal stations from one to three during this

period; the exceptional prosperity of some of our congregations, notably in the city of Tokyo; the greatly enlarged facilities for aid to indigent students by the reorganization and improved resources of the *Industrial Home*, and especially the goodly number of souls who have been baptized and gathered into the fold of Christ; there are aspects of the missionary work in Japan, common to all the Protestant Missions in the Empire, which, while not disheartening, call for an exercise of faith in God, and a measure of patient waiting which were not so keenly felt several years ago.

The progress of events in Japan, since 1856, social, political and religious, has been the wonder and admiration of the civilized world; and the nation seemed to be awakening from the sleep of centuries. Within the last few years, especially since her war with China, she is coming to realize that there is vastly more in modern civilization than in her earlier self-sufficiency she imagined, and that the transition from an absolute to a smoothly-running constitutional form of government, is not to be effected by an imperial edict or a simple enactment of her parliament, but that the assumption of a position of equality with the advanced nations of the west, involves vastly more than had dawned upon her unlessoned mind. Her emergence into a consciousness of these facts, is producing a state of excitement which at times seems almost to portend civil conflict. What with the amazing strides she is making in commercial and manufacturing interests, in military and naval affairs, in politics, and the adjustment of the relations of the people to the national diet, and the national diet to the government and the throne; these, together with the apprehended effects of the provisions of the revised treaties which will become operative in July, 1899, have had the effect, especially during the last year or two, to produce a state of intense excitement and commotion throughout the Empire.

The effect of this general agitation and the passing away of the old order is to divert attention from the claims of Christianity. Buddhism, Shintoism, and Confucianism are equally involved in the general demoralization. Among the student class this is especially noteworthy. The large majority of them

are professed Agnostics. Next in point of numbers, but greatly reduced, come the Atheists, while numbering about two-thirds of these last come the non-committals. The agnostics and non-committals, who together number more than five-sixths of the total, we may believe, have lost all faith in their old religions, and, carried away by the all-absorbing material interests, have not seriously considered the claims of Christianity. The Buddhists, especially, reading the hand-writing on the wall, are putting forth desperate efforts to regain their former ascendancy, but manifestly with very indifferent success.

While it is true that in the midst of the prevalence of material interests, the progress of Christianity has suffered an arrest, so far as practical results are concerned—large numbers of its professed adherents growing indifferent or openly turning aside, there is an evident permeation, a growing leavening progress of the principles of the religion of Christ to a wide extent among the thinking and educated classes. As a civilizing, humane and moral agency, it is making large progress in the estimation of the people. And there are not a few who, discarding their former cults, intellectually accept Christianity, but are not yet prepared to openly avow their faith and acceptance. And competent observers are assuring us that as an under-current, a work of preparation is deeply progressing, which, with the Divine blessing, will mature in a wide acceptance of its claims and an open profession of its faith. Meanwhile, it is worthy of especial note, that, notwithstanding the widespread indifference, and the sad defection of many professors, the actual number of faithful and hopeful adherents has suffered no material reduction. Our missionaries report the ingathering of quite an encouraging number of hopeful converts, and while contending with discouragements not a few, they see in the results realized during the past three years, the manifest blessing of God upon their labors, and are inspired and energized to press forward with new hope.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

For the last three years the evangelistic work was prosecuted with usual vigor, and with quite as encouraging success

as the prevailing popular agitation and political commotion permitted. Our missionaries were diligent and laborious, and the general work was successful in winning an encouraging number of converts. The congregation in Tokyo, formerly called the Nihon Bashi, now named *Kanda Church*, had long been in a feeble condition. After Dr. Moore's removal to Tokyo, under his vigorous administration, together with the substitution for its old and inefficient evangelist, a young and devoted native worker, the Rev. H. Shimanuki, one of the early graduates of the Tohoku Gakuin, the church put on new life and vigor. A new church building took the place of the old, delapidated structure; members who had grown cold and remiss resumed their places with new spirit and devotion, while converts were gathered in (forty-four adults were baptized during last year), doubling the active membership.

A change was made in the superintendency of the Evangelistic Work. The whole field, instead of remaining in charge of Rev. Dr. Moore as Principal of the entire work, was divided, Dr. Moore retaining the oversight of the southern section, comprising the city of Tokyo and vicinity, while to Rev. H. K. Miller was assigned the northern section, who was directed to locate in the city of Yamagata. Under this distribution of our field, the work went forward successfully, the number of preaching stations increasing to the full ability of our available native workers to supply.

While there has been an increase in the number of new converts, yet, in consequence of the disturbed state of the country, the removals of the people to remote sections—which is characteristic of the Japanese, removing from one section to another—and a consequent loss of interest in religion by but too many church members, the number of regular active members has come to be a little less than it was three years ago. The purging of the rolls, and the dropping of names after three years of unexplained absence, has sadly reduced numbers. It has, however, left the rolls purged of unreliable material, and exhibits a body of devout, earnest and trustworthy Christians.

THE MISSIONARIES.

The following changes have taken place in the personnel of our missionaries:

Rev. M. Oshikawa, desiring to devote a part of his time to general educational and evangelistic work beyond the scope of our Mission, requested that he be relieved of service in the Tohoku Gakuin about one-half his time, and that his salary be accordingly reduced one-half. The arrangement was approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Mission.

Two additional missionaries were sent out within the last three years, namely, Mr. Paul Lambert Gerhard, to fill the chair of English Language and Literature in the Tohoku Gakuin, and Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh, as an additional teacher in the Girls' School. Miss Rohrbaugh was sent out with the approval of the W. M. S. G. S., which Society has assumed the support of the School.

Within the last year two of our missionaries have been sorely afflicted, viz., Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. W. E. Hoy. Dr. Moore has been, and still is, totally disabled with a grave heart ailment—an *aneurism*. He has enjoyed the care and treatment of expert European physicians, who have reached the conclusion, and accordingly have advised, notwithstanding their apprehension of the effects of a sea voyage, that his only hope of recovery is for him to go to Southern California. The Board, under the circumstances, has granted him a furlough, and by late intelligence has learned of the safe arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Moore at San Francisco, Cal., on April 28, 1899. Rev. Mr. Hoy experienced such a severe recurrence of asthma, with which he has been afflicted a number of years, as to necessitate a temporary change of climate. He, accordingly, with the approbation of the Mission, visited China. While there he made wide observations, and diligent inquiry of resident and experienced missionaries, and gained large and important information as to the terrible condition of that benighted people, and the crying need of greatly enlarged missionary service.

Rev. H. K. Miller was married, April 12, 1898, to Miss Sarah S. Sprague, of the Protestant Episcopal Mission in

Japan. Agreeably to the direction of the Board, he left Sendai, Nov. 15, 1898, to make his residence in Yamagata, some fifty miles northwest of Sendai, thus establishing the third principal station in our field. Rev. Mr. Miller accomplished the journey on his bicycle, and Mrs. Miller in a jinrickisha, there being no public facilities for travel. It is expected, however, that railroad communication will be established in the near future. These two missionaries are the only foreigners in a city of some 20,000 inhabitants.

Rev. D. B. Schneder spent some eighteen months in this country and Germany, on furlough, and after rendering most valuable service in pleading the cause of Foreign Missions among our churches, returned to his field of labor the 3rd of last May.

Mrs. D. B. Schneder has for several years been the managing head of a Woman's Society in Sendai, whose labors were for the accumulation of a fund for the erection of a new church building in place of the delapidated structure heretofore occupied. While in this country, with the approval of the Board, she traveled extensively throughout our Church, soliciting special aid for this enterprise. Her most effective plea not only secured the remaining deficit, but at the same time imparted such stirring information which served to awaken an interested and helpful enthusiasm in the cause of Foreign Missions among our people.

The remaining members of the Mission, Revs. Mr. Noss, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Paul L. Gerhard, together with the lady teachers in the Girls' School, are successfully engaged in their several branches of the work, while, after seven years of service, Miss Hollowell is at present in this country on furlough.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The primary aim in the establishment of our Educational Institutions in Sendai, namely, the training of a native ministry, continues to be successfully realized. Thirty-one have graduated from the Theological Department, and nine others have taken partial courses. Some six of these have turned aside to secular pursuits, a few have adopted the profession of teachers,

while the remainder are engaged in evangelistic work, or are serving in some capacity in connection with our Institutions in Sendai. This number, while quite encouraging for the time during which graduates have been leaving the Seminary, but inadequately meets the pressing demands of our expanding work. These young evangelists, in point of devotion, self-sacrifice, and consecrated zeal, are, with but slight exceptions, realizing the expectations of their teachers, and under the oversight and direction of our missionaries, are accomplishing, in large part, the successful work of winning the increasing number of converts to Christ.

At the last commencement, nine graduated from the Theological Department, seven of whom have entered actively upon evangelistic work; one upon teaching, and the ninth, after laboring satisfactorily for several months as an evangelist, overcome by a spirit of melancholy and doubt as to his call to the service, has retired from the work. This unusually large number of graduates has greatly depleted the number of students, and, as a consequence, the classes for the next year or two will be very small.

In consequence of the sharp competition of the government schools; the fact that the students in these schools enjoyed a decided advantage in securing government appointments, as also employment in business pursuits, and especially as they, during their school days, were exempt from military conscription, which was not extended to students in Christian schools, these, together with the untiring hostility of the Buddhist priests, has had the effect of reducing the number of students in the *Tohoku Gakuin*, as also in other Christian schools in the Empire. We are glad, however, to be able to say that the government has issued an order to the effect that the same privileges and exemptions enjoyed by the students in the government schools should be extended to those in Christian schools, thus removing one of the most effectual barriers to the progress of our educational work.

The *Industrial Home*, connected with the Tohoku Gakuin, not realizing expectations under the management of Rev. M. Oshikawa, was placed under the direct care of the Mission.

Rev. S. S. Snyder was appointed manager. Under his most efficient administration and untiring care, the institution has attained a surprising measure of success. Without the financial aid of the Board, he has secured for the institution a home of its own, with the necessary appurtenances and facilities for the profitable employment of the labor of the inmates, which has rendered it about self-supporting. By the splendid liberality of three brothers of Mrs. S. S. Snyder—the Messrs. Souder—six adjoining lots of ground have been purchased, which grounds have been named the “Souder Garden.” On these grounds buildings have been erected for the Home, and the remaining space is cultivated by the inmates as a vegetable garden, the produce, beyond the needs of the Home, is marketed by the students for its benefit. There has been added to the plant a piece of ground for the use of the dairy, and suitable buildings have been erected. The funds for these improvements and additions are largely the proceeds of the sale of the Japanese curios, in which Rev. Mr. Snyder happily succeeded in interesting a large number of his Christian Endeavor and other friends in this country. He has not yet succeeded in cancelling all obligations incurred, but without aid from the Board’s depleted treasury, he expects to raise the necessary means. There has also been added to the general equipment of the Home a small printing plant. This, too, is to be operated by the inmates. Thus will they be taught a useful trade, while the facilities for creating a literature, already commenced, and securing additional revenue to the Home, are provided. Tracts have already been published and widely distributed, and Rev. Mr. Hoy is publishing a small periodical, all in the Japanese language.

The Girls’ School is in a prosperous condition. Experiencing no material competition from government schools, the number of scholars continues about the same, which is about as large as can be accommodated with existing facilities and resources. It has been under the care and successful management of the Misses Zurfluh and Hollowell, and on the arrival of Miss Rohrbaugh enjoyed such additional service as she was able to render while acquiring the language. Miss Rohrbaugh was sent out in response to the urgent request of the Mission,

and with the formal approval of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod. She reached Japan Aug. 26, 1897.

FINANCES.

The Board exceedingly regrets that it is under the necessity of presenting a much less favorable financial report than three years ago. In consequence of the loss sustained by the robbery of our treasury in Japan of nearly \$5,000, the circumstances under which it occurred having already been spread before the Church; the cost of sending out two new missionaries, the appropriation of between \$2,000 and \$3,000, in aid of the erection of new churches in Japan, and the increased expense of missionaries going and coming on furlough (Rev. Mr. Hoy's return, Rev. Mr. Schneder's coming home and returning, and Miss Hollowell's coming home), together with the failure of the Church to make a reasonable approximation in its contributions to the apportionment, has caused an accumulation of arrears which has assumed the form of an embarrassing debt.

Unless the Easter offerings should prove to be unusually large, the present deficit, together with the quarterly payment now due, will leave a remaining indebtedness of several thousand dollars. The Treasurer's Report will exhibit the precise amount.

In the administration of the solemn trust committed to its hands, the Board was cramped by want of means. Its steady aim was to avoid the necessity of a damaging reduction of appropriations to the work, such as have been forced upon some of the largest and oldest Boards in the United States. It congratulates the Church that, up to this time, no such curtailment of our Japan work has been made, but, unhappily, it has been preserved intact at the expense of our present indebtedness.

Meanwhile the Board has been compelled to turn a deaf, but not an unsympathizing ear, to the most urgent and entirely reasonable requests of the brethren, for the provision of comfortable houses for some of our missionaries. Other Boards, to a goodly extent, provide their missionaries with comfortable

residences. But three (Mr. Gerhard boarding with Rev. Hoy) besides the ladies in the Girls' School are thus provided for in Sendai. Japanese houses, built largely of paper, in which some of our faithful workers have been compelled to live, afford but little better protection and comfort during the cold season than a shanty. The complaints of these sufferers are becoming urgent, and indeed insistent, and the Board keenly sympathizes with them and their families, and would be more than glad to relieve them, were it in their power.

As regards the wants of the Board during the coming three years, it would beg respectfully to say, that if our work in Japan is to suffer no arrest, and to make the progress for which we have favorable Providential indications, besides providing for the cancellation of the debt, the sum of \$35,000 a year is asked for. And General Synod is most urgently and importunately requested to take such action as will secure, not simply two-thirds of the annual amount, but the full sum.

Your Board has learned with pain that it has been subjected to strictures in the matter of the disbursement of the funds intrusted to it, which it cannot but regard as unjust. Especially has the amount of *home expenses* been criticized. The Treasurer's attention was called to this fact; and after a very careful investigation he reports our home expenses to be $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the gross receipts. This is unquestionably a very favorable exhibit, as compared with the home expenses of other Foreign Boards. Twice the amount of our receipts could be administered with but a small increase in home expenses, as the smaller amount requires as costly an organization, as would suffice, with inconsiderable increase, for the larger.

ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN.

The growth of our work and the enlargement of our territory in Japan, demands the consideration of the question whether or not we should enlarge our force of workers in that field. A growing demand for evangelistic work is constraining the attention and energies of our lady teachers in the Girls' School. They are endeavoring to keep in touch with their scholars after leaving school. This is esteemed to be indis-

pensable in view of the tremendous disabilities and dangers to which woman is subjected in Japan. Our teachers aim to visit them in their homes, far and near, to cherish and strengthen their spiritual life. At the same time they reach other native women whom our male missionaries cannot. There being but three lady teachers, with one of them absent on furlough a considerable part of the time, the teaching and evangelistic work devolves practically upon two—a burden too heavy to be borne.

What is needed is an additional lady, whose duties will be primarily evangelistic. This is a most important branch of our work—the establishment of the Christian Home.

Our work also calls loudly for an additional missionary to serve as traveling evangelist for the whole northern section of our field. The young native evangelists are not yet competent to successfully manage their work without the oversight of an American minister. This service is indispensable; and the workers in Sendai have neither the time nor the strength for its adequate performance. In addition, it may be said, that if we would not practically forego our long-cherished purpose of occupying the Hokkaido, the presence of a resident missionary in that northern island is essential to success. In a word, if we are to keep pace with the leadings of Providence, our work in Japan calls urgently for three additional workers—one lady and two men.

THE PROPOSED NEW MISSION.

The General Synod, at its meeting in Dayton, Ohio, in May, 1896, adopted the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the Board is hereby authorized, if, in its judgment it be expedient to do so, to start a mission in China or such other field as may seem to the Board most needy and promising.”

The establishment of the contemplated new mission being, by this resolution, made contingent upon the favorable judgment of the Board, it hastened to take steps to gain the information necessary to enable it to reach an intelligent judgment on the subject. Correspondence was opened with Rev. E. B. Saure, a son of a deceased minister of our Reformed Church,

laboring as a missionary in China, under the China Inland Mission, from whom very valuable information was secured; the President of our Board conferred with the officers of the Presbyterian and Reformed (Dutch) Foreign Boards, from whom very full and helpful information was gained. Further information was sought elsewhere from persons informed on the subject and from various publications, also very helpful information was secured from our Rev. W. E. Hoy. As above stated, the failure of his health necessitated a vacation and a temporary change of climate. He spent three months in China; visited a number of Missions; and conferred extensively with some of the oldest, most experienced and widely-informed missionaries in that Empire. This, together with his careful observations of the deplorable moral and religious condition of the people, enabled him to furnish the home Church with a full and entirely convincing account of the crying need of a larger missionary effort for the Christianizing of that benighted land.

Meanwhile, the Board had become well satisfied that there existed the greatest need and opportunity for enlarged missionary service in China, and was restrained from planting a mission there only by the want of means, and the evident lack of a sufficiently advanced state of preparation in the Church at home. There was, however, a large and earnest sentiment favorable to a prompt forward movement, expressed throughout the Church, and urged by this the Board was led to discuss the question whether it should not go forward and plant the new mission, even though the means were not in hand, and in faith commit it to the care and support of the Church? But it was deemed wise, in view of the existing deficiency in its finances, and the knowledge that its expediency at this time was seriously questioned by not a few in the Church, to secure an expression of the prevailing sentiment on the subject, before venturing to take the step. The Secretary of the Board was accordingly directed to submit to each of the Classes, at the annual meeting in 1898, the question, "Do you favor the early planting of a new Mission in China or elsewhere, and are you willing to increase your contributions to Foreign Missions sufficiently to support it?" To this question 53 replies were re-

ceived, as follows: Affirmative, 17, two of which were injuriously qualified; negative, 22; indefinite or no action, 14. The Board, not feeling warranted to take the step, with this expression of sentiment before it, concluded to refer the whole question to this meeting of General Synod, and ask for further instructions.

ACTION OF THE SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

The Board would beg leave to incorporate in its Triennial Report the action of the Synod of the Interior, as furnished by its Stated Clerk, Rev. D. B. Shuey, under date of November 2d, 1898, touching the matter of planting a new Mission.

“The Synod of the Interior, at its late meeting, held in Fairview, Kansas, passed the following resolutions:

“1. That we give the Foreign Board not merely our sanction to their desire to extend their work, but that we, as a Synod, urge them to press forward into new fields; assuring them that it is our confidence that the work in which they are engaged is not merely man’s work done under God’s permission, but that it is God’s work, to the accomplishment of which He has commissioned them and us, and that He has promised to be with us always and will not allow His work to come to nought.

“2. That we pay the amount apportioned to us for the Foreign work, and that we pledge ourselves that if the Board will enter China or some other new field, we will increase our support five cents a member, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to notify the Board.

“3. That we overture the Foreign and Home Boards to consider the propriety of beginning missionary operations in Porto Rico or Cuba, and that we pledge them our support.”

COMITY AND UNOCCUPIED FIELDS.

At the Sixth Conference of the Foreign Missions Boards of the United States and Canada, held in New York City, Jan. 11-13, 1898, a resolution was adopted “That a Comity and Unoccupied Fields be appointed to correspond with Boards and Societies relative to the most economical distribution of the missionary force supported by the American and

Canadian churches, and for the general purpose of bringing about a great practical advance in co-operation (especially in higher education) as one of the chief results of the Conference of 1900." The charge laid upon this Committee was a careful study and investigation of the vitally important questions submitted to them, and to present a general report on the principles that seem to be involved. At the meeting of the Seventh Conference, held in New York, Jan. 10-12, 1899, said Committee presented its report, copies of which have come into the hands of your Board.

Of such gravity and vital importance are the general principles laid down in this report, that our Board directed that they should be incorporated in its Triennial Report, not alone for the information of this General Synod, but also that through your Reverend Body they might widely reach the membership of our Church. These principles are as follows:

1. *Church Union.* The aim of the mission movement should be, it appears to us, the establishment of a common Christian Church in each land, and not the extension and perpetuation of those divisions of the Church which owe their origin to historic situations significant to us, but of little or no significance to the young mission churches.

2. *Territorial Divisions.* If all missionaries were working for the establishment of one common Church, the only consideration in behalf of territorial divisions of the field or the suggestion of separate local departments of responsibility would be the consideration of economical distribution of force. As it is, we must add to this consideration the other, namely, the avoidance, by the occupation of separate fields of work, of all occasions of disagreement and rivalry—different missions should work without crossing lines.

3. *Comity in Discipline and Administration.* Every mission should respect the acts of discipline and the principles of administration of other missions. Converts or native workers leaving one mission or the churches connected with it, and seeking admission or employment elsewhere, should not be received without conference between the two parties.

4. *The Spirit of Comity in the Use of Mission Money.* There should be agreement between missions whose work is contiguous as to the scale of wages of native workers. Dr. Warneck has even contended, "as there is a danger that native helpers may exchange one community for another purely from selfish motives, they should receive no appointment; or, at any rate, no higher salary than that had in their previous position."

5. *Education, Publishing and Hospitals.* In our judgment one hospital (or one for men and one for women) should suffice, as a rule, for one mission station. Through co-operative division of labor the waste of time in duplicating literary work should be avoided; and the work of publication is of such a character that where one mission press exists, and can do the work required by other missions, other presses should not be established. In the same way in institutions for higher education, already established by one mission, young men should be placed and trained by other missions without the great expense and absorption of time demanded by the establishment of other institutions of the same grade. In all these cases, a mission using the educational or publishing agencies of another mission, should meet the proper financial obligation so incurred.

6. *Questions of Comity are involved in the intermarriage of missionaries of different societies.* Should not a missionary leaving the society which sent her to the field, within one year of her arrival, return or have returned on her account, the amount expended by her society for her outfit and traveling expenses? For each year beyond the first year, 25 per cent. should be deducted from these expenses in fixing an equitable return, and that after four years she shall be regarded as having discharged all such obligations by the service rendered.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

Your Board is happy in being able to report to your Reverend Body, that in consequence of the deepening and growing interest in the cause of missions to the heathen, throughout the world, arrangements are being made for the convening of an Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions in the City of New York, from April 21 to May 1, 1900. To this Confer-

ence, the Committee of Arrangements has extended invitations to Protestant Mission Boards and Societies throughout the world, asking them to be represented by delegates. A very large attendance is expected, and it is hoped and anticipated that its deliberations and deliverances will, with the blessing of God, conduce largely to the awakening of a greatly increased interest, and intensified activity throughout the Christian world in this holy cause. Your Board has been invited by the Committee of Arrangements to be represented in this Conference by two regular delegates. The invitation has been accepted, and Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., and Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., have been appointed as said delegates.

This General Synod will doubtless receive official notice of the meeting of this Conference, so that further notice at this time by your Board is unnecessary.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

The members of the Board whose term of service, according to the established order, expires with this meeting of General Synod, are: Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., Rev. Jacob Dahlgren, D. D., Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., Elder J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., and Elder J. Y. Dietz. Those holding over for three years are: Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., Rev. P. Greding, D. D., Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Elder Jos. L. Lemberger, Ph. M., and Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

CONCLUSION.

Our work in Japan has not been without its difficulties and discouragements, within the last three years, and yet, with thankful hearts, we are able to say, neither has it been without its encouragements and blessed successes. The Board has endeavored to administer its sacred trust to the best of its ability as light and wisdom were vouchsafed by God's Holy Spirit. With thanks for mercies and encouraging results in the past, and with hopes of larger blessings upon the labors of our field in the near future, the Board would beg to commend the above

statement concerning its stewardship, to the favorable consideration of your Reverend Body.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER,
Secretary.

JAS. I. GOOD,
President.

STATISTICS OF THE JAPAN MISSION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH
in the United States, for the year extending from January 1, 1893, to December 31, 1893.

ORGANIZED CHURCHES.	When Begun.	Communi- cations.			Gains.					Losses.				Average Attendance at Worship.	No. of Sunday School Scholars.	Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Expenses.				Contributed by Believers for all purposes.	Aid granted by the Mission.													
		Men.	Women.	Total.	Baptized Children.	Adult Baptisms.	Confession of Faith. Letters.	Infant Baptisms.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissals.	Excluded.	Total.					Paid for Preachers' Salaries.		All other Expenses.																
																		Yen.	¢.	Yen.	¢.			Yen.	¢.	Yen.	¢.									
.....	1881	1	150	110	260	4	24	2	11	37	2	10	243	150	1	170	1	1	247	00	76	98	323	98	467	80										
.....	1893	1	50	80	80	11	7	1	3	8	1	3	4	53	1	48	1	1	144	00	52	91	196	91	216	12										
.....	1887	1	69	51	120	1	17	3	20	1	7	8	36	8	37	1	264	00	106	18	370	13	457	95												
.....	1881	1	41	23	64	8	16	1	1	2	2	10	18	30	23	1	30	1	210	00	95	04	305	04	114	69	204	00								
.....	1885	1	16	19	35	5	5	2	1	4	1	2	3	13	1	30	1	110	00	35	00	145	00	109	08											
.....	1890	1	34	17	51	7	1	2	2	7	1	4	14	15	52	1	35	1	60	00	41	00	101	00	110	35										
.....	1884	1	109	44	173	6	44	6	6	59	1	10	10	82	1	75	1	368	00	128	00	498	00	211	85	398	99									
.....	1886	1	150	123	273	8	44	6	6	59	1	10	10	82	1	75	1	24	00	316	81	340	81	479	76											
.....	.....	8	619	437	1056	37	114	6	24	2	146	7	40	278	325	482	8	485	5	6	1427	00	853	87	2280	87	1699	80	642	00					
ORGANIZED CHURCHES OF BELIEVERS.																																				
.....	1893	1	12	9	21		1			1	1	1	1	15	1	40	1	1	96	00	97	17	193	17	32	20	35	00								
.....	1893	1	10	7	17									10																						
.....	1892	1	7	3	10								1	5						140	00	7	98	147	98	6	61	144	20							
.....	1888	1	22	6	28				2	2				8					240	00	48	11	288	11	22	41	272	50								
.....	1898	1	3	3	6									7					85	00	65	12	150	42			150	4								
.....	1887	1	23	12	35								6	8	14	5	1	40	1	85	00	64	50	70	90	49	00	20								
.....	1886	1	12	12	24									7	1	13	1	180	00	12	22	192	22	18	08	18	00									
.....	1890	1	24	12	36	3	2	2	2	4	1	1	2	11	1	40	1	270	00	96	50	366	50	81	70	310	50									
.....	1881	1	6	8	14									2	1	19	1	216	00	75	53	291	33	12	32	279	00									
.....	1894	1	2	2	4									5	3	8	1	20	1	42	80	42	80	11	80	35	00									
.....	1889	1	10	3	13		2			2				8	1	20			6	1	8	1	112	50	39	40	151	90	49	65	35	00				
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.....	1886	1	19	15	34	11	11			2	13	1	2	1	4	10	1	9	1	220	00	18	20	238	20	24	52	250	00							
.....	1894	1												1		40			1	40		12	00			12	00									
.....	1892	1	1	3	4									4	1	30			4	1	30	195	50	76	50	272	00									
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.....	1892	1	4		4		4			4				4	1	90	1	195	50	71	78	267	28			80	265	96								
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.....	1889	1	2	1	3		2			2				5	1	5		6	7	1	28	1	231	00	17	46	255	50								
.....	1894	1												7	1	19			1	55	1	115	00	47	67	192	67	80								
.....	1895	1												1		51			1	51																
.....	1891	1	3	6	9		2		3	5	1			6	1	31		175	00	39	23	214	23			1	70	184	00							
.....	1891	1	12	2	14	3	2		4	6				7	1	31		96	00	92	98	188	98			82	91	132	81							
.....	1892	2	1		1									1	1	48		96	00	13	98	109	98			50	107	67								
.....	1889	2	35	18	53	19				19	1	14	15	18	1	20	1	204	00	55	49	259	49			73	85	204	00							
.....	1892	1	5		5									2	1	15			39	60						18	68	27	90							
.....	1888	1	23	3	26		5			5	1			1	15	1	40	1	60	00	5	00	65	00			69	16								
.....	1886	2	29	11	40		1			1	1	1	3	14	1	26	1	300	00	48	88	348	83			19	73	333	00							
.....	1894	1	16	4	20	3	1	4	3	8	2	2	2	23	1	80	2	120	00	52	96	172	96			55	61	120	00							
.....	1890	2	25	5	30		5			7	1	1	2	11	1	18	1	204	00	57	42	261	42			73	35	204	00							
.....	1891	1																																		
.....	1886	3	68	59	127		5		2	5	2	2	7	2	43			183	00	38	35	346	35			61	28	394	05							
.....	1894	3	13	4	17		3			3				6				215	00	36	65	251	65			33	26	255	88							
.....	1884	1	18	13	31	13	5			1	6	35	35	14	1	20	1	215	00	36	65	251	65			4	00	21	00							
.....	1898	2	7	2	9	3	3			3				6					22	80		22	80			4	00									
.....	1884	1	25	25	50	21	14	3	2	19	1			1	21	1	74	1	217	50	71	24	288	50			45	35	219	85						
.....	48	489	272	761	56	87	3	20	12	122	9	26	63	98	319	32	1138	3	18	4754	40	1516	27	6270	37	917	76	5518	97						
.....	56	1108	709	1817	93	201	9	44	14	268	16	66	341	423	801	40	1623	8	25	6181	40	2370	14	8551	24	2617	06	6169	97						

CHARTER.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County:

The petition of the undersigned, Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., Rudolph F. Kelker, and William H. Seibert, respectfully represents that they are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, associated together for the objects and purposes hereinafter mentioned; and being desirous of having and enjoying all the rights, powers, and privileges of a corporation or body politic under the act of Assembly entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, have prepared and now present the following certificate and articles of association, setting forth the objects and conditions of the organization, and the name, style and title under which they desire to be incorporated.

DAVID VAN HORNE, THOMAS S. JOHNSTON,
CHARLES H. LEINBACH, RUD. F. KELKER,
WILLIAM H. SEIBERT.

CHARTER.

ARTICLE I. The name, style and title of the corporation shall be "The Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States."

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be to inaugurate and perpetuate Christian missions in foreign lands, and among the Indians in our own country, in accordance with the doctrines, customs and usages of the Reformed Church in the United States, and under the direction of the General Synod thereof.

ARTICLE III. Its chief place of business shall be in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but other places for the transaction of business may at any time be designated by the General Synod of the aforesaid Church.

ARTICLE IV. The existence of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows: Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., near Myerstown, Pa.; Rev. Thomas H. Johnston, D. D., Lebanon, Pa.; Rudolph F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.; William H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Commissioners who shall conduct the operations of the corporation shall consist of twelve members, eight of whom shall be ministers, and four of whom shall be elders, who shall be elected by the General Synod. The names and residences of the said Board of Commissioners for the year ending with the month of May,

Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, are as follows: Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., near Myerstown, Pa.; Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., Lebanon, Pa.; Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., East Greenville, Pa.; Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Reading, Pa.; Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Collegeville, Pa.; Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., Cavetown, Md.; Rudolph F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.; William H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.; Goldsborough S. Griffith, Baltimore, Md.; George Gelbach, Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE VII. The Board of Commissioners so elected shall have full power to adopt such constitution and by-laws for their government and for the prosecution of the foreign mission work, and among the Indians aforesaid, as they may deem best, and the same to alter and amend, from time to time, at their pleasure: *Provided*, The provisions thereof are not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Pennsylvania, or the Constitution of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

DAUPHIN COUNTY,

Before me, John S. Lynch, Recorder of the county of Dauphin, personally appeared Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., Rudolph F. Kelker, and William H. Seibert, and in due form of law acknowledged the foregoing certificate of incorporation to be their, and each of their, act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and seal of office this fourth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

[L. S.]

JOHN S. LYNCH,

Recorder.

And now, to-wit: April the 25th, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, the foregoing instrument having been presented to me, a law judge of the county of Dauphin, and I having examined the same and found it to be in the proper form, and within the purposes named in the first class specified in the second section of the above-named corporation act of 1874, and it appearing lawful and not injurious to the community, and proof having been made before me of the publication of notice of the application for a charter, in compliance with the requirements of the said act, it is hereby ordered or decreed that this charter is approved, and ordered to be recorded, and on the same being done, the subscribers thereto and their associates shall be, and they are hereby, created a corporation, for the purposes and upon the terms, stated in said instrument.

By the Court.

R. M. HENDERSON,

Judge.

Certified and attested this 25th day of April, A. D. 1881.

[L. S.]

EHRMAN B. MITCHELL,

Prothonotary.

DAUPHIN COUNTY, ss:

Recorded April 25, 1881, in the office for the recording of deeds as in and for said county, in charter book B, page 386.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at Harrisburg, the day and year aforesaid.

[L. s.]

JOHN S. LYNCH,
Recorder.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The Board at its first meeting after the regular sessions of the General Synod shall proceed to organize by the election of officers, viz: a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve until the next regular meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE II.

At all meetings of the Board the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or, in the absence of both, a member appointed by the Board for that purpose, shall preside. The President in the discharge of the duties of his office shall be governed by the rules of order adopted by the General Synod. He shall also prepare a report of the transactions of the Board during his term of office, which, after approval by the same, shall be presented to the General Synod at its next general session.

ARTICLE III.

The Vice-President, in the absence or inability of the President, shall perform all the duties pertaining to that office.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Board; notify all the members of the time and place of all regular and special meetings; conduct correspondence with the Missionaries, and promptly communicate to the Executive Committee such information in relation to the mission work as will be necessary to its successful prosecution. He shall also, in all cases, give to the Missionaries such instructions and explanations as the Board may direct, and shall explicitly inform them that in no case they are to depart therefrom. He shall also audit the accounts of outgoing, returning or discharged foreign missionaries before the final settlement of the same, and all bills for incidental expenses before they are presented to the Treasurer for payment. And he shall certify to the Treasurer all moneys granted, or expenditures authorized in pursuance of the action of the Board. He shall also record a statement of all the property of the Board and of any conveyance thereof, or other proceedings touching the same. He shall be allowed a compensation, at the discretion of the

Board, sufficient to cover the necessary expenses incurred in the prosecution of his work. At the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver up to his successor all the archives, records, books and papers then in his hands belonging to the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account, showing all receipts and disbursements, and all other financial affairs connected with the treasury of this Board. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall execute a bond for \$5,000 as security, which shall be approved by the Executive Committee, and placed in the custody of the Secretary. He shall, under the advice of the Executive Committee, keep all the uninvested moneys of the Board on deposit in some safe bank or banks, in the name of the Board, subject to the order of its Treasurer. He shall honor all orders of the Board of Executive Committee, drawn on the Treasurer, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary, and shall pay all drafts and furnish letters of credit or bills of exchange for the support of Foreign Missions, within the several appropriations made by the Board or Executive Committee. He shall be subject to the direction of the Executive Committee and of the Board in respect to all investments, loans, and other financial affairs of the Board. He shall report the state of the funds, and, whenever required, exhibit his books, vouchers, and securities at any meetings of the Board or Executive Committee. He shall have the custody of the seal of the Board, and affix the same to such instruments of writing as the Board or Executive Committee shall direct, and when real estate shall be conveyed he shall make the conveyance and affix the seal to the deeds of the same. At the close of his term he shall prepare an itemized statement of all moneys received and disbursed by him, which shall be audited and approved by the Board and presented to the General Synod, and deliver up to his successor in office all the books, papers, moneys and effects of every description belonging to the corporation, then remaining in his hands.

ARTICLE VI.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board, and two additional members thereof, who shall be chosen by the Board at its first regular meeting after the session of the General Synod. And in case any vacancy shall occur in said Executive Committee from any cause, the remaining members of said committee shall have power to fill the same. It shall have the general oversight of all the work of foreign missions. When impracticable to secure a meeting of the Board, it shall be endued with all the powers of the same to meet any emergency which may occur, and which requires immediate action, in which case it may appropriate such moneys as may be necessary for the purchase or preservation of property or relief of the Missionaries, or for incidental expenses. It shall hold quarterly meetings, viz: Second Tuesday in

June, September, December, and March. Four members thereof shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The President and Secretary of the Board shall be the President and Secretary of the Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

The regular meeting of the Board shall be held as follows: The second Tuesday in June succeeding each session of the General Synod, and the first Tuesday in May preceding each session of the same, and at such other time as the Board may appoint. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Executive Committee, on two weeks' notice to all members; seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any vacancy occurring by death, resignation or otherwise may be filled by the Board, at any regular meeting, provided that the members so elected be ministers or elders in good and regular standing in the Reformed Church of the United States, and in all cases such election shall be for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IX.

Order of Business.

1. Reading of the Scriptures, with other devotional exercises.
2. Reading and approval of minutes of the preceding meetings.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Report of Secretary.
6. Report of Executive Committee.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. New business.
9. Prayer or benediction.

ARTICLE X.

The Board shall not alter or amend the provisions of this Constitution except at a regular meeting thereof, nor at the same meeting at which such alteration or amendment may be proposed, nor unless two-thirds of the members present shall vote for the same.

P. S.—At a meeting of the Board, May 6, 1890, it was resolved "That hereafter an annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday of March, at which time the annual reports of the Missionaries and the students shall be presented, and the appropriations made for the fiscal year."

The following was ordered to be attached to the Constitution:
FORM OF A BEQUEST.

LEGACY OF MONEY.

1. I give and bequeath unto the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, incorpor-

ated at Harrisburg, Pa., April 25, 1881, the sum of to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the Board.

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

2. I give and devise unto the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, incorporated at Harrisburg, April 25, 1881 (here describe the property or ground-rent), together with the appurtenances in fee simple.

By act of Assembly, April 26th, 1855, a devise or bequest to charitable use is void, unless the same be done by will, attested by two credible and disinterested witnesses, at least thirty days before the decease of the testator.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed
Church in the United States.

From May 1, 1896, to April 30, 1899, Inclusive.

DR.

1896.			
May 1.	To balance.....		\$3,116 64
May	Cash received.....	\$4,895 68	
June	“	1,456 63	
July	“	1,997 60	
August	“	553 70	
September	“	1,695 83	
October	“	2,492 53	
November	“	1,219 04	
December	“	1,095 44	
1897.			
January	“	3,446 51	
February	“	1,032 89	
March	“	1,509 77	
April	“	4,629 53	
			26,025 15
May	“	6,843 20	
June	“	1,779 54	
July	“	1,541 72	
August	“	451 76	
September	“	1,625 38	
October	“	2,436 99	
November	“	2,284 24	
December	“	1,532 86	
1898.			
January	“	2,330 10	
February	“	5,643 26	

March	“	.....	2,076	79	
April	“	.....	5,727	84	
					<u>34,273 68</u>
May	“	.....	5,902	55	
June	“	.....	1,951	16	
July	“	.....	2,072	46	
August	“	.....	555	07	
September	“	.....	1,098	04	
October	“	.....	2,061	25	
November	“	.....	1,275	81	
December	“	.....	906	83	
1899.					
January	“	.....	1,933	95	
February	“	.....	1,533	26	
March	“	.....	1,775	05	
April	“	.....	9,104	48	
					<u>30,169 91</u>
					<u>\$93,585 38</u>
To cash proceeds notes May 1, '96, to April 30, '97,			\$44,779	38	
To cash proceeds notes May 1, '97, to April 30, '98,			36,341	97	
To cash proceeds notes May 1, '98, to April 30, '99,			49,886	01	
					<u>131,007 36</u>
					<u>\$224,592 74</u>

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1896.					
May	By amount paid.....		\$1,879	40	
June	“	1,021	89	
July	“	6,193	40	
August	“	503	29	
September	“	808	18	
October	“	.....	7,734	99	
November	“	.....	3,263	04	
December	“	.....	3,225	17	
1897.					
January	“	.....	9,096	68	
February	“	.....	15,043	69	
March	“	.....	11,788	55	
April	“	.....	12,426	32	
					<u>\$72,984 60</u>
May	“	.....	6,096	63	
June	“	.....	3,914	14	
July	“	.....	6,211	20	
August	“	.....	2,925	00	

September	“	.....	3,338	07
October	“	.....	8,585	32
November	“	.....	5,551	77
December	“	.....	4,820	23
1898.				
January	“	.....	8,866	68
February	“	.....	6,727	53
March	“	.....	3,164	16
April	“	.....	9,053	07
			<hr/>	
				69,253 80
May	“	.....	5,758	35
June	“	.....	1,000	10
July	“	.....	6,033	70
August	“	.....	384	17
September	“	.....	109	38
October	“	.....	7,773	71
November	“	.....	5,876	15
December	“	.....	4,688	05
1899.				
January	“	.....	15,648	03
February	“	.....	10,303	69
March	“	.....	9,351	15
April	“	.....	14,087	15
			<hr/>	
				81,013 63
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer.....				1,340 71
				<hr/>
				\$224,592 74

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

SALARIES.

Rev. Wm. E. Hoy.....	\$5,400	27
Rev. D. B. Schneider.....	4,200	00
Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D.....	3,737	96
Rev. M. Oshikawa.....	1,662	50
Rev. H. K. Miller.....	2,750	00
Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	4,027	35
Rev. Christopher Noss.....	3,811	89
Miss Mary C. Hollowell.....	1,617	02
Miss Lena Zurfluh.....	1,798	00
Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh.....	1,042	75
Prof. Paul Lambert Gerhard.....	1,760	42
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		31,808 16

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Passage money paid for missionaries to this country and return. Travelling expenses while in this country. Passage money for new missionaries. Commission on Bills of Exchange.....	4,749 85
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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Aid of sufferers. Mrs. Moore's Bible Women, etc., etc.	\$952 76	
Rev. Wm. E. Hoy. Loss redemption.....	5,636 73	
		<u>6,589 49</u>

FOREIGN BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Oberly Memorial. Mrs. Schneder's Church. Industrial Home. Extension to Rev. D. B. Schneder's house		5,836 85
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MISSIONARY INCIDENTALS.

Appropriations		6,981 25
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INSURANCE.

Insurance on Girls' School, Ladies' Residence, Theological Seminary and Library.....		<u>408 75</u>
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FOREIGN HOUSE REPAIRS.

Appropriations	137 50	
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FOREIGN SCHOOLS.

Miyago Jo Gakko. Appropriation.....	7,837 44	
Tohoku Gakuin. Appropriation.....	12,700 00	

EVANGELISTIC FUND, Bible Women, Incidental and Chapel Fund. Appropriation...

	15,325 00	
		<u>92,374 29</u>

INTEREST.

Caroline G. Weiser.....	1,050 00	
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CHURCH TIDINGS.

Appropriations		750 00
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HOME ACCOUNTS.

SALARIES.

Secretary, Treasurer and Accountant.....	6,007 46	
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CURRENT EXPENSES.

Office Expenses, Secretary and Treasurer, Travelling, Postage, Printing and Stationery. Making out Triennial Report, etc...	1,293 25	
Meetings of Executive Committee. Board meetings. Expenses to Synods and Classes	996 41	
		<u>8,297 12</u>

VALLEY NATIONAL BANK.

Notes, account of loans.....	126,200 00	
		<u>\$228,671 41</u>
Less balances on hand as reported at various times by Rev. Wm. E. Hoy, Foreign Treasurer.....	5,419 38	
		<u>\$223,252 03</u>

RECAPITULATION.
DR.

1896.			
May 1.	To balance.....	\$3,116	64
	Cash received to April 30, 1899.....	90,468	74
	Cash proceeds of notes, April 30, '99.	131,007	36
		<hr/>	224,592 74

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	By cash paid to April 30, '99, all sources.	223,252	03
	Balance	1,340	71
		<hr/>	224,592 74
	Proceeds of notes, Valley National Bank.....	131,007	36
	Interest on same.....	492	64
		<hr/>	\$131,500 00

Amount received for the Sunday School			
	Missionary support	\$2,609	13
	Amount received for the C. E. Missionary support....	3,248	35
Amount received for Girls' School from W. M. Soc., General Synod:			
	May 1, '96, to May 1, '97.....	\$2,299	04
	May 1, '97, to May 1, '98.....	2,159	06
	May 1, '98, to May 1, '99.....	3,136	60
		<hr/>	\$7,594 70
	Sum of appropriation for three years.....	\$12,900	00
	Estimate for 1899 and 1900 (including teachers' salaries)	\$5,600	00

Running Expenses Equal to 8.1 per cent.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
COUNTY OF LEBANON,

On this fourth day of May, A. D. 1899, before me the subscriber, Henry M. Boyer, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, John K. Raudenbush, who being duly affirmed according to law, says that he is an accountant, duly qualified as such, that he has examined the books, papers, vouchers and accounts as hereinbefore stated, and finds the foregoing to be correct and true in all respects.

J. K. RAUDENBUSH,
Accountant and Auditor.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

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HENRY M. BOYER,
Notary Public.

LEBANON, PA., May 1, 1899.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to examine and audit the foregoing accounts of Jos. L. Lemberger, Treasurer, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us,

and find the same to be correct, and that there is a balance of thirteen hundred and forty and 71-100 dollars (\$1,340.71) in Treasurer's hands.

JACOB Y. DIETZ,
A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,
Committee of Auditors.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THREE YEARS, MAY, 1891, TO APRIL, 1893.

	1890.	1891.	1892.
May.....	\$1,732 46	\$1,825 58	\$1,965 94
June.....	1,310 59	1,889 58	2,149 74
July.....	2,730 98	1,349 48	1,858 30
August.....	401 18	1,203 50	786 00
September.....	1,704 05	1,827 07	1,453 49
October.....	1,055 63	1,353 99	1,493 65
November.....	1,197 62	927 19	1,953 63
December.....	1,494 00	1,365 07	2,457 60
	1891	1892	1893
January.....	1,216 06	2,300 91	3,634 12
February.....	2,855 71	2,685 31	1,874 12
March.....	2,582 65	1,804 18	1,584 65
April.....	1,979 39	1,625 73	3,804 28
	\$20,260 32	\$19,357 29	\$25,015 52

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE THREE YEARS, MAY, 1893, TO APRIL, 1896.

	1893.	1894.	1895.
May.....	\$2,084 83	\$6,191 14	\$5,632 45
June.....	1,339 06	982 47	2,898 87
July.....	2,851 36	1,546 56	1,237 31
August.....	1,028 71	821 86	712 09
September.....	1,228 51	1,504 31	1,289 62
October.....	2,815 28	3,506 14	2,205 95
November.....	1,103 35	1,457 43	1,971 32
December.....	1,360 35	2,636 26	2,036 34
	1894	1895	1896
January.....	2,620 21	3,569 65	2,001 73
February.....	2,440 88	1,418 23	1,338 95
March.....	5,031 81	3,513 47	1,953 07
April.....	5,749 52	4,560 13	6,576 91
	\$29,654 07	\$31,707 65	\$29,854 61

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE
THREE YEARS, MAY, 1896, TO APRIL, 1899.

	1896.	1897.	1898.
May.....	\$4,895 68	\$6,843 20	\$5,901 41
June.....	1,456 63	1,774 54	1,951 16
July.....	1,997 60	1,541 72	2,072 46
August.....	548 70	451 76	555 07
September.....	1,675 69	1,625 38	1,098 04
October.....	2,492 57	2,436 99	2,061 25
November.....	1,219 04	2,284 24	1,275 81
December.....	1,095 44	1,532 86	906 83
	1897	1898	1899
January.....	3,446 51	2,330 10	1,883 95
February.....	1,032 89	5,643 26	1,533 26
March.....	1,509 77	2,076 79	1,775 05
April.....	4,611 40	5,727 84	9,104 08
	\$25,981 40	\$34,268 68	\$30,118 37

INVESTED FUNDS, LEGACIES, ETC., OF THE BOARD,
MAY 1, 1896.

Judgment in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pa., No. 460, June Term, 1887, against Lewis O. Phillips, of Harrisburg, payable, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, semi-annually, May 20, 1891, and dated May 20, 1887, being the amount of the "Brinker" legacy.....	\$1,609 83
Five per cent. first mortgage bond, Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Lebanon, Pa., "Dechant" legacy.....	100 00
Five per cent. first mortgage bond, Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Lebanon, Pa., "Bucher" legacy.....	500 00
Coupon bond, common school district of the city of Harrisburg, Pa., No. 282 (4 per cent.), "Summy" donation.....	100 00
First mortgage on Lebanon City real estate, securing the "Catharine Dietz" legacy	\$2,000 00
And Alms House 1 cent fund of.....	1,200 00
Interest 5 per cent., payable annually.....	3,200 00
First mortgage on Lebanon real estate, securing the "Sarah A. Hiviling" legacy.....	\$2,887 50
To which was added of Board's revenue.....	112 50
Interest 6 per cent., payable semi-annually....	3,000 00
Bequest of Jacob S. Wagner, dec'd, Pottstown, Pa., Mrs. Wagner assuming the responsibility of the interest annually, of 5 per cent.....	3,000 00
First mortgage bond, Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad Company, securing the "McCaulley Memorial Building Fund," 5 per cent., payable semi-annually.....	500 00
	<u>\$12,009 83</u>

Proceeds of 75 shares of the capital stock of Bethlehem Iron Company, Pa., at \$55.00, \$4,125, known as the "Jesse Oberly" legacy. Stock sold February 10, 1898.

The following are bequests of which we have record of similar character (*i. e.*, given without condition), and have been consumed in the work, viz :

Aug. 18, 1861.	Bequest of Geo. P. Cook.....	\$265 00
Feb. 27, 1865.	“ “ Eliza Brownback.....	100 00
Nov. 19, 1885.	“ “ Mrs. Amanda Dietzler.....	200 00
Sept. 11, 1886.	“ “ John Henry Bookhold.....	150 00
Feb. 9, 1897.	“ “ Mrs. Annie K. Uhler.....	950 00
Mar. 28, 1891.	“ “ Daniel Eberhard	500 00
June 15, 1891.	“ “ Elder Daniel Brosier.....	1,000 00
July 13, 1892.	“ “ Elder Henry Wirt.....	1,000 00
Dec. 26, 1892.	“ “ John Grossham	30 00
May 18, 1893.	“ “ Sarah Gutelius	50 00
July 3, 1893.	“ “ Jacob and John Kinsey.....	952 50
Oct. 6, 1893.	“ “ “Bolender” Estate	400 00
Jan. 6, 1894.	“ “ Miss Louise Benner.....	500 00
Mar. 31, 1894.	“ “ Christian Spriny	100 00
Oct. 9, 1894.	“ “ Jesse Gery	952 50
May 9, 1895.	“ “ Otis and Catharine Barnet.....	300 00
Mar. 9, 1896.	“ “ John D. Hottel.....	234 30
Jan. 7, 1897.	Legacy Andrew K. Swartz.....	1,000 00
Feb. 16, 1897.	“ Mrs. Catharine Erhardt.....	100 00
June 19, 1897.	“ Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz.....	75 00
Dec. 14, 1897.	“ Mrs. Elizabeth Reidel, death-bed bequest.....	50 00
July 25, 1898.	“ Agnes Shultz	50 00
Apr. 15, 1899.	“ Otis Barnet	2,000 00

LEBANON, PA., May 4th, 1899.

I hereby certify that I have examined and audited the cash books of Treasurer Jos. L. Lemberger, that the statement of the receipts and expenditures was made by me from said books, and that it is true and correct in all its details.

J. K. RAUDENBUSH,

Accountant.

*To the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
of the Reformed Church in the U. S. A.*

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

The documents referred to your Committee were the Seventh Triennial Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States;

a proposition of the Columbiana (Ohio) congregation, of which the Rev. A. V. Casselman is pastor, and two small tracts, entitled "The Hungarian Work," and "On to China," and various overtures as to the work of Missions in China.

The report gives evidence of the earnest prosecution of evangelical work in connection with our Mission in Sendai, Japan and elsewhere, during the last three years. The untiring labors of our missionaries have been rewarded by an encouraging harvest of souls, gathered into the Kingdom of Christ. The principal stations have been increased from one to three, with an exceptional prosperity of some of the congregations, notably in the city of Tokyo. The principal stations are now Sendai, Tokyo and vicinity, and Yamagata. Dr. Moore, having been resident in Tokyo, and Rev. H. K. Miller in the city of Yamagata, as a result of this distribution, the increase of preaching stations, for the promotion of evangelistic work, has been in proportion to the number of available native workers.

The difficulties arising from the fact that Japan is at present in a transition stage, resulting from an increasing consciousness of the superiority of modern civilization, and the consequent passing away of the old order of things have not been without discouragement, in that they have somewhat diverted attention from the claims of the purer religion of Christianity; but the success thus far vouchsafed has given our missionaries reason to hope, that when the revised treatise shall have become operative, in a few months, the leaven of the true religion of Jesus Christ, hitherto introduced, will come to permeate more widely the thinking and educated classes; and this, later on, result in an enlarged acceptance of Christ and an open avowal of their faith in Him. At present, however, the number of earnest and active members of the several congregations is somewhat less than it was when the last report was rendered to this body.

THE INDUSTRIAL HOME.

In the judgment of your Committee, one cause for rejoicing is the establishment of the Industrial Home, made possible by the gift of three brothers of Mrs. S. S. Snyder—the Messrs.

Souder—and now under the management of Rev. S. S. Snyder. The addition of this Home has furnished a new attraction, has enabled the Mission to support indigent students, and has made their work still more acceptable to the people.

Your Committee is happy to report that the Girls' School is in a prosperous condition. It has been hitherto under the care of the Misses Hollowell and Zurfluh, with the added help of Miss Rohrbaugh, later on. Miss Hollowell is at present in her home-land, and in her simple though eloquent addresses before the Judicatories and congregations of the home church, is successfully advocating the cause, not only of the Girls' School, but also indirectly of the entire Mission in Japan.

In this connection, your Committee would revert to the fact that the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod have generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School, and are, therefore, justly entitled to the thankful appreciation of the entire Church. May God abundantly bless their efforts and reward them richly for it.

LEGACIES.

Your Committee desires to place upon the record the inspiring fact that during the period extending from Jan. 7, 1897, to April 30, 1899, the work in Japan was greatly encouraged by legacies left it by various friends of the cause, amounting, in the aggregate, to \$3,275. Such acts are worthy of commendation, and should stand as object-lessons to many others, friends of our common Master, prompting them to go and do likewise. Who has a better right, than the Giver Himself, to these earthly possessions, of which we are only stewards, for a few years at best? It has been with sorrow that the Church has learned of the painful suffering of the Rev. Wm. E. Hoy, and of the serious illness of the Rev. Dr. Moore. We are happy to report, however, that Rev. Hoy has been much benefitted by a temporary sojourn in China, where he met with a milder climate; and a letter received by the President of the Foreign Board, just before the organization of this Synod, brings from Dr. Moore himself the cheering intelligence that his physical condition has been greatly improved by his treatment in the St.

Helena Sanitarium, located in California. This cheering information has lifted a heavy burden from the hearts of his many sympathizing friends, who have been interested in his immense success as a missionary of the Cross.

Your Committee finds incorporated in the report of your Board the general principles, adopted at the late Conference of the Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada, held in New York City, Jan. 11-13, on the question of Comity and Co-operation in the cultivation of unoccupied fields. The entire question, together with its various details of Church Union, Territorial Division, Education, Hospitals, Use of Money, etc., is of such importance, in the judgment of your Committee, as to challenge the favorable and serious attention of this Synod and of your Board.

In the same report we find the important intelligence of an Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, to be held in the city of New York, from April 21 to May 1, A. D. 1900. Invitations to be present at this Conference have been extended to the Protestant Missions Boards and Societies throughout the world, to send representative delegates. The delegates chosen by your Board are Rev. Dr. Jas. I. Good and Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, on the presumption that our Board is entitled to only two delegates. It has, however, since been learned that the Board is entitled to six delegates.

Much has undoubtedly been done, under God, by our prosperous Mission in Japan, but it has become evident that much remains still to be done to make what is comparatively a mere beginning a permanent success. The work is growin, and the territory is naturally and logically expanding. The question arises, therefore, Will we neglect or abandon our work there, and leave it to others to reap the golden fruits hereafter? If not, consecrated effort will be demanded of the Church. Dr. Moore's absence changes the character of Bro. Hoy's work. The Mission, therefore, needs an additional man or two—one to serve as traveling evangelist, and to exercise a supervision over the young native evangelists, who are, as yet, too inexperienced to manage their work alone. They need some one to counsel, to encourage and to strengthen them. And for this

work (as we learn from the report before us) the missionaries there have neither time nor strength. Another is needed to take the place of Dr. Moore. With Moore in America, Hoy in Tokyo, and Miller in Yamagata, and a necessary forward movement pressing itself irresistibly upon the Church and Board, it must be apparent to all that at least three additional workers are needed, viz.: one lady and two men. And to enable our Board to call and send forward these additional laborers will require urgently a still larger support from the Church at home. The northern island of Hokkaido lies open before our Mission and Church; it sends down the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us!" Shall the Board heed its call? Will this Synod bid its Board to go forward, and, under God, cultivate that additional field, or will it call a halt to its work in Japan? In the former case, an increased apportionment will be necessary, by at least \$5,000.

According to the report of the Board, the question with which the General Synod of Dayton challenged them, as to whether they should start a mission in China, seems to have been answered in the negative by the classes to whom it had been referred by the Secretary of the Board. To this question, out of 53 replies, only 15 were unqualifiedly in the affirmative. Hence, not feeling warranted by such an unsatisfactory expression of the desire and will of the Church, the Board refers the question back again to the Synod for further instruction.

Your Committee would report that from the proposition submitted to the Board by the Congregation of Columbiana, this State, and its earnest pastor, as well as from the action of the Synod of the Interior, at its late meeting, we learn of a praiseworthy spirit that is determined to manifest itself in good works, which is truly commendable and will, we trust, in God's own good time, possess and influence the ministers and members of the Church at large.

Your Committee would offer the following resolutions for favorable action:

Resolved, that this Synod feels truly thankful to the Great Head of the Church for the large measure of success vouchsafed to our Foreign Missionary Work, during the last three years.

Resolved, that the appointment of three additional missionaries, viz., two men and one lady, for the more successful carrying forward of the work in Japan, commends itself to the judgment of this Synod, and that the responsibility for its prompt and final fulfilment be laid upon the Board of Commissioners.

Resolved, that it is with pleasure that we learn of the good work done by the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod during the last three years, and that we pray for God's richest blessing upon their future efforts.

Resolved, that we commend the spirit of the Columbiana congregation and their earnest pastor, the Rev. A. V. Casselman, as exhibited in the offer to pay \$800 annually, for the period of seven years, towards the support of a missionary in China. That this Synod do therefore authorize the Board to establish a Mission in China and advise a close and prayerful conference between this congregation and the Board, with the hope that this praiseworthy promise may soon find a happy realization..

Resolved, that it is with pleasure we record the following legacies, which have come to the Board during the past period, viz.: Andrew Swartz, \$1,000; Mrs. Cath. Erhardt, \$100; Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz, \$75; Mrs. Elizabeth Reidel (death-bed bequest), \$50; Agnes Shultz, \$50, and Otis Barnet (on account), \$2,000. We do most hopefully refer such acts to the attention of the Church at large as being altogether worthy of commendation and imitation.

Resolved, that we do hereby recommend the tracts, entitled "Hungarian Work," and "On to China," to the careful reading and study of all interested in the cause of Missions.

Resolved, that this Synod does hereby refer the question of "Comity and of Co-operation in the Cultivation of Unoccupied Lands," to the favorable consideration of the Board; and that the election of six delegates to the Ecumenical Council, to convene in the City of New York, A. D. 1900, be also left to its judgment and final action.

Resolved, that the presence and successful tours of Miss Mary A. Hollowell, our returned missionary, in this country,

affords this Synod great pleasure, and that we do hereby commend her most heartily to the churches.

Resolved, that we have learned with regret of the painful illness that has befallen our missionaries, the brethren Hoy and Moore; but rejoice, at the same time, in the later-reassuring intelligence of their improved condition. Having faith in a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God, we ask, in order to their recovery, the believing prayers of the Church.

Resolved, that the sum of \$40,000 each year, for the next three years, be appropriated to the Foreign Board, for the carrying forward of its work and the extension of its field in Japan and China; and that whatever moneys may be raised by the Woman's Missionary Society, in support of the Girls' School in Japan, be not included in this amount, but be regarded rather as supplementary to it.

Resolved, that we challenge the attention of the Synods, of the Classes, of the congregations, and of the members, to the plain, common-sense statement that what is wanted is not the mere promise of the above amount, but the actual payment of it, so as to make it available to the Board, and thus escape the danger of hampering it in its operations.

Resolved, that this Synod do hereby appoint a committee of three, of which the Rev. Dr. Schick shall be the chairman, whose duty it shall be to formulate some plan or scheme, less objectionable than the present apportionment system, and report the result of their labors to the next General Synod, and that meanwhile the apportionment scheme for the raising of moneys for benevolence be continued and judiciously applied.

After the completion of our Report to this point, two more items were referred to it, viz. :

1. An overture from the North Western Synod, praying that the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions be instructed, when they will need again to call missionaries into the field, to take into consideration graduates from the Mission House at Sheboygan.

2. An overture from the Reading Classis, requesting Synod, through the Foreign Board, to appoint two agents or representatives to visit, at an early day, both Cuba and Porto

Rico, with a reference to the possible establishment of a Mission or Missions on those islands.

As concerning these overtures, your Committee would report the following:

Resolved, that the attention of the Board need only to be called to this request of the Synod of the North West, assured that they will duly consider the claims of the students of the several institutions of the Church, and appoint the suitable man, in their judgment, no matter from what institution the applicant may come.

Resolved, that this Synod is willing to refer the request of the Reading Classis to the Board of Foreign Missions, confident that, with their experience and with their knowledge of what has already been done and is still being done by the Christian Church in the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, they will be likely to do the wisest and the best thing in the premises; with the hope that, should they deem it advisable to introduce the work of Missions into either or both of these islands, the Church will furnish them with the means necessary thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. WAGNER,
J. M. SCHICK,
H. C. NOTT,
GEO. W. STINE,
H. M. HOUSEKEEPER.

On motion, a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick, John Bachman and Chas. B. Schneder, who are to report to the next General Synod a scheme other than that of apportionment by which larger sums of money may be raised for the cause of Foreign Missions.

The Report on Foreign Missions was acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole.

1. *Board of Home Missions.*

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY, 1902.

Rev. John A. Peters, D. D.	Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D.
Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.	Elder F. G. Hobson.
Rev. C. F. Kriete,	Elder C. M. Boush.

MEMBERS ELECTED AT THIS SESSION WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY 1905.

Rev. John Bachmann, D. D.	Rev. Samuel Bridenbaugh, D. D.
Rev. Thomas J. Barkley, D. D.	Elder James T. Reber.
Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.	Elder George W. Stein.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

President—REV. DR. E. R. ESCHBACH, Frederick, Md.
Secretary—REV. DR. THOS. J. BARKLEY, Gettysburg, Pa.
Treasurer—ELDER GEO. W. STEIN, Annville, Leb. Co., Pa.

Executive Committee of the Board.

Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach.	Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters.
Rev. Dr. J. J. Leberman.	Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler.
Rev. Dr. T. J. Barklev.	

II. *Board of Foreign Missions.*

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY, 1902.

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D.	Rev. Peter Greding, D. D.
Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.	Elder Joseph L. Lemberger.
Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D.	Elder Benj. Kuhn.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY, 1905.

Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.	Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.
Rev. James I. Good, D. D.	Elder Jacob Y. Dietz.
Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D. D.	Elder John W. Appel, Esq.

Officers of Board of Foreign Missions.

REV. JAMES I. GOOD, D. D. *President*, Reading, Pa.
REV. JOHN H. PRUGH, D. D., *Vice President*, Pittsburgh, Pa.
REV. S. N. CALLENDER, D. D., *Secretary*, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
ELDER JOS. L. LEMBERGER, *Treasurer*, Lebanon, Pa.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The following report was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes, etc.:

I. ORPHANS' HOMES.

Report of Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

Fathers and Brethren:

Your Board of Orphans' Homes herewith submits to you the following Report, covering the last three years. During this time, no information has reached us of new Homes springing up within our bounds. Our established Homes are: Beth-

any, at Womelsdorf, Pa., Rev. T. M. Yundt, Superintendent; St. Paul's, at Butler, Pa., Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Superintendent, and German, at Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. B. Ruf, Superintendent. From all these, we received annual reports, except from St. Paul, for the last year. We are happy to report, from these sources, that all are in a prosperous condition; and, considering the stringency of the times, have, by the Church, been well supported. As is often the case in private homes, so these, also, have severally had their own sorrows. Foremost in this line stands the German Home. [The beloved Rev. John Rettig, Superintendent for many years, died suddenly, Feb. 21st, 1898, under most painful circumstances (having taken a draught of carbolic acid by mistake), and a few months later, after a lingering sickness (cancer), Mrs. R., also much beloved, followed her husband to the reward of the faithful.] Our Home was grievously afflicted, but the local Board, under the Lord's guidance, seemingly, found a worthy successor (Rev. Ruf), who was publicly installed, in the St. John's Church, Fort Wayne, March 9th following. The same Home was also, during the same winter, smitten by measles, with 38 cases. St. Paul's Home, during the same winter, had 14 cases of scarlet-fever. What anxieties and watchings, as well as labor, these afflictions must have caused; yet all again gradually recovered. Death has also cast its shadows in other cases, besides those now mentioned. The German Home reports the death of 1 orphan, St. Paul's also 1 (Robert Cross Prugh), and Bethany 3, also one of her matrons, Miss Sally Reber, daughter of the sainted Rev. Joel F. Reber.

The government in these Homes is of the mild, yet firm, paternal order, connected continually with instruction and Christian nurture. The orphans in the German Home attend the public schools during the winter, and in the summer have their own German parochial school. They report with pleasure that "pay orphans," not having had religious instruction before, in due time, under the benign influence of the Home, became true and intelligent confessors of Christ. St. Paul's had 82 pupils enrolled in their school during 10 months per year. Bethany confirmed 25 orphans, and St. Paul's 9, as communi-

cant members of our Church. The moral condition of our Homes, under these influences, is good. The present number of orphans in these Homes is as follows: Bethany, 127; St. Paul, 92, and German, 64, making a total of 283. The number cared for during the last three years by Bethany is 173, and since its founding (1863), a total of 665. St. Paul has 50 so-called "Church" and 27 "pay orphans." The former were expected to be supported by the Church, at a cost estimated at \$100 each. In this support there was a falling off, during year before last, of \$147 from that of the former year.

In all the Homes, the children (male and female) are habituated to useful work. In the German Home, the boys of sufficient age are learning trades outside, though still connected as inmates of the same. In this Home, during last year, 16 orphans were partly supported by their relatives. This is a feature well worthy of imitation—that relatives thus give tangible evidence of an interest in their own kin.

Of special improvements made during these three years, we mention the following: Bethany: New waterworks and steam laundry equipments, at a cost of \$1,402.86, which are most beneficial. The "Frick Cottage" for children under 6 years of age, proves itself a great help to the usefulness of the institution in general. St. Paul found it necessary, from sanitary considerations, to revise and improve their system of sewerage, and also make improvements to their buildings. The German Home built a "butcher and wash-house," at a cost of \$1,400; also a barn, on the so-called "Hauck Farm," for \$1,300. Besides this, they put up fire-escapes, etc.

The various sources of revenue to these Homes are the following: 1. *Endowments*, which are these: Bethany, \$6,427.50; St. Paul, \$7,316.35, and German, \$1,750. 2. *Donations* in money and in useful goods and provisions. St. Paul's received a Christmas offering in 1898 amounting to \$3,883.96, and the Bethany one of much greater value. 3. *Land and garden products*. The products of the St. Paul's Home, in a single year (1896), were estimated at \$810.25.

The German Home has a debt of \$8,574, which should be liquidated.

The St. Paul's also is oppressed by a debt of about \$11,000, and the local Board is discussing the questions, whether to appeal to their district Synod for necessary aid, or sell off building lots, by opening a new street through their land. In these questions we, as a Board, consider the local Board best capable of judging.

The receipts and expenditures of the Homes for the last three years were as follows: Bethany—Receipts, \$35,582.91; expenditures, \$35,328.27; in hand, \$254.64. St. Paul's—Receipts (for two years), \$17,346.65; expenditures, \$17,495.67; out of hand, \$149.02. German Home—Receipts, \$31,979.36; expenditures, \$32,203.84; out of hand, \$224.48.

The German Home gratefully acknowledges the aid and comfort given them by this Synod hitherto, and pray for a continuance of the same in the future.

In conclusion, we state that the term of office of two members of our Board expires with this present Synodical meeting—that of Rev. Eli Keller, D. D., and of Elder Horace Ankeney. This Synod is expected to fill again this vacancy.

Members whose terms expire May, 1902—Rev. Henry Mosser, D. D., Elder Christian Gross. Member whose term expires May, 1905—Elder Jacob Rader.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI KELLER, *Prest.*,
H. MOSSER, *Secy.*

II. *Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.*

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, during the morning session of the eighth day, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee beg leave respectfully to report the following:

Three documents were placed into our hands, namely:

1. The Report of the General Synod's Board of Orphan Homes,
2. The Report of the Board of Directors of Bethany Orphan Home, and

3. The Report of the Fort Wayne Orphan Home of the Reformed Church.

Your Committee gathers the following facts from these reports:

There are three Orphan Homes within the bounds of the General Synod: Bethany Orphan Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa.; St. Paul's, at Butler, Pa., and the Fort Wayne Orphan Home, at Fort Wayne, Ind.

All these institutions are reported as being in prosperous condition and are liberally supported by the Church.

All report important improvements to their properties, thus increasing their efficiency in their work of love. Chief among these is the Frick Cottage at Womelsdorf, which provides a Christian home for orphans under six years of age. The holy inspiration which prompted the builder of this fold for the lambs, can be appreciated only when it is remembered that the first five or six years of human life is that period during which the deepest and most lasting impressions are made upon the human mind and heart; for in this cottage the "shorn lambs" may be nurtured and nourished upon the loving breast of the bride of Christ; so that they may learn to know and to love the Saviour from the beginning of their conscious life.

The management of these institutions is reported as being faithful and efficient, and the government wise and prudent, tempered with love.

But, alas, all has not been sunshine and cheer in these retreats of the orphaned poor; for it is the sad duty of your Committee to chronicle the death of Mrs. Charlotta Hassler Prugh, beloved wife of Dr. Peter C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, whose death occurred July 11th, 1898.

For sixteen years Mrs. Prugh gave her constant care, wise counsel, and the love of her heart, to the many boys and girls who, in the home, so fondly called her *mother*. And to a remarkable degree did she lovingly perform a mother's part to the fatherless and motherless ones. And young men and maidens throughout the Church count as their most precious possession the sweet memories they have of her who did so much in

moulding their characters and in helping them to grow into a noble Christian manhood and womanhood.

Miss Sally Reber, daughter of the sainted Rev. J. F. Reber, who was for many years a faithful and much-beloved matron in Bethany Orphan Home, was also called away by death. But even more sad is the message which comes to us from Fort Wayne, for there both the paternal and maternal head of the Home were called to their reward, within a few short months; thus leaving the inmates of that sorely bereaved Home orphans once more.

But, thank God, He who is the Father of the fatherless, in His wise providence, soon pointed out the man who should devote his life to the care of this sorely stricken Home of the homeless, in the person of Rev. B. Ruf, and he has responded to the call and has been officially installed into his important office.

While all our Orphan Homes were called upon to mourn the loss of those who occupied official positions, their inmates were also visited with disease, whilst some of the lambs of the flock were called to the Father's House in heaven.

While the Christian family must ever be regarded as the divinely ordained relation for the training of children, we rejoice that the Great Head of the Church has put into the hearts of His servants to rear and promote Orphan Homes, where those who are deprived of the benign blessings of the Christian family may be cared for, and prepared for the battle of life; and, accordingly, we offer the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That this General Synod heartily commends the Orphan Homes of the Church to the earnest prayers and liberal support of all our Classes, pastors, consistories and people.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KOPLIN, *Chairman*.

GEO. E. LIMBERT,

D. C. HAMMETT,

W. D. OBERLIN.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHAN HOMES.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY, 1902.

Rev. Henry Mosser, D. D.

Elder Christian Gross.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY, 1905.

Elder Jacob Rader.

MEMBERS RECENTLY ELECTED WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY, 1908.

Rev. Eli Keller, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

Officers of the Board.

REV. DR. ELI KELLER, *President*, Zionsville, Pa.

REV. DR. HENRY MOSSER, *Secretary*, Reading, Pa.

ELDER CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, *Treasurer*, 879 N. 41st St., Philadelphia, Pa.

III. *The Office of Deaconess, and Deaconess Homes.—Their Relation to the Church.*

At the General Synod at Dayton, O., as noted in item 18, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, a special committee was appointed to report on the aforesaid subject. The Committee, at the present sessions, was increased by the addition of Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., and Rev. B. F. Hahn, who finally presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report of the Committee to Define the Relation of a Deaconess and Deaconess Homes to the Church.

TO THE REVEREND GENERAL SYNOD:

Your Committee, appointed by General Synod, to define the relation of a deaconess and deaconess homes to the Church, respectfully submit the following report:

1. General Synod recognizes the importance of the work of the deaconess as demanded by the conditions of the Church and of the society.

2. A deaconess is a Christian woman, a member of the Church, who devotes herself to the service of the Lord in ministering to the sick and needy and spiritually distressed, consecrated to this service by the laying-on of hands.

3. To be proficient in her office, she should be taught in Bible history and Christian faith, as well as in such branches as are necessary for her to know in her service. She shall, if found competent, be consecrated to this office by a minister of the Church.

4. Before her ordination, she shall publicly answer the following question:

“Wilt thou, as a servant of Jesus Christ, endeavor to perform, in obedience and faithfulness, the duties which the Word

of God prescribes for the Christian calling in general? Wilt thou consecrate thyself to the Lord, who has loved us even unto death, for service with self-denial, humility and love, to serve Him in the poor and needy, and to strive to do that which is pleasing in His sight?"

5. If a deaconess serves in a congregation, she is under the supervision and direction of the pastor and consistory; if she is a member of a deaconess house, she remains under the care of, and is responsible to her Board.

6. For identification and protection in her vocation, she ought to wear the plain garb of a deaconess.

7. The vow of celibacy or of life-long vocation shall not be required of the deaconess.

8. A deaconess may withdraw from her office, after due notice of her intention has been given; or she may, for sufficient reason, be deposed from office.

9. The deaconess house is an institution of instruction and training for the deaconess.

10. The deaconess house is also the mother-house of the deaconess, whether they are serving in a congregation, or are on duty elsewhere; she remains a daughter of the house.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. C. ROENTGEN,
PHILIP VOLLMER,
J. M. SCHICK,
F. B. HAHN,
A. E. DAHLMANN,
EML. V. GERHART,
D. CLINGER,
H. W. TUCHTER.

Inasmuch as the relation of a deaconess and deaconess homes to the Church have been more clearly defined, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That General Synod reiterates its commendation to all the Classes and Consistories in regard to the work of deaconesses, and requests their earnest prayers and support for the cause, and especially for institutions of this kind that stand in such close relation with the Reformed Church.

And, further, it was resolved, that an amendment be added to the Constitution, to provide for the office of deaconess and deaconess homes.

IV. *Ministerial Relief Society.*

At the General Synod of Dayton, as noted in item 19, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, a special committee was appointed, to confer with the Society of Ministerial Relief, who herewith present the following report :

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES :

Dear Brethren:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Synod, Dayton, Ohio, to confer with the Society of Ministerial Relief, presents the following report :

The instructions given your committee were to confer with the relief society, first, "as to the feasibility of the formation of an organic union between the society and the General Synod, and, secondly, "to prepare a plan of ministerial relief for the entire Church."

In the effort to attain these ends, your committee entered into conference with the Society of Ministerial Relief, both at the meeting of the Potomac Synod, at Altoona, in 1897, and also at Woodstock, in the fall of 1898. Previous to these meetings, conferences had been held to formulate some plan which would be accepted by the Society and at the same time be approved by the General Synod. At these preliminary conferences it was made plain that an organic union could not be secured at the present time. Your committee therefore bent its energies to the simple effort of bringing the Society into such a relation with the General Synod as would serve to stimulate greater interest on the part of the Church in general, and, at the same time, without touching the charter of the Society, place the Society more directly under the care of the General Synod.

Your committee, therefore, submitted the following suggestions to the consideration of the Society, at its meeting in Woodstock, Va. :

1. Resolved, that the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows hold every third annual meeting in connection with the sessions of the General Synod.

2. Resolved, that General Synod be requested to appoint a standing committee with reference to the work of the Relief Society.

3. Resolved, that the General Synod be requested to instruct the district Synods to elect men to represent them on the floor of the Relief Society, such representatives to be chosen from members of said Society.

These suggestions were considered at two different sessions of the Society, and after being fully discussed, "were rejected on the ground of their impracticability."

The problem set before your committee, of formulating a plan of ministerial relief for the whole Church, is most difficult. Yet the need of doing this has been pressed home on your committee by the intimations that, unless something of this nature be done, two or more ministerial relief societies, in addition to the one we now have, would be organized in different sections of the Church, thus confronting us with several organizations. It is not necessary to do more than call your attention to these conditions of affairs, to make all feel that it is to be avoided, if possible. At the same time, it is apparent, also, that this multiplication of societies can only be avoided, and the energies of the Church be concentrated and directed to the relief of its ministers and widows, by an organization which shall be amenable to the General Synod, and, at the same time, be one in which the several Synods be fully represented. Yet the problem is so complicated that your committee does not deem it advisable to attempt more than to make a beginning, leaving to time and circumstances the fuller development of the plan.

We, therefore, recommend the following action :

First—That a board be selected from the members of the several district Synods of the Church, to be known as General Synod's Board of Relief for Ministers and their Widows.

Second—That this board be directed to communicate with the present Relief Society, and secure, so far as possible, co-operation in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEIGHTON GERHART,
D. A. SOUDERS,
J. H. STEPLER,

The 20th item in Report of Overtures, with reference to the Report of Society of Relief of Ministers and their Widows, was referred, in connection with the foregoing report, to a special committee, consisting of Revs. F. W. Hoffman, J. A. Hoffheins, and Elder Geo. F. Wendel. The committee read its report on eighth day of sessions, when the following minority report was received as a substitute, and adopted:

V. *Minority Report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief.*

The Special Committee on Ministerial Relief had referred to them the following papers:

The Triennial Statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. The report of the special committee, appointed three years ago, to confer with the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and an overture from the Synod of the Interior bearing upon the same subject.

Your committee carefully considered all these several papers. We are pleased to note the increased interest manifest on the part of the ministry and of the Church in behalf of this worthy charity, as shown by these papers, and the growing desire for the extension of the work of ministerial relief, so that all may share in its benefactions.

Whilst this desire is common, your committee realize the fact, however, that in the matter of enlarging the sphere of this particular charity, as well as in its management and direction, there are widely differing views, so much so, indeed, that it would seem impossible to incorporate them under one plan or management, as appears to be the burden of the papers referred to the committee.

The committee feels, however, that it is most desirable that the widest possible range be given this charity of the Church.

The work of the past, limited as it has been, is full proof that it is a work worthy of the Church and demanded by the necessities of her ministry and their worthy dependents.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, organized nearly a century and a half ago, always doing good work according to the measure of its income, has, in its later years, under the impulse of a new life, brought itself into such favor and wider influence as to command most general attention throughout the Church, increasing its income, and, to this extent, also, its charities, until that now fully one-third of the ministers of the Church belong to its membership, and in every Synod are to be found its beneficiaries.

True, while it has no direct or organic relation to this General Synod, such as many desire, yet it is an organization distinctively Reformed, holding in the Church and by the Church and for the Church, through its membership and chartered rights. As such, recognizing no sectional differences, whether of doctrine or of language, and seeking the largest measure of helpful influence, it deserves the fullest measure of sympathy from the whole Church, and the co-operation of all those interested in its charitable work. As such, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod, having heard with pleasure of the successful working of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, through the triennial statement of its treasurer, instructs its Stated Clerk to have the same incorporated with the published Minutes.

Resolved, That we commend anew this Society to the helpful sympathy of all our pastors and people.

Further, That inasmuch as there is a manifest desire to have this Society brought into closer relation with the General Synod, as is shown by the appointment of a committee of the Synod, three years ago, to confer with the Society to this end, and by the overture of the Synod of the Interior, therefore

Resolved, That this General Synod request the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows to take under advisement, at its next annual meeting, the wish of Synod for a closer and more direct relation with the Synod, and make such larger provision in its plan of administering its charities, as shall

work the largest possible measure of good to all in need of help, and as shall command the largest and fullest measure of sympathy from the whole Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

Dear Brethren:

We, the undersigned officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, have the honor to present to your body the Triennial Statement of the operations of the Society, and respectfully request that the same be incorporated in the Minutes of General Synod.

J. DAVID MILLER, *Vice-President*,
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

VI. *A Triennial Statement,*

Giving the receipts and the expenditures of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," the receipts and expenditures of the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home," and also the financial condition of the Society. The period of time covered by the statement is from May 1st, 1896, to May 1st, 1899.

RECEIPTS FROM COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

EASTERN SYNOD.		Lehigh	"	108.00
East Penna.	Classis, \$ 346.45	Goshenhoppen	"	27.00
Philadelphia	" 305.77			
Schuylkill	" 251.62			\$2,102.10
Lebanon	" 195.00	POTOMAC SYNOD.		
Lancaster	" 181.16	Maryland	Classis, \$ 479.69	
Reading	" 156.25	Gettysburg	" 306.23	
East Susquehanna	" 141.74	Virginia	" 202.00	
Wyoming	" 134.77	Carlisle	" 169.72	
Tohickon	" 130.00	Mercersburg	" 164.12	
West Susquehanna	" 124.34	Zion's	" 135.02	

Juniata	“	127.57	“	Ohio	“	227.69
		<u> </u>	“	German	“	151.65
		\$1,584.35	“	Interior	“	146.12

PITTSBURG SYNOD.

Westmoreland	Classis,	\$286.38				\$4,841.68
Clarion	“	130.00	“	Int. on Investm't.,		\$5,717.68
Allegheny	“	84.27	“	Bequests,		695.00
Somerset	“	66.07	“	Hymnal Royalty,		587.75
St. Paul's	“	63.05	“	Pittsburg Synod		
		<u> </u>		Special,		950.00
		\$629.77		Individual gifts,		691.00

OHIO SYNOD.

Tuscarawas	Classis,	\$112.16	“	Loans paid,		9,100.00
Lancaster	“	50.56	“	Daniel Stine		
Miami	“	25.00	“	Mem. Home,		3,715.06
Tiffin	“	13.92	“	Cash in Treasury		
Eastern Ohio	“	17.82		May 1st, '96,		2,412.16
St. Joseph	“	8.23				<u> </u>
		<u> </u>		Total am't of receipts,		\$28 710.33
		\$227.69				

EXPENDITURES.

INTERIOR SYNOD.			Eastern	Synod 24 ann.	3,175.00
Iowa	Classis,	\$61.48	Potomac	“ 14 “	1,665.00
Illinois	“	36.97	Pittsburg	“ 6 “	1,930.00
Wichita	“	28.17	Ohio	“ 8 “	1,053.75
Kansas	“	13.50	Interior	“ 3 “	325.00
Lincoln	“	6.00	North West	“ 3 “	225.00
		<u> </u>	Central	“ 3 “	175.00
		\$146.12	Eastern German	2 “	128.75
				<u> </u>	
				63	\$8,677.50

GERMAN SYNOD.

St. John's	Classis,	\$70.00	Paid to Daniel Stine		
Erie	“	65.00	Mem. Home,		3,701.05
New York	“	10.00	Funded by New Invest-		
Chicago	“	6.65	ment,		12,400.00
		<u> </u>	Sundry expenses,		1,564.89
		\$151.65	Cash in Treasury May		
			1st, '99,		2,366.89

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Total Eastern	Synod,	\$2,102.10	Total am't of expense,	\$28,710.33
“ Potomac	“	1,584.35		
“ Pittsburg	“	629.77		

INVESTED FUND.

Real Estate Mortgages	.....	\$18,450.00
Bonds	.....	17,000.00
Railroad Stocks	.....	3,400.00

“Daniel Stine Memorial Home”.....	12,000.00
Cash in Treasury May 1st, '99	2,366.89

Total Amount of Assets\$53,216.89

The membership of the Society at this time is composed of three hundred life and sixteen annual members. The annuitant list is growing year by year, and is at this date made up of thirty-one widows and twenty-one ministers, and are found within the bounds of each Synod of the Church.

The privilege of membership in the Society extends to all ministers of the Reformed Church residing in any State or Territory of the United States. The terms of membership are for life members sixty-five dollars, in one or more payments, and for annual members five dollars initiation fee and three dollars annual dues. . . .

Benefactions of the Society are given only to those IN NEED, and may be given

1. To disabled ministers, who are members.
2. To the widow of a deceased member.
3. To the widow of any deceased minister of the Reformed Church.

The officers of the Society, as required by the charter, are:
Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., President, Bedford, Pa.
Rev. J. D. Miller, Vice-President, Duncannon, Pa.
Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeir, Secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.
Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.
Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick, Md., and Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Jefferson, Md., Adsessors.

The Daniel Stine Memorial Home is located in Myerstown, Pa., and is a home for aged ministers, their wives, and the widows of ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States. It is the property of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and is controlled by a Board of Managers, composed of nine members chosen by the Society. The officers are:

- Rev. J. D. Miller, President, Duncannon, Pa.
Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Secretary, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, Superintendent and Treasurer,
Myerstown, Pa.

VII. *Young People's Societies.*

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES:

Fathers and Brethren:

The Standing Committee on Young People's Societies read the following report, which was adopted:

An overture was placed in our hands, recommending to this body the young people's society known as "The Heidelberg League," and recognizing the fact that it exists in many of our churches in the Eastern and Potomac Synods; and that it has done, and is doing, much good in teaching the young to do work for the Master, encouraging faithfulness to their baptismal and confirmation vows, and loyalty to their Church and denomination. Taking its past work as an index of its future usefulness, and praying that the Great Head of the Church, through the Holy Spirit, may inspire and encourage it to still greater efforts in the upbuilding of the Master's Kingdom; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod heartily commends the young people of this Society, along with the Christian Endeavor, Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, and others, in their efforts to develop personal piety, devotion to their Church, and larger usefulness in the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ALSPACH,
MILTON H. SANGREE,
CHARLES E. CREITZ,
JOHN J. HOOVER,
P. D. AURANDT.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Triennial Report of the Sunday School Board was read, in part, during the session on Wednesday, and referred to Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

I. *Report of the Sunday School Board.*

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES, TIFFIN, OHIO, MAY 23, 1899.

With devout gratitude to God for the manifold blessings vouchsafed during the past three years, the Sunday School Board presents to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, its Triennial Report, covering the years beginning May 1, 1896, and closing April 30, 1899.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires with this meeting of Synod:

Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Eastern Synod.

Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Ohio Synod.

Rev. Lewis Robb, Potomac Synod.

Rev. F. Strassner, D. D., Central Synod.

Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Pittsburg Synod.

WORK OF THE BOARD.

During the period covered by this Report, the publishing operations of the Board have been greatly enlarged. It has been deemed wise, therefore, to present first a summary, followed by a more detailed statement of the several departments.

The Sunday School and Missionary Department. This is a distinct department, whose work is two-fold. (1) Missionary, comprehending the organization and development of Sunday Schools in new and unoccupied fields, and (2) Educational, seeking to increase the efficiency of existing schools. It is supported by the offerings of churches and schools, given mainly on Children's Day, and by the transfer of a proportion of the profits of the Business Department. The total receipts of the Missionary Fund (not including \$1700 repaid by the Business department, and embodied twice in the Treasurer's Report) the last three years were \$11,175.93, compared with \$8,751.77 the preceding three years. Of this amount, \$8,672.76 were received as offerings, and the balance from sales of Children's Day Services and miscellaneous sources.

The number of missionaries employed was 12. Of this number, nine were theological students. Seven new schools were organized, and five congregations formed, as a result of

the Sunday School missionary work. Rev. J. C. Horning, permanent Sunday School Missionary, owing to the financial condition of the Board of Home Missions, was not able to do regular Sunday School missionary work, but was busy in caring for a number of Mission points, including the opening, in St. Louis, Mo., of an English Mission. Sixty schools were aided with grants of literature; 24 of which were new schools. Urgent calls are made from various sections of the Church for men to do Sunday School missionary work. The need is pressing, and while the way has not been opened the last few years to increase the funds at our command, we trust it may now be done.

The educational work of this department has centered in the establishment of home departments of the Sunday School, and in the continued agitation in behalf of a larger Sunday School membership, now known as the Twentieth Century Movement, in Reformed Sunday Schools. Full information concerning the work of the department may be found in another part of this Report.

The Editorial Department issued, during the last three years, six new publications, including "Leaders of the Reformation," by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.; a book on the Home Department, by M. C. Hazard, Ph. D., with an Introduction by Rev. Rufus W. Miller. Eleven requisites for the Sunday School, including class books, Home Department supplies, etc., have also been issued. The number of periodicals published was eight Lesson Helps and four Illustrated Papers. Of these periodicals, eight were transferred to the Board by former publishers. But in each case great changes have been made, practically resulting in new publications. Four new periodicals have been issued, viz., *The Home Department Quarterly*, *Heidelberg Picture Cards*, *Heidelberg Lesson Roll*, and *Church Festival Helper*.

It is gratifying to state that our Sunday School literature has taken high rank, and has achieved great success in point of circulation. The total issue of our periodicals, weekly, monthly, and quarterly, has increased from 154,400, in July, 1896, to 277,160, April, 1899, a gain of 74 per cent. Full information

concerning all the publications may be found on another page of this Report.

The new Sunday School Hymnal is ready for publication as soon as ordered by General Synod. This department has also in prospect a new book on "Jesus the Great Teacher," by N. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Ph. D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Pennsylvania.

The Business Department is a new department of the Board's work, necessitated by the transfer of Sunday School publications from the Reformed Church Publication Board, Philadelphia, and Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio, in July, 1896. Its operations cover a period of two years and nine months. The net profits amount to \$9,671.83, of which \$721.94 will be passed over to the Sunday School and Missionary Department. The Board began this department by borrowing \$1,700 from the Sunday School and Missionary Department, to be used as capital. This amount has been paid back to the Missionary Department. Full information concerning the work of this department may be found on another page of this Report.

The relation of the Business and Missionary Departments. Several facts need emphasis in order to a proper understanding of the Board's work. First, the funds of the Sunday School and Missionary Department are kept separate from the Business Department, and all offerings from schools are used wholly for Sunday School missionary work: while at the same time the Business Department contributes a portion of its earnings to the Sunday School and Missionary Department. Second, the Business Department is creating its own capital with which to do business. Naturally, owing to the large amounts which must be carried as open accounts, and to the increasing volume of business, it will take some years before a sufficiently large capital is acquired to be able to depend upon the Business Department for any considerable amount of money to carry on the missionary operations.

Another fact is the vital relation of the two departments. The Business Department secures, or publishes, and sells, Bibles, Sunday School books, pamphlets, tracts and Sunday

School periodicals, and attends to the varied business belonging to a Sunday School publication house.

The Missionary Department engages, directs and supports colporteurs and Sunday School missionaries, and makes grants of Bibles, books, and Sunday School literature. The two are complementary. The Business Department furnishes the supplies: and the Missionary Department carries them with a living presence and voice to the homes and hearts of the people. The two departments are necessary one to the other. Were there no Missionary Department, the Business Department could not reach the people who are most in need. Were there no Business Department, the Missionary Department would have no supplies. As in other similar denominational boards, these two departments work together, but are distinct and separate in their treasuries and administration.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The educational and missionary branches of Sunday School work constitute, together with the Sunday School publications of the Editorial and Business Departments, a complete system, which may, with propriety, be termed

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SYSTEM OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

By acquiring the ownership of our Reformed Sunday School publications during the last three years, it is possible to develop the general Sunday School work so as to make it of great value to every school in the Church.

To set forth the plan and possibilities of the work, we present, in the first place, a general conspectus of the system as a whole, and then give briefly particular statements concerning the work of this department.

From this general conspectus it will be seen that the Sunday School system of our Church covers a very wide range. It provides, through the Editorial Department of this Board, a full line of Lesson Helps and Sunday School periodicals. Through the Business Department it furnishes libraries and school appliances. Through the Sunday School and Missionary Department it widens the range and elevates the standard

of teaching and fosters the growth of Sunday Schools, and their extension in destitute places, as well as of populous centers of our country.

REFORMED CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

I. Sunday School Educational Work.

II. Sunday School Missionary Work.

I. Sunday School Educational Work.

1. *Membership.*

- (a) Relation to Church.
- (b) Canvassing for new scholars.
- (c) Formation of Adult Classes.
- (d) Formation of Home Departments.
- (e) Twentieth Century Movement.

2. *Organization.*

- (a) Consistorial oversight.
- (b) Classical oversight.
- (c) Synodical Sunday School Boards or Committees.
- (d) Sunday School and Missionary Department.
- (e) Classical Sunday School Associations.

3. *Teachers.*

- (a) Normal Classes.
 - (b) Institutes and Conventions.
 - (c) Text-books.
 - (d) Heidelberg Teacher.
- See Report of Editorial Department.

4. *Gradation.*

- (a) Heidelberg System of Graded Lesson Helps.
- (b) Heidelberg System of Graded Supplemental Lessons.

5. *Courses of Instruction.*

- (a) Heidelberg Series of Lesson Helps.
See Report of Editorial Department.
- (b) Heidelberg Catechism.
- (c) Memorizing of Scripture.
- (d) Graded System of Supplemental Lessons.

6. *Periodical Literature.*
See Report of Editorial Department.
7. *Festival Days and Anniversaries.*
 - (a) Christmas.
 - (b) Easter.
 - (c) Children's Day.
 - (d) Rally Day.
8. *Libraries.*
See special plan.
9. *Reports.*
 - (a) Report of Consistories of Classes.
 - (b) Reports of Classes to Synod and to Sunday School and Missionary Department.

II. *Sunday School Missionary Work.*

1. *Organization.*
 - (a) By Missionaries.
 - (b) Under special offer of Board.
2. *Upbuilding.*
 - (a) Personal visitation of schools and correspondence.
 - (b) Connecting Schools with nearest Church or Charge.
 - (c) Development of Schools into Churches.
3. *Reorganization.*
Recovery of lapsed schools.
4. *Distribution of Literature.*
 - (a) Gratuitous distribution by Missionaries, including Bibles.
 - (b) Grants by Department.
 - (c) Sales of Literature.
5. *House-to-House Visitation.*
 - (a) Canvassing for Scholars.
 - (b) Visitation of families and individuals.
 - (c) Distributing clothing, especially to needy children.

6. *Special Forms of Work.*

- (a) Special Services.
- (b) Summer work by Visitation and Institutes.
- (c) Preaching. Field Work.
- (d) Chapels, Church Building, and Church Organization.

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

This work is both important and comprehensive, as will be seen by the foregoing conspectus.

1. Under the head *Membership*, it prompts and stimulates the activity of the schools in such matters as canvassing for scholars, the formation of adult classes, the Home Department, and the Twentieth Century Movement for adding 50 per cent. to the membership of Reformed Sunday Schools between 1898 and 1901.

2. Under the head *Organization* it specially deals with such questions as Consistorial and Classical oversight, Synodical Sunday School Committees or Boards, and Classical Sunday School Associations.

3. Under the head *Teachers*, it fosters Normal Classes, Institutes and Conventions, and suggests and provides Text-books on these and kindred topics.

4, 5 and 6. Under the heads *Gradation*, *Courses of Instruction*, and *Periodical Literature*, it furnishes a system of class grading and graded supplemental lessons, and develops the study of the Heidelberg Catechism in the school, and the memorizing of the Scriptures.

7. Under the head *Festival Days and Anniversaries*, it cultivates the observance of the leading events of the Church Year, and it brings the Sunday Schools into line in emphasizing Children's Day and Rally Day, providing Orders of Service, and developing the spirit of benevolence, as well as increasing offerings for Sunday School Mission work.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

The object of this movement is to signalize the entrance of

the Reformed Church into the new century by bringing in at least one hundred thousand of new scholars into her Sunday Schools; in other words, by increasing the Sunday School membership from about two hundred thousand—where it stood at the beginning of 1898—to three hundred thousand on or before April 1, 1901, the beginning of the first ecclesiastical year of our Church in the twentieth century.

The Twentieth Century Movement was started in the winter of 1898, and the intervening time has been largely occupied in various forms of preliminary work essential to the launching of an enterprise designed to reach and benefit the interests of the entire Church. The Secretary of the Board in the first instance consulted with a number of brethren, and presented the matter to Classes for their consideration. The response was favorable. Thus encouraged, the Secretary laid the subject before the Board, and, with their sanction, proceeded to elaborate the plan in detail, to circulate it throughout the Church. All the Synods last fall took favorable action, and, it may be said, the movement has now been fairly inaugurated. A number of schools already report large gains in their membership. It is evident that there is a strong desire and yearning throughout our Church for the spiritual welfare of the children and youth of our land. This movement is for the glory of God, and the salvation of souls. There is abundant material at hand to be gathered in, and the importance of the work is generally realized.

Not to speak of the millions outside of all Sunday Schools, there is forced upon us the conviction that thousands of our Church members need to be enrolled in our Sunday Schools. Our total Church membership—confirmed and unconfirmed—is 368,051; the Sunday School membership should not be less than 300,000.

With the cordial approval of this General Synod, followed, as it is hoped will be the case, by emphatic Synodical and Classical endorsement and action throughout the Church, there is every reason to hope that this movement will become general, and will result not only in a striking addition to the membership of our Sunday Schools, but also in deepening the Christian life

and activity of all our churches. We need to be fully alive to the magnitude of the effort to add 50 per cent. to the Sunday School membership of our Church within three years. The increase during the last six years was about 29 per cent., an average of $14\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for three years. To multiply this rate by $3\frac{1}{2}$ for the triennium ending April 1, 1901, means the calling out of immense latent spiritual forces from within the Church, and no human agency can do this. Recourse must be had to earnest, believing prayer. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit can alone bring to pass this glorious result. Let the hearts of our people be moved by the Holy Spirit as the heart of one man, and the work will be done.

CHILDREN'S DAY AND RALLYING DAY.

The observance of these special anniversaries is on the increase among our Sunday Schools, Children's Day falling by direction of the General Synod, on the second Sunday in June, and also the second Sunday in September; and Rallying Day, by general consent, the last Sunday in September or first Sunday in October. The Department prepares special services for each anniversary; and in the case of Children's Day, furnishes copies in English or German, together with envelopes for collecting the offering, to the Sunday Schools of our Church, without charge.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

This important feature of Sunday School work has been made prominent during the last three years. It is fully explained in the leaflets and circulars issued by this department. It has been impossible to ascertain accurately the number and membership of Home Departments. But there are not less than 4,000 members. The number will doubtless be very largely increased in the near future. The department offers a supply of requisites free to any school starting a Home Department. By reason of the sound principles underlying the Home Department, the noble purpose characterizing it, and keeping in view the particular conditions which have called it into existence, and the unanimous testimony as to the beneficent results of the work, the time would seem to be ripe for your reverend body to

recommend the formation of the Home Department in all our schools.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

By correspondence and conference the problem of a correct gradation of the Sunday School with a supplemental course of lessons has been considered. Our Statistical Reports show that 578 have but one Department; 516 report the schools divided into two departments, and 235 into three or more departments. The remainder fail to report. We believe it would be a step in the right direction to adopt the following as being in harmony with the natural grades of the school: First.—Primary, from the time the child first enters the school until he has acquired the ability to read for himself, say from three to eight years. Second.—Intermediate, four years, from nine to thirteen. Third.—Junior, four years, from thirteen to sixteen, or from the fifth to the eighth year after promotion from the Primary Department. A study of the work of this period involves some of the most difficult problems in Sunday School teaching and management. For this is the age during which it is natural to expect the child's confirmation, and also the time when, perhaps, a majority of our scholars, especially the boys, leave the school. Fourth.—Senior, including all those over sixteen years of age, counting from the ninth and the following years out of the Primary Department. The Normal Class and the Home Department may be reckoned as divisions of this department.

To assist in this gradation of the school, the Acme Secretary's Record has been revised, and is arranged for a school having these departments. The Board hopes to issue a course of supplemental lessons for these several departments, as well as a course of study for Normal Classes and Teachers.

MEMORIZING OF SCRIPTURE AND THE CATECHISM.

In order to encourage the practice of our youth in committing passages of Scripture to memory, a list of Treasure-Texts was given in the Heidelberg Sunday School Hand Book, and articles on the subject have appeared in our periodicals. There are such good results flowing from a thorough acquaintance with the Bible and the Catechism, that your Board desires the

approval of Synod to engage in special efforts to promote memory work in our schools. The plan contemplates the awarding of certificates to those scholars memorizing the required course.

CHURCH SUPERVISION AND CONVENTIONS.

To meet the demand as well as to aid our schools in sustaining proper relations to Church authority, a form of Constitution for the Sunday Schools was prepared and printed. It is evident that in some sections of our Church, where there are so-called union (Lutheran and Reformed) schools, there is practically no recognition of the pastor and Consistory on the part of the Sunday School, and, on the other hand, there is a lack of proper church supervision. Pastors, Consistories, and Classes must be ever the immediate and responsible agents of the Sunday School. Sunday School conventions, institutes, and conferences are of striking utility in promoting the interests and the efficiency of Reformed Sunday Schools, as well as of practically exercising oversight over them. Many of our Classes have Sunday School Associations and hold conventions. But we believe this feature of Sunday School work deserves still greater attention.

Without questioning the usefulness of Interdenominational Associations, or underrating the opportunities they present for fraternal fellowship among Sunday School workers of different churches, it may be said with confidence, that they cannot take the place of classical Reformed gatherings for Reformed schools. Topics of a denominational character cannot be even mooted in the Interdenominational Association. Our superintendents and teachers need the strength and stimulus afforded by the fellowship and counsel of their brethren, as well as the opportunity of discussing and taking action upon purely denominational questions.

The Department, by the visitation of the Secretary, by correspondence and conference with classical committees and brethren, encourages the holding of these conventions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

During the past three years, fuller and more complete reports concerning the membership and condition of our schools

have been received than ever before. This was due to the action of General Synod in adopting the present Sunday School Statistical Blank. But it is to be regretted that in some Classes the imperfect returns have largely vitiated the value of the statistics for the entire Church. This has been due in part to the fact that the records of many of our schools are incomplete: and in part also because of Union Schools, and the apparent failure of some in recognizing the filling out of the Sunday School Statistical Form to be just as much a requirement of General Synod as the Church Statistics. We believe your reverend body should take emphatic action in this matter. Requests have come to the Board for a separate column in which to report the membership of the Home Department, and also to incorporate the columns, number of schools, number of officers and teachers, number of scholars, in the Church Statistical Report Form. We recommend the granting of these requests.

The reports presented to Classes one year ago give 1,566 schools, a decrease of more than one hundred from the preceding year; evidently more than one hundred schools failed to report. Total number of officers and teachers, 24,770; number of scholars, 182,134; officers, teachers, and scholars, 206,904. A total gain over the report in 1896 of 14,350. Estimating one hundred schools at an average membership of fifty each, the total Sunday School membership is 211,904, a total gain of 19,350.

MISSIONARY WORK OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The missionary work of this department has been limited because of the financial condition of the Home Mission Board, and because only such work was undertaken as could be provided for with the funds at hand.

Rev. J. C. Horning, Sunday School Missionary, has rendered efficient service, although the way was not open to organize new schools. At the present time, by request of the Board of Home Missions, he is directing his efforts to building a church and organizing a congregation at St. Louis, Mo. He has gathered, in pledges and cash, \$2,763.69 for this purpose.

As an aid to this work, as well as to direct the attention of our schools to the importance of Church Building Funds, and also by reason of the request of the Board of Home Missions, this department last year made a special effort to raise five \$500 Sunday School Church Building Funds in connection with the offerings of Children's Day. It is gratifying to state that two such funds have been paid by this Board to the Board of Home Missions, and two schools, St. Paul's Memorial, Reading, Pa., and the Reformed School at Middletown, Md., have each given or pledged to give one Church Building Fund of \$500.

Through the efforts of Sunday School Missionaries, five congregations have been organized in the last three years, out of the seven new schools started directly by the Board, viz., Williamsport, Easton, Pa.; Cleveland, Ohio; one near Iola, Kansas; St. Louis, Mo. The congregation at St. Louis, Mo., will not be fully organized until the church building is erected. This makes a total of eighteen schools organized directly by the Board since 1894, out of which ten congregations have been organized.

DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE. •

Under this head are comprised (1) grants of lesson helps and periodicals made to our Mission Schools on the requisition of our Missionaries; (2) grants of Bibles, Volumes, Tracts, Periodicals, and Lesson Helps, on the requisition of pastors or superintendents, approved by the Classical Sunday School Committee, and also by gratuitous distribution and by sale on the part of our missionaries.

Sixty schools have been aided by grants of Lesson Helps, and, in addition, many others have been aided by gifts of library books, Bibles, Home Department Requisites, etc. The schools receiving help are found in sixteen States, viz.: Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska. Schools in large cities, in growing towns, in country districts, in destitute regions, have been the beneficiaries.

Grants have been made of English periodicals to the value

of \$559.32, at wholesale rates; and, in addition, German Lesson Helps have been furnished. Including the grants of the Children's Day Services, the Board has expended, in round numbers, \$2,500, during the last three years. It goes without saying that this literature has advanced the work, encouraged the workers, and increased the membership of our schools by a number of thousands. Who can estimate the spiritual results?

STUDENT BAND WORK.

A new feature of work in the interest of Sunday School missions and improvement of schools, was the employment of a Student Band of five men, who spent two months and a half in Eastern Pennsylvania, the summer of 1897. The summary of the detailed report shows that they delivered 365 addresses, and reached a large number of schools. All the meetings were arranged under the direction of the Classical Committees on Sunday School Work, and of the pastors of the several churches and schools where they labored. Normal Classes, Weekly Teachers' Meetings, the placing of Bibles into the hands of the scholars, the introduction of Reformed Sunday School literature, and larger benevolent offerings, and an increased membership of the schools, were some of the good results of the work. It would seem, owing to the large Reformed population in Eastern Pennsylvania, and the unusual number of Union Schools in that section, the work of this kind should be repeated.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

It is evident that some simple and definite plan should be adopted by which our Sunday Schools may provide their scholars with good reading to a greater extent than they are now doing. The statistics indicate that a majority of our schools have no library. Four hundred and fifty-nine report libraries, 758 fail to report, and 13 state that they have no library. In some instances, doubtless, public libraries or other facilities take the place of a Sunday School library. But in the majority of cases, schools have found themselves either unable to begin a library, or unable to provide the number of new books needed from time to time. The children of the farm also are waiting for the founding of something that will give them the book

opportunities of the children of the cities. Then there are destitute sections where the need is appalling. We believe the traveling library is the promise of such an opportunity. The plan has been tried with success by several States, by one or two churches, and by private firms.

No doubt, there are some to whom this cause would appeal so strongly as to lead them to endow a Traveling Library Fund. Thirty dollars a year is sufficient to maintain one traveling library. Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Shuey several years ago gave the savings of a departed child for the beginnings of a special fund. Surely, there are others who could contribute to a Children's Memorial Fund.

We believe much good could be accomplished by this instrumentality.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION WORK AS A BRANCH OF HOME MISSIONS

The experience of the Board confirms the wisdom of the plan followed by the American Sunday School Union for the last seventy-five years, the Presbyterian, the Congregationalist, and Baptist churches, and our own Church, in linking or uniting the Business Department and the Sunday School and Missionary Department under one organization. For these two departments naturally work together, and naturally support one another. In fact, the Publication Department is best made a benevolent enterprise, when all the literature is prepared with a view to its missionary diffusion, and missionary character. The wisdom of using the profits of the business in Sunday School Missionary work cannot be questioned. By so doing, the matter of using Reformed Sunday School literature becomes one of self-interest to schools, and a method of advancing the missionary work of the Church.

At the same time, Sunday School Missionary work is seen to be a distinct and necessary department, or branch of Home Missions. It becomes a forerunner, the pioneer, the explorer in Home Mission fields. And it emphasizes the most hopeful, the most important part of missionary work—the ingathering and the care of the children. With the plan of co-operation now in force with the Home Mission Board, and in the light of the last three years' experience, testing the practicability of the

plan; and keeping in mind the fact that Sunday School Missionary work in any Classis can only be undertaken by authority of the Classis and its appropriate Committee, it is plain that there is a place of great usefulness for Sunday School Missionary work. Indeed, the Board is embarrassed by the numerous calls coming from every section of the Church to engage in this work. Its earnest hope and prayer is that the Church will respond with large offerings for this work. For, while the Business Department is aiding, its condition is such, that the next three years it will need its earnings to increase its capital.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

By reason of the enlarged scope of the Board's work in publishing and selling everything pertaining to the interests of the Sunday School, the sphere of the Editorial Department has also been enlarged. The work of the department is two-fold; having reference (1) to books and tracts, (2) periodicals.

Under the present organization of the Board, the Secretary has the general editorial supervision, acting as Editorial Superintendent, under the direction of the Editorial Committee of the Board.

All books purchased as stock by the Business Department are, as a rule, approved first by the Editorial Department. Manuscripts of books and pamphlets are examined, and editorial oversight is exercised over all the periodicals published.

The present editorial force of lesson writers consists of Rev. William C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D.; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D. D.; Rev. E. Herbruck, D. D.; Rebecca Hamilton Schively, Mrs. Katharine McC. Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Flynn, and the Secretary, Rev. Rufus W. Miller. For a statement of the character and purpose of these periodicals, and improvements made, see Books and Tracts, of this report.

In accordance with the action at the last General Synod, with respect to the publication of Sunday School literature, and the co-operation of Young People's Societies with the Boards of the Church, your Board deems it to be its duty to make provision for suitable books for the Sunday School library, for the training and instruction of teachers and young people. One

book of this kind has been issued and has met with a favorable reception. Others are in course of preparation. Perhaps it would be well for your reverend body to express its approval of a Denominational Reading Course for Sunday School teachers and young people.

GERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

The plan of co-operation with the Publishing House of the three German Synods, approved three years ago, has not become operative, although this Board has stood ready to act. However, there have been conferences, and the exchange of literary material. German Lesson Helps and Sunday School papers have been issued by the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio.

HUNGARIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE.

There has been some correspondence relative to the issuing of English-Hungarian Sunday School Lesson Helps and papers. Nothing definite has been determined. But it is evident that if the best results are to be secured in our Hungarian Missionary work, the printed page will be needed to instruct and help the children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMNAL.

By action of your reverend body, the Board was instructed to prepare a Sunday School Hymnal and present the manuscript at this meeting of Synod. In order to prepare a book adapted to general use, meeting the demands of various sections of the Church, as well as the best musical taste, your Board appointed a committee of five, consisting of Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Rev. Reuben Keller, Rev. S. L. Krebs, Elder D. N. Schaeffer, and T. B. Wireback. This committee labored diligently for some two years, and placed in the hands of the Board a manuscript copy containing some 370 hymns—a large number of which are found in the Church Hymnal. This manuscript copy has been edited by two capable and well-known musicians, Profs. Adam Geibel and W. J. Baltzell. In this connection, it is pleasant to report that partial arrangements have been made by which this Sunday School Hymnal will be used by the schools of the Reformed Church in America. The manuscript copy,

containing general and special services, as well as a careful selection of hymns appropriate to the Sunday School, is herewith presented.

BOOKS AND TRACTS.

During the last three years the following new publications have been issued :

Leaders of the Reformation. By J. H. Dubbs, D. D., LL. D. 212 pages. Illustrated. Price, \$1.25.

Heidelberg Lesson Book. 1899. Edited by Rev. Rufus W. Miller. 79 pages. Price, 10c.

Heidelberg Sunday School Hand Book. 1898. Compiled by Rev. Rufus W. Miller. 48 pages. Price, 5c.

Heidelberg Sunday School Hand Book. 1899. Compiled by Rev. Rufus W. Miller. 48 pages. Price, 5c.

The Home Department of the Sunday School. By M. C. Hazard, Ph. D. 145 pages. Price, 50c. and 25c.

The Acme Secretary's Record. By John V. Tussing. 105 pages. Price, 75c.

The Acme Class Book. Price, 5c.

Application Card—Home Department. Price, 25c. per hundred.

Explanatory Leaflet—Home Department.

Library Cards and Labels.

Acme Report Tablets.

REPRINTS OF FORMER PUBLICATIONS.

Visitor's Book ; The Home Department. Price, 5c.

Home Department Membership Card. Price per hundred, 25c.

Home Department Letter and Report Card. Price, per hundred, 35c.

Home Department Quarterly Report Envelope. Price, per hundred, 30c.

Home Department Quarterly Report. Price, per hundred, \$1.00.

Home Department Visitor's Report. Price, per hundred, \$1.00.

ISSUED BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Twentieth Century Movement. Visitor's Books, Invitation Cards, Acceptance Cards, Twentieth Century Movement Explanatory Leaflet. Plan of the Movement. Home Department Leaflet—Explanatory.

A Constitution for the Sunday School.

Leaflet on a Banner Classis.

PERIODICALS.

A few descriptive words explaining character and purpose and changes made.

LESSON HELPS.

The Heidelberg Teacher is issued monthly. It is prepared especially for the teachers and officers of Sunday Schools and adult Bible students. It contains full exposition of the International Bible Lessons, has Editorial and Contributors' Departments, notices, books for Bible students, etc. This magazine is published in octavo form, was formerly issued quarterly; each number contains 36 to 44 pages, with cover. Its circulation has largely increased. Price, single copy, 60c. per year; school subscription, 50c. per copy.

The Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly is new, issued for the first time this year. It is intended for members of the Home Department, and is arranged to encourage individual Bible study. It also has departments on the Bible and the Catechism in the Home. It contains 40 pages and cover. It begins with an encouraging circulation. Price, single copy, 16c. per year; school subscription, 12c. per year.

The Advanced Scholar's Quarterly is adapted to older scholars. It is issued quarterly, and each number contains full lesson work for the three months, with Order of Service, color-plate map, Bible Dictionary, hymns and music, and other valuable matters. Each number contains 40 pages with cover, an increase of eight pages. Its increasing circulation attests its growing popularity. The price is less than similar quarterlies of other churches. School subscriptions, 10c. per copy per year.

The Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly is designed for scholars between the ages of nine and fourteen. It contains

full lesson text, with notes, questions, and practical teachings. Every lesson is illustrated. In it are found also map, Order of Service, and Hymns. It is same size page as the Advanced Scholar's Quarterly, contains 32 pages and cover. This was formerly the Primary Lesson Paper, with 16 pages. Still sold at old price. School subscription, 8c. per year.

The Advanced Scholar's Lesson Leaf is an abridged form of the Quarterly. Contains lesson text, questions, and references. It has also the Order of Service. If desired, the leaves can be separated and distributed to scholars weekly. Many schools use it for visitors and scholars losing their Quarterlies. Contains sixteen pages. Price, school subscription, 6c. per year.

The Heidelberg Picture Card has reached a large circulation. It is a new publication, begun January, 1897. It contains a brightly-colored lithographic picture, illustrating the lessons of the day, with lesson title, golden text, lesson story and questions. It is adapted in grade to the younger children and Primary Classes. The price for school subscriptions is 10c. per year, or 2½c. per quarter.

The Heidelberg Lesson Roll contains a colored illustration for the lessons of every Sunday in the year. The artistic work is the finest, and pictures are true to Scripture times and customs. The Roll is a new periodical of the Board, and has a gratifying circulation. Price, 75c. per quarter.

The Heidelberg Lesson Book, though included in the list of "Books and Tracts," belongs also among Lesson Helps. It was issued for the first time this year. Its plan of home study of the lessons has been generally approved. But the circulation of the Book is small. It contains lesson questions, etc., for the year 1899. Price, 10c. Reduced to 5c.

ILLUSTRATED PAPERS AND FESTIVAL SERVICES.

Leaves of Light is designed especially for young people, and is adapted for reading in the home and by young people in general. It contains bright, illustrated stories, church news, biographical incidents, treasure thoughts, and is well edited. *Leaves of Light* takes the places of the former *Child's Treasury*, *Leaves of Light*, and *Golden Words*. It is a weekly, but

to bring the paper within the reach of all schools, there is issued a semi-monthly and a monthly edition. Price, school subscription, weekly, 35c. a year; semi-monthly, 18c.; monthly, 9c.

Sun Shine is a four-page weekly paper for very little people. It is finely illustrated. More space is given to the weekly Bible Lesson; in addition to questions and explanations, a story is given illustrating the lesson. School subscription, 20c. a year.

Church Festival Helper is a quarterly publication, containing Services for Christmas, Easter, Children's Day, Harvest Home and Rallying Day, and other special occasions. It was first issued November, 1896, and has reached a great circulation. The Children's Day Service is issued through the Helper, but copies continue to be given free to all schools making an offering for Sunday School and Missionary work. Each Service is sold separately, at the rate of \$3.50 per 100 copies, post-paid. Price of single subscriptions, 15c. a year.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

This department conducts all the business operations of the Board. In obedience to the action of your reverend body at its last meeting, a conference was held with the Reformed Church Publication Board, June 19, 1896, which resulted in the transfer of all their Sunday School publications, July 1, 1896, the condition of transfer being an annual bonus of \$750 to the Reformed Church Publication Board. It was also arranged that the two Boards should occupy offices jointly in Philadelphia, each paying one-half the salary of business manager, room rent, and all expenses jointly incurred. A supplemental agreement to this contract was made March 18, 1897, by which, in consideration of the transfer of "the trade in and the right of publication of Sunday School literature, Sunday School hymn books, supplies, etc.," the Sunday School Board agreed to pay \$250 a year additional for five years, beginning July 1, 1897. These two contracts were subsequently approved by the three Synods concerned.

In July, 1896, negotiations were had with the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, and, as a result, the Sunday

School publications of said company were purchased for the sum of \$1,000 cash. Contracts were also made September 28, 1896, with the Reformed Publishing Company, to act as the Western agents of the Board, and to print the Sunday School Lesson Helps and papers. These two contracts, through the assignment of the publishing company, were annulled. But the agency and the printing continue until January, 1900, with the present organized Reformed Publishing Company.

The consolidation of the periodicals took effect January 1, 1897. To properly develop and care for the business thus placed in the hands of the Board, it may well be supposed, required the most unremitting effort and wise planning. The only capital available was the small amount of money advanced by the Sunday School and Missionary Department of the Board. But it is gratifying to report that reasonable success has attended the efforts of the Board and its officers, and the money advanced has been paid back by the Business Department into the treasury of the Sunday School and Missionary Department. The most important business operations are, first, the manufacture of books, tracts, and periodicals; and, second, the placing of the publications on the market. The plan suggested in item 13 of Recommendations of the Board to Synod, three years ago, has been carried out. The supervision and control of the business of the Board is placed in the hands of a Prudential Committee, consisting of three members of its Board and two business men of Philadelphia. This committee meets monthly, receives reports, approves bills, and directs the business policy of the Board. The Secretary is the chief executive officer of the Committee and the Board in the Business Department.

PUBLICATIONS.

Some idea of the business may be obtained, when it is remembered that, according to the statement on page 28, there have been published, since July 1, 1896 (and, in point of fact, since January 1, 1897), 210,130 copies of books and tracts, and 4,885,391 copies of periodicals, which, together with 5,000 copies of the last Triennial Report, make an aggregate of 5,100,521 copies of publications for the two years and nine months.

PLACING IN THE MARKET.

This work has been done by advertising, by traveling agents in Eastern Pennsylvania, and through the agency of the main store in Philadelphia, depositories in Dayton, Ohio, and Reading, Pa., and the dealers in various places. Our periodicals are still further brought to the attention of churches and Sunday Schools by circulars and sample copies addressed to pastors and Sunday School superintendents.

THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

A new field, which gives promise of larger things for both churches, was opened to our Sunday School publications by reason of a contract made with the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in America, and which went into effect January 1st, 1899. By this arrangement, that Board receives its own imprint on our publications, some slight changes being made in advertising matter, etc., and Rev. I. W. Gowan, of the Reformed Church in America, acts as their editorial representative, contributing regularly to the Teacher.

SALES.

It is not possible to give the total amount of sales for the entire period. But the total amount of cash received was \$65,379.43. This includes \$700 advanced as a loan from the Sunday School and Missionary Department. The cash received from April 1, 1898, to March 31, 1899, was \$31,019.90. This amount is considerably larger than the previous year. It would seem a moderate statement to say that there are great possibilities for the enlargement of the business. The circulation of our periodicals is growing. There should be a large increase in the matter of furnishing Sunday School supplies to our Schools. And in publishing and in creating a distinctively Reformed Sunday School literature, hardly a beginning has been made.

NET PROFITS.

The net profits of the entire period are \$9,671.83; of this sum, \$721.94 has been placed to the credit of the Sunday School and Missionary Department. The balance remains in the business as capital. The Board's statement to Synod, three years ago, that there would be an annual profit of at least \$2,000, has

thus been fulfilled. In fact, the Church has gained far more than appears in the net profits, for \$2,312.50 has been paid to the Reformed Church Publication Board, and this inures to the benefit of the Church. Then, many hundred dollars have been expended in the improvement of our periodicals, which helps directly the work of every school using Reformed Sunday School literature.

The Board also furnished Lesson Helps to the value of \$800 to schools, which had paid for the same to the Estate of Dr. Charles G. Fisher, but for which the Board received no money. Another fact to be taken into account is that the Business Department had no capital to start with, and has had to create its capital. This was possible, owing to the advance payments made by many schools. But now the larger business operations will require the most careful management to keep pace with the growing business, which requires a larger number of open accounts, and demands more ready money to meet the requirements of a larger stock of goods. In view of the fact that there has been more or less misunderstanding as to the profits of our Business Department, arising largely from a want of knowledge concerning the steps which have led to financial success, it may be well to call the attention of the Synod to the reasons and causes which have contributed to the success of the Board. They may be stated as follows: First, the reduction of expenses in the matter of printing, possible only by reason of the consolidation of the Lesson Helps published East and West. Second, the increased revenue of the Board, arising from the increased circulation of the old Helps; and, third, the increased revenue from the new publications established since the Board took charge. The most profitable publications of the Board are the new publications, which were not received, either from the Reformed Church Publication Board, or the Reformed Publishing Company, and these publications have had the largest percentage of increase and circulation. They are the Church Festival Helper and the Heidelberg Picture Cards. It should be noted, also, that the Heidelberg Teacher, as formerly published, practically did not pay either the Reformed Church Publication House, nor the Reformed

Publishing Company. But since the Board has had charge, this periodical has been changed to a monthly, and the circulation is almost double the combined circulation of what it was in April, 1896. The changes made, also in the Sunday School papers, have been a source of increased revenue, and the consolidation eliminated opposition and reduced expenses in arranging for the issue of a weekly, with a semi-monthly and a monthly edition.

In conclusion, your Board reports that, in accordance with the action of General Synod, a Charter of Incorporation was secured for the Board, under the title, "The Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church," in Court of Common Pleas, Berks County, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1897. The Board is now in a position, in view of the encouraging advance of the last five years, and the cordial co-operation of the schools of the Church, to be more than ever a helper in the great work of extending and improving Reformed Sunday Schools, and of blessing the children of the Church, as well as the many outside, who need our help.

Taking the past few years as the basis of an outlook for the future, we see no reason why the Board should not do an annual business of at least \$50,000 by the time of next General Synod. This will surely be the case if Reformed people everywhere support their own Sunday School Publishing House.

And what shall we say of Sunday School and Missionary work? The nineteenth century is passing into history. The twentieth century is dawning. The religious training of the young, in the family, in the Catechetical Class, and in the Sunday School, is not this the all-important work? May we not ask for larger offerings, and more earnest, faithful work in our Sunday Schools?

With thankfulness to God for His marvelous grace and goodness in the century which has almost closed, let our beloved Church take advance steps in the teaching and training and the ingathering of the young.

The Twentieth Century may bring many marvelous discoveries, inventions and developments, but it can bring nothing better than the discovery of latent power in the Church, the in-

vention of new ways of bringing it to bear upon the outlying world, especially the millions of unreached children, and the development of the kingdom of God upon earth through a renewed study of the Word of God, and consecrated, Christ-like serve. To this end is this Report, with earnest prayer,

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER,

General Secretary.

C. CLEVER,

President.

PUBLICATION OF THE THREE YEARS.

The Board has published in the several Departments during this time:

	Copies.
17 New Books, Booklets	84,830
Children's Day Services, 1896	80,000
Easter Service—Christ Triumphant	7,000
Four Leaflets, Sunday School and Missionary Department.....	38,300
	210,130

No account is taken of circulars, leaflets pertaining to Children's Day Service and offerings. The total number is over 27,000. And over 180,000 collection envelopes have been distributed.

PERIODICALS.

Heidelberg Teacher	170,125
(From Oct. 1, '96, to Jan. 1, '98, Quarterly. Monthly since January 1, 1898.)	
Advanced Scholar's Quarterly	887,700
Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly	205,800
Advanced Scholar's Lesson Leaf	137,570
Home Department Quarterly, (January 1, 1899)	6,700
Heidelberg Picture Cards, (January 1, 1897)	174,730
Heidelberg Picture Roll, (January 1, 1897)	1,816
Leaves of Light—Weekly, (January 1, 1897)	661,450
Leaves of Light—Semi-Monthly, (July 1, 1896)	739,500
Leaves of Light—Monthly, (January 1, 1897)	78,000
Sun Shine, (July 1, 1896)	1,329,000
Church Festival Helper, (October 1, 1896)	493,000
Including following: The Glory of the Lord, the Lord of Victory, Pentecostal Gift, Historical Service, Christmas Voices, Bow of Promise, True Light, Golden Sheaves, Christmas Message, First Easter.	
	4,885,391
Annual Report	5,000
Aggregate Publications for entire period	5,100,521

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Covering entire period of the operations of the Business Department,
from July 1, 1896, to March 31, 1899.

ASSETS.

March 31, 1899. Cash on hand	\$2,334 07
Accounts due on Periodicals	3,435 14
“ “ “ Church Festival Helper	395 84
“ “ in Book Department, including	
Periodical accounts, B. of P. R. C. A., N. Y.....	1,141 49
Amount due from Reading Depository	49 88
Reserve Fund, Sunday School Hymnal, etc.....	1,516 87
Amount invested in Sunday School Hymnal to date.....	218 75
Merchandise, viz.:	
(10 per cent. deducted from inventory taken at cost.)	
At Philadelphia	\$769 88
At Reading, Pa.....	59 84
At Dayton, Ohio.....	271 03
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	1,110 75
Accounts due on books at Depository at Reading, Pa.....	249 97
Cash paid in advance on material for Periodicals, 2d, 3d and 4th quarters, 1899	412 50
Plates, engravings taken at half cost.....	327 08
Safe, typewriters, furniture, Philadelphia and Reading, (es- timated considerably below cost).....	224 50
Rent paid in advance.....	22 91
Due on account of Grants of Literature from Sunday School and Missionary Department.....	721 94
Right and good-will. Amount actually paid Reformed Church Publication Board \$2,312.50, Reformed Publish- ing Co., \$1,000. Taken at.....	1,000 00
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	\$12,961 59

LIABILITIES.

Cash received in advance on Sunday School Periodicals (2d, 3d and 4th quarters, 1899).....	\$2,778 37
Bills payable	494 07
Office salaries due.....	17 32
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	\$3,289 76
Excess of resources or net earnings for two years, nine months	\$9,671 83
From the net earnings, deducting amount representing good-will, etc	\$1,000 00
Amount passed as profit to Sunday School and Missionary Department	721 94
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	1,721 94
Balance represents capital in business, April 1, 1899.....	\$7,949 89

The undersigned have examined the books and find cash in hands of Rev. C. R. Ferner, Manager, to amount of \$2,334.07; and the accounts in general seem to be correct.

H. Y. STONER, Accountant.

RUFUS W. MILLER.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FROM JULY 1, 1896, TO APRIL 1, 1899.
BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

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Advanced from S. S. and Miss. Department.....	\$	700	00		
From sales of S. S. supplies, books, misc. sales of Festival Services, etc., including sales of depositories—Reading, Dayton, etc.		19,673	12		
From interest		50	25		
From Periodicals (At Philadelphia Office or Eastern Edition):					
July 1, '96	Apr. 1, '97	Apr. 1, '98			
to	to	to			
Apr. 1, '97	Apr. 1, '98	Apr. 1, '99			
Heidelberg Teacher	\$1,026 14	\$2,160 92	\$2,831 11		
Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly			37 61		
Advanced Scholars' Quarterly	2,724 14	5,332 25	6,133 90		
Advanced Scholars' Lesson Leaf	286 49	442 78	431 68		
Intermediate Scholars' Quarterly	446 72	960 54	1,294 19		
Heidelberg Picture Cards...	607 65	1,944 00	1,972 17		
Heidelberg Picture Rolls....			692 63		
Church Festival Helper.....	1,477 58	1,809 14	2,504 88		
Leaves of Light	1,381 48	2,028 04	2,097 91		
Sunshine	1,158 03	1,412 22	1,761 86		
Total	\$9,108 23	\$16,089 89	\$19,757 94	\$44,956 06	
Total receipts				\$65,379 43	

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By cash paid on account of Publication Department, Reformed Publishing Company, franchise, etc., through S. S. and Miss. Dept.....	1,000	00
Bonus to Reformed Publication Board.....	2,312	50
Loan Repaid Missionary Department.....	700	00
Cash paid account of S. S. and Miss. Dept.....	371	01
Cash advanced to Reformed Church Tidings.....	333	33
Merchandise, freight, drayage, wrapping paper, twine, advertising, traveling expenses, weight, postage, committee meetings, etc.....	15,791	36

Printing periodicals	26,785	16
Festival Helper (Incl'd'g Children's Day Service.)	4,096	89
Editorial salaries, contributors and copyrights....	2,849	18
Salaries—Secretary, two-thirds	1,916	59
Bus. Manager, one-half.....	1,850	00
Bookkeepers, clerks, etc.....	3,414	38
Rent	1,072	92
Board meetings	552	04
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Total expenditures	\$63,045	36
Balance	\$2,334	07

BALANCE SHEET OF THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

1896.		
May 1.	Balance on hand	\$1,564 14
1899.		
Apr. 29.	Cash received	11,311 79
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		\$12,875 93
	Cash expended	\$12,713 48
	Balance on hand	162 45
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		\$12,875 93

Tiffin, O., April 29, 1899.

J. H. BOMBERGER, Treasurer.

J. H. BOMBERGER, Treasurer, in account with the Sunday School Board of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. (Missionary Department.)

DR.

1896.		
May 1.	Balance on hand this date.....	\$1,564 14
1899.		
Apr. 29.	To cash received to date, inclusive, viz.:	
	Offerings of Sunday Schools:	
	1896-7	\$2,871 01
	1897-8	2,616 65
	1898-9	2,314 53
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		\$7,802 19
	Receipts through Secretary's Office.....	870 57
	Sales (mainly Children's Day Services)	
	Pub. Dept., applied on printing, etc..	584 98
	Pub. Dept., money repaid	1,700 00
	Loan repaid	300 00
	Bank dividends, etc.....	54 05
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		11,311 79
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		\$12,875 93
	Deducting \$1,700, counted twice, net receipts.....	\$11,175 93

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1899.

Apr. 29. By cash paid on account of Miss. Dept. (See state annexed)	\$12,713 45
Balance on hand	162 45
Tiffin, O., April 29, 1899.	J. H. BOMBERGER, Treasurer.

STATEMENT.

General Secretary's salary, proportion of.....	\$2,300 00
S. S. Missionary, Rev. J. H. Horning's salary.....	1,150 00
Special Mission Work—Cleveland Students.....	61 00
Rev. W. S. Hartzell.....	600 00
Rev. J. F. Kerlin.....	150 00
Mr. Bushong	110 00
Mr. Foust	50 00
Rev. J. H. Horning, traveling expenses.....	110 93
Treas. expenses, printing, postage, exchange, salary, etc....	139 95
Special printing, report, blanks, etc.....	171 50
Expenses Board meetings, committees, conferences, etc....	285 38
Adv'd to Publishing Department.....	700 00
Adv'd to Publishing Department (Ref'd Pub. Co.).....	1,000 00
Paid on Tidings' account.....	100 00
Paid on Tidings' account.....	166 67
Balance in J. Esterly & Co. Bank.....	226 16
Missionary Literature grant.....	157 48
Paid on Children's Day Services, three years.....	1,184 00
Loan repaid	300 00
German Literature grant	13 65
St. Louis Church Building Funds (two).....	1,000 00
Money forwarded by Treasurer Foreign Missions.....	20 00
Printing, Cleveland Publishing House.....	156 87
Expenditures, bills paid, etc., through General Secretary's Office, viz.:	
Student Band expenses.....	\$428 65
Hymn writers, etc.....	316 50
Traveling expenses, Secretary.....	370 11
Office expenses, postage, freight, expressage, asst. rent, merchandise and printing, some \$500; handling Children's Day Services in 1896, literature sent out, etc., according to itemized statement	1,408 98
Expenses Twentieth Century Movement.....	34 62
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	\$12,713 48

INCORPORATION AND CHARTER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for Berks County, Pennsylvania:

In compliance with the requirements of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and the supplements thereto, the undersigned, four of whom are citizens of Pennsylvania, having associated themselves together for the purposes hereinafter specified, and desiring that they may be incorporated according to law, do hereby certify:

1. The name of the proposed corporation is THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

2. Said corporation is formed for the purpose of organizing, assisting, extending and improving Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to prepare, publish and disseminate all such Sunday-school literature as may be authorized, directed or approved by the General Synod of said Church, and which shall be in accordance with the doctrines, customs and usages of said Reformed Church in the United States.

3. The chief place of business of said corporation is the City of Reading, in the State of Pennsylvania; but a Western agency may be established in the State of Ohio, and other places for the transaction of business may at any time be designated by the Board of Trustees of said corporation or by the General Synod of said Reformed Church in the United States.

4. The existence of the corporation shall be perpetual.

5. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows:

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.....	Greenville, Pennsylvania.
Rev. Rufus W. Miller.....	Reading, Pennsylvania.
Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D.....	Reading, Pennsylvania.
Rev. Lewis Robb.....	Altoona, Pennsylvania.

6. The number of Trustees of said corporation is fixed at eleven; and the names and residences of those who are chosen Trustees for the first year are:

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
Rev. C. F. Kriete.....	Louisville, Kentucky.
Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.....	Greenville, Pennsylvania.
Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D.....	Columbiana, Ohio.
Rev. Rufus W. Miller.....	Reading, Pennsylvania.

Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D..... Reading, Pennsylvania.
Rev. Frederick Strassner, D. D.....Canton, Ohio.
Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D. D..... Buffalo, New York.
Rev. A. H. Baichly.....Canal Fulton, Ohio.
Rev. Lewis Robb..... Altoona, Pennsylvania.
Rev. D. H. Fouse..... Columbus Junction, Iowa.

7. The said Board of Trustees and their successors shall have full power to adopt such Constitution and By-Laws for their government and work as they may deem best, and the same to alter and amend, from time to time, at their pleasure; provided, however, that the provisions thereof shall not be repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania, or the Constitution of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

8. The said corporation may hold real estate, the clear yearly value or income whereof shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

Witness my hands and seals, this twenty-eighth day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

D. B. LADY (Seal).

C. S. GERHARD (Seal.)

CONRAD CLEVER (Seal.)

RUFUS W. MILLER (Seal.)

LEWIS ROBB (Seal.)

State of Pennsylvania,
County of Berks,

Before, me, the subscriber, Recorder of Deeds of said County of Berks, personally appeared Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., and Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., three of the subscribers to the above and foregoing certificate of incorporation of The Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church, and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed.

Witness my hand and official seal, this eighth day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

JAMES W. SPONAGLE, *Recorder.*

County of Berks, ss.

Filed in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, this sixteenth day of June, A. D. 1897.

OLIVER J. WOLFF, *Prothonotary.*

In the Matter of the Incorporation of the Sunday School Board
of the Reformed Church.

DECREE OF THE COURT.

And now to wit: This 9th day of August, A. D. 1897, the written certificate of incorporation having been on file in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court since the 16th day of June A. D. 1897, the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears from entry thereon, and due proof of said publication having been therewith presented to me, I do hereby certify that I have perused and examined said instrument, and find the same to be in proper form,

and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section II. of the Act of April 29th, 1874, and the said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community; it is therefore ordered and decreed that the said Charter be approved and is hereby approved, and upon the recording of the said charter and its endorsements and this order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for said county, which is now hereby ordered, the subscribers thereto, and their associates, shall henceforth be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

By the Court.

G. A. ENDLICH, *Judge.*

Attest: OLIVER J. WOLFF, *Prothonotary* (Seal).

Recorded this 18th day of August, A. D. 1897.

JAMES W. SPONAGLE, *Recorder.*

Recorded in Charter Book, Vol. 4, Page 514.

II. *Report of Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.*

The Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools was presented on Tuesday evening, on the 8th day of the sessions, acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The Report is as follows, to-wit:

Brethren:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Triennial Report of General Synod's Sunday School Board, together with a number of overtures and requests from Synods and Classes with reference to statistics, would respectfully offer the following for your consideration:

We have carefully examined the Report of the Board made to this body, covering the years 1896-98, inclusive, and the first general fact that challenged the attention of your Committee was the phenomenal success that, under God, has attended this Board in the prosecution of its work; and if the past be any augury for the future, taking the plans of the Board into consideration, we may confidently look for even greater things for the development of the Sunday School cause unto the upbuilding of the Church and the greater glory of God. We learn, from the Report, that the work of the Board is systematically conducted under three departments, viz.: Sunday School and Missionary Department, Editorial Department, and Business Department. With reference to the Mission work of the Board, it may be said that during the last three years the Board has had, at different times, twelve missionaries in the field, and as a re-

sult of this department of their work, seven new schools were organized and five new congregations formed; sixty schools were aided with liberal grants of literature and wider fields of usefulness were indeed opened, but lack of means prevented the Board from rendering greater aid.

The educational work of the Board comprehends better organization and oversight of schools, fosters teachers, normal classes, institutes and conventions, the proper grading of instruction and of periodicals and has added a new feature, "The Home Department," from which excellent results are already apparent.

The Twentieth Century Movement already inaugurated by the Board, whereby the membership of the schools will be increased 50 per cent., is not only worthy of mention, but with the hearty co-operation of the church can be brought to a blessed realization. A new force of usefulness is suggested by the Board under the idea of "The Traveling Library," whereby poor and destitute schools will receive the benefit of using a library of books otherwise unattainable.

The editorial department of the Board has been enlarged to meet the wider scope of opportunity afforded. An efficient editorial staff is maintained, and new books, as well as new periodicals, have been issued, while older ones have been improved and enlarged. That the publications of the Board take high rank is evident from the fact of an increase of circulation of 74 per cent. from that of three years ago. The Board is ready not only to offer the best lesson helps and Sunday School literature in a general way, but has also inaugurated a special Reading Course for teachers and young people.

In this special Reading Course we find books like the following: "Leaders of the Reformation," by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., and "Jesus the Teacher," by Rev. N. C. Scheaffer, D. D., which is sufficient to commend the entire course.

From the business department we gather that the wishes of General Synod, expressed three years ago, have been complied with, and the eastern and western publications consolidated; this fact, together with the self-evident push and enterprise of the Board, within the lines of a sound business judg-

ment, have enabled them to report at the end of two years and nine months' business a net profit of \$9,671.83, of which \$721.94 will be placed to the credit of the Missionary department. This is a magnificent showing, and the hope expressed in the report of commanding an annual business amounting to \$50,000 is certainly within the range of the possible.

From the foregoing your committee would recommend the following for your consideration :

Resolved, that General Synod hails with sincere joy and gladness the measure of prosperity accorded to this Board.

Resolved, that General Synod cordially approves of the Twentieth Century Movement, as inaugurated by the Board, and requests the co-operation of Synods and Classes in reaching the Sunday Schools of the church in order to assure the success of the movement.

Whereas, the amount of practical Missionary work done by the Board is largely dependent upon the amount of means at their disposal, and

Whereas, there is no lack of opportunity afforded the Board in this direction ; therefore

Resolved, that General Synod makes earnest request of the district Synods, and especially of the Classes, to take such measures whereby an annual offering be secured on Children's Day, or some other day, from all the Sunday Schools of the church for the Missionary department of the Board. This action not to apply to German Synods and Classes until arrangements now in progress concerning the German Sunday School work are consummated.

Resolved, that General Synod approves of the organization of the "Home Department" by the Board and commends it to the schools of the church, together with the publication entitled "The Home Department Quarterly."

Resolved, that General Synod gives hearty approval to the special efforts of the Board in promoting the memorizing of the sacred Scriptures and the catechism in the Sunday School.

Resolved, that General Synod insert three columns in the congregational statistical form to be printed in Minutes of

Synod; said columns to indicate (1) number of Sunday Schools, (2) officers and teachers, (3) number of scholars.

Resolved, that General Synod call the attention of the Classes to the fact that the Sunday School Statistical Blank is a part of the regular church statistics, and that Synod requires this blank to be filled regularly and correctly.

Resolved, that with reference to the requests for the simplifying of the Sunday School statistics this Synod deems it wise to refer the matter to the Board as being best acquainted with the work, as well as the need of full information to be gathered only by statistics.

Resolved, that the printing and distributing of statistical blanks with reference to the English and German language be placed in the hands of the English and German Stated Clerks of General Synod respectively.

Resolved, that General Synod gives hearty endorsement of the denominational Reading Course for Teachers and Young People, as proposed by the Board, and looks forward with great interest to this part of the editorial department of the Board's work.

Resolved, that General Synod instruct its Sunday School Board to make immediate and earnest inquiry as to the need for and advisability of preparing Hungarian Sunday School literature.

Whereas, the Sunday School Board is now thoroughly equipped to furnish literature and supplies of the best quality and highest grade; therefore

Resolved, that General Synod recommends to the Sunday Schools of the church, through the Classes, the use of the Reformed lesson helps and periodicals published by this Board, as well as the German literature published by the Central Publishing House, and asks their continued patronage for all Sunday School supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HACKER, *Chairman.*

C. E. MILLER,

A. K. KLINE,

— — NYCE.

REV. JNO. S. STAHR, MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the instruction of General Synod, the undersigned attended the International Sunday School Convention held at Boston, Mass., June, 1896. At this convention a new Lesson Committee was elected. It is pleasant to report that Rev. J. S. Stahr was selected for a period of six years, not only as a representative of the Reformed Church in the United States, but also as the representative of Reformed Church of America.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS W. MILLER.

Reading, Pa., May 22, 1899.

The foregoing report was received and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY, 1902.

Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D.

Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D.

Rev. A. E. Baichly.

Rev. A. E. Dahlmann, D. D.

Rev. Charles F. Kriete.

Rev. D. H. Fouse.

MEMBERS RECENTLY ELECTED WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY, 1905.

Rev. David B. Lady, D. D.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Rev. Benj. S. Stern.

Rev. John H. Bomberger, D. D.

Rev. Lewis Robb.

Officers of the Board.

President—REV. DR. C. CLEVER, Baltimore, Md.

Vice President—REV. C. F. KRIETE, Louisville, Ky.

Rec. Secretary—REV. DR. D. B. LADY, Greenville, Pa.

Treasurer—REV. DR. J. H. BOMBERGER, Tiffin, Ohio.

General Secretary—REV. RUFUS W. MILLER, Reading, Pa.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMNAL.

In response to Item 25 in the Report on Minutes of General Synod the manuscript copy of the Sunday School Hymnal was submitted for consideration. The same was referred to a special Committee, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted. The report reads as follows, to wit:

Your Committee to whom was referred the manuscript copy of the new Sunday School Hymnal would respectfully report that we have examined the same as carefully and thoroughly as time permitted.

1. *The Order of Service*... Besides the order of service for opening and closing of the Sunday School as it now appears in the Quarterly and Lesson Leaf published by the Sunday School Board, provision has been made for the festive days of the church year in well-chosen selections pertinent to each holy day. There are also included fourteen of the Psalms, viz: Psalms 1, 8, 19, 23, 24, 34, 51, 95, 100, 119, 121, 122, 132 and 145, to be read responsively. Your Committee would, however, respectfully suggest a few changes in the wording and construction of several of the collects, and which we have indicated in the margin of the manuscript.

2. *Hymns and Music*... The Committee in the preparation of this book has exercised commendable care, as well as displayed good judgment and taste. The hymns and music—with but few exceptions—are good, and well adapted to each other. The pervading spirit of the book is devotional. The arrangement is topical, and is as follows:

Hymns for opening services, 5; Advent, 8; Christmas, 27; New Year, 2; Epiphany, 7; Lent, 10; Palm Sunday, 6; Easter, 13; Ascension, 5; Whitsuntide, 8; Trinity Sunday, 4; the Church, 8; Missions, 16; the Shepherd, 12; Consecration, 9; Christian Warfare, 9; Praise, 5; Petition, 12; Invitation, 9; Assurance and Trust, 20; Love and Faith, 15; Temperance, 5; Giving, 3; Heaven, 14; National and Thanksgiving, 12; Primary School, 44; Closing Hymns, 7.

In addition to the 315 hymns with music, the book contains a selection consisting of 78 familiar and standard hymns of the church without music, and which are to be inserted in topical order. The book also contains:

- a. An index of first lines.
- b. An index of tunes.
- c. An index of topics.

After careful consideration your Committee would suggest:—

FIRST. That the tunes to hymns numbered 44, 63, 115, 118 (a), 125, 129, 157, 170, 185 (a), 213, 219, 223 (b), 224, 230 (b), and 240 (b), be entirely eliminated from the manuscript.

SECOND. That the Amen at the close of all such hymns as naturally and logically require it *be retained*.

THIRD. That the manuscript be given to a competent music editor, with the understanding that the above-named suggestions and recommendations be met and fully complied with. Your committee would recommend that this Synod commend the book to the use of the Sunday Schools of our Reformed Church, and recommend that the Sunday School Board publish the same.

Respectfully submitted,

L. KRYDER EVANS,
H. C. NOTT,
I. U. E. KUNKLE,
J. C. CRIBBS,
A. H. GEIMAN.

In addition to the adoption by General Synod of the Sunday School Hymnal the following action was taken:

Whereas, according to Article 140 of the Constitution no selection of hymns shall be used in public worship in Reformed churches except such as have been approved or recommended by General Synod; therefore, be it

Resolved, that General Synod hereby recommends to our churches the use of the Sunday School Hymnal.

It was likewise resolved that the publisher of the the Reformed Church Sunday School Hymnal be and hereby is instructed to pay the royalty of one cent per copy to the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

POLICY OF LOCATING MISSIONARIES.

Item 2 in Report on English Minutes in Classes, concerning an overture to General Synod in regard to the policy of locating Missionaries, was referred to a special Committee, who presented their report on the eighth day of the session, which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

Your special Committee to whom was referred an overture from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, requesting General Synod to give specific instructions to its Board of Home Missions with reference to locating Missionaries, together with the subject matter of a concrete case out of which grew the overture, would report that we have carefully examined into the case in question and the overture, and would offer the following for consideration:

FIRST. That the Constitution of the Church fully covers all points in the case submitted, and that no action is necessary on the part of Synod.

SECOND. General Synod reposes full confidence in the Board of Home Missions and does not deem it prudent to hamper the Board by formulating either policy or rules for guidance in the prosecution of its work.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. HACKER,
JOHN W. APPEL.

A RECORD OF LICENSURES AND ORDINATIONS.

The following overture from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, referred to in Item 3 in Report on Minutes of English Classes, was received and adopted, and is herewith incorporated in the Minutes of General Synod:

Whereas, the only records now made and published of Licensures and Ordinations of Ministers are those of the Classes and the reports of the Classes contained in the "Acts and Proceedings" of the District Synods; and

Whereas, such records in the circumstances are necessarily widely scattered and may be lost or may be destroyed by fire, and no copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Synod may have been officially gathered and preserved, and the lapse of time make them in consequence, in a measure, inaccessible and render it very difficult to gather essential facts in relation to Licentiates and Ordained Ministers; and

Whereas, it therefore becomes very important and desirable to have a register of all Licensures and Ordinations, etc., covering all essential facts, convenient for reference and easily accessible; therefore

Resolved, that the General Synod be and is hereby over-
tured to ordain that the Stated Clerk of the General Synod pro-
vide, and accurately keep, a registry of Licensures and Ordina-
tions of Ministers throughout the Church, said register show-
ing the full name of the Licentiate or Ordained Minister, with
the date of licensure or ordination, or both, the name of the
Classis by which the minister was licensed or ordained, and the
time and place of licensure or ordination; the time and place
of the minister's decease, with sufficient space for memoranda
of the facts in case of the dismissal of the minister to another
church, or of erasure of his name in the case of his suspension
or deposition from the ministry, and having an alphabetical
index.

Resolved, that the General Synod, if, in its wisdom, it sees
fit to provide for such a register of Licensures and Ordinations,
etc., is further requested to ordain that the Classes through
their respective Stated Clerks, shall make report, at the least
annually, to the Stated Clerk of General Synod of all licen-
sures, ordinations, suspensions, depositions, dismissions or
erasure of names of ministers, together with the time and
place; and in case of the decease of a Licentiate or Minister,
the name and the time and place of decease.

The following additional action was taken:

Resolved, that a committee be constituted to make a record
of licensures, ordinations and everything contemplated in the
item to the present time, and that the Stated Clerks of the vari-
ous Classes and Synods be requested to furnish said committee
with a complete list of all licensures and ordinations as above
recorded in the minutes of their respective Synods and Classes.

The committee consists of Revs. George W. Henning, W.
I. Stewart, J. H. Mickley, and Elders C. M. Boush, Esq., and
E. H. Burkholder.

AN ORDAINED MINISTER IN OFFICE AS RULING ELDER.

In Item 13 in Report on Minutes of English Classes, Tiffin
Classis, Synod of Ohio, asks a deliverance on the aforesaid
subject. The overture was referred to a special committee,
who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to which was referred Item 13 of the

report of the Committee on the English Classes submits the following as being the proper action for the General Synod to take in the matter :

Inasmuch as the General Synod, in a previous deliverance, deemed it "not wise to undertake the interpretation of the Constitution by formulating answers to abstract questions" (Minutes of 1896, pp. 205-6), and as the deliverance of the Ohio Synod, which gave rise to the overture referred to this committee, is abstract in form, therefore ;

Resolved, that this Synod does not deem it within its province to pass upon the question involved, and directs the attention of the Classis of Tiffin and of the Ohio Synod to this deliverance of the General Synod and to the constitutional requirements in order to bring any specific case regularly before this court of last resort for adjudication.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. G. NOSS,
C. E. CREITZ,
GEO. A. KLAHR.

SYNODICAL REPRESENTATION ON STANDING COMMITTEE ON
NOMINATIONS, ETC.

In response to Item 19 in Report on Minutes of English Classes, asking for representation on Boards and Committees, a special Committee was appointed, who presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Reverend Synod:

Your special Committee to whom was referred Item 19 in the Report on English Minutes on the overture from Westmoreland Classis, asking for representation on the several Boards of the Church, would respectfully submit the following for your consideration :

We recommend that the Standing Committee on Nominations shall consist of one member from each Synod and one additional member for each Synod for every 30,000 members.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. WETTACH,
J. HARVEY MICKLEY,
W. I. STEWART,
PHIL. VOLLMER,
DAN MILLER.

ARTICLE XVII.
COMPLAINT.

In the Report of Minutes of English Classes, in Item 21, a complaint is made by Zion's Classis (Sy. of Potomac) against the action of German Philadelphia Classis (Ger. Sy. of the East), which was referred to a special Committee, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the paper from Zion's Classis, Synod of the Potomac, relating to certain action of the German Classis of Philadelphia, would report:

We find the paper to be in the nature both of a complaint and of an overture to the General Synod. As a complaint, it is not in order. As an overture, the subject matter would require the hearing of both the Classes referred to in order to an intelligent and constitutional deliverance.

We therefore recommend that the matter be referred back to Zion's Classis, so that if it desires to take further action it may be done in a constitutional manner.

J. W. LOVE,
C. F. KRIETE,
JAS. B. LEINBACH.

In the fourth item in Report on Minutes of Eastern Synod Rev. Wilson F. More, in the name of Rev. T. O. Stem, appealed to General Synod against the action of the Eastern Synod on the case of St. Mark's Reformed Church, Easton, Pa. Rev. T. O. Stem gave information that the appeal was withdrawn.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Minutes of the Eastern Synod in its 2nd item presented an overture to General Synod, so to amend Art. 26 in Rules of Order, that instead of reading "nor longer than one hour" it read "nor longer than thirty minutes," and instead of "unanimous consent" it further read "by the consent of the body." The request on the overture was granted and the item adopted.

INSTRUCTIONS TO STATED CLERK CONCERNING THE VOTE ON THE
REVISED CONSTITUTION.

In response to Item 31 in Report on Minutes of General Synod, the following report was read and adopted :

In accordance with the instructions given, the undersigned entered into correspondence with the Stated Clerks of the District Synods to ascertain the results of the vote on the revised Constitution, but in several cases only received a partial answer in regard to the information required, and by others was referred to the published results as they appear in the Minutes of the District Synods. Since this subject will be fully presented in the Minutes of the District Synods, which are referred to the several standing committees appointed by this body, and in order to avoid repetition in the reporting of the results on the revised Constitution, and being in harmony with the constitutional requirements, it is deemed advisable that General Synod should learn the results through its Standing Committee on the Official Minutes of the District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

The 3rd item from Minutes of Eastern Synod, with kindred items from the other District Synods, was referred to a special Committee, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON THE REVISED CONSTITUTION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the official reports of the action of the several Classes on the revised Constitution submitted for their approval or rejection by the General Synod at Dayton, respectfully report.

From an examination of the Minutes of Classes of the District Synods we learn that all of the Classes complied with the direction in taking action on the revised Constitution, but that many of the Classes failed to transmit certified copies of their action on this matter to the General Synod or to make any reference to their action in the abstract of Minutes of Classes forwarded to Synod. It was necessary for your Committee, in order to ascertain the action taken with respect to the revised

Constitution, to depend largely upon the Minutes of the District Synods.

Upon careful examination of all official reports committed to us we learn the following to be the result of the vote of the Classes: Classes voting approved, 26; Classes voting non-approved, 27; Classes unable to come to a decision, 2.

From this statement of the action taken by the several Classes, it appears that the revised Constitution, lacking the two-thirds majority required by the existing Constitution is rejected.

C. S. SLAGLE,
P. S. KOHLER,
W. M. H. HAY.

FORMATION OF CLASSES ON THE BASIS OF LANGUAGE OTHER
THAN ENGLISH AND GERMAN.

This subject,, presented to Synod in Report on Home Missions, was referred to a special Committee, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

REV. GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES:

Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee appointed to formulate an amendment to the Constitution, to be submitted to the Classes, providing for the formation of Classes in other languages besides the German and English, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, which in the opinion of your Committee will cover the entire ground:

Resolved, that the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in Tiffin, Ohio, A. D. 1899, hereby approves of the following change in the amendment to Art. 46 of the Constitution adopted by General Synod in 1872 (Minutes page 88) so as to make the amendment to read as follows:

“Provided that in the bounds of Classes, which are pre-vaillingly English, German Classes *or* Classes of other languages may be organized, with the consent of all the Classes concerned, and the Synod to which they belong; and so also

conversely in the case of German Classes or *Classes of other languages* English Classes may be organized in the same way.”

Resolved, that this amendment to the amendment to Art. 46 of the Constitution be transmitted to the Classes of the Church for approval or rejection thereof, at the first annual meeting of each Classis respectively held after the publication of the Minutes of General Synod containing the same.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. S. STERN,
W. D. HAPPEL,
JOHN J. HOOVER.

In response to Item 26 in Report on Minutes of General Synod the following report was presented by the Committee and subsequently laid on the table:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The Committee appointed by General Synod in session at Dayton, Ohio, in May, 1896, offer the following report:

COURT OF APPEALS.

Article 77, Section IV, of the Constitution shall be so amended as to include the following sub-articles, viz:

ARTICLE 77. (a)—The General Synod shall have power to create a Court of Appeals, to which shall be referred all appeals and complaints, for final adjudication; except those which involve questions of doctrine, and such matters as are provided for in Article 83 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 77. (b)—This Court shall consist of nine (9) members, five (5) Ministers and four (4) Elders, who shall be elected by the General Synod, for the term of nine (9) years: provided that at the first election, three shall be chosen for three years, two Ministers and one Elder; three for six years, two Ministers and one Elder; and three for nine years, one Minister and two Elders; and thereafter members whose terms of office expire at the triennial sessions of the General Synod, shall be replaced by a new election. Vancancies, occurring by death, removal or otherwise, may be temporarily filled by appointment by the surviving members of the Court, until the next meeting of the General Synod, when the unexpired term

shall be filled by a new election. No previous tenure of office shall disqualify anyone for re-election. Immediately after the election the members of the Court shall meet for organization and prescribing rules for the government of said Court, and shall convene for the transaction of business as herein below provided.

ARTICLE 77. (c)—The Court shall be governed in all respects by the provisions of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, supplemented by such rules as the Court may enact, in harmony therewith, by and with the consent and approval of the General Synod.

ARTICLE 77. (d)—The Stated Clerk of General Synod shall, within ten days after the receipt of an appeal or complaint to General Synod, transmit the same and all documents connected with the case, to the presiding officer of the Court, who, after examining the same, and finding it a proper case for this Court, shall, if desired by the the appellant or appellants, convene the Court to hear the case for adjudication within sixty days after the appeal has come into his hands; and appeals and complaints to General Synod, not previously adjudicated, shall be referred to this Court of Appeals, and if found to come under its jurisdiction, shall be heard and adjudicated by this Court, convened for the purpose, on the second day of the sessions of the General Synod.

Immediately upon the adjudication of any case heard by this Court, the decision of the Court and all papers in the case shall be filed with the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

The expense incurred by the Committee is \$4.00.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL Z. BEAM,
C. M. BOUSH,
N. L. BREWER.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

In Item 23 in Report on Minutes of General Synod reference is made to the appointment of a committee to propose an amendment to the Constitution. The following report was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Synod to submit "an amendment to the Constitution," respectfully report:

That, acting under the specific instruction and authority to modify said report so as to cover only what has regard to the Sunday School work, recommend that a single clause be inserted in Art. 83 of the general Constitution after the word "Missions," so that the last sentence of the same read:

"To it also shall belong the management of the Home and Foreign Missions and of the general Sunday School work of the Church."

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
F. G. HOBSON,

The adoption of the foregoing amendment is referred to the several Classes for their approval.

A HIGHER STANDARD OF QUALIFICATION FOR THE CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the subject matter of the 14th Item in Report on Minutes of German Classes, as reported in Item 14 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of German Classes, to wit:

Report of the Special Committee raised for the purpose of considering the propriety of two overtures from Cincinnati Classis, as reported in Item 14 of the Committee on Minutes of German Classes, to wit:

(a.) In the judgment of Cincinnati Classis "there is, at the present time, in our Church a superabundance of preachers." Said Classis, therefore, petitions General Synod to take this matter into consideration, and to recommend that the standard for the Christian ministry be raised to such a degree in order that, for a number of years, our theological schools and seminaries may graduate fewer candidates for the ministry, and further that these candidates be "of the very best quality in spiritual as well as intellectual attainments."

(b.) The Classis aforesaid also asks General Synod to direct the District Synods and Classes to exercise the utmost

care and precaution in receiving ministers from other denominations.

In response to these overtures, your Committee recommends the following action, which was adopted :

(1.) According to Article 62 of the organic law of the Church, General Synod has no jurisdiction over the theological schools and seminaries. Synod, however, reciprocates the sentiments expressed by Cincinnati Classis as to the desirability of raising the standard for entrance into the Christian ministry, and therefore advises the District Synods to give this subject due consideration. "Lay hands suddenly on no man."—I. Tim., v. 22.

(2) That General Synod instruct the District Synods and Classes to comply strictly with the requirements of the Constitution of the Church in the reception of ministers from other denominations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS,

F. GREYER,

J. J. DUNCAN.

FORMATION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION.

In Item 5 in the Report of Minutes of English Classes the following overture from the Classis of Lehigh, Eastern Synod, was submitted to General Synod for further consideration :

Whereas, the present Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States was framed in the year 1847, when there were but two synods, 24 Classes, 300 ministers and 70,000 members on the rolls of the Church, it is evident that a Constitution is needed to meet the present conditions and rapidly advancing interests of our beloved Zion, and

Whereas, the General Synod has made repeated efforts to furnish such organic laws for the Church, thus giving endorsement to the above as a fact, and

Whereas, we believe that the power lodged in the Classes to adopt or reject such law, when submitted, should be recognized as the legitimate source or power to produce and formulate such organic law ; therefore

Resolved, that the Classis of Lehigh respectfully overtures the General Synod to take such measures whereby a Constitutional Commission be duly constituted to prepare a Constitution for the Reformed Church in the United States, each and every Classis to be represented in said Commission as the General Synod may direct.

This item was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Thos. J. Hacker, F. F. Bahner and Jno. W. Appel, Esq., with instructions to report at the next meeting of General Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Manual of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches; the Annual Reports of 1897 and 1898 of the Presbyterian Historical Society; the Proceedings of the Reformirte Bund of Germany for 1897; the Acts and Proceedings of the Reformed Congregations of the Province of Hanover for 1898; the Proceedings of the Thirty-eighth Convention of General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for 1875, and the Protokoll of the Fourth General Convention of the German "Hugenotten Verein for 1897, were presented to Synod for preservation in the Synodical Archives.

The following books were presented to General Synod and placed into the hands of the Stated Clerk for preservation:

A copy of the "Heidelberg Catechism," by Rev. Aaron Spangler; "The History of the Reformed Church from 1725 to 1792," by Rev. Dr. James I. Good; "Christian Education," by the reformer, Ulric Zwingli, and a book entitled "The Leaders of the Reformation," by Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Dubbs.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

The Triennial Report of the Treasurer of General Synod was read by the Stated Clerk, and referred, with accompanying vouchers, to the Standing Committee on Finance, to be audited. The Report is as follows, to-wit:

Christian G. Gross, Treasurer, in account with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Dr.</i>
May 27, 1896.	To Balance in treasury.....	\$ 913 09
	For Contingent Fund as follows:	
<i>Eastern Synod.</i>	May 24, 1897, on account.....	\$144 00
	Sept. 21, 1897, on account.....	204 00
	Oct. 6, 1897, on account.....	245 00
	Oct. 14, 1897, on account.....	56 00
	Dec. 14, 1897, on account.....	195 82
	May 20, 1898, on account.....	165 50
	June 15, 1898, on account.....	334 69
	Oct. 12, 1898, on account.....	148 72
	Oct. 19, 1898, on account.....	54 00
	April 11, 1899, on account.....	32 00
	April 24, 1899, on account.....	60 14
	April 26, 1899, on account.....	79 28
	May 11, 1899, on account.....	18 19
	May 17, 1899, on account.....	62 66
		<hr/> 1,800 00
<i>Ohio Synod.</i>	Oct. 30, 1896, on account.....	133 33
	Nov. 15, 1897, on account.....	133 34
	Oct. 18, 1898, on account.....	100 33
	Nov. 26, 1898, in full.....	33 00
		<hr/> 400 00
<i>Synod of the North West.</i>	May 29, 1897, on acc't....	116 67
	June 23, 1898, on acc't....	116 67
	Jan. 16, 1899, in full....	116 66
		<hr/> 350 00
<i>Pittsburg Synod.</i>	May 19, 1897, on account.....	100 00
	May 20, 1898, on account.....	100 00
	Feb. 17, 1899, in full.....	100 00
		<hr/> 300 00
<i>Potomac Synod.</i>	May 25, 1897, on account.....	350 00
	Oct. 13, 1898, in full.....	350 00
		<hr/> 700 00
<i>German Synod of the East.</i>	June 8, 1897, on account.	100 00
	Sept. 2, 1898, in full....	150 00
		<hr/> 250 00
<i>Central Synod.</i>	Sept. 14, 1897, on account.....	40 00
	Sept. 18, 1897, on account.....	34 02
	Sept. 30, 1897, on account.....	26 98
	Sept. 20, 1898, on account.....	168 18
	May 17, 1899, in full.....	80 82
		<hr/> 350 00

<i>Synod of the Interior.</i> July 1, 1898, on account.....	25 00	
Jan. 6, 1899, in full.....	25 00	50 00
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June 3, 1897. From the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod for having minutes of its last proceedings incorporated with the printed Minutes of General Synod.....		15 50
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May 15, 1899. From Central Pub. House, Cleveland, O., on account for sale of copies of Directory of Worship \$35.00, less freight on plates \$8.55.....		26 45
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Total	\$5,155 04	

Expenditures.

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To Delegates from beyond the Mississipp. Half fare, viz.:		
June 1, 1896. Elder H. Tandy	\$10 50	
“ 2, “ Rev. J. W. Love, D. D.....	9 00	
Elder J. W. Kiefer	11 00	
Rev. H. S. Gekeler	10 65	
Rev. D. B. Shuey	11 30	
Rev. S. Beam	7 30	
Rev. D. A. Winter	13 65	
Rev. W. F. Hortsmeier	5 40	
Rev. H. W. Stienecker	16 07	
Rev. H. Treick	10 14	
Rev. F. Hullhorst	11 78	
Rev. D. H. Fouse	7 30	
Elder J. P. Remsberger	13 05	
Elder W. A. Kiefer	17 58	
Elder F. Iseley	12 17	
Aug. 22, 1896. Rev. C. G. Zipf	10 00	
Oct. 28, 1898. Elder Geo. Riedesel	15 00	191 89
June 1, 1896. To Rev. C. Cort, D. D., travelling expenses, etc., to meeting of General Synod		22 50
To Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, O., for printing election tickets		3 00
June 2, 1896. To Commissioner Donald, per Rev. B. S. Stern for expenses of special agent to vise the certificates in behalf of the railroads. (Min. 263)		23 00
June 2, 1896. To Rev. B. S. Stern, salary as assistant clerk and incidental expenses. (Min. 264 and 266).....		18 00
June 2, 1896. To Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., for special work as acting Stated Clerk, also for postage, expressing and travelling expenses		91 40
June 2, 1896. To Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., salary as assistant Clerk		125 00

June 13, 1896. To Trinity Reformed Church, Dayton, O., for use of the Church for meeting of General Synnod May 27, 1896. (Min. 266)	75 00
June 13, 1896. To Miss Laura H. Jenkins, for services as stenographer and typewriter at meeting of General Synod. (Min. 266)	25 00
July 22, 1896. To Rev. J. P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk....	125 00
July 22, 1896. To Rev. J. P. Stein, travelling expenses to meeting of General Synod	22 50
Oct. 24, 1896. Rev. A. R. Kremer, D. D., Delegate to General Synod of the Lutheran Church, June, 1895.....	5 50
Nov. 12, 1896. To Rev. J. H. Stepler, D. D., expenses in attending committee meeting in connection with the Society for the Relief of Ministers, etc., met in Altoona. Pa., Oct. 13, 1896. (Min. 146).....	12 95
Nov. 28, 1896. To Mrs. Marg. J. Reiter for two volumes of minutes of General Synod. (Min. 241)	10 00
Dec. 3, 1896. To Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., travelling expenses of the Hymnal Committee to meeting at Reading, Dec. 1, 1896.....	49 20
Dec. 19, 1896. To Daniel Miller, for 1,500 copies of the Directory of Worship. (Min. 248 and 249).....	375 00
Jan. 14, 1897. To Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., expenses in connection with publishing German minutes	5 50
May 6, 1897. To Reformed Church Tidings Co., for printing reports on Sunday School Work and statistical reports. (Min. 251)	52 50
July 9, 1897. To Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D., Delegate to Reformed Church in America. General Synod met at Asbury Park June 3, 1897	8 10
Aug. 11, 1897. To Reformed Alliance of Germany. (Minutes 42)	100 00
To German Publishing House, Cleveland, O., for printing English minutes of General Synod, viz.:	
Oct. 24, 1896	\$200 00
and expressage, postage, etc., Oct. 31, 1896.....	132 07
May 25, 1897.....	500 00
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	832 07
To Do. for printing German minutes, viz.: June 8, 1897	\$239 86
Sept. 21, 1897	183 64
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	423 50
To Do. for mailing German minutes.....	16 36
To Do. for printing 500 copies of English minutes oef 1863...	46 05
To Do. for printing 516 copies of English minutes of 1866....	100 65

April 21, 1898, to German Publishing House, Cleveland, O., for printing German statistical reports.....	16 67
Dec. 4, 1897, to the Swiss Reformed Conference (Min. 42)...	25 00
Dec. 16, 1897, to Daniel Miller for plates of the Directory of Worship, \$360.00; interest on same for one year, \$21.60..	381 60
Oct. 13, 1898, to Rev. Frank Grether, delegate to General Synod of German Evangelical Church of North America, meeting held at Quincy, Ill., Sept. 22, 1898.....	15 20
March 25, 1899, to Rev. C. Cort, D. D., for the guarantee fund to secure reduced rates of railroad companies, (Min. 264)	17 00
April 20, 1899, to Rev. J. P. Stein for bill of sundries.....	32 22
May 12, 1899, to Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., delegate to meet- ing of the Lutheran General Synod. Met at Mansfield, Ohio, June, 1897	23 50
May 12, 1899, to Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., for a cablegram sent to Dr. Matthews, London, England.....	1 00
To the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presby- terian System, viz.: Jan. 28, 1897.....\$390 00	
Nov. 16, 1897.....	390 00
Oct. 15, 1898.....	390 00
	1,170 00
To interest on money advanced	40 00
	4,481 86
Total amount of expense	4,481 86
May 23, 1899, balance in treasury.....	673 18
	\$5,155 04

All items of expense, etc., ordered paid by General Synod at its meeting in Dayton, O., have been attended to.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, *Treasurer.*

II. *Report of Standing Committee on Finance.*

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the morning session of the ninth day, submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the Report of the Treasurer, was adopted. It reads as follows:

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following Report, to-wit:

The Report of the Treasurer of General Synod; the action touching the payment of one-half of the traveling expenses of delegates beyond the Mississippi, and one-half of the travel-

ing expenses of the delegates from North Carolina Classis; the items covering the amount of expenses incurred by Synod; together with the amounts for Home and Foreign Missions, were referred to the Committee.

The Committee would report:

1. That they have audited the Treasurer's Report and found it correct. The following is a summary:

Amount received	\$5,155.04
Amount paid out	4,481.86

Balance in Treasury, May 23, 1899.... \$673.18

2. The Committee has apportioned \$6,000 for contingent expenses upon the several District Synods.

3. The Committee has apportioned the sum of \$1,150 for Harbor Mission; \$50,000 for Home Missions; \$8,000 for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions; \$40,000 for Foreign Missions, and \$6,000 for work among Germans in the large cities. The apportionment is as follows, to-wit:

4. *Contingent Fund:* Eastern Synod, \$2,575; Ohio Synod, \$570; Synod of the North West, \$500; Pittsburg, \$430; Potomac Synod, \$1,000; Central Synod, \$500; Synod of the Interior, \$70; German Synod of the East, \$260.

Home Missions: Eastern Synod, \$27,850; Ohio Synod, \$6,100; Pittsburg Synod, \$4,550; Potomac Synod, \$10,750; Interior Synod, \$700.

Harbor Mission: Eastern Synod, \$490; Ohio Synod, \$105; Synod of the North West, \$105; Pittsburg, \$85; Potomac Synod, \$160; German Synod of the East, \$75; Central Synod, \$105; Interior Synod, \$25.

Hungarian and Bohemian Missions: Eastern Synod, \$3,450; Ohio Synod, \$735; Synod of the North West, \$735; Pittsburg, \$600; Potomac Synod, \$1,120; German Synod of the East, \$500; Central Synod, \$735; Interior Synod, \$130.

Work Among Germans: Eastern Synod, \$2,500; Ohio Synod, \$550; Synod of the North West, \$550; Pittsburg

Synod, \$450; Potomac Synod, \$840; German Synod of the East, \$370; Central Synod, \$550; Synod of the Interior, \$100.

Foreign Missions: Eastern Synod, \$17,150; Ohio Synod, \$3,770; Synod of the North West, \$3,660; Pittsburg Synod, \$2,975; Potomac Synod, \$5,840; German Synod of the East, \$2,860; Central Synod, \$3,545; Synod of the Interior, \$250.

5. The Committee calls the attention of the Synods to the fact that the foregoing amounts are to be apportioned upon the several Classes each year for three years, except the apportionment for contingent expenses, which is for the whole period. The Committee recommends that all the bills of expense ordered by the Synod be paid by the Treasurer, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish the Treasurer a statement of the several amounts.

6. The Committee recommends that the special attention of the Synods and Classes be directed to the apportionment of six cents per member for Church building purposes.

7. The Committee recommends that, in view of the fact that none of the apportionment for contingent expenses will come into the hands of the Treasurer earlier than about 18 months after this meeting of Synod, and since there are expenses to be met within that period, amounting, approximately, to the sum of \$2,500, the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to borrow \$2,000, in order to meet these bills at the proper time.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
E. D. WETTACH,
J. H. SECHLER,
Elder G. W. STEIN.

A petition was presented by the delegates from North Carolina Classes, praying General Synod to assist them in the payment of one-half of their traveling expenses, whereupon action was taken that Synod assume one-half of the traveling expenses of delegates from North Carolina Classis, and those living beyond the Mississippi River, as reported by Rev. D. B. Shuey.

North Carolina :	Fare of Delegates.	Portion to be paid by Gen'l Synod.
Rev. W. A. Long	\$33 00	\$16 50
Rev. J. D. Andrew	28 00	14 00
South Dakota :		
Rev. H. Treik	26 40	13 20
Iowa :		
Rev. D. F. Boomershine	12 50	6 25
Rev. L. P. Krome	13 70	6 85
Elder Jos. J. Duncan	13 88	6 94
Kansas :		
Rev. J. W. Love, D. D.	20 00	10 00
Rev. S. A. Alt.	21 93	10 96
Elder Fred Isley	25 28	12 64
Wichita :		
Rev. D. B. Shuey	22 00	11 00
Elder F. W. Bushong	22 30	11 15
Lincoln :		
Rev. T. F. Stauffer	21 16	10 58

Elder Christian G. Gross, who, as successor to his father, has faithfully served General Synod as Treasurer since 1887, and to whom Synod returns its most grateful thanks for faithful service rendered, having declined a re-election, Elder Wm. R. Barnhart, of Greensburg, Pa., was duly elected Treasurer of General Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during morning session on fourth day, reported in item 37 that the Stated Clerk had been instructed to have a certain number of the Minutes of Synod printed. The following report was received and adopted:

Report on Printing Minutes of General Synod.

The undersigned, in accordance with the instruction given by General Synod, that the printing of its official proceedings be submitted to the several publication houses of the Church, and awarded to the lowest bidder, respectfully reports, namely:

That the contract was made with the Central Publishing House at Cleveland, O., where 6,000 copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twelfth Triennial Sessions were printed in the English, and, under the direct supervision of the Assistant Clerk, 2,000 copies in the German language.

The distribution of the same among the District Synods was in accordance with the ratio of the apportionment made respectively for contingent expenses based upon the membership of the Church, and the Minutes were forwarded directly in quotas to the several Classes, under the direction of the Clerks of the several District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Publishing Minutes of Present Sessions.

Instructions were given that 6,500 copies in the English, and 2,000 copies in the German language, of the Thirteenth Triennial Sessions of General Synod are to be printed and distributed among the District Synods, according to the ratio of the apportionment for contingent expenses.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks be directed to receive bids for the printing of the Minutes in the English and German language, and also for the printing of the Digest from the Publication Boards of the Church, and that they be hereby authorized to award the printing of said Minutes and Digest to the lowest bidder. As the Stated Clerk waived the right of decision, Rev. F. B. Hahn, L. K. Derr, D. D., and Elder A. S. Raudenbush, members of Synod, were designated as a Committee, in whose presence the seal is to be broken, and by their decision the contract awarded to the lowest bidder.

The Assistant Clerk was empowered to secure adequate help to aid him in the translation of the Minutes into the German language.

Report on Printing Parochial, Statistical and Sunday School Blanks.

In response to item 30, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, the following report was presented and adopted:

In accordance with the instructions given by General Synod, 1896 (see Minutes of Synod, p. 251), the undersigned had carefully arranged and prepared the various blanks required, and printed on excellent paper, at the office of the Reformed Church Tidings, Reading, Pa., namely, 3,200 Parochial and Statistical Blanks, and 7,000 Sunday School and Sunday School Statistical Blanks, at an expense of \$52.50, which was paid by General Synod's Treasurer.

In the distribution of these blanks, the Stated Clerk was governed by the instruction given (see page 207), "that Synods, through their Classes, provide pastors with the necessary blanks."

In order to save double expense in postage and expressage, and by sanction of the Stated Clerks of the Several District Synods, the annual quota required by each Classis was sent directly to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes, for distribution among their several charges.

In 1897, these blanks, printed in English, were sent to all the Classes.

In 1898 and 1899, the blanks were only required by the Classes of the five English Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Minutes of General Synod of 1863 and '66 Reprinted.

In response to item 35, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, the following report was read and adopted:

Your Assistant Clerk, who was instructed by your reverend body to have 500 copies of the Minutes of General Synod of the year 1863, and 500 copies of the year 1866, printed, reports respectfully:

That he had the work done at the Central Publishing House of the Reformed Church, at Cleveland, Ohio, and the bill presented was paid by your Treasurer.

Twenty-one copies—13 of 1863 and 8 of 1860—were sold, at 25 cents per copy, and the postage paid. There was received \$5.51, and for postage laid out, 60 cents. The expenses of your

Clerk were 90 cents, leaving a balance of \$4.01, which is ready to be turned over to your Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB DAHLMANN, *Asst. Clerk.*

Consolidation of English Church Papers.

During the afternoon session of the eighth day, the report, by a Special Committee on the Consolidation of Church Papers, was submitted, and adopted. It is as follows, to-wit:

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

Your Special Committee, to whom were referred items 15 and 16 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of English Classes, relating to the publication interests of the English Synods, respectfully offer the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee has carefully considered the subject-matter of the items referred to them. They believe that there would be advantages, and also disadvantages, in such a consolidation of publication interests as is contemplated in these items. They are in doubt also as to whether the time has come for such a movement, even if it were clear that the advantages would greatly overbalance the disadvantages. The Committee further recognizes the fact that the publication interests in question belong exclusively to the District Synods by which they are now conducted, and that this General Synod has only advisory power in the premises. It is the unanimous opinion of the Committee, therefore, that the whole matter should be left entirely in the hands of the District Synods, to work itself out in a free and natural way, without any interference or responsibility on the part of this General Synod.

The Committee accordingly presents the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That this General Synod deems it inexpedient, at the present time, to recommend a general consolidation of English publication interests, but leaves the whole matter in the

hands of the District Synods, to deal with it as Providence may indicate in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

E. RANSON DEATRICK,
T. F. STAUFFER,
J. M. CONROY,
J. RADER,
WM. RUPP,
R. C. ZARTMAN,
JNO. H. SECHLER.

Report on Reformed Church Hymnal.

In response to item 27, in the Report on Minutes of General Synod, the following Report was read and adopted:

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD:

Your Committee having in charge the publication of the Hymnal of the Church, offer the following as their report for the past three years:

During this time your Committee have completed the work of correcting certain typographical errors mentioned in their report at your last meeting. An entirely new set of plates of all the editions have been made, from which the publisher will, in a very short time, begin to print. We take pleasure in calling attention to the gratifying fact that the Hymnal continues to commend itself to our people, and that its more general use by the churches has very materially increased the income of that most worthy charity, the Society of Relief for our aged ministers. During the three years past, 17,563 copies have been sold, as over against 9,426 copies sold during the preceding three years. On these copies, the royalty paid to the Relief Society amounted to \$3,039.79, as over against \$1,706.55 for the preceding period of three years. From this comparison it may be seen that the circulation of the Hymnal is rapidly growing.

The original lease, made with the publisher in November, 1890, for a period of seven years, having expired since our last meeting, a new lease for a similar period, viz., for seven years, was made with the Publishing House in Cleveland, now known

by the name, style and title of "The Central Publishing House." That the Synod may have full information as to the terms of this lease, a copy is herewith given as a part of this report, and is as follows:

COPY.

Contract.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—GREETING:

It is hereby agreed, this third day of November, 1897, between the Hymnal Committee of the General Synod of "The Reformed Church in the United States," and the Publishing House of the Reformed Church, located at Cleveland, Ohio, as follows, to-wit:

I. That for a period of seven years from this date, the party of the second part shall publish the Hymnal of the Reformed Church in two editions, one with, and the other without, music, of the same size, price, style, and royalty as agreed upon in the original contract, and for this purpose shall have the exclusive use of the plates belonging to the General Synod.

II. That the party of the second part shall continue the sale of the 24mo. and 32mo. editions, without the payment of royalty, until the publisher shall have reimbursed for the cost of the plates, when the plates shall become the property of the General Synod, and the publisher shall pay a royalty of five cents per copy.

III. That the party of the second part shall sell to the other publishing houses of the Reformed Church, as recognized by the General Synod, such sheets and in such quantity as they may desire, at prices not to exceed 25 cents for the 24mo. and 32mo. editions, 45 cents for the word edition, and 57 cents for the music edition.

IV. That the party of the second part shall annually pay all royalties to the Treasurer of the "Society of Relief of Disabled Ministers of the Reformed Church and their Widows."

V. That the party of the second part shall keep in security and good condition the plates of all the editions, and, at the expiration of this lease, return them to the authorized agents of the General Synod.

VI. That in the matter of the publication of the Directory of worship, the party of the second part shall have the privilege of publishing the Forms selected from the Directory of Worship, upon payment of a royalty of five cents per copy, as fixed by General Synod, to its Treasurer.

VII. That this lease, upon its expiration, may, by mutual agreement, be renewed.

H. M. KIEFFER,
J. A. HOFFHEINS,
J. M. SCHICK,
Committee.

PUBLISHING HOUSE OF THE REFORMED CHURCH,
AUG. BECKER, *Manager.*

By the specific direction of the General Synod at its last meeting in Dayton, the publication of the Directory of Worship was entrusted to your Committee. By direction of Synod, your Committee purchased of Mr. Daniel Miller, of Reading, Pa., the plates and the copyright of the Directory, which are now the property of the General Synod, having been duly and legally transferred; that we purchased, by the Synod's direction, 1,500 copies in the sheets, and have committed the sale thereof, as well as the custody of the plates, to the Central Publishing House at Cleveland.

It has seemed good to your Committee that no new plates of the entire Directory should be made until these 1,500 copies now on hand be sold, and your Treasurer be reimbursed for the cost of the plates and the sheets. But to meet a demand for the Forms of Service bound with the Hymnal, we have provided the said Forms, selected from the Directory, new plates being made for the purpose. We regret, however, to say that very little demand has arisen for the Directory as a whole, the publisher reporting only 140 copies sold since the Directory was committed to us.

We would call your attention to the samples of the Hymnal, of all editions and in various styles of binding, presented by the publisher to the Synod for its inspection. These publication interests will need further care and direction. We

deem it advisable, therefore, that the Committee be continued, and would so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. KIEFFER,
J. A. HOFFHEINS,
J. M. SCHICK.

The Hymnal Committee was continued.

Digest of General Synod's Decisions.

In response to item . . ., in Report on Minutes of General Synod, the following report was presented on the fifth day of its sessions, and after having received due consideration, was adopted. It is as follows, to-wit:

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES:

At the last meeting of General Synod, in Dayton, Ohio, the undersigned was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Digest, with special directions to prepare the Digest of the proceedings of General Synod from the beginning, as regards decisions on questions of doctrine, morals, customs and constitutional interpretations. The Stated Clerks of the District Synods were appointed, "with instructions that each one draw from the minutes of his respective Synod" corresponding data, to be incorporated in the proposed Digest. Over a year ago, your Chairman wrote to each of the Stated Clerks of the different District Synods, calling attention to their respective duties, as set forth in the action of General Synod at Dayton, and in previous deliverances on the preparation of the Digest. He received a partial report from the Stated Clerks of the Ohio Synod and the Pittsburg Synod, and, since coming to Tiffin, reports from the Synod of the Interior. But the data was so meagre and of so little value for the purposes contemplated in the preparation of a Digest, that he deemed it a useless trouble and expense to convene the Stated Clerks of the District Synods in session to pass judgment, as a committee, on the work in general. In fact, the paucity and lack of finality of District Synod decisions makes it inadvisable, in the judgment of your

Chairman, to waste time, space and money in recording such decisions in a Digest of General Synod, which should only contain authoritative deliverances as a guide in future legislative proceedings.

An exception ought, perhaps, to be made as regards any important deliverances of the Eastern or Mother Synod, and of the Ohio Synod prior to the formation of the General Synod in 1863, when each virtually possessed sovereign authority. But, even then, those district or particular Synodical decisions could not stand on the same plane as those made by the General Synod, composed of duly recognized representatives of the entire Reformed Church in the United States. If digests of District Synods' decisions are wanted, let these Synods prepare them. Your Chairman, as instructed three years ago, has collated the material for a Digest of the decisions of General Synod since its organization, thirty-six years ago, on questions of doctrine, morals, customs and constitutional interpretation, and herewith submits the same in manuscript covering upwards of 40 pages of paper, larger than regular foolscap size.

Any action of General Synod, inaugurating new movements in Church work, or involving important precedents in administration, we have also noted, even if it did not fully come under the specified headings. This material has been arranged in chronological order, instead of topically. In the opinion of your Chairman, and other brethren with whom he has consulted, the advantages of this arrangement make it preferable in the construction of the proposed Digest. It would thus combine the main features of an historical abstract or compendium with those of a Digest proper, and would be of far greater interest and value to the great body of our Reformed people and persons interested in ecclesiastical affairs, than if the topical arrangement were adopted.

Furthermore, the chief benefits of the topical arrangement can also be secured by a copious index, giving full references in the classification of subjects according to the topical method.

The practical benefit of a properly prepared Digest of General Synod's decisions would be very great. Much valuable time has been consumed in recent sessions of this body, formu-

lating answers to questions coming up from the lower courts, which were in substance and in principle decided years ago. This fact became very apparent in examining proceedings of the General Synod to gather material for the Digest, especially the last Synod at Dayton. With a Digest at hand, such questions would not arise; or, if they did come up, through carelessness or ignorance of brethren in the lower courts, they could be disposed of by a simple reference to former Synodical precedents, as set forth in the Digest.

The importance of the work lay very near the heart of Rev. G. W. Welker, the original mover of the action, and the first Chairman of the Digest Committee of General Synod. Shortly before his decease, he wrote to your present Chairman, urging him to see that the matter did not go by default, owing to the seeming indifference of many brethren and the failure of some members of the original committee to co-operate in the work. Upwards of seventy years ago, a committee was appointed by the Mother Synod, with Rev. Theodore Hoffeditz as Chairman, to prepare a Digest of its proceedings. What a pity that the Fathers failed to complete that undertaking! What a vast help and saving of time in legislative proceedings, if we had embodied, in convenient form, the results of their collective wisdom in deciding questions that have been threshed over and over again, like beaten straw, in our appellate courts, by each succeeding generation!

The cost of publishing a Digest need not be very great, and in a few years the sale of copies of the work would pay all expenses. Much necessary delay has already occurred since this movement was started by Dr. Welker, in the General Synod at Baltimore, fifteen years ago. It behooves us to bring it to a successful issue as speedily as possible.

Your Chairman would therefore request specific instructions from General Synod in regard to questions raised in this report, especially as to whether or not decisions of District Synods shall form any part of the proposed Digest, and whether the chronological or topical arrangement shall be adopted; also on what terms and conditions the publication of the Digest shall be authorized.

NOTE.—Since my arrival in Tiffin, I have submitted the foregoing report to the Stated Clerks of all the District Synods who happen to be in attendance upon this meeting of General Synod. They have endorsed the statements of the Report by affixing their signatures to the following statement, viz.:

The undersigned, Stated Clerks of the District Synods, concur in the foregoing recommendations:

1. Jno. Ph. Stein, Eastern Synod.
2. Geo. W. Henning, Synod of Ohio.
3. J. Harvey Meckley, Synod of Pittsburg.
4. J. J. Janett, Synod of the North West.
5. John Bachman, Central Synod.
6. A. E. Dahlman, German Synod of the East.
7. D. B. Shuey, Synod of the Interior.

As stated in the body of the Report, I have the MSS. of the data collated for the Digest of General Synod in my hand, and am ready to read the same now, or to have it referred to a special committee for consideration as General Synod may prefer. Inasmuch as I am now the only person remaining who has enjoyed the privilege of attending every meeting of this General Synod since its organization at Pittsburg, thirty-six years ago, I feel especially anxious to have this Digest work completed in satisfactory form before I also shall be called upon to cross the river and enter the better land, where I hope, in God's own good time, to join the General Assembly and Church of the First Born on high.

Respectfully submitted,
CYRUS CORT, *Chm., Com. on Digest.*

In connection with the adoption of this Report on Digest of Synodical Decisions, etc., the following action was taken:

Resolved, That General Synod approves of the recommendations of the Chairman of the Committee on Digest, which have also received the concurrence of the Stated Clerks of the District Synods, viz.:

1. That the Digest shall only contain matter drawn from the proceedings of General Synod, including the present Triennial sessions.

2. That the topical arrangement shall be adopted in the body of the work, and be supplemented by a copious index, topically arranged.

Resolved, further, That a Committee be appointed to carry out the foregoing instructions, and superintend the publication of the Digest at the earliest practicable date; provided, that an edition of at least one thousand copies can be published, at a cost not exceeding \$200 to the Contingent Fund of General Synod, the cost to be ultimately returned to the Treasury of General Synod from the proceeds of the sale of copies of the Digest, and that the copyright of the Digest be held by General Synod.

The committee called for in the foregoing resolution consists of: Revs. Dr. Cyrus Cort, Jno. H. Sechler, Jos. H. Apple; Elders Jno. W. Bickel and Ambrose Cort.

An order was granted on the Treasurer in favor of Dr. Cort of \$50 for the preparation of the material for the Digest.

ARTICLE XXII.

NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the morning session on Friday, submitted its Report, which was adopted, and instruction given to have 500 tickets printed for the election, which was made the order of the day, at 3:30 on Friday afternoon.

At the arrival of the hour for the election, the President appointed Revs. Jno. G. Noss, D. B. Shuey, S. V. Rohrbaugh; Elders J. D. Siegfried and John Blum, tellers, who distributed the tickets, and at the calling of the roll received the ballots, and report the results of the election to Synod, through the President.

For the results of the election, see Articles XI, XIII, XIV, XV and XX.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Several items in Report on Overtures with books and catalogues of literary institutions were referred to a special committee, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your committee to whom were referred copies of the Heidelberg Catechism, by Rev. Aaron Spangler; The History of the Reformed Church, from 1725 to 1792, by Rev. J. I. Good, D. D.; Christian Education, by the Reformer Ulric Zwingli; The Leaders of the Reformation, by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D. LL. D.! also catalogues of the different educational institutions of the Reformed Church, viz.: of Franklin and Marshall College, Heidelberg University, Ursinus College, The Mission House of the German Synods, and the College of Northern Illinois, respectfully offer the following report:

1. That we recommend that the several books presented to this General Synod be received with cordial thanks to the authors or donors.

2. That we learn from the catalogues of the above-named institutions that they are in a prosperous condition, and that we direct the attention of the membership of the Church, who have sons or daughters to educate, to these Church schools as especially adapted for securing for them a positive and a decidedly Christian education.

J. E. HIESTER,
D. F. BOOMERSHINE.

Block and Gavel.

In accordance with instructions given by General Synod at Dayton, Ohio, the Stated Clerk procured a serviceable block and an ebony gavel, for the use of the President during the sessions of Synod.

Lord's Day Observance.

In an item in the Report on Overtures, the consideration of the aforesaid subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. R. C. Zartman, F. C. Witthof and Elder P. Williard, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

There was referred to us, from Overtures, item 22, which prays for a definite deliverance on the vital question of the Lord's Day.

We hereby respectfully call attention to the fact that the desecration of the Lord's Day is increasing to an alarming extent, particularly in our larger towns and great cities. The Lord of the day of rest is saying: "My Sabbaths are polluted." The Fourth Commandment is ignored and disregarded. The standard of Sunday observance is lowered year by year, and is found in pleasure, convenience, selfishness, and expediency, rather than in the Decalogue. A careless regard for the Lord's Day predicts the desertion of the Church, the neglect of the Bible, the forgetting of God, and the losing of the day of rest.

The Lord's Day has many powerful foes, which are relentless in their opposition to this God-given institution. Among the multiform ways of desanctifying and destroying the Lord's Day, we mention the following as the most popular: The Sunday newspaper, Sunday railroad traffic, Sunday excursions, Sunday theaters, the Sunday bicycle, Sunday mails, Sunday baseball, Sunday saloons, Sunday labor, Sunday amusements, Sunday visiting and dinner parties, and anti-Lord's Day legislation.

We recommend, therefore, that this General Synod devote most earnest consideration to the important subject of Lord's Day observance, by citing attention to the perils that menace the day of rest, and by urging upon our whole membership an aggressive warfare upon the combined forces, which plot and labor to abolish and to destroy the Biblical Sunday.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That General Synod hereby declares that the Fourth Commandment is a law of perpetual binding obligation upon all men.

2. That the Lord's Day is for every man a day of rest, a day of worship, a day of promulgating the Gospel, and a day of doing works of love and mercy.

3. That all the members of our churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, and all friends of law and order, be called upon to observe the Lord's Day, by abstaining from all

things that pervert, desecrate, or undermine the Biblical day of rest.

4. That all our ministers be instructed to present to their people the claims and obligations of the Lord's Day, and that they be reminded of the urgent necessity to give diligent attention to the defence and observance of the first day of the week.

5. That our Sunday School Board be instructed to prepare annually a lesson specifically on observance of the Lord's Day; said lesson to be used on one of the review Sundays.

6. That the good and great work of the "American Sabbath Union" be given our hearty endorsement and cordial commendation, with devout praise to God for the Lord's Day, and with fervent prayer for its perpetuation, we submit this report.

RUFUS C. ZARTMAN,
P. WILLIARD.

Action on the Question of Temperance.

An item in Report on Overtures on the foregoing subject was referred to a special committee, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your special committee, to whom were referred certain documents from the Non-partisan National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, being item 17 of the Report of the Committee on Overtures, requesting your reverend body to recommend the observance by its congregations and Sunday Schools of the fourth Sunday in November of each year as Temperance Sunday, and the giving of a defined place to Gospel temperance instruction in all its Sunday Schools, devoting at least fifteen minutes to that subject every month, respectfully submits the following action for adoption by this body:

Resolved, That whilst this General Synod does not see its way clear to accede to the request of the aforesaid petitioners in the matter of ordaining a specific annual Temperance Sunday, and the giving of merely monthly instructions on the subject of temperance in its Sunday Schools, it again places itself on record as recognizing the great sin of intemperance in the use of intoxicants.

Resolved, That, being in full and hearty accord with the views of the memorialists in question, as expressed in their statement, "that the Church of Christ is divinely instituted to combat all sin," this General Synod reiterates its former comprehensive action on this general subject, as recorded on page 167, in its Minutes of the year 1887, and instructs its Corresponding Secretary to refer the above organization to said action.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER,

F. H. KELLER,

JAS. B. LEINBACH.

Report on Railroad Transportation.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, in item 46, reported certain instructions given to Dr. C. Cort, in regard to securing excursion rates of travel to Tiffin, O.

The following report was presented, having reference to this subject.

Dear Brethren:

At the last Triennial Session of the General Synod, in Dayton, Ohio, the undersigned was appointed to make arrangements with the General Passenger Associations for reduced rates of travel to the present sessions of this body in Tiffin, May 23, 1899. Early in March, I entered into negotiations with Commissioner F. C. Donald, of the Central Passenger Association, with headquarters at Chicago, Ill., in whose particular territory Tiffin is located. At first I was given to understand that on the payment of the guaranty fund, orders would be issued granting us reduced rates, on the certificate plan, not only over the Trunk Line Association, extending from the Hudson to the Ohio, and from Canada to the Potomac, and the Central Passenger Association, extending from Pittsburg to Chicago and St. Louis, and from the lakes to the Ohio, but also over the Southeastern Association, bounded by the Ohio, the Mississippi and the Atlantic, and over the Western Passenger Association, extending from Chicago and St. Louis to Utah.

However, after I had paid the guaranty of seventeen dollars by a check from the Treasurer of General Synod, I was requested to furnish the number of delegates in attendance upon the sessions of Synod three years ago, from the bounds of the respective Associations. Although we had 250 present who traveled on the certificate plan, three years ago, comparatively few of these came from territory outside of the Grand Trunk and Central Passenger Associations. Hence, when I reported in accordance with data given in my Synodical Railroad Register, the Western and Southeastern Passenger Associations withdrew from the arrangement, so that reduced rates were to be had only from New York, on the east, to Chicago and St. Louis, on the west, and from the lakes to the Ohio and Potomac. However, I was able to have the certificate plan extended by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as far south as Staunton, Va., and, through Rev. Dr. Love and Rev. David H. Fouse, generous concessions were granted to delegates, lay and clerical, west of Chicago and St. Louis, by local railroad authorities.

The number of certificates vised by Mr. Farnham, the agent of the passenger associations, and signed by myself, at the present Triennial Sessions, was 181, or about 70 less than three years ago. There were only two certificates so defective that they could not be used. One of these, the local ticket agent near Baltimore had neglected to stamp with his official seal, and the other had Fostoria, instead of Tiffin, written on the ticket by the agent, as the terminus. But the holders of these certificates can have them rectified and their money refunded by application to the railroad authorities having jurisdiction.

Although the attendance on the sessions of this Triennial Synod is larger than three years ago, yet the number of certificates used is nearly one-third less. The discrepancy arises from the more extensive use of mileage books or commutation tickets, clerical orders, etc.

It is advisable that brethren should use the certificate plan hereafter, instead of commutation tickets. The cost is the same, but unless we have at least 100 certificate tickets, we forfeit the two-third rate, and will compel all holders of certificates to pay full fare, instead of one-third rate, on their homeward passage.

Brethren paying full fare have the right to demand a certificate, whether or not they expect to use it in securing reduced rates by complying with conditions on their return passage. To safeguard the guaranty against any possibility of failure by the extensive use of round-trip tickets, commutation tickets, clerical orders, etc., henceforth it is advisable that all persons attending the Triennial Sessions shall procure certificates in cases where full fare is paid, either for the whole trip or any part of it. At the Reading General Synod, we had barely enough certificates to secure the guaranty.

The expenses were \$17, to meet the cost of using certificates by the agent of the railroad passenger associations, which had to be paid in advance, and was furnished on my order by the Treasurer of General Synod. This is \$6 less than three years ago, because we managed to dispose of the work inside of two days, instead of occupying three, as heretofore. My traveling expenses, as provided for by the action of the last Triennial Synod at Dayton, will be \$20. For postage, stationery, etc., \$2 more; or \$22 in all, not yet provided for. I had a great deal of correspondence, not only with the railroad people and Church papers, but also with brethren, who kept pestering me with questions about various points covered in the published notices in language so plain that a wayfaring man ought to understand it without any further elucidation. I feel thankful that, notwithstanding the many complications of the work, which are annually increasing on account of new railroad restrictions, no serious loss or mishap has occurred since the undersigned took charge of this matter, fifteen years ago.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT,

Railroad Agent of General Synod at Tiffin, Ohio, May, 1899.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and that this Synod reiterates the action taken three years ago, and recorded on pages 263-4 of the published Minutes, viz., that the thanks of the General Synod be given to Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort for services in securing reduced rates of railroad travel.

Resolved, That the personal expenses of Dr. Cort, amounting in all to \$22, be paid by the Treasurer of General Synod.

Resolved, That Dr. Cyrus Cort be continued as railroad agent of General Synod, to secure similar rates for the next General Synod, and that he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of General Synod for the guarantee fund required in advance for that purpose.

Our Literary Institutions.

Wednesday afternoon, on the second day of the sessions, was set apart to hear the claims of these several literary institutions of the Church, upon the favorable consideration of General Synod. Brief addresses were delivered in behalf of these several institutions.

Rev. A. M. Schmidt presented the claims of our institutions at Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio.

Rev. Frank Grether, of the Mission House, Franklin, Wis.

Rev. Henry T. Spangler, D. D., of Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., and the School of Theology at Philadelphia.

Rev. H. L. Beam, of the College of Northern Illinois.

Rev. W. A. Long, D. D., of Catawba College, North Carolina.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., of The Women's College, Frederick, Md.

Rev. Saml. G. Wagner, D. D., of Allentown College for Women.

And Rev. F. F. Bahner, D. D., spoke in behalf of Mercersburg College, Pa.

Our Benevolent Institutions.

On Saturday afternoon, on the fifth day of the sessions, the claims of the charitable institutions of the Church were presented to General Synod. Rev. B. Ruf spoke in behalf of Fort Wayne Orphans' Home; Rev. Dr. P. Prugh, for Butler Orphans' Home; Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, for Bethany Orphans'

Home; Rev. Dr. J. H. C. Roentgen, in behalf of Deaconess and Deaconess' Homes, and Rev. Frank Grether spoke in regard to the work among the Indians.

Decoration Day.

In the 28th item in the Report on Overtures, an invitation is extended to General Synod to join in the memorial service on Decoration Day. A special committee was appointed to take the invitation into consideration, and who subsequently reported as follows:

Your committee, consisting of the members of the G. A. R. and Union Veteran League, on the floor of Synod, who, in response to a cordial invitation from the G. A. R. of Tiffin, were appointed by your body to participate in the Memorial Day services in the city of Tiffin, O., respectively report that nine of their number, namely, Revs. M. H. Sangree, J. David Miller, D. B. Shuey, H. M. Kieffer, D. D., J. Calvin Leinbach; Elders Geo. F. Wendel, Geo. W. Hoffman, W. H. Beil and N. L. Brewer, Esq., joined in these solemnities; further, that they were received with distinguished honor by the G. A. R. Posts and citizens, and that they conveyed the greetings of General Synod, and thanked them in the name of the Synod for the honor of participating in these services of patriotic devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. SANGREE, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

General Synod's Visit to Heidelberg University.

During Thursday morning's session, an invitation was received to visit Heidelberg University. The invitation was accepted, and Synod convened at 1:30 P. M., in Rickly Chapel, where it held its business session. At the close of the session, Synod expressed its thanks by a rising vote, in adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod hereby records its high appreciation of the opportunity afforded through the cordial invitation of the President and Faculty of Heidelberg University to visit the

institution in a body and carry forward its business sessions in Rickly Chapel.

On Wednesday, during the morning session, James V. Magers, Esq., Mayor of the city, and Dr. H. L. Wenner, Chairman of the Men's Business League, appeared on the floor of Synod. Their presence being announced, the courtesy of Synod was extended to the gentlemen. The Synod was briefly addressed by Dr. Wenner, who, in behalf of the Business Men's League, extended to the members of Synod a free excursion on the electric cars. The invitation was accepted, and at 4 P. M. on the same day the members of Synod had a delightful ride and a full survey of the city of Tiffin. In compliance with instructions, the Corresponding Secretary returned thanks to the City League for the pleasant excursion.

During the evening of the same day, the members of Synod, by invitation, appeared in Rickly Chapel, at a free entertainment, given by the musical and elocutionary departments of Heidelberg University. The entertainment was a novelty in the experience of a number of the members of Synod, and, as far as known, was generally appreciated. The Corresponding Secretary, by instruction, returned the thanks of Synod for the pleasant entertainment.

During the evening, on the eighth day of the sessions, Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen made a brief statement of the afflictions which had befallen Rev. Wm. Braun, of Lorain, Ohio. The sympathies and prayers of the members of Synod were enlisted in behalf of the afflicted brother and his family, and an offering was received of \$50, which was ordered to be forwarded to the distressed family.

Selection of Place for the Next General Synod.

Several items in the Report on Overtures having reference to invitations from Business Leagues at Cleveland, Detroit and Niagara Falls, were duly considered at the Monday morning session.

At the same time an invitation was received from the Reformed Ministerium of Baltimore, Md., with the offer of its

cordial hospitality to entertain General Synod during its Fourteenth Triennial Sessions, in the First Reformed Church of that city. The invitation was unanimously accepted, and the hour for opening the sessions was fixed for Tuesday, May 20, A. D. 1902, at 8 P. M.

Reporters Appointed.

At the beginning of the sessions of Synod, the President appointed a number of reporters, who on the last day of the sessions presented the following report, which was adopted:

To General Synod:

Your Committee on the Public Press respectfully reports that it has performed its duties and has reported the acts and proceedings of General Synod to the Reformed Church Messenger, the Christian World, the Kirchenzeitung, the daily press of Tiffin, the Times of Philadelphia, the Baltimore Sun, the Public Ledger of Philadelphia, the Independent, the Outlook, New York Observer, and Altoona Tribune. The reporters are the following: R. C. Zartman, E. Ranson Deatrick, Henry H. Apple, Wm. H. Taussig, J. D. Miller, Wm. Rupp, and Frank Grether.

Record of Advisory and Visiting Members.

A special committee was appointed by the President, consisting of Revs. S. H. Eisenberg, A. B. Bauman, B. Ruf, Elder P. W. Siebert, and A. M. Yundt, to record the names of advisory members, and also the names of visiting brethren of other churches, and report the same daily for recognition by the Synod.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

During the Friday afternoon session, the President appointed Revs. W. H. Wotring, D. Webster Loucks, and Elder J. S. Zimmerman, a Committee on Leave of Absence. The committee, shortly before final adjournment, presented its re-

port, which was adopted. The day on which certain members of Synod obtained leave of absence for reasonable excuse is noted. See Article II, Members Present.

Amendment to the Rules of Order.

In Item 2 in the Report on Minutes of Eastern Synod, reference is made to the following action recorded on page 102 in Minutes of Eastern Synod, 1896, viz.: That General Synod be overtured to amend Article 26, in the rules of order, that instead of reading "nor longer than one hour," it read nor longer than thirty minutes, and instead of "unanimous consent" it further read by the consent of the body. By the action of General Synod this overture was sanctioned.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Shortly before the final closing of the sessions, the following resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That Synod hereby tenders its heartfelt thanks to the pastor and members of the Second Reformed Church, and the other Reformed pastors and members of Tiffin, O., for the use of their church during the sessions of Synod, and the generous hospitality extended to the members of Synod, making their stay in Tiffin very pleasant.

Resolved, That our thanks are especially due to the several railroad companies, which granted reduced rates of transportation to delegates and others attending the Synodical meetings, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send copies of these resolutions to the representatives of the several companies.

Resolved, That the thanks of General Synod are hereby extended to the press of the city, which published such full accounts of the proceedings, especially to the representatives of the papers on the floor of Synod, for their reports of the Synod; and to the firm of E. R. Good & Bro., for kindly printing, gratuitously, the report of Synod on the State of the Church.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be hereby directed to pay seventy-five dollars to Rev. J. D. Buehrer, for the use of the church, the service of the janitor, and other expense incurred in connection with the sessions of Synod.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the city papers for publication.

The roll of General Synod was called, and the following members, who were not excused, failed to respond at the final roll-call:

Revs. H. A. Keyser, D. D., W. F. Horstmeier, John E. Traeger, H. Treick, and H. D. Darbaker. Elders Jno. M. Leiss, Jos. G. Meyer, Isaac Brown, W. D. Oberlin, G. W. Barrick, and F. W. Tuechter.

The journal of Wednesdays sessions was head and approved.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following action was taken before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when General Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the First Reformed Church of Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday, May 20th, A. D. 1902, at 8 P. M.

General Synod adjourned finally on Wednesday afternoon, May 31st, at 3:30 o'clock, with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the long-metre Doxology, and receiving the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

CALVIN S. GERHARD, *President*.

JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

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JNO. PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

CONDENSED TRIENNIAL SUMMARY.

SYNODS.	Classes.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Members.		Members Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Additions.			Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
				Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-pro-fession.	Confirmed.	Commu-nicated.	Beneficent Purposes.									Congregational Purposes.	
1. Eastern Synod.																						
1896	12	282	524	94475	51905	5337	578	4515	2350	73434	1219	1766	2376	606	8469	71878	112	\$ 81,340	\$ 380,668			
1897	12	283	525	95701	50386	5708	577	4712	2732	78950	1482	1994	2836	619	10505	77221	107	\$ 82,055	\$ 435,354			
1898	12	296	532	97849	51358	5342	575	4854	2768	80477	1456	1634	2519	579	10514	78664	96	\$ 84,926	\$ 438,416			
2. Synod of Ohio.																						
1896	6	127	233	22400	6356	698	669	1267	1110	19887	525	709	372	212	3157	23554	23	\$ 18,217	\$ 129,842			
1897	6	138	232	23490	6834	859	676	1583	1030	19022	521	746	443	218	3385	23182	31	\$ 17,275	\$ 111,238			
1898	6	132	230	23046	6239	836	542	1120	909	19355	534	697	371	222	3541	21400	29	\$ 17,945	\$ 101,944			
3. Synod of North West.																						
1896	10	151	225	21258	14497	1809	27	1004	777	15079	180	4	557	383	187	797	38	\$ 14,063	\$ 87,914			
1897	10	158	223	21927	13985	1910	42	1165	1017	15856	328	4	540	488	223	928	20	\$ 15,384	\$ 90,378			
1898	11	154	214	20943	14587	1779	27	1123	799	15418	222	15	571	501	191	1426	33	\$ 13,977	\$ 83,340			
4. Pittsburg Synod.																						
1896	5	76	137	16865	9741	919	162	925	530	14120	350	461	299	120	1347	10750	16	\$ 21,684	\$ 80,414			
1897	5	82	137	17059	8917	900	117	706	611	14344	347	400	289	116	1565	11107	15	\$ 20,274	\$ 81,008			
1898	5	81	139	18000	9614	892	166	977	774	15346	395	468	312	115	1678	11499	10	\$ 21,306	\$ 94,178			
5. Synod of Potomac.																						
1896	9	169	307	36833	29487	1847	342	1715	939	30489	686	502	859	294	3244	28734	62	\$ 32,596	\$ 150,195			
1897	9	163	303	38050	29377	1874	355	1821	1052	31689	621	492	938	294	4069	29451	56	\$ 37,191	\$ 166,015			
1898	8	164	303	38335	29940	1639	350	1657	807	31819	687	506	916	253	4428	28322	48	\$ 39,099	\$ 165,487			
6. German Synod of East.																						
1896	5	59	58	14830	10055	2042	14	728	894	11891	123	505	421	56	1070	10684	11	\$ 7,864	\$ 106,429			
1897	5	56	63	15199	9580	2026	18	751	706	12367	117	558	497	62	1140	11630	9	\$ 10,332	\$ 83,451			
1898	5	64	56	14945	11432	1937	37	853	542	11219	77	572	539	56	1141	12401	11	\$ 8,624	\$ 105,151			
7. Central Synod.																						
1896	4	84	114	19541	11611	1133	53	830	477	14173	214	443	384	102	1564	12218	28	\$ 15,190	\$ 83,858			
1897	4	90	109	19897	11477	1083	76	959	551	14976	218	740	301	89	1672	12041	27	\$ 15,948	\$ 80,081			
1898	5	94	123	21288	11778	1146	81	971	593	16173	213	667	420	119	1622	13010	3	\$ 13,503	\$ 82,275			
8 Synod of Interior.																						
1896	5	50	67	2998	1445	171	104	227	162	2444	60	191	50	62	671	3827	7	\$ 3,173	\$ 19,336			
1897	5	51	67	3189	1479	145	81	149	204	2865	112	79	50	61	719	3657	6	\$ 4,660	\$ 17,153			
1898	5	54	67	3228	1511	117	72	173	170	2702	101	114	54	61	757	4114	7	\$ 4,273	\$ 23,753			
Total.....	57	1029	1660	242299	125752	13816	1880	11647	7360	194921	3787	5194	5142	1466	24770	182134	273	\$ 292,726	\$ 1,063,791			

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—SYNODS AND THEIR CLASSES.

SYNODS AND CLASSES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						
	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Commu- nicated.	Uncommu- nicated.	Baptisms.	Adult.	Infant.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- nerval of Profn.	Dismissed.	Excommuni- cated.	Names of	Communi- cants.	Unconfir- med.	Number of.	Teachers and	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.
1. Eastern Synod.																					
East Pennsylvania.....	296	532	97819	80477	51355	5342	575	4554	2768	1456	3	1634	1627	892	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	\$84,326.00	\$438,416.00
Lebanon.....	31	54	10657	8112	6231	559	19	422	397	212	172	188	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	7,642.00	39,126.00
Philadelphia.....	20	32	10975	9640	5750	494	17	512	105	164	239	202	122	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	4,869.00	38,668.00
Lancaster.....	36	35	7038	6111	1861	248	133	312	586	169	224	85	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	8,366.00	60,367.00
East Susquehanna.....	38	43	6837	5442	2833	269	165	431	198	152	44	125	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	6,807.00	29,292.00
West Susquehanna.....	24	62	6424	5483	3865	583	19	365	156	71	78	105	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	4,618.00	27,405.00
Tohickon.....	18	61	5566	4703	2941	249	10	198	148	98	66	69	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	6,809.00	20,027.00
Goshenhoppen.....	20	39	8114	6807	4090	312	67	307	224	110	195	116	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	6,081.00	31,016.00
Lehigh.....	13	28	7178	5654	3784	346	43	255	119	85	58	130	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	7,562.00	22,140.00
Sehnykill.....	31	57	13828	11045	7319	816	15	727	310	190	102	315	113	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	8,524.00	48,045.00
Wyoming.....	16	35	6255	5098	4036	575	12	293	160	49	79	104	103	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	5,481.00	25,522.00
Reading.....	28	45	6691	4900	3569	433	27	318	355	128	3	152	104	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	5,028.00	29,104.00
	21	23	8266	7182	4779	439	18	414	210	88	225	84	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	13,969.00	69,704.00
	132	230	23946	19355	6239	836	542	1120	909	534	5	637	282	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	\$17,945.00	\$101,945.00
2. Ohio Synod.																					
Miami.....	26	54	5950	5036	977	146	204	325	194	125	1	222	68	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4,364.00	29,546.00
Lancaster.....	18	30	2723	2205	784	75	33	145	88	80	50	43	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,998.00	13,382.00
Tuscarawas.....	24	45	6077	5194	1937	249	111	265	246	115	4	138	72	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	4,822.00	23,353.00
Tiffin.....	28	32	2789	2102	860	107	30	75	80	58	64	32	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	2,200.00	12,172.00
Eastern Ohio.....	18	28	3587	2929	1064	172	83	183	128	100	99	55	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2,735.00	11,549.00
St. Joseph.....	18	41	2870	1989	617	87	81	126	173	56	124	12	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,826.06	12,943.00
	154	274	20943	15418	14357	1779	27	1123	799	220	15	571	297	204	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	\$13,977.00	\$84,340.00
3. Synod of Northwest.																					
Zions.....	16	20	2943	1888	1720	119	12	97	47	25	1	46	42	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	2,608	9,696.00
Sheboygan.....	32	29	3920	2580	2501	316	5	256	278	42	4	39	48	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	2,330	13,112.00
Indiana.....	25	33	3839	3203	2806	376	5	167	99	26	3	98	72	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3,056.00	16,863.00
Milwaukee.....	15	17	2143	1610	1152	187	2	130	60	30	3	34	48	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	1,444	8,314.00
Minnesota.....	13	17	1575	1017	1064	121	103	86	11	16	56	10	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	898.00	6,590.00
Nebraska.....	7	15	1194	1004	971	118	68	86	25	124	14	18	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	80	4,918.00
Ursinus.....	10	15	1425	1194	996	94	88	82	15	19	14	17	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,034.00	6,035.00
Missouri.....	11	12	1064	850	777	113	48	30	6	12	2	17	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,102	5,458.00
Chicago.....	10	7	872	704	541	156	3	54	42	14	1	91	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	550.00	6,141.00

South Dakota.....	9	45	1650	1128	1805	269	96	131	19	34	9	53	37	99	917	1	\$	727.00	\$	5,838.00		
Portland-Oregon.....	6	4	318	230	254	10	22	5	3	3	5	3	5	240	240	1	\$	275.00	\$	1,456.00		
4. Pittsburg Synod.																						
Westmoreland.....	19	31	4745	4124	2768	265	238	181	107	81	47	31	29	439	3176	4	\$	6,237.67	\$	25,633.28		
Clarion.....	13	31	3653	3113	2167	165	32	173	167	100	187	56	15	290	2158	2	\$	3,125.00	\$	16,835.00		
St. Paul's.....	13	21	2811	2455	1231	76	17	116	83	35	29	36	6	292	1542	5	\$	1,864.91	\$	10,688.74		
Somerser.....	16	39	3727	2918	2000	188	224	140	75	1	87	52	10	394	2578	2	\$	2,980.00	\$	15,074.00		
Allegheny.....	20	17	3164	2736	1388	198	37	226	203	78	91	39	20	253	2045	3	\$	7,185.00	\$	25,942.00		
5 Synod of Potomac.																						
Zion's.....	165	303	38335	31819	20941	1039	350	1657	807	687	2	506	618	288	48	48	\$	39,099.74	\$	160,487.17		
Maryland.....	13	36	4875	3974	2696	285	25	257	98	55	73	43	43	3	3	3	\$	4,417.00	\$	26,515.00		
Mercersburg.....	19	26	3569	2910	1597	98	66	161	74	44	19	51	23	7	7	7	\$	4,268.59	\$	16,015.00		
Virginia.....	16	33	2567	2037	1251	74	63	106	74	45	15	48	7	1	1	1	\$	3,273.00	\$	9,211.00		
North Carolina.....	23	43	3201	2811	1480	133	22	140	47	34	110	42	12	1	1	1	\$	4,768.00	\$	17,089.00		
Gettysburg.....	18	29	3812	3177	3919	305	27	274	113	75	39	93	56	10	10	10	\$	4,588.00	\$	7,089.00		
Carlisle.....	12	21	2522	2050	1365	109	31	33	62	64	35	54	7	5	5	5	\$	2,235.15	\$	13,243.54		
Juniata.....	21	51	5915	5662	3216	241	78	240	142	189	93	108	33	5	5	5	\$	5,919.00	\$	18,953.00		
6. German Synod of East.																						
New York.....	64	56	14945	11219	11432	1997	37	853	542	77	1	572	279	260	1141	11	\$	8,624.00	\$	105,151.00		
West New York.....	16	12	2655	2094	1787	558	22	182	92	8	144	49	73	14	2280	219	\$	1,530.00	\$	15,612.00		
German Philadelphia.....	21	18	6036	5100	5100	806	10	351	291	35	245	127	92	20	5439	507	\$	4,164.00	\$	37,347.00		
German Maryland.....	10	10	2270	1836	1773	271	2	115	80	3	1	33	36	46	8	1443	152	\$	1,148.00	\$	18,263.00	
West Pennsylvania.....	6	3	285	215	153	25	18	18	7	7	42	3	2	3	235	35	1	\$	88.00	\$	1,927.00	
7. Central Synod.																						
Erie.....	21	23	5105	3891	2936	303	5	242	163	54	95	69	36	21	355	2849	9	\$	2,461.00	\$	18,418.00	
Heidelberg.....	24	33	4756	3773	2712	180	16	181	87	62	1	70	64	21	30	374	2888	11	\$	5,047.00	\$	17,785.00
St. John's.....	18	20	5847	4155	2804	265	59	333	175	67	215	72	43	26	422	3783	5	\$	2,530.00	\$	18,264.00	
Cincinnati.....	21	20	3337	2860	1698	197	1	138	114	14	1	213	33	25	18	277	1424	2	\$	2,307.00	\$	17,888.00
Toledo.....	10	18	2243	1714	1628	201	87	54	26	74	33	25	16	194	1266	4	\$	1,149.00	\$	9,920.00		
8. Synod of Interior.																						
Illinois.....	54	67	3238	2702	1511	117	72	173	170	101	114	30	15	7	7	7	\$	4,273.76	\$	23,753.52		
Iowa.....	16	24	333	814	594	34	7	36	27	18	43	6	6	1	1	1	\$	1,471.05	\$	6,093.73		
Kansas.....	15	20	431	798	283	30	37	59	45	33	12	13	2	2	2	2	\$	1,233.78	\$	6,102.60		
Wichita.....	9	11	701	584	286	20	10	29	61	31	24	13	3	1	1	1	\$	767.00	\$	8,100.00		
Lincoln.....	7	7	384	315	167	14	6	26	24	10	32	4	1	1	1	1	\$	494.96	\$	2,373.03		
.....	7	5	289	191	181	19	12	23	13	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	\$	206.97	\$	1,084.16		

Statistical Reports.—The Synods and the Classes.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Pressure of Names.	Communicants.	Theocrdained.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		Beneficent Purposes.
I. Eastern Synod.																
<i>East Penna. Classis.</i>																
Cyrus J. Becker.....	Howtown.....	2	440	390	31	2	16	17	78	5	16	10	8	1,298	00	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.....	Farmersville.....	3	520	444	220	25	26	8	22	20	21	3	1	1,670	00	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert Lisberger.....	St. Peter's.....	2	98	75	28	5				3	2			200	00	Bath, Pa.
T. C. Porter, D. D., LL. D.....	Prof. Latayette Col.....															Easton, Pa.
T. D. C. Rodrock.....	Superannuated.....													220	00	Faterson, N. J.
William A. Stem.....	St. Mark's, Easton.....	1	414	310	155	28	15	8	7	5	2			1,650	00	Easton, Pa.
J. W. Smith.....	Moore Township.....	4	800	570	637	23	32	1	32	3	3			209	00	Bath, Pa.
Franklin W. Smith.....	Kreidersville.....	3	660	465	375	36	29	2	3	5	5			378	00	Cherryville, Pa.
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.....	Pleasant Valley.....	1	575	430	170	13	2	26	17	9	1			218	00	Effort, Pa.
Wilson F. More.....	Salem, Catsauqua.....	1	285	240	152	22	11	15	5	16	2	8	1	1,746	00	Easton, Pa.
John Wolbach.....	Without charge.....	2	428	346	110	16	14	2	2	2	4			237	00	Catsauqua, Pa.
S. P. Mauger.....	Mt. Bethel.....	1	528	435	190	8	16	31	10	12	5	3	2	640	00	Stone Church, Pa.
G. A. Schwedes.....	Christ Ch., Bethlehem.....	3	640	500	300	25	10	10	8	10	7			1,500	00	Bethlehem, Pa.
S. F. Lantry.....	Broadheads ville.....	1	292	150	275	10	12	10	2	30	2			25	00	Broadheads ville, Pa.
Albert Lohach.....	St. Paul's Bethlehem.....	1	433	340	260	31	1	31	16	2	10	1		131	00	Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver.....	Forks.....	2	800	650	550	30	3	40	46	9	2			1,505	00	Nazareth, Pa.
W. H. Wotring, B. D.....	Drybarid.....	3	362	325	160	15	1	9	9	10	8	3	1	110	00	Bath, Pa.
George J. Lisberger.....	Plainfield.....	1	185	133	115	7	13	7	3	5	4			245	00	Bethlehem, Pa.
O. P. Steckel.....	Freemansburg.....	1	150	138	110	3	1	7	2	2	1			71	00	Easton, Pa.
Irvin M. Bachman.....	Grace Cong., Easton.....	1	212	160	80	19	24	24	2	5	3	1	1	107	00	E. Mauch Chunk, Pa.
E. L. Kemp.....	E. Mauch Chunk.....	1	250	169	170	33	17	14	10	11	6	6		167	00	E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
Thomas H. Krick.....	Prof. Strong & N. S. Weissport.....	1	365	275	445	35	14	26	3	3	8			259	00	W. Weissport, Pa.
J. G. Rupp.....	Towamensing.....	3	123	115	40	20	10	15	2	1	1			30	00	Perryville, Pa.
R. H. Moyer.....	Stegfried's Bridge.....	1	350	240	165	32	3	35	6	5	4			124	00	Stegfried's Bridge, Pa.
E. Clark Hbschman.....	Stroudsburg.....	1	49	40	44	8	1	8	6	1	4			39	00	Stroudsburg, Pa.
W. H. Brong.....	Tannersville.....	4	49	40	44	8	1	8	6	48	13	13	2	16	00	Tannersville, Pa.
Wilson S. Hartzel.....	Odenwelder.....	1	250	145	125	10	1	5	6	1	7	1	1	69	00	Easton, Pa.
William U. Helfrich.....	Christ Church, Bath.....	1	183	143	115	8	1	5	6	12	4			25	00	Bath, Pa.
John M. Kessler.....	Ranger.....	1	135	104	90	5	3	4	4	1	1			55	00	Langor, Pa.
J. F. Delong, supply.....	Rittersville.....	1	80	75	25	3	4	1	1	1	2			185	00	Bethlehem, Pa.
S. P. Mauger, supply.....	Flicksville.....	1	100	45	75	2	2	1	1	1	2			7	00	Stone Church, Pa.
W. H. Brong, supply.....	Hamilton.....	1	100	45	75	2	2	1	1	1	2			7	00	Tannersville, Pa.

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		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant.	Adult.	Confirmed.	Certificat or Re- ceival of Protn.	Dismissed.	Transmunicated.	Pressure of Names.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.	
Geo. S. Butz.....	Paxinos, Pa.	204	140	56	13	1	13	4	12	1	1	1	1	1	95	85	1847	92
C. D. Kressley.....	Line Mountain.	6	130	325	95	39	75	5	3	9	4	1	1	1	24	33	1405	00
Albert Gonsler.....	Mt. Carmel.....	1	130	124	76	27	17	39	3	1	1	1	1	1	38	00	606	00
Fred. C. Selz.....	Millersburg.....	3	426	300	231	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	162	00	915	00
Vacant.....	Armstrong Valley	6	152	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	00	20	00
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Mt. Carmel, Pa.	1	65	46	33	7	5	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	00	224	00
Raymond Butz.....	Ass. Tower C. M	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jos. A. Schlapplach	Without charge.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Samuel F. Hartzel	Without charge.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Albert Gonsler (supply)	Hope Congregation	1	18	18	20	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Geo. A. Stauffer.....	Liecentia.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
⊙ Ministers, 23.	Charges, 20.	62	6424	5483	3805	183	19365	156	71	78	165	91	1	1	4618	00	27405	44
W. Susquehanna Clas.	Prof. Penn. Hall Acad	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Daniel M. Wolf, D. D.	Without charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
William W. Clouser.....	Selmsgrove.....	6	438	416	385	23	12	1	10	9	5	1	1	1	381	00	2500	00
William A. Haas.....	Beaver Springs	5	550	406	205	21	4	3	12	2	1	1	1	1	295	00	735	00
William E. Hoy.....	Missionary to Japan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Albert A. Black.....	Boalsburg.....	4	44	407	276	19	3	17	31	23	9	3	1	1	315	00	1143	00
Samuel H. Eisenberg, Ph.D.	Centre Hall.....	4	372	349	181	7	4	11	6	5	1	1	1	1	327	00	2414	00
S. Sidney Kohler.....	New Berlin.....	2	370	245	179	20	1	17	9	4	10	1	1	1	292	00	775	00
Tigman Derr.....	Lock Haven.....	2	275	203	150	8	3	13	2	12	4	1	1	1	190	00	1043	00
F. Wilson Brown.....	Aaronsburg.....	5	328	281	235	18	15	14	2	15	5	1	1	1	334	00	1043	00
Samuel L. Whitmore.....	Mifflinburg.....	1	360	310	160	10	18	4	10	5	6	1	1	1	2455	00	1457	00
Marion L. Firor.....	St. John's Williamsport	1	280	230	128	13	10	11	7	2	6	1	1	1	273	00	1500	00
* R. L. Gerhart, D. D	Without charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Howard H. Spahn.....	Liverpool.....	7	346	320	190	34	1	29	1	3	4	2	1	1	70	00	1300	00
Zwingli A. Yearick.....	Lewisburg.....	2	254	199	101	6	4	5	3	3	4	2	1	1	283	00	1208	00
Moses M. George.....	Rebersburg.....	5	323	285	167	20	1	19	8	6	2	2	1	1	229	00	800	00
James M. Runkle.....	Nittany Valley.....	5	341	330	172	26	1	16	20	2	4	1	1	1	271	00	1107	00
John L. Barnhart.....	White Deer.....	4	447	384	198	14	15	20	8	4	6	3	1	1	325	00	750	00
Thos. L. Bickel.....	Bellefonte.....	2	276	220	141	4	8	4	10	13	2	1	1	1	669	00	1148	00
Martin W. Schweitzer.....	Susquehanna.....	3	22	16	11	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	00	39	00
Vacant.....	Penna Creek.....	1	140	102	62	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	111	00	658	00
Ministers, 20.	Charges, 13.	61	5566	4703	2941	249	10198	148	98	66	60	13	1	1	6809	00	20027	00

Goshenhoppen Classis.																					
L. Kryder Evans.....	1	724	631	500	47	7	52	9	13	15	9	2717	96	Pottstown, Pa.							
Augustus L. Beehan.....	2	532	481	190	10	12	16	25	7	14	4	1150	00	Pennsburg, Pa.							
Simon M. K. Huber.....	1	910	781	510	48	12	15	5	5	12	8	1159	00	Shippack, Pa.							
Eli Keller, D. D.....	4	755	671	465	51	31	2	2	7	11	6	404	12	Zionsville, Pa.							
Isaac S. Stahl.....	1	424	327	240	40	35	2	2	2	5	16	1200	00	Oley, Pa.							
Charles S. Wreand.....	1	395	424	279	28	3	20	17	8	8	10	156	00	Pottstown, Pa.							
Joseph E. Freeman.....	4	875	653	569	20	2	12	14	15	1	14	230	00	Boyetown, Pa.							
J. Letician Koush.....	4	132	533	60	10	10	15	12	3	37	1	1443	00	Pennsburg, Pa.							
O. H. E. Rauch.....	3	460	444	260	21	15	12	3	15	13	12	89	27	Royersford, Pa.							
George W. Roth.....	3	798	675	300	33	4	36	10	1	16	4	181	09	Boyetown, Pa.							
George B. Walbert.....	2	435	343	171	14	4	15	7	6	2	6	2133	00	East Greenville, Pa.							
William B. Werner.....	2	538	458	240	24	1	18	10	3	9	3	437	29	Schwencksville, Pa.							
Thomas H. Leinbach.....	2	538	458	240	24	1	18	10	3	9	3	437	29	Spinnerstown, Pa.							
Vacant.....	2	538	458	240	24	1	18	10	3	9	3	437	29	Hill Church, Pa.							
Jacob N. Faust.....	2	538	458	240	24	1	18	10	3	9	3	437	29	Sunnyside, Pa.							
Ministers, 13.										28	7178	5954	3784	346	43	255	119	85	58	130	63
Charges, 13.										28	7178	5954	3784	346	43	255	119	85	58	130	63
Tonickon Classis.																					
J. Kuhn.....	2	780	647	372	28	25	2	23	2	16	2	418	38	Sellersville, Pa.							
N. Z. Snyder.....	1	101	54	50	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	35	87	South Bethlehem, Pa.							
F. J. Vohr.....	2	575	473	350	32	1	22	13	7	10	12	445	00	Quakertown, Pa.							
J. G. Dengler.....	2	285	261	105	22	4	19	8	12	5	3	172	14	Sellersville, Pa.							
A. B. Koplin, D. D.....	1	593	494	246	21	9	30	15	3	5	6	312	00	Hellertown, Pa.							
A. B. Ferer.....	1	369	273	198	8	1	3	2	2	1	2	230	14	Regelsville, Pa.							
J. J. Rothrock.....	1	322	283	70	8	7	10	14	12	3	4	379	00	Lansdale, Pa.							
J. G. Dibbs.....	3	787	706	433	40	11	9	22	16	5	5	228	41	Coopersburg, Pa.							
A. F. Horn.....	3	527	430	210	16	4	1	5	3	3	5	196	50	Hellertown, Pa.							
H. E. Long.....	3	322	298	175	10	2	17	4	7	2	9	75	00	Hellertown, Pa.							
C. B. Weaver.....	2	619	507	237	21	12	8	5	14	8	3	246	00	Ferndale, Pa.							
D. Scheier.....	1	468	326	280	33	33	3	15	13	3	3	172	70	South Bethlehem, Pa.							
B. F. Lukenbill.....	3	483	461	325	22	2	4	10	13	35	13	144	75	Quakertown, Pa.							
B. F. Lukenbill, supply.....	2	298	232	100	8	12	16	7	2	11	3	164	54	Quakertown, Pa.							
John Nalle.....	2	298	232	100	8	12	16	7	2	11	3	164	54	Trapp, Pa.							
W. H. Hoch.....	1	330	230	216	15	10	6	1	1	2	6	100	00	Bath, Pa.							
W. H. Mader.....	1	207	205	81	15	15	35	40	2	1	1	113	00	South Easton, Pa.							
J. R. Bergey.....	1	296	185	70	6	6	28	44	2	1	1	98	17	Doylstown, Pa.							
J. R. Stein.....	1	72	72	100	2	13	2	1	1	2	1	142	90	Perkasie, Pa.							
J. R. Stein, supply.....	3	437	304	222	9	3	1	74	5	2	2	278	69	Perkasie, Pa.							
J. A. Mertz.....	2	453	373	230	3	15	26	5	10	9	4	130	69	Regelsville, Pa.							
J. O. Lindaman.....	2	453	373	230	3	15	26	5	10	9	4	130	69	Perkasie, Pa.							
Ministers, 20.										39	8114	6807	4090	312	67	307	924	110	185	116	60
Charges, 20										39	8114	6807	4090	312	67	307	924	110	185	116	60
Lehigh Classis.																					
A. J. Herman.....	4	332	225	140	30	15	1	1	1	16	1	110	75	Maxatawny, Pa.							
W. R. Hoffman, D. D.....	4	1130	985	625	65	50	4	23	4	12	19	654	00	Allentown, Pa.							
Abraham Bartholomew	3	654	00	1920	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lehigh, Pa.

* The Statistics of the Susquehanna Charge embrace only those of the Montgomery congregation, whereas two others were added to the charge since.

† Dismissed May 18.

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		Congregations.	Communicants.	Committed.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms	Infant.	Adult.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re-natal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Frasure of Names.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
E. J. Fogel, D. D.	Jordan	1	925	819	500	53	56	15	31	3	1	625	28	1000	00	Fogelsville, Pa.	1	625	28	1000	00
Samuel G. Wagner	St. John's	1	722	518	256	14	14	5	8	10	3	2149	29	4073	00	24 St. Allentown, Pa.	1	2149	29	4073	00
Benjamin Wise	Lenhartsville	4	612	490	308	40	35	2	3	15	4	90	00	1300	00	Lenhartsville, Pa.	1	90	00	1300	00
Jared Fritinger	Disabled	1	680	620	550	66	40	3	3	20	7	100	00	1050	00	Lynnport, Pa.	2	100	00	1050	00
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.	Supt. Pub. Inst. Pa.	4	1000	900	700	81	83	40	41	10	1	104	00	2411	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	104	00	2411	00
Jas. N. Bachman	Jacksonville	5	1000	900	700	81	83	40	41	10	1	104	00	2411	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	104	00	2411	00
M. H. Helfrich	Ziegel's	1	310	206	141	44	28	3	3	13	15	250	00	1850	00	Slatington, Pa.	1	250	00	1850	00
M. W. Liefenderfer	Carist	1	550	420	300	46	29	64	10	13	15	363	00	1194	00	Leighton, Pa.	1	363	00	1194	00
N. K. Peters	Slatington	1	550	420	300	46	29	64	10	13	15	363	00	1194	00	Leighton, Pa.	1	363	00	1194	00
J. C. J. Kurtz	Zion's	1	581	382	336	29	24	21	3	1	5	300	00	1811	00	Fleetwood, Pa.	2	300	00	1811	00
J. Alvin Leber	Without charge	1	581	382	336	29	24	21	3	1	5	300	00	1811	00	Fleetwood, Pa.	2	300	00	1811	00
H. D. Kurtz	Without charge	1	581	382	336	29	24	21	3	1	5	300	00	1811	00	Fleetwood, Pa.	2	300	00	1811	00
C. Ernest Wagner	Prof. F. and M. College	4	766	642	281	64	24	3	5	28	11	1043	00	8226	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	1043	00	8226	00
M. H. Brenstinger	Fleetwood	4	766	642	281	64	24	3	5	28	11	1043	00	8226	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	1043	00	8226	00
Tobias Kessler	Without charge	1	1234	1125	729	75	3	64	76	32	21	1018	00	5656	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	1018	00	5656	00
Geo. W. Richards	Salem's	1	1234	1125	729	75	3	64	76	32	21	1018	00	5656	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	1018	00	5656	00
T. J. Hacker	Zion's, Allentown	1	850	670	540	31	17	3	15	16	18	457	52	1250	00	Kutztown, Pa.	1	457	52	1250	00
W. W. Deatrick	Prof. Normal School	1	850	670	540	31	17	3	15	16	18	457	52	1250	00	Kutztown, Pa.	1	457	52	1250	00
J. W. Knappenberger	Prin. Allentown College	1	895	711	435	21	1	32	18	6	2	85	65	1816	00	Sittler, Pa.	1	85	65	1816	00
Geo. B. Smith	Maxatawny	3	585	317	280	12	19	1	8	9	2	67	00	1732	00	Lansford, Pa.	1	67	00	1732	00
Inomas N. Reber	Mahonong	2	285	133	128	23	1	5	14	5	1	178	14	2849	68	Kutztown, Pa.	1	178	14	2849	68
William H. Erb	Summit Hill	2	389	325	155	10	30	7	4	10	1	147	62	1622	59	Macungie, Pa.	1	147	62	1622	59
Elmer E. Leinbach	Kutztown	1	389	325	155	10	30	7	4	10	1	226	00	1800	00	ChewSt. Allentown, Pa.	1	226	00	1800	00
T. W. Dickert	Solomon's Macungie	1	675	475	345	30	1	18	11	6	9	29	06	215	00	Hamburg, Pa.	1	29	06	215	00
P. A. DeLong	Salisbury	3	675	475	345	30	1	18	11	6	9	18	88	135	00	Sittler, Pa.	1	18	88	135	00
N. W. Helfrich, supply	Greensville	1	190	165	110	6	48	3	1	3	1	38	60	525	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	38	60	525	00
R. S. Apple, supply	Lenhartsville	1	83	75	60	6	10	1	1	1	1	5	00	2900	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	5	00	2900	00
T. N. Reber, supply	West Penn.	2	400	276	275	36	45	1	1	1	1	45	43	150	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	45	43	150	00
L. J. Kourbael	Trinity	1	175	115	140	2	12	27	7	2	2	29	06	215	00	Hamburg, Pa.	1	29	06	215	00
P. A. DeLong, supply	Grace Reformed	1	60	42	100	2	7	3	1	1	1	5	00	2900	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	5	00	2900	00
N. W. Helfrich, supply	Frieden's	1	175	120	6	16	6	6	6	6	6	45	43	150	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	45	43	150	00
Alb. O. Bartholomew, Lic.	Morris E. Schudt, Lic.	1	175	120	6	16	6	6	6	6	6	45	43	150	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	45	43	150	00
Morris E. Schudt, Lic.	Osville B. Webr, Lic.	1	175	120	6	16	6	6	6	6	6	45	43	150	00	Allentown, Pa.	1	45	43	150	00
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Schnykill Classis.

H. A. Keyser, D. D.	1	800	775	550	70	1	38	44	12	15	35	Mahanoy City, Pa.,
H. Leisse	3	389	315	200	22	3	22			8	4	Orwigsburg, Pa.
A. R. Bartholomew, D. D.	1	580	425	44	9	11	1	1	1	1	5	5 N 9th St. Pottsville, Pa.
J. J. Fisher	2	290	240	175	29	11	6	4	3	4	7	Tamaqua, Pa.
W. Donat	4	750	609	370	51	21	12	5	13	21	7	Schnykill Haven, Pa.
O. H. Strunk	1	255	286	170	18	18	7	7	4	7	4	Tamaqua, Pa.
H. A. Prantz	2	343	295	255	32	1	19	6	1	8	2	Cressona, Pa.
C. E. Bartholomew	1	256	207	150	26	1	8	3	1	4	5	Frackville, Pa.
T. J. Bower	2	173	158	106	21	11	14	2		4	5	Tremont, Pa.
Vacant	3	313	253	145	31					3	1	Shenandoah, Pa.
R. O'Boyle	1	398	340	350	37	30	7	2	20	4	7	Pottsville, Pa.
W. H. Herbert	1	300	210	175	17	17	9	2	5	4	8	Mahanoy City, Pa.
C. D. Yost	2	295	252	95	15	10	2	5	4	2	2	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Edw. S. Bromer	3	512	415	385	88	3	57	13		4	3	Pinegrove, Pa.
Elmer S. Noll	2	231	186	145	30	3	22	17	3	18	3	122 W. Norweg. [ville, Pa.
L. F. Wagner	1	60	40	25						3		Broad Mt.
*A. R. Bartholomew, D. D.	1	40	40	80	12					3		
*Geo. W. Gerhard	1	180	152	160	20					5	3	
*J. J. Fisher	1	37	35	35	9					3	1	
*J. J. Fisher	1	43	40	40	3					1		
W. D. Stoyer, Lic.	1											
Ministers, 16.	33	6255	5095	4036	575	12	293	160	49	79	104	103

Charges, 20.

Wyoming Classis.

A. Houtz	4	290	253	85	10	5	13	18	27	5	4	Orangeville, Pa.
A. M. Masonheimer, Ph. D.	3	500	350	275	52	33	2	12	2	7	13	Weatherly, Pa.
D. E. Schoeder	2	341	273	122	8	23	14	10	10	8	2	1142 ChewSt., Allentown, Pa.
Geo. S. Sorber	2	358	315	300	20	1	23	81	2	3	2	Watson town, Pa.
J. B. Kerschner	1	92	47	19	2	5		1		2		Free land Pa.
Geo. W. Kerschner	1	408	309	152	11	2	6	1	5	5		Fayette, N. Y.
David W. Ebbert, D. D.	1	105	98	98	18	10	2	12	1	12	1	Milton, Pa.
C. W. E. Siegel	1	105	98	98	18	10	2	12	1	12	1	Plymouth, Pa.
H. A. I. Benner	1	215	147	161	7	1	2	5	4	3	1	519 N 7th St. Allentown, Pa.
Chas. H. Brandt	1	188	137	167	17	10	6	2		6	4	Bloomsburg, Pa.
F. H. Ruloff	1											Nanticoke, Pa.
S. C. Heckel	1											Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
C. H. Herust	1	175	141	130	30	1	30	15	7	13	9	W. Hazleton, Pa.
William D. Happel	1	335	241	200	16	1	17	27		32	2	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
E. H. Diefenbacher	1	290	215	175	27	10	19	8	10	10	2	Jersey town, Pa.
Sefellen E. Stofflet	3	293	138	130	17	19	1	3	6	15	3	Hazleton, Pa.
Elias S. Noll	2	221	180	69	14	3	6	15	3	3	4	Dushore, Pa.
Wm. H. Loose	4	393	317	286	30	28	3	18	8	4	4	Danville, Pa.
A. H. Herbst	1	286	203	170	7	1	15	5	2	3	3	Waywaloopen, Pa.
Wm. E. Bushong	1	100	85	50	8	3	2	19	1	8	3	Danville, Pa.
Henry A. Welker	1	27	21	32	5	1	6			1		718 Gibson St. Scranton, Pa.
Joseph W. Bell	2	280	231	136	16	2	29	9	12	4	1	321 00 32 N. Main St. Pittston, Pa.

Lehigh Classis: Daniel E. Schaeffer, Lic., was dismissed to Reading Classis July 5, A. D., 1898.

Calvin P. Wehr, Lic., was dismissed to Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod.

* Supply.

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MINISTERS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.				
		Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
T. P. Bolliger.	St. Luke's.	91	86	105	14	8	53	9	2	2	.....	.....	.....	\$ 36 44	\$180 08	
William Foennes.	Grace, Hazleton.	400	236	363	39	1	29	3	1	15	10	.....	.....	205 00	9556 00	
J. W. Reinecke.	St. John's, Butler Val.	410	273	150	29	1	47	3	2	2	1	.....	.....	200 00	500 00	
W. J. Muir.	Paradise.	463	342	459	28	2	18	16	1	10	1	.....	.....	284 00	1210 00	
A. Lobach.	Conyngham	300	230	170	8	1	31	4	5	4	.....	.....	.....	100 00	565 00	
A. Houtz, supply.	Brier Creek.	38	80	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	12 00	70 00	
Lie. E. C. Musselman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lie. Charles J. Leach	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ministers, 28.	Charges, 25.	45	6691	4900	3569	433	27 318	355	128	3	152	104	66	7	5028	52
Reading Classis																
B. Bausman, D. D.	St. Paul.	760	645	300	22	22	10	2	2	10	3	.....	.....	4400 00	8985 00	222 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
H. Mosser, D. D.	First Church	1075	975	800	53	1	39	25	14	11	8	.....	.....	1600 00	4271 00	611 Washington St., Pa.
J. W. Steinmetz, D. D.	St. John's, Reading	460	380	425	57	3	32	3	5	21	8	.....	.....	286 00	1800 00	Chestnut St., " Pa.
C. S. Gerhard, D. D.	St. Stephen's.	665	569	425	27	1	31	21	15	18	6	.....	.....	460 00	6641 00	518 N. 9th St. Reading, Pa.
H. Y. Stoner.	St. Mark's.	346	320	300	26	1	25	7	2	3	2	.....	.....	315 00	2176 00	100 Douglas St., " Pa.
J. I. Good, D. D.	Calvary	320	305	140	10	1	14	13	2	4	1	.....	.....	347 00	3524 00	437 Oley St., Reading, Pa.
S. L. Krebs.	St. Andrew's.	498	465	300	47	1	33	40	6	54	2	.....	.....	560 00	2200 00	1269 Spruce St., " Pa.
S. E. Bridenbaugh, D. D.	Second Church	675	580	303	13	3	27	33	7	15	5	.....	.....	80 00	31043 00	228 S. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
J. P. Stein.	St. Thomas.	275	289	185	31	3	15	14	5	2	3	.....	.....	480 00	1250 00	851 N. 11th St. Reading, Pa.
H. K. Miller.	Missionary	244	190	119	15	7	15	4	10	2	.....	.....	.....	106 00	1700 00	152 Walnut St. Reading, Pa
F. B. Hahn	Faith and St. James	355	275	200	57	18	10	10	10	7	3	.....	.....	214 00	1800 00	Hamburg, Pa.
G. W. Gerhard	St. John's, (Hamburg)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Reading, Pa.
D. P. Lefever	Gen. Sec. S. S. Board	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	342 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
Rufus W. Miller.	Schwarzwald	620	535	300	35	32	3	10	8	5	10	.....	.....	572 00	1005 00	Esterly, Berks Co., Pa.
J. B. Brown.	Olivet.	80	77	75	4	5	7	5	24	2	.....	.....	.....	83 00	909 00	Reading, Pa.
E. Bruce Lytle	Spies.	850	800	350	47	5	80	9	2	70	19	.....	.....	39 00	1050 00	1102 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.
J. A. Danner	Spies.	439	380	375	21	34	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	1650 00	Reading, Pa.
M. L. Herben.	Agt. for Church Record	505	438	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	New Berlin, Pa.
H. K. Binkley	Leesport.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Leesport Pa.
D. E. Schaefer	*Trinity.	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.
C. E. Schaefer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
M. L. Herben.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ministers, 21.	Charges, 17.	23	8266	7182	4779	459	18 414	210	88	225	84	57	5	13967	00

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		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Re-n. of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resure of Names.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Number of.	Officers and Teachers.		Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
S. W. Seemann	Wilson Avenue	297	290	14	9	13	22	15	30	1	1	1	1	75	00	2322	00	1261 Fair Ave., Col., O.	
J. P. Stahl	Winchester	190	158	54	5	1	9	3	1	1	1	1	1	202	00	859	00	Canal Winchester, O.	
J. Hefley	Zion's	105	95	4	1	5	3	4	6	3	2	1	1	7	00	200	00	Canal Winchester, O.	
J. P. Stahl, (supply)	Without charge	26	24	10	1	1	4	2						16	00	132	00	Canal Winchester, O.	
P. D. Schory																		Lancaster, O.	
J. Vogt, D. D.																		Bellevue, O.	
G. H. Leonard, D. D.																		Basil, O.	
H. H. Sandoe																		Columbus, O.	
B. S. Metzger																		Boundary City, Ind.	
Ministers, 18.	Charges, 13.	30	2723	2205	784	75	33	145	88	80	50	43	6	3	1998	00	12352	00	
Tuscarawas Classis.																			
E. P. Herbruck, D. D.	Trinity, Canton	1122	900	340	62	30	65	49	15	18	9	4	3	830	00	3485	00	Canton, O.	
S. C. Willard	Grace, Akron	903	725	275	39	27	43	32	17	22	9	5	1	792	00	4045	00	Akron, O.	
S. C. Goss, D. D.	Wadsworth	348	331	62	7	2	20	8	10	4	4	2	1	231	00	1140	00	Wadsworth, O.	
A. G. Berk	Tuscarawas	307	234	142	16	3	9	4	6	4	2	1	1	134	00	773	00	Massillon, O.	
H. J. Christman	Uniontown	408	372	140	14	14	36	14	4	3	2	1	1	457	00	1176	00	Lake, O.	
N. A. Ernst	Navarre	284	201	69	4	6	12	4	3	2	1	1	1	203	00	885	00	Navarre, O.	
J. U. E. Kunkle	New Berlin	276	272	130	20	13	32	29	9	10	5	4	1	212	00	2329	00	New Berlin, O.	
W. R. Stearly	Hough Avenue	188	150	38	3	1	3	20	11	5	2	2	1	159	00	525	00	Cleveland, O.	
E. G. Goltz	Polk	225	190	30	12	6	13	5	3	7	2	1	1	243	30	725	00	Reedsburg, O.	
L. L. Hassenpflug	Reedsburg	225	202	54	6	6	8	10	2	3	3	1	1	211	00	552	00	Mohican, O.	
F. M. Shults	Mohican	183	150	60	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	120	00	781	00	Wooner, O.	
S. E. Veikirk	Wooster	184	178	60	8	1	9	10	1	9	2	4	1	152	00	700	00	Shelby, O.	
N. H. Loose, D. D.	Shelby, Akron	180	129	65	12	1	9	10	1	9	2	4	1	206	00	1339	00	200 E. York, Akron, O.	
J. S. Freeman	Salem	142	140	65	5	3	6	4	3	16	3	2	1	155	00	835	00	Canal Fulton, O.	
A. E. Bately	Apple Creek	130	121	65	3	5	5	8	7	4	4	1	1	82	00	620	00	Apple Creek, O.	
J. N. Burger	Marshalville	144	127	75	10	1	5	4	3	3	2	1	1	117	00	630	00	Marshalville, O.	
J. Hie	Barborton	160	130	65	3	1	5	4	3	3	2	1	1	133	00	640	00	Massillon, O.	
W. H. Shults	Massillon	115	85	84	6	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	80	00	112	00	Crystal Springs, O.	
W. H. Shults	Crystal Springs	28	20	18	2	1	5	1	2	1	1	1	1	30	00	300	00	Loyal Oak, O.	
J. C. Schaaf	Manchester	289	267	8	1	2	7	12	2	7	2	1	1	190	00	302	00	Manchester, O.	
L. C. Edmonds	Without charge																	Crystal Springs, O.	
N. W. Bloom																		Nimillsa, O.	
J. C. Klar																		Canan Center, O.	
O. C. Renter																		Ft. Wayne, Ind.	
Ministers, 25.	Charges, 21.	45	6077	5194	1937	249	111	265	246	115	4	138	72	8	4822	00	23353	00	Cleveland, O.

Ministers, 18,		Charges, 19,		1826 19		12943 63	
Zions Classis.							
J. H. Bosch.....	St. Johns Ref.....	1	694	435	455	31	1700 00
Oswald P. Vitz.....	Newville.....	2	245	177	115	6	569 00
J. Hauser.....	Brush Creek.....	3	288	145	158	9	604 00
Edw. H. Vornholt.....	Edgerton.....	3	78	34	29	30	209 00
E. Vornholt.....	Magley.....	1	172	159	129	8	647 00
J. P. Winter.....	St. Peters.....	1	354	226	171	13	1491 00
E. W. Kruse.....	Zions.....	1	114	72	64	1	731 00
G. Engelmann.....	Auburn.....	2	320	210	160	16	712 00
Vacant.....	Ref. Salem Congregation.....	1	275	238	200	17	1460 00
B. Ruf.....	Kreuz.....	1	85	43	42	4	1041 00
G. M. Hirsch.....	Marion (and vicinity).....	2	40	36	26	2	355 00
Vacant.....	Zions.....	1	18	18	59	2	139 00
J. Rettig.....	Orphans' Home.....	1					
P. Kobl.....	Without charge.....	1					
C. H. Schoepfle.....	““.....	1					
W. F. Zanders.....	““.....	1					
F. Vitz.....	““.....	1					
F. Emmet.....	Orphans' Home.....	1					
Ministers, 16,							
Sheboygan Classis.							
C. T. Martin, D.D.....	First Church, Herman.....	1	271	300	198	10	750 00
J. J. Jannett.....	Sheboygan.....	1	385	245	315	69	1480 00
U. W. Vriesen.....	Newton.....	1	170	120	125	7	650 00
W. G. Lienkaemper.....	Centerville.....	1	150	110	100	5	250 00
J. Roeck.....	Kiel.....	1	24	165	154	16	531 00
H. J. Vriesen.....	Sheboygan Falls.....	1	221	185	145	15	135 00
L. W. Zenk.....	Manitowoc.....	1	204	170	88	19	675 00
G. C. Beisser.....	Elmore.....	2	190	130	130	8	630 00
F. Grether.....	Mosel.....	1	67	50	49	3	950 00
E. C. Stuebi.....	Greenwood.....	2	194	100	160	15	633 00
J. Schmalz.....	Second Rhein.....	2	183	172	135	12	126 00
F. Franke.....	Second Rhein.....	1	70	50	46	1	630 00
W. M. Koch.....	Kaukauna.....	2	153	108	65	5	525 00
F. Aigner.....	Van Dyne.....	1	115	100	85	7	384 00
F. C. Appke.....	Chilton.....	1	130	90	90	13	121 00
F. C. Schunelle.....	Wausau.....	1	144	119	148	30	64 00
O. Engelmann.....	Potter.....	1	182	157	97	10	625 00
Th. Schildknecht.....	New Holstein.....	2	162	85	94	22	424 00
Wilb. Zenk.....	Dale.....	2	172	85	64	6	376 00
E. Stienecker.....	Plymouth.....	2	169	119	90	16	976 00
F. Dallms.....	Cleveland.....	1	120	40	116	10	409 00
U. A. Muehlmeister, D. D.....	Inspector Mission House.....	1					460 00
H. A. Meyer, D. D.....	Professor Mission House.....	1					73 00
Now served by Rev. J. M. Kenig, D. D.							
Students — Zions Classis — F. E. Lahr, C. O. Kohler, J. N. Hauser, Markus Schoepfle, E. Werkmann, F. Grether, Calob Hauser.							
Students — Sheboygan Cl. — Ilgo Fischer, Heinrich Zenk, Franz Goetsch, Friedrich Beisser, Edward Kleinsmeyer, August Hamann, Aaron Kurtz, Benjamin Stoelting.							

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J. W. Grosshuesch	Professor Mission House	Franklin, Wisconsin.
O. Muehlmeier	Steward Mission House	"
F. K. Hagenmeier	Professor Mission House	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
Lie. J. Van Hagen, D. D.	Professor Mission House	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
Lie. E. Veniz.	Professor Mission House	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
E. Fuerer	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sheboygan, Wis.
H. Hesse	Lake Linden and Calumet	2	230	80	81	10	3	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Leake Linden, Mich.
Lie. G. Zeuk	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
Lie. K. Heyl	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
Ministers, 32.	Charges, 22.	29	3920	2590	2501	316	5	256	42	4	39	48	42	26	.....
Indiana Classis.															
J. G. Stenert.	First Reformed	1	129	100	70	16	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Indianapolis, Indiana.
H. H. Kaufmann	Poland	2	271	230	169	27	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Poland, Ind.
J. Otto Vitz	Zions	1	34	240	152	12	9	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Louisville, Ky.
H. Helming	Linton	2	122	43	37	5	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Linton, Ind.
H. F. Hilgeman	New Middletown	3	70	57	50	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	New Middletown, Ind.
Theo. F. Horman	Crothersville	2	165	162	112	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Crothersville, Ind.
E. J. Rusterholz	La Fayette	1	330	282	150	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	La Fayette, Ind.
H. W. Vitz	Clay City	1	117	85	79	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Clay City, Ind.
St. John's	St. John's	1	300	350	206	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
St. Lucas	St. Lucas	1	272	210	165	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jeffersonville, Ind.
First Reformed, Evansville	First Reformed, Evansville	1	583	58	54	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Evansville, Ind.
First Reformed, Oincy	First Reformed, Oincy	1	162	160	112	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Box 281, Oincy, Ills.
Belvidere	Belvidere	1	125	80	80	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Belvidere, Tenn.
Winchester	Winchester	1	35	20	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Winchester, Tenn.
Ref. Zions Terre Haute	Ref. Zions Terre Haute	1	230	185	100	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Terre Haute, Ind.
Salem's	Salem's	1	443	314	335	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Louisville, Ky.
St. John's	St. John's	1	76	35	84	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Louisville, Ky.
Immanuel's	Immanuel's	1	290	240	200	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
Bernstadt	Bernstadt	3	198	132	207	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bernstadt, Ky.
St. Paul's	St. Paul's	1	67	46	40	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
Wm. Stechow	Wm. Stechow	2	90	46	48	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Orientonhem, Ky.
Springdale	Springdale	1	84	60	50	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
First Ref. Nashville	First Ref. Nashville	1	124	76	76	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nashville, Tenn.
New Switzerland	New Switzerland	1	86	53	33	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Gruethl	Gruethl	1	23	18	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Barth	Retired	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Indianapolis, Ind.

W. Wohlfahrt.....	Retired.....	33	3830	3203	2806	276	5	167	99	26	48	72	28	25	331	2416	3	3056	00	16863	00	New Middletown, Ind. Terre Haute, Ind. Ind anapolis, Ind. New Glarus, Wis.	
Ministers, 25.																							
Milwaukee Classis.																							
F. P. Leitch.....	Ev. Ref. Friedens Cong. Sauk City and Dane.....	1	174	153	140	12	17	6	7	6	1	6	1	3	13	125		250	00	610	00	Jackson, Wisconsin. Sauk City, Wis.	
J. J. v. Grueningen.....	First Ref. Cong., Milwan. First and Sec. Ref. Reesev. New Cassel.....	2	140	130	150	22	15	1	1	10	5	10	1	1	10	75		75	0	400	00	193 1/2 St., Milwaukee, Wis. Reeseville, Wis. New Cassel, Wis.	
H. C. Joeris.....	Waukesha and Pewaukee. St. John's.....	2	239	165	120	11	8	2	2	7	6	2	16	9	16	155		185	00	996	00	Waukesha, Wis. Waukegan, Ill.	
J. C. Huoecker.....	Lowell Prairie du Sac & Harrisb'g New Berlin Juneau*).....	2	203	180	94	8	11	15	1	1	4	1	4	2	18	206		123	00	824	00	Waukesha, Wis. Waukegan, Ill. Lowell, Wis.	
W. H. Lahr.....	Zoar Cong.....	1	110	82	63	12	5	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	10	40		71	00	635	00	Sauk City, Wis.	
W. Diehm.....	Immanuel's Cong.....	1	163	100	60	18	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	4	40		33	00	519	00	Sauk City, Wis.	
P. J. Dykon.....	Salem's Cong.....	2	146	120	137	11	8	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	75		33	00	440	00	Box 148, Waukesha, Wis.		
H. W. Schroer.....	Monticello*).....	1	119	70	60	6	7	4	7	7	7	7	1	1	60		30	00	440	00	Juneau, Wis.		
W. G. Kuenzel.....	Charges, 12.	1	65	55	32	3	8	3	6	6	6	6	1	1	48		7	00	450	00	Watertown, Wis.		
F. R. Hinske.....		1	117	80	35	11	9	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	50		23	00	425	00	West Bend, Wis.		
Vacant.....		1	117	80	35	11	9	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	50		23	00	425	00	West Bend, Wis.		
C. Lienkaemper.....		1	188	123	114	9	7	9	12	12	12	12	1	1	75		110	00	600	00	Wayne, Wis.		
A. Muehhuener.....		2																				Monticello, Wis.	
E. Terborg T.....		2																				Monticello, Wis.	
Ministers, 23.																							
Minnesota Classis.																							
J. C. Oehsner.....	Paul.....	1	140	63	134	8	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	50		125	00	560	00	Norwood, Minn.	
A. Krahn.....	St. John's.....	1	148	125	105	26	11	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	13	130		73	00	581	00	Lacrosse, Wis.	
G. D. Elliker.....	Zion.....	1	127	75	80	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	14	80		131	00	594	00	Waukon, Ia.	
G. D. Elliker.....	Ebenezer.....	1	44	30	23	21	14	8	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	25		32	00	142	00	Waukon, Ia.	
D. Hagelskamp.....	Frieden's.....	1	139	80	86	21	14	8	2	2	2	2	1	1	27	187		68	00	723	00	St. Paul, Minn.	
H. Hensser.....	St. Paul St. Lake	1	98	42	30	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	10	85		41	00	230	00	Alma, Wis.	
H. Hensser.....	St. John	1	83	64	25	1	8	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	3	32		60	00	200	00	Alma, Wis.	
J. Rosenau.....	Frieden's.....	1	107	74	45	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	6	31		47	00	2405	00	Norwood, Minn.	
J. Gatermann.....	Zion's.....	1	60	32	73	6	5	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	5	18		50	00	160	00	Garnet, Ia.	
J. Gatermann.....	Immanuel.....	1	55	35	75	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	14	58		22	00	300	00	Garnet, Ia.	
W. Koehler.....	Salem's.....	1	28	20	30	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	16		16	00	280	00	Garner, Ia.		
L. H. Knust.....	Zwingli.....	1	123	114	88	7	5	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	12	93		123	00	683	00	Ludlow, Ia.	
P. Ebinger.....	St. John's.....	1	200	100	90	15	26	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	15	80		29	00	540	00	Berne, Minn.	
L. Ziegler.....	Immanuel.....	1	84	62	52	7	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	5	45		35	00	260	00	Gaylord, Minn.	
J. Christ.....	Trinity.....	1	50	25	35	5	7	7	7	7	7	7	1	1	3	35		17	00	150	00	Fountain City, Wis.	
H. Andreas.....	Charges, 12.	1	63	46	29	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	85		985	5	898	00	291	00	Sigel, La Crosse Co., Wis.
Ministers, 13.																							
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Nebraska Classis.																			
John Arnold	Volga	3	228	195	38	15	23	215			2	1	3	12	90	1050	00	Sutton, Clay Co., Neb.	
W. Doneykemper	Immanuel	1	323	325	30	17	3	235			3	3	4	130	200	1300	00	Sutton, Neb.	
J. B. Braun	Duncan	2	109	65	6	7	50	101			3	2	10	30	45	400	00	Duncan, Platte Co., Neb.	
F. Huellhorst	St. Peter	1	50	18	7	7	50	55			1	1	8	50	186	00	00	Yutan, Sanders Co., Neb.	
O. Kuhn	Humboldt	3	135	145	25	17	10	180	5	1	5	3	2	11	122	82	00	Humboldt, Neb.	
E. Lehrer	Hoskins	3	104	91	3	4	8	98	1	1	1	1	3	19	57	1	253	00	Hoskins, Wayne Co., Neb.
F. Maurer	Hoffnung	1	60	44	3	8	38	38			2	1	8	45	45	275	00	Harbine, Neb.	
Vacant	Lincoln	1	83	40	11	7	12	40	7		1	1	6	30	17	290	00	Lincoln, Neb.	
	York	1	42	48	5	7	42	12			1	1	2	34	34	82	00	York, Neb.	
Ministers, 7.																			
15	1194	971	118	68	56	1004	25	124	18	13	16	80	608	1	577	00	4918	00	
Ursinus Classis.																			
Carl Gustav Zipf	Wheatland	2	308	290	176	12	9				2	2	1	75	240	950	00	Wheatland, Iowa.	
Andreas Hoeker *	Marengo	3	204	170	125	13	15				3	3	80	80	56	400	00	* Marengo, Iowa.	
Eduard Scheidt	Bethana	1	238	120	85	3	11				4	2	130	287	70	1035	00	Baxter, Iowa.	
John Link	Schaller	1	164	60	86	6	2				1	1	36	70	00	550	00	Schaller, Iowa.	
Keemat Kirrhefer	Zoar	1	184	104	86	6	8				1	1	50	1	130	750	00	Baxter, Iowa.	
Friedrich Mosebach	Salem	1	389	77	67	5	7				2	1	36	95	00	435	00	Crocker, Iowa.	
Elías E. Grunstein	Monticello	1	265	230	190	21	12				1	1	80	1	94	800	00	Monticello, Iowa.	
Samuel Elliker, Jr.	St. John's	1	78	46	80	10	4				1	1	46	49	00	505	00	Meibourne, Iowa.	
Jacob Kuhn	Zoar and Zwingli	2	60	55	35	8	12				1	2	20	7	00	200	00	Fort Dodge, Iowa.	
Dirk Siemsen	Odebolt	2	65	42	65	10	5				1	2	35	6	00	350	00	Odebolt, Iowa.	
J. C. Krellmann																			
Ministers, 10.																			
15	1425	1194	996	82	15	19	44	17	13	588	2	1034	00	6035	00				
Missouri Classis.																			
A. Bolliger	Hope and St. John	2	251	230	210	19	4				6	5	22	90	356	00	800	00	Avenue City, Mo.
J. Bohler	Zoar	1	90	65	70	7	1				1	1	15	75	30	395	00	Frairie City, Mo.	
J. Kaerim	Hebron and Zion	2	122	84	105	4	1				2	3	13	95	84	00	250	00	Lowry City, Mo.
O. Roehrig	Salem and Zion	2	113	96	53	12	16				4	2	19	138	14	610	00	Potsdam, Mo.	
W. F. Horstmeier	Salem	1	251	260	178	58	26				4	2	1	30	231	79	00	St. Louis, Mo.	
J. Beyer	Zion	1	115	60	67	8	5				5	1	6	50	450	00	00	Sta. B. St. Joe, Mo.	
K. L. Kenn	Immanuel and Bethesda	2	75	40	80	4	2				1	1	4	25	28	00	175	00	Appleton City, Mo.
N. Joss	Ebenezer	1	17	15	13	1	1				2	1	2	3	18	00	147	00	St. Joe, Mo.
J. G. Fetzer																			Wirth, Sharp Co., Ark.
J. Ziegler																			Avenue City, Mo.

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C. M. Hartzel	Latrobe.....	320	301	170	15	3	20	18	14	10	4	3	2	46	980	447	92	1635	00	Latrobe, Pa.	
J. N. Bauman	Grace.....	257	217	200	25	4	15	13	15	8	3	1	1	18	182	303	00	2818	67	Jeanette, Pa.	
J. H. Mickle	St. John's.....	207	188	142	11	3	12	16	8	3	3	1	1	18	182	202	00	1214	00	Jonestown, Pa.	
D. A. Souders	Irwin.....	350	313	292	19	1	17	4	10	11	3	2	2	26	214	513	00	3011	81	Irwin, Pa.	
C. W. Summy	Pine Run.....	280	257	196	7	1	13	8	16	2	2	2	2	21	208	458	86	1049	00	North Washington, Pa.	
J. M. Evans	Denmark Manor.....	288	243	168	15	3	8	16	3	10	1	1	1	16	194	403	81	925	00	Harrison City, Pa.	
E. D. Meixell	Scottsdale.....	186	173	80	10	4	6	12	4	10	1	1	1	16	125	261	45	813	70	Scottsdale, Pa.	
D. S. Stephan	Youngstown.....	221	177	141	16	5	12	5	5	2	7	2	3	30	115	169	33	725	55	Latrobe, Pa.	
T. S. Land	Brush Creek.....	286	258	114	16	8	5	12	5	2	7	2	2	23	180	403	00	1315	00	Manor Station, Pa.	
S. B. Mase	Second Greensburg.....	275	252	100	7	1	3	12	1	10	4	1	1	20	125	656	00	2787	50	Greensburg, Pa.	
W. H. Tussing	Alt Pleasant.....	289	249	149	11	6	13	16	9	2	2	3	2	31	240	196	00	1645	00	Greensburg, Pa.	
D. J. Wolf	Ruffsdale.....	236	248	178	19	28	14	2	2	5	3	3	3	46	238	196	00	1226	00	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	
C. E. Wagner	Salem.....	241	199	119	11	8	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	23	125	257	00	1262	00	Delmont, Pa.	
H. S. Garner	Pleasant, Unity-Har.....	288	268	140	20	4	17	23	9	3	2	3	3	30	178	275	00	1263	00	Pleasant Unity, Pa.	
C. R. Ferner	Bugs Manager Pub. Bldg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
John McO'Neill	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Salina, Pa.
Lucien Cort	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Scottdale, Pa.
Ministers, 19.	Charges, 16.	31	4745	4124	2768	265	54	238	181	107	81	47	31	20	439	3176	4	6237	67	25633	28
Clarion Classis.																					
Robert C. Bowling	Kittanning.....	262	204	179	12	3	5	9	7	19	3	2	1	15	70	235	00	1425	00	Kittanning, Pa.	
Robert E. Crum	DuBois.....	302	246	273	11	5	6	12	4	18	5	2	3	36	273	922	00	1214	00	DuBois, Pa.	
Richard F. Gass	Red Bank.....	341	332	146	13	10	5	2	4	16	4	4	4	46	205	308	00	1280	00	Lawthorn, Pa.	
David W. Kerr	St. John's.....	230	183	145	11	1	11	32	26	3	3	3	4	45	275	240	00	900	00	Worthville, Pa.	
Lucien W. Showers	Plum Creek.....	322	19	288	23	3	11	14	12	72	2	4	36	227	266	246	00	600	00	Elderton, Pa.	
John N. Naly	Apollo.....	137	146	100	16	3	11	19	13	11	2	1	1	16	88	122	00	716	00	Apollo, Pa.	

St Paul Classis.

A. M. Keifer	.....	1	482	427	185	22	9	43	35	2	.....	5	.....	1	26	208	1	403	00	2448	00	Greenville, Pa.
Without charge	.....	3	164	146	56	6	1	5	5	2	2	2	2	3	37	48	1	146	45	674	06	Saegertown, Pa.
Grove City	.....	4	621	540	229	19	2	21	6	6	9	11	1	1	47	388	2	389	77	1225	04	Grove City, Pa.
Shenango	.....	1	169	131	117	7	1	6	2	2	.....	.....	.....	1	8	112	.....	620	91	620	91	Sharon, Pa.
St. Paul	.....	1	241	198	107	9	1	11	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	160	.....	119	50	1172	00	Meadville, Pa.
Meadville	.....	1	183	166	72	4	2	8	6	5	1	5	1	1	16	116	.....	168	41	563	23	New Hamburg, Pa.
New Hamburg	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	St. Louis, Mo.
S. S. Missionary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Without charge	.....	4	287	265	180	2	1	7	10	5	2	3	3	3	27	147	.....	213	59	2521	64	Cochran, Pa.
Zion	.....	2	243	238	129	4	1	7	4	6	4	1	2	2	18	108	1	175	27	700	00	Meadville, Pa.
Watson Run	.....	2	204	174	39	2	.....	8	4	2	3	.....	.....	2	18	73	.....	154	50	510	00	Saegertown, Pa.
Saegertown	.....	2	176	139	.....	3	.....	6	2	.....	36	2	.....	2	22	137	.....	61	50	492	30	Sharpsville, Pa.
Sharpsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sharpsville, Pa.
Ministers, 13.	.....	21	2811	2455	1231	76	17	116	83	35	22	36	22	20	222	134	5	1864	91	10688	74	.....
Charges, 10.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Retired	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Somerset Classis	.....	4	328	269	107	9	10	6	6	.....	4	4	4	4	44	195	.....	296	00	1330	00	Wellersburg, Pa.
Benjamin Knepper	.....	1	256	232	183	11	3	12	8	2	5	2	1	21	152	.....	233	00	920	00	Somerset, Pa.	
Hiram King	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wellersburg, Pa.
Abner E. Kremer, D. D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Somerset, Pa.
William Rupp, D. D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Berlin, Pa.
Addison C. Snyder, Ph. D.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Without charge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Sammel C. Long	.....	1	208	188	115	6	4	15	8	3	32	3	.....	3	30	173	.....	152	00	391	00	Boquet, Pa.
Edgar S. Hassler	.....	2	286	245	196	16	4	18	8	3	9	4	1	2	30	204	.....	254	00	991	00	Jennerstown, Pa.
Daniel H. Leader	2	356	280	123	14	3	15	8	3	3	1	2	33	211	383	00	1060	00	Keim, Pa.
Franklin Wetzel	.....	4	257	240	148	6	4	33	9	1	1	3	.....	2	22	158	.....	220	00	4153	00	Elk Lick, Pa.
Albert E. Truxal, D. D.	.....	1	431	362	187	28	11	13	4	2	4	2	2	1	27	269	1	589	00	1524	00	Stoyersdale, Pa.
Eugene P. Skyles	.....	3	365	309	224	20	5	13	2	6	3	.....	.....	2	4	2	2	224	00	867	00	Meyersdale, Pa.
John T. Balliet	.....	3	214	148	107	10	2	18	5	3	.....	.....	.....	2	23	103	.....	135	00	476	00	Berlin, Pa.
Orban C. Gutelius	.....	2	89	65	50	12	2	20	42	11	20	1	1	1	10	76	.....	238	00	973	00	Rockwood, Pa.
Conrad A. Hausier	.....	1	307	183	199	24	11	6	2	.....	6	1	1	1	25	363	.....	58	00	165	00	Cumberland, Md.
* John D. Hunsicker	.....	4	349	242	325	14	24	3	9	.....	19	5	4	39	239	.....	115	00	361	00	Glencoe, Pa.	
Adolphus Walker	.....	5	206	89	57	4	1	20	16	2	.....	.....	.....	1	11	106	.....	52	00	301	00	Hyndman, Pa.
B. Knepper, supply	.....	1	37	26	17	10	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	37	.....	16	00	64	00	Wellersburg, Pa.
E. S. Hassler, supply	.....	1	38	30	22	4	1	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	45	.....	15	00	98	00	Garrett, Pa.
Edie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Garrett, Pa.
Mill Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Garrett, Pa.
Ministers, 16.	39	3727	2918	2060	188	26	224	140	75	1	87	52	10	31	394	2578	2	2980	00	15074	00
Charges, 13.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Allegheny Classis.	.....	1	317	310	161	13	1	13	28	16	43	8	4	1	16	100	1	1800	00	4200	00	Pittsburg, Pa.
John H. Prugh, D. D.	.....	2	372	356	274	42	5	21	14	11	20	3	1	2	39	400	1	1780	00	3425	00	Butler, Pa.
Daniel N. Harnish	.....	1	84	75	66	12	1	12	6	.....	3	.....	.....	2	19	125	.....	102	00	707	00	Braddock, Pa.
A. K. Kline	.....	1	390	475	96	44	11	1	1	.....	4	4	4	1	20	196	1	35	00	958	00	Pittsburg, Pa.
Frank Ferenczi	.....	1	225	175	94	8	2	6	2	6	7	3	1	1	22	192	1	288	00	550	00	Harmony, Pa.
A. J. Heller, D. D.	.....	1	293	254	98	16	3	23	26	.....	4	2	4	1	20	212	.....	277	00	5586	00	Pittsburg, Pa.
C. L. Alsopach	1	57	89	57	3	4	8	25	6	1	15	121	95	00	825	00	New Kensington, Pa.	
H. W. Br ght	New Kensington, Pa.	

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		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Removal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Number of Teachers.		Officers and Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
J. G. Walter.....	St. Mark's.....	124	105	67	5	1	10	17	4	1	1	2	1	12	109	2000	00	Pittsburg, Pa.		
C. F. Althouse.....	Fairview.....	340	322	146	9	11	73	24	10	3	5	1	2	31	276	257	00	Baldwin, Pa.		
J. A. Leuzinger.....	Bethany.....	148	128	53	19	8	27	26	3	2	1	2	20	108	148	00	Butler, Pa.			
A. H. Smith.....	McKeesport.....	101	82	53	6	3	5	3	0	7	3	1	15	121	159	00	McKeesport, Pa.			
J. E. Kerlin.....	St. Paul's, Sugar Creek.....	181	105	12	2	22	16	6	6	3	1	13	67	35	00	459	00	Adams, Pa.		
T. R. Dietz.....	Calvary.....	122	95	6	3	1	3	7	3	1	1	18	123	100	00	204	00	Turtle Creek, Pa.		
Vacant.....	Evans City.....	146	89	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	13	97	9	00	525	00	Turtle Creek, Pa.	
Chas. Knepper.....	Without charge.....																		Carnegie, Pa.	
P. C. Prugh, D. D.....	Supt. of Orphan Home.....																		Butler, Pa.	
A. M. Schmidt.....	Field Sec. F. & M. College.....																		Lancaster, Pa.	
E. H. Oetting.....	Without charge.....																		Warren, O.	
D. G. Klein.....	".....																		Butler, Pa.	
Emil Muehe.....	".....																		Lancaster, Pa.	
John Kovacs.....	Hungarian Missionary.....																		Warren, O.	
Ministers, 20.	Charges, 15.	3164	3083	1388	198	37	226	203	78	91	39	20	16	233	2045	3	7185	00	Denver, Col.	
V. Potomac Synod.																			Yorktown Asso., Canada.	
Classis of Zion.																				
Aaron Spangler.....	Trinity.....	583	430	272	35	8	6	6	6	1	12	1	1	1	1	223	00	1270	00	York, Pa.
Oliver P. Shellhammer.....	Paradise.....	1000	839	500	71	12	99	15	6	7	22	9	1	1	1	610	00	5082	00	York, Pa.
Aaron H. Letisz.....	Without charge.....																			Host, Berks Co., Pa.
Morgan A. Peters.....	Heidelberg, York.....	465	382	200	30	3	22	27	6	13	4	1	1	1	1	733	00	2700	00	East Manchu Chunk, Pa.
Francis C. Yost.....	Kreutz Creek.....	372	294	300	42	4	13	7	4	2	5	1	1	1	1	309	00	2425	00	York, Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher.....	Glen Rock.....	438	369	230	15	23	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	738	00	1065	00	Hellam, Pa.
Gerny Weber.....	Shrewsbury.....	425	368	271	31	24	13	4	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	230	00	1490	00	Glen Rock, Pa.
Hiram J. Hillgass.....	St. John's.....	252	223	209	14	1	13	20	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	63	00	600	00	Shrewsbury, Pa.
Charles P. Kehl.....	Grace Reformed, York.....	252	223	209	14	1	13	20	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	504	00	2281	00	Red Lion, Pa.
H. M. John Klein.....	Dillsburg.....	269	159	139												51	00	700	00	York, Pa.
George W. Shellenberger.....	Bethany Mission, York.....	400	350	129												505	00	3512	00	Dillsburg, Pa.
A. Theodore Wright.....	Trinity First Ref., York.....	443	321	280	37	1	21	6	3	21	9	15	15	15	15	218	00	5000	00	York, Pa.
Vacant.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	33	28	46												25	00	75	00	York, Pa.
Chas. P. Kehl, supply.....	Locust Grove Cong.....	18	10	4												8	00	275	00	York, Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher, supply.....	Memorial Ref., York.....	71																		York, Pa.
Vacant.....																				York, Pa.
Ministers, 13.	Charges, 15.	4875	3974	2696	285	25	257	98	35	55	73	43	3	3	3	4417	00	26515	00	York, Pa.

Lewis T. Lampe.....	1	108	96	72	5	1	5	1	108	4	1	130	00	Lovettsville, Va.
R. Raymond Jones.....	2	182	145	63	3	2	9	8	76	00	1	674	00	Middlebrook, Va.
Supplied.....	1	16	8	1	1	1	1	1	6	00	1	105	00	Roanoke, Va.
S. Ellis Hay.....	1	22	22	1	1	1	1	1	25	00	1	174	00	
Supplied.....	1	17	10	5	1	1	1	2	25	00	1	174	00	
Vacant.....	1	19	15	15	1	1	1	1	25	00	1	174	00	
Ministers, 16,	33	2507	2037	1251	74	63	106	74	45	15	48	3273	00	
Charges, 17,														
Classis of N. Carolina.														
Thomas Long.....														Salem, N. C.
Jesse W. Cecil.....														Thomasville, N. C.
John Ingle.....														Green Park, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.....														Newton, N. C.
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.....														Newton, N. C.
Michael L. Hedrick.....														Silver Hill, N. C.
John A. Foil, Ph. D.....	3	214	186	120	10	19	1	1	1	1	4	95	00	Newton, N. C.
Paul Barringer.....	3	242	209	118	1	28	4	2	2	4	1	302	00	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy.....														Hickory, N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard, B. D.....	4	163	157	180	12	2	6	4	1	1	1	73	00	Crescent, N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly.....	2	356	316	136	11	3	22	1	3	21	8	150	00	Danville, N. C.
James H. Shuford.....	4	453	296	126	10	2	11	2	5	22	2	139	00	Middlebrook, Va.
Harvey A. M. Holshouser.....	2	333	223	222	18	1	30	4	1	28	5	280	00	Lexington, N. C.
William H. McNairy.....														Rockwell, N. C.
B. Frank Davis.....	2	200	196	127	17	1	10	5	6	11	2	86	00	Westchester, Pa.
Anthony Shulenberger.....	3	176	132	38	6	11	19	6	2	20	4	49	00	China Grove, N. C.
Clarence Clapp.....	1	16	16	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	00	Thomasville, N. C.
Wm. H. Stubblebine.....	1	345	265	127	16	4	19	7	3	1	3	169	00	Maiden, N. C.
Theodore C. Hesson.....	3	343	257	149	7	1	3	3	3	3	3	330	00	McKee, N. C.
Lewis M. Kerschner.....	4	162	127	60	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	169	00	Conover, N. C.
Charles H. Riedesel.....	1	155	113	60	2	1	1	1	4	3	2	83	00	Newton, N. C.
Wm. A. Long, Ph. D.....	1	57	35	41	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	30	00	Concord, N. C.
Vacant.....	3	94	69	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	00	Burlington, N. C.
J. D. Andrews, Supply.....	1	30	20	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	00	Blowing Rock, N. C.
J. L. Murphy, Supply.....	1	8	8	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	00	Lenoir, N. C.
P. M. Trexler, Supply.....	1	8	8	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	00	Lenoir, N. C.
Ministers 23,	43	3301	2611	1480	133	23	140	47	34	110	42	1508	00	
Charges, 17,														
Classis of Gettysburg.														
William K. Zieher, D. D.....														Hanover, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D. D.....	2	392	350	380	20	6	8	5	6	12	12	345	00	Lancaster, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley, D. D.....	4	710	625	490	44	2	31	2	11	8	12	478	00	Gettysburg, Pa.
John H. Hartman.....	3	800	775	590	55	4	41	3	6	2	16	380	00	Codorus, Pa.
Franklin A. Guth.....														Littletown, Pa.
Walter B. Krebs.....	3	725	665	475	42	1	36	14	13	2	18	522	00	Littletown, Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman.....	1	420	344	185	11	1	16	9	9	1	1	1494	00	Hanover, Pa.
George B. Resser.....	1	340	274	150	12	1	24	16	4	6	2	322	00	Littletown, Pa.
George P. Stem.....	2	226	194	97	9	4	14	8	2	2	2	102	00	Hanover, Pa.
Edward D. Miller.....														McKnightstown, Pa.
J. Marion Micky.....														McKnightstown, Pa.

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Ger. Philadelphia Clas.																		
F. W. Bertemann, D. D.	Salem's	650	580	450	124	2	41	5	3	78	685	1139	5634	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
E. H. Dippell, D. D.	Zion's	725	675	350	105	1	44	24	3	1	48	725	3953	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
F. W. Kratz	Bethlehem	500	350	300	37	1	13	20	2	1	40	404	2930	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
W. H. Qual.	Glassboro	146	137	65	23	1	8	8	2	3	17	26	579	00	Glassboro, N. J.			
J. B. Forster	Emanuel	232	185	163	60	1	16	10	1	4	36	130	1841	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
E. A. Hofer	St. Paulus	404	310	280	30	1	13	11	5	1	18	537	2837	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
Ph. Vollmer, Ph. D.	St. Paulus	610	510	300	80	2	29	71	1	2	54	410	5300	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
G. A. Scheer	St. Markus	665	630	400	139	1	79	30	1	1	10	204	4618	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
G. P. Seibel	St. John	220	140	115	17	1	1	3	1	1	10	29	177	00	Lancaster, Pa.			
L. K. Derr, D. D.	Zion	565	425	250	38	2	18	15	7	1	28	240	2700	00	Reading, Pa.			
M. F. Dumstreij	St. Lukas	250	180	135	32	1	22	6	1	1	30	56	2186	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
J. Voegelta	St. John	120	105	33	60	2	1	6	1	1	16	37	1090	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
U. O. Silvius	St. Matthew	141	129	125	73	1	16	14	1	1	22	79	1197	00	Philadelphia, Pa.			
M. A. Mishler	Berg Cong.	700	625	300	42	1	19	9	3	2	30	127	850	00	Reading, Pa.			
J. G. Kerschmor*	St. Paul	108	99	53	6	1	6	5	1	1	21	485	00	Pottstown, Pa.				
R. G. Assmann†															Philadelphia, Pa.			
G. L. Neff															Philadelphia, Pa.			
J. H. Heltcholdt															Manheim, Germany.			
J. H. I. essert															Philadelphia, Pa.			
R. G. Appel															Allentown, Pa.			
C. E. W. Beyer															Hamburg, Pa.			
Ministers, 21.	Charges, 15.	18	6038	5100	3479	801	460	351	231	35	245	127	92	20	507	5439	3	
Ger. Maryland Class.																		
M. Bachmann, D. D.	5th Ev. Ref. St. Paul's	571	431	336	80	1	39	8	1	10	15	20	1	25	276	2	Baltimore, Maryland.	
G. Faegus	1st Ref. Washington	272	212	153	43	1	12	17	3	3	2	2	1	20	200	1	Washington, D. C.	
H. C. Schuetter	Ger. Ref. Immanuel	472	387	348	44	1	21	16	3	5	7	1	1	30	300	0	Baltimore, Md.	
P. Wiand	4th Ger. Ref. St. Johns	446	281	293	30	1	21	3	3	3	6	3	1	18	143	0	Baltimore, Md.	
F. H. Land																		
J. Wiemer	Ger. Ref. Friedens	140	109	150	21	1	8	15	8	8	8	6	1	13	150	0	Baltimore, Md.	
H. Weywara	1st Ger. Ref. Jacksonville	50	30	30	4	1	5	8	3	1	3	1	30	00	0	Jacksonville, Md.		
L. H. Neger	Ger. Ref. Zion	200	160	200	26	1	7	7	5	4	5	7	1	16	164	0	Baltimore, Md.	
A. Bruchlos	Ger. Ev. Ref. Zion	67	105	114	21	1	8	12	2	1	1	1	1	14	122	0	Baltimore, Md.	
A. Darms	Ger. Ref. St. Johns	38	38	8	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	00	0	Cumberland, Md.		
																	Frederick, Md.	
	Ger. Ev. Ref. Hope	2255	1761	1832	271	2	115	86	3	1	33	36	46	8	152	1443	4	Wolf Trap, Halifax Co. Va.
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H. Holliger	1	136	70	50	19	4					42	2	1	1	21	160		64	00	1217	00	Pittsburg, Pa.
J. W. Ebbinghaus **	1	129	120	43	4	16	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	40		24	00	220	00	Zelenople, Pa.
C. Boreners ††	1	30	25	12	2	2	1								6	35		90	00	90	00	Brady's Bend, Pa.
J. Herold †																						Zelietople, Pa.
C. Scheel †																						Allegheny, Pa.
C. A. Limberg †																						Zelienople, Pa.
Ministers, 6.	3	295	215	155	25	18	7				42	3	2	3	35	235	1	88	00	1527	00	Butler, Pa.
Charges, 3.																						
I. Ref. Congregation	1	388	297	164	12	10	7	8			3				25	196		336	00	1158	00	Cleveland, Ohio.
II.	1	201	145	170	10	2	11	5	4	19	4				21	175	1	271	00	1250	00	Cleveland, O.
III.	1	450	403	202	32	28	20	3		2	7				28	240		261	00	1348	00	Cleveland, O.
IV.	1	341	212	140	25	16	7	6		2	1				31	235	3	205	00	927	00	Cleveland, O.
Vacant	1	194	126	56	13	23	2			7	2				12	100		28	00	185	00	Cleveland, O.
E. A. Fuensmueck	1	395	200	200	20	16				18	3				23	229		120	00	1020	00	Cleveland, O.
Wm. Dreher	1	137	129	89	12	8	15	8		2	2				16	110		29	00	650	00	Cleveland, O.
H. J. Ruetenik	1	92	92	51	3	8	9			5	2				15	110	3	76	00	500	00	Cleveland, O.
A. J. Franz	1	600	580	650	94	48	25	14		12	13				38	465	1	145	00	2400	00	Cleveland, O.
H. Gramm	1	374	290	220	12	14				2	5				26	198		164	00	1294	00	Sandusky, Ohio.
Vacant	1	52	40	25	1	1				3	1				5	20		12	00	240	00	Monroeville, O.
Monroeville Cong ^W	1	285	190	150	14	6	3	1		3	4				24	220		358	00	1573	00	Vermlion, O.
A. C. Pretzer	2	488	365	215	23	23	16	4		5	7				25	183	1	65	00	1716	00	Youngstown, O.
Fr. Mayer	1	263	203	172	4	17	4			6	10				10	45		72	00	520	00	Tiffin, O.
Jacob D. Buehrer	1	170	120	134	5										1	10		41	00	282	00	Ceylon, O.
H. Nau	2	106	98	97	6	1				1					3	40		45	00	400	00	Birmingham, O.
Vacant	1	95	40	53	5	6				1					15	58		31	00	1500	00	Kellys Island, O.
L. C. Rettig	1	78	65	60	6	6	35			1					5	60		12	00	75	00	Glenville, O.
J. S. Kosower	1	30	20	14		6				8					4	24		25	00	200	00	Lorain, O.
W. Braun	1	82	55	40	7	11	2			1					4	25		25	00	200	00	Cleveland, O.
W. Renter	1																					Cleveland, O.
A. Becker	1																					Cleveland, O.
M. Vitz	1																					Cleveland, O.
H. Trautmanu	1																					Cleveland, O.
Emeritus	1																					Cleveland, O.
Chr. Schiller	1	294	200	22																		Cleveland, O.
Vacant	1																					Cleveland, O.
Hungarian Ref. Cong. ***	23	5105	3891	2636	303	5	242	163	54	95	69	36	21	356	2849	5	2461	00	18418	00		
Charges, 21.																						
Limna †	1	425	425	225	27	13	8	6		8					15	200	2	250	00	1600	00	Lima, O.
Upper Sandusky	2	314	258	183	10	1	10	19	3	5	6				27	229		285	00	835	00	Upper Sandusky, O.

* Supply. † Without charge. ‡ Serves in addition an independent congregation, which contributed twenty-five dollars for benevolent purposes. †† Temporarily served by Rev. J. P. Kerlin. †† Serves two independent congregations in accordance with the Ref. church ritual; Contributions for benev. purposes, one hundred and eight dollars. ‡ Serves an indep. cong., which contrib, five dollars for benev. purposes. † Without charge. † Emeritus. †† Served by Rev. H. Gramm. ‡ Served by Rev. H. Nau. *** Report of last year. * The larger number of Communicants arises from the fact that many Students commune who are members elsewhere. †† Vacant.

MINISTERS.

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		LOSSES.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.											
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re- newal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Eradication of Names.	Communicants.	Deaths.		Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.						
Frederick W. Engelmann.	Findlay	1	76	72	33	2	9	1	1	76	2	1	1	38	45	00	487	00	Findlay, Ohio.						
Peter Greding.	Riley Creek	2	307	195	218	7	4	2	3	307	2	16	198	91	00	540	00	Bluffton, O.							
Carl Hartmann.	Whetstone	2	252	117	115	10	4	2	4	252	6	23	153	49	00	600	00	New Winchester, O.							
Conrad Hassel	Galion	1	610	425	360	27	8	4	1	15	8	29	279	144	00	1400	00	Galion, O.							
Peter S. Kohler	Crestline	1	273	214	169	15	2	3	2	15	3	23	143	152	00	1005	00	Crestline, O.							
Moritz Noll	New Knoxville	1	716	515	503	34	1	6	19	19	10	2	80	455	6	2036	00	New Knoxville, O.							
Henry B. Robrock	Bucyrus	1	160	115	70	2	6	1	5	1	1	1	78	1	29	00	1210	00	Bucyrus, O.						
Philipp Ruhl	Kenton	2	324	260	150	12	2	3	12	3	3	28	230	94	00	1100	00	Kenton, O.							
Carl M. Schaaf	Prospect	2	189	148	119	5	11	2	3	12	4	1	82	88	00	780	00	Prospect, O.							
Carl Schmitt	Friedens - Immanuel	2	130	112	45	7	1	1	4	1	2	15	82	46	00	400	00	Galion, O.							
William A. Settlage	Delphos-Spencerville	3	124	80	60	6	8	2	1	1	2	6	65	98	00	680	00	Delphos, O.							
William E. Shaley	New Bremen	1	167	127	67	7	1	2	8	1	1	22	122	1	338	00	2477	00	New Bremen, O.						
Philipp Steinhage	Friedens (Shelby Co.) *	1	43	40	39	1	1	1	1	43	1	1	34	91	00	138	00	Waldo, O.							
John Voigt	Waldo	4	190	160	120	8	5	24	9	4	4	2	16	137	105	00	710	00	Carrollers, O.						
John Winter	Ashland	3	263	147	81	2	2	3	2	2	2	16	137	64	00	710	00	Galion, O.							
Frank C. Witthoff	Marion	1	25	25	5	5	1	1	1	2	2	1	5	36	00	277	00	Galion, O.							
Christian Baderischer	St. Mary's	2	168	138	150	9	2	5	12	2	1	18	158	46	00	689	00	Marion, O.							
Christian Lober	St. Paul's	1	300	120	225	24	10	10	16	1	16	1	200	200	00	500	00	St. Mary's, O.							
Ernst R. C. Meyer	Without charge.	1	200	180	40	14	3	2	2	2	2	1	10	130	100	00	500	00	North Robinson, O.						
William Spies	Emeritus																		E. Wayne, Ind.						
John H. Klein	Emeritus																		Decatur, Ind.						
H. W. Kueckermann	Emeritus																		Louisville, Ky.						
F. William Marcus	Invalid.																		New Knoxville, O.						
Ministers 24.	Charges, 21.	33	4766	3573	2712	180	16	181	87	52	1	70	64	21	30	374	2088	11	5047	00	17785	00	Galion, O.		
St. John's Classis.																									
F. Strasser	S. Market Street Ref.	1	62	51	28	10	9	16	3	1	15	183	30	315	1	490	00	769	00	Canton, O.					
Jacob Dahmann	First German Ref.	1	564	480	255	31	14	17	6	23	11	6	3	44	288	200	00	3775	00	Akron, O.					
J. H. Beck	Waynesburg	3	271	211	135	12	4	3	11	4	10	4	1	85	13	00	200	00	Waynesburg, O.						
	Helvetia	3	180	100	70	3	3	17	212	1	1	17	212	1	52	00	1189	00	Helvetia, W. Va.						
L. M. Weiss	St. Paul's	1	400	252	245	18	6	25	5	14	1	4	1	18	100	75	00	1300	00	Mt. Eaton, O.					
A. G. Schneider	First Ger. Ev. Reformed	1	225	145	60	10	10	5	1	14	1	1	18	100	37	00	742	00	Kellaire, O.						
C. H. Lehmann	Ragersville	2	565	300	306	16	1	25	1	9	6	2	39	256	1	337	00	732	00	Ragersville, O.					
F. W. Grether	Friedens	2	238	216	190	8	26	7	12	4	4	2	208	218	1	192	00	740	00	Hartsville, O.					
W. H. Keller	Stone Creek	2	337	224	211	11	31	12	1	8	5	2	36	283	1	134	00	647	00	New Philadelphia, O.					
F. C. Nau	Christ	1	304	270	115	11	5	19	7	4	8	5	22	198	1	186	00	550	00	Orrville, O.					
	First Reformed	1	625	436	328	46	11	51	47	6	60	12	13	40	400	319	00	1756	00	Canton, O.					

L. D. Baus.....	2	325	173	195	13	7	19	21	2	17	4	2	23	218	55	00	Walnut Creek, O.	
A. Zimmermann.....	3	306	196	.....	7	4	25	8	2	5	5	1	13	175	71	00	Shanesville, O.
J. Schweikhardt.....	1	212	200	136	16	5	8	5	1	5	5	1	22	128	194	00	Wheeling, W. Va.	
A. E. Schade.....	1	179	124	35	14	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	67	43	00	Alliance, O.
E. G. Williams.....	2	246	158	.....	8	2	23	2	17	1	1	2	14	117	25	00	Glenmont, Holmes Co., O.
F. W. Leitch.....	1	357	334	175	10	1	19	16	3	33	7	2	23	284	74	00	New Philadelphia, O.	
Fr. Grether.....	1	411	275	270	15	8	19	3	4	9	1	1	23	286	109	00	New Bedford, O.	
J. A. Keller.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. Dolch ?.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charges, 18.																		
<i>Cincinnati Classis.</i>	29	5847	4135	2804	265	59	333	175	67	215	72	43	26	422	3783	5	.....
John Bachmann.....	1	507	410	290	39	24	9	.....	.....	11	5	4	1	35	450	1	Cincinnati, O.
Ferd O. Zesch.....	1	874	355	305	40	22	43	8	1	66	13	3	1	46	479	554	00	Cincinnati, O.
..... †	1	397	355	162	27	1	1	2	2	4	3	3	1	26	278	1	.....
Anton Seyring.....	1	179	170	102	23	10	8	1	24	1	6	1	10	140	30	00	St. Bernard, O.
John H. Rettig.....	2	550	228	231	6	11	11	11	1	1	2	43	140	121	00	Covington, Ky.
Adolf Krampe.....	1	165	136	145	9	5	5	11	1	1	1	17	75	57	00	Rising Sun, Ind.
Julius Vollprecht.....	1	103	67	34	8	7	2	.....	.....	3	3	3	3	32	33	00	Florence, Ind.
Ernst M. Preuss.....	4	280	238	213	19	18	2	2	4	4	4	22	233	30	00	Beaver, O.
W. H. Fennemann.....	1	122	109	27	2	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	00	Hamilton, O.
L. D. Benner.....	1	111	73	81	15	5	17	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	00	Norwood, O.
Herman F. Limbacher.....	1	27	27	28	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	00	Dayton, O.
Wm. Feige.....	1	74	48	3	3	12	80	1	1	1	1	12	100	16	00	Willow Wood, O.
Heinr. Otte.....	1	43	38	30	1	1	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	00	Piqua, O.
L. C. Martin.....	1	135	102	50	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	00	Ironton, O.
Benj. S. Stern.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John Heckmann††	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carl Becker†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jos. L. Schatz.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wm. Dieckmann.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John Heberle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gottfried J. Reiche.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. M. Lewish.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charges, 15.																		
<i>Toledo Classis.</i>	20	3337	2560	1690	197	1	128	114	14	1	213	33	25	18	277	2424	2
H. M. Germann.....	1	620	500	260	51	23	19	4	6	14	15	1	44	264	357	00	Toledo, O.
J. Wernly.....	1	198	140	180	27	8	17	2	4	3	2	2	25	165	73	00	Toledo, O.	
E. G. Krampe.....	3	241	174	150	12	6	5	1	23	3	1	1	7	40	85	00	Defiance, O.	
Fr. Schaad.....	2	502	340	360	32	24	5	1	3	3	2	2	35	217	191	00	New Bavaria, O.
.....	4	156	129	115	8	2	2	2	14	1	3	3	95	2	49	00	Swanton, O.
J. M. Grether.....	2	84	61	64	2	2	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	00	Haskins, O.
B. E. Lienkaemper.....	1	173	90	200	49	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	00	Detroit, Mich.
C. Baum.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Served by W. E. Shaley of New Bremen. † Independent congregations and not added to the sums below excepting Minutes of Synod. Students for the Ministry under care of Heidelberg Classis : A. Steinebrey, N. Vitz, D. Raiser, H. Cook, H. Clausing, H. Settlage, W. Meckstroth, W. Kriemier. ‡ Vacant. § Editor of Kirchenzeitung. ¶ Superintendent of Deaconess Home, Dayton, O. †† Supplies an independent congregation. ††† Supplies a Presbyter-ian congregation. †††† Congregation elected Rev. F. H. Diehm.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		LOSSES.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant.	Adult.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Uncommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Communicants.	Deaths.		Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Abr. Schneck	Bethany	110	80	78	6	6	1	1	12	112	1	189 00	500 00	Detroit, Mich.	
N. Ruetenik	West Bay City	53	50	40	6	2	2	1	8	70	1	13 00	250 00	West Bay City, Mich.	
Geo. Loos	Port Hope	111	93	108	6	12	3	1	12	65	1	16 00	400 00	Port Hope, Mich.	
Vacant	St. Johns	92	75	2	2	8	1	1	10	72	1	34 00	237 00		
Ministers, 10.	Charges, 11.	2243	1714	1628	201	87	54	26	74	33	25	1149 00	9920 00		
VIII. Interior Synod.															
<i>Illinois Classis.</i>															
Joseph Sechler	Fin. Agt. College of N. Ill.													Lena, Illinois.	
Robt. F. Oplinger	Without Charge													Laylorville, Ill.	
John Kerker	Superannuated													Bloomington, Ill.	
Daniel N. Frantz	Mt. Zion	103	91	51	7	4	9	4				152 00	868 00	Bloomington, Ill.	
Henry L. Bean	Pres. College of N. Ill.													Dakota, Ill.	
Geo. P. Hartzell	Astoria	59	57	69	1		5	2				104 98	407 50	Sumnum, Ill.	
John M. Kendig, D. D.*	Grace Ref. Chicago †	39	29	6	2	1	3	4				60 74	722 37	Youngstown, O.	
Lucian J. Mayer	Forreston	155	139	93	7		2	9	1	5	1	277 98	985 00	Forreston, Ill.	
Henry C. Blosser	Orangeville	105	91	53	1	1	2	1	6	2		259 00	736 00	Orangeville, Ill.	
Chas. V. Molnar	Bohemian and Moravian	52	49	54	3	4	4	1				19 65	91 49	Chicago, Ill.	
Abner S. Dechant	Brethren Ref. Church													Forreston, Ill.	
Ernest E. Weaver	Supt. of Missions.	60	53	49	8		1	1	2			46 79	344 75	Mill Creek, Ill.	
Geo. S. Gill	Edinburg	84	75	82	2	1	4		18	1		95 13	1117 84	Edinburg, Ill.	
L. C. Summer, supply	Altamont	80	80	36	1	1	14	5	1			81 52	223 20	Altamont, Ill.	
John F. Bair**	Shelby	65	60	45	3							23 00	34 80	Shelbyville, Ill.	
Samuel A. Stamm†	Shiloh	55	37	36			1	2	2			43 26	289 78	Freeport, Ill.	
Vacant	Dakota §	57	50	29			1	4	4			307 00	283 00	Dakota, Ill.	
Ministers 16.	Charges, 12.	983	814	594	34	7	36	18	43	6	6	1471 05	6983 73		
<i>Iowa Classis.</i>															
J. A. Hunsicker	Tipton	65	53	32	4		4					88 50	581 98	Tipton, Iowa.	
W. B. Jackson	Grace	55	44	3	2	3	9					123 60	243 40	Liscomb, Iowa.	
F. C. Bauman	St. Paul	23	16	9	1	1	1					26 75	192 30	Grundy Center, Iowa.	
L. P. Krome	Zwingle	48	45	80	11	3	7	12	3	3		135 00	402 30	Zwingle, Iowa.	
Calvin Foster	Grace	98	88	38	1	6	10	4	5	3		201 00	557 00	Lisbon, Iowa.	
E. D. Lantz	St. John	46	41	5			7	2				34 00	150 00	Brandon, Iowa.	
	Brandon	26	20	3	1	4	7	1				24 00	205 00	Brandon, Iowa.	
	Lone Tree	84	76	16	3	6	7	2				83 97	483 92	Lone Tree, Iowa.	

S. Ream	1	32	28	19	3	2	2	3	4	3	59	00	306	00	Wilton Junction, Ia.
Trinity	1	27	47	3	1	2	6	1	1	2	3	00	52	00	Wilton Junction, Ia.
Trinity	1	51	16	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	185	00	583	00	Columbus Junction, Ia.
St. Paul	1	71	00	60	5	1	2	3	3	1	74	00	330	00	Columbus Junction, Ia.
Conesville	1	81	00	3	4	1	3	3	3	1	70	00	307	00	Columbus Junction, Ia.
Union	1	34	30	20	4	5	3	3	3	1	60	00	355	00	Maquoketa, Ia.
Christ	1	28	37	5	1	1	6	6	1	1	62	00	133	00	Maquoketa, Ia.
Maquoketa, First	1	21	18	7	1	1	2	2	1	1	31	00	102	00	Maquoketa, Ia.
Boulder	1	32	22	10	1	2	6	6	1	1	30	43	184	00	Central City, Ia.
Amber	1	23	21	8	1	2	6	6	1	1	17	53	225	00	Anamosa, Ia.
Leighton	2	80	70	1	1	1	8	8	1	1	25	00	600	00	Leighton, Ia.
Vacant															Lisbon, Ia.
D. S. Fouse															Lisbon, Ia.
J. C. Beade															Monticello, Ia.
D. B. Anderson															Lisbon, Ia.
Geo. Rettig															Monticello, Ia.
D. M. Jones															Lisbon, Ia.
Ministers, 15.	20	931	798	283	30	37	59	45	33	12	133	78	6102	60	Lisbon, N. Y.
Charges, 19.															
Kansas Classis.															
W. H. Wittenwyler	1	108	65	87	4	1	12	3	3	5	78	00	586	00	Donegal, Kans.
F. H. Fisher	1	88	75	35	3	3	3	5	3	11	75	00	415	00	Hiawatha, Kans.
G. W. Remagen	1	118	100	39	3	2	3	1	1	2	145	00	786	00	Fairview, Kans.
S. A. Alt	1	20	18	12	1	1	3	1	1	1	28	00	470	00	Holton, Kans.
C. A. Bushong	1	27	18	29	2	1	3	6	4	2	24	00	170	00	Holton, Kans.
J. W. Love, D. D.	1	35	28	6	1	1	1	2	2	1	146	00	689	00	Abilene, Kans.
H. S. Gekeler, Supply	1	71	63	31	1	1	12	5	3	2	39	00	113	00	Abilene, Kans.
H. Tesnow	1	71	67	17	3	2	2	10	5	4	87	00	2850	00	Kansas City, Mo.
S. Thomas	1	176	63	5	3	2	7	7	1	1	68	00	1072	00	St. Joseph, Mo.
J. Shumaker															Denver, Colo.
J. G. Martin															Bunker Hill, Kans.
Ministers, 11.	10	701	584	286	20	10	29	61	31	24	767	00	8100	00	Holton, Kans.
Without charge.															
Charges, 10.															
Wichita Classis.															
D. B. Shuey	1	55	35	27	3	3	3	3	3	4	80	00	310	00	Emporia, Kans.
L. S. Faust	1	27	26	9	2	2	2	3	3	3	40	00	70	00	Iola, Kans.
B. Griffith	1	117	68	32	1	2	10	7	2	8	132	02	744	24	Wichita, Kans.
J. R. Lewis	1	80	75	37	2	2	9	6	1	4	96	00	600	00	Cheney, Kans.
C. D. Shafer	1	38	33	24	6	2	5	3	1	9	114	00	342	54	Whitewater, Kans.
A. Casselman	1	44	34	10	4	3	4	3	4	4	48	00	185	00	Whitewater, Kans.
G. F. Mathes	1	23	14	28	2	2	2	2	2	2	41	94	61	25	Lyons, Kans.
Ministers, 7.	7	384	315	167	14	5	26	24	10	32	494	96	2373	03	Lyons, Kans.
Charges, 7.															

* Dismissed to Eastern Ohio Classis. ** Entered the field June 1, 1898, † Ordained and installed June 17, 1893. ‡ Vacant since July 1, 1898.

‡ Supplied by Rev. H. L. Beam. † September 1, Rev. L. S. Faust took charge of Emporia, and Rev. D. B. Shuey of Iola charge.

Lincoln Classis.

Thos. F. Stauffer	1	54	44	28	8	7	10	1	6	2	2	2	45 00	200 00	Lincoln, Nebraska.
Jos. E. Butler	1	63	37	50	3	2	5	3	1	1	1	1	15 00	175 00	Imogene, Iowa.
David A. Winter	1	28	13	15	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	28 23	191 50	Stoux City, Iowa.
Christian Rufener	1	48	44	25	2	2	4	2	2	1	1	1	56 00	277 00	Moville, Iowa.
F. H. Fisher †	1	96	53	63	3	5	8	4	2	1	1	1	62 74	340 66	Middleburg, Nebraska.
Simon P. Harrington †															Lincoln, Nebraska.
Gottfried Wenning §															Imogene, Iowa.
Ministers, 7.													206 97	1084 16	
Charges, 5.															

† Newly installed pastor of Lincoln Mission, Lincoln, Neb. ‡ Newly installed pastor of Imogene Charge, Imogene, Iowa.
 § Without Charge and acting supply of a Lutheran Congregation outside the bounds of this body.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 1899.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	Members.										Additions.					Losses.					Contributions.	
	Classes.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Communicants.	Commu- nated.	Uncon- firmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certifi- cate or Renew- al of Profession.	Dis- missed.	Excom- municated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths	Deaths	Deaths Uncon- firmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Con- gregational Purposes.			
Eastern Synod.....	12	325	520	95895	78405	51924	4970	428	4221	2486	1615	1938	1774	890	890	98	88,565	\$461,888				
Ohio Synod.....	6	136	231	28773	19119	5829	702	47	975	726	436	2	117	382	134	32	22,082	113,776				
Synod of North West.....	11	147	168	20356	13344	12845	1409	34	1050	687	170	4	300	288	109	27	14,861	88,558				
Pittsburg Synod.....	5	81	145	18900	15738	9749	911	110	647	761	342	5	471	257	117	12	22,677	101,801				
Potomac Synod.....	8	171	306	38808	32138	21504	1744	290	1507	1034	637	1	465	637	335	48	41,185	176,829				
German Synod of East.....	5	66	56	15188	11380	9890	1896	49	822	466	103	3	471	310	155	13	7,648	90,790				
Central Synod.....	5	100	122	21388	15764	12572	1151	44	922	669	322	4	466	169	30	12,048	89,546					
Synod of Interior.....	5	53	67	9361	5591	1360	142	65	140	145	77	1	162	42	16	7	4,340	20,846				
	57	1079	1615	237,060	188,489	125,823	12,034	1309	11,634	6974	3702	15	4782	4036	1835	267	211,374	\$1,044,014				

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

of the Reformed Church in the United States, exhibiting the results secured for the year designated at the head of each column, and also for the three years, ending in each instance with the date given :

	1884.	1887.	1890.	1893.	1896.	1899.
Synods.....	1	1	8	8	8	8
Classes.....	52	54	56	55	55	57
Ministers.....	783	802	835	885	961	1,029
Congregations.....	1,465	1,481	1,554	1,583	1,639	1,660
Members.....	169,530	183,980	200,498	212,830	226,572	242,299
Members unconfirmed.....	103,112	108,724	112,486	121,057	125,779	125,752
Baptisms, infants, given year	12,665	14,199	14,605	14,526	13,758	13,816
" infants, in three years	38,737	42,299	42,808	42,658	43,075	42,357
" adults, given year	1,017	1,741	1,595	1,564	1,966	1,880
" adults, in three years	3,988	4,254	4,569	4,753	5,480	5,782
Confirmed, given year.....	9,233	10,733	10,759	10,758	11,792	11,647
" in three years.....	27,223	30,558	31,583	32,392	33,646	34,775
Certificate, given year.....	5,043	5,582	6,561	7,431	7,267	7,360
" in three years.....	14,046	16,472	18,558	21,045	22,619	22,472
Communed, given year.....	136,897	146,436	155,118	169,314	182,435	194,921
Dismissed, given year.....	2,122	2,551	3,061	3,292	3,483	3,787
" in three years.....	5,819	7,250	8,700	9,872	10,594	10,864
Excommunicated, given year...	68	38	55	26	27	23
" in three years.....	227	168	139	122	45	67
Erased, given year.....	1,699	2,381	3,117	3,975	4,950	5,194
" in three years.....	5,251	6,301	8,640	10,753	13,239	15,877
Deaths, given year.....	4,787	4,638	5,107	6,130	5,693	5,142
" in three years.....	15,292	14,207	15,250	16,645	16,166	16,131
Sunday-schools, given year....	1,378	1,422	1,513	1,533	1,644	1,466
Officers and Teachers, given year.....			3,967	13,319	20,096	24,770
Sunday-school Scholars, given year.....	114,720	122,695	138,616	149,023	172,458	182,134
Stud'ts for ministry, given year	145	186	285	285	304	273
Benevolent contrib., given year	\$101,148	\$141,122	\$161,078	\$236,321	\$204,401	\$202,726
" in three years.....	327,888	382,493	479,625	649,892	676,271	630,630
Cong. purposes, given year.....	779,572	804,321	874,053	1,060,229	1,066,709	1,033,791
" in three years..	2,193,018	2,298,228	2,580,945	3,022,174	3,067,780	3,216,556

NOTE—As the statistical reports of the several classes in the current triennial year can not be obtained in time for the use of the General Synod, the statistical tables of the several District Synods of the *previous* year, as officially ordered, are made the basis for the statistics of the Minutes of General Synod. They are therefore about one year old, when published in the Minutes of General Synod, and somewhat incorrect at the time of the given date.

Yet, bearing these facts in mind, the above comparative statistics will be found to be of an interesting and instructive character, showing that the Reformed Church in the United States is making steady and substantial progress, and under the Divine blessing accomplishing commendable results. The growth or increase during the past three years '96. '97. '98. as compared with the triennial summary of 1896 is as follows:—68 Ministers; 21 Congregations; 15,727 Members; 27 less Unconfirmed; 718 less Infants baptized; 302 Adults baptized; 1129 Confirmed; 149 less By certificate; 11486 Communed; 270 Dismissed; 22 less Excommunicated; 2638 Erased; 35 less Deaths; 173 less S. Schools; 4674 Officers and Teachers; 9676 S. S. Scholars; 31 less Students for Ministry; \$46,241 less Benevolence; \$143,806 Congregational purposes.

The total number of Ministers given is 1029. This does not include the young men who were recently graduated from our institutions. Many of these were licensed but their names have not been added to the statistical table.

Jno. Ph. Stein, *Stated Clerk.*

THE MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.

[NOTE.—In order to render this register as valuable as possible, we give not only the name and post-office address, but also the year of ordination and the place of theological preparation. E stands for Eastern Theological Seminary, former Mercersburg, now Lancaster; H for Heidelberg Seminary; MH for Mission House U for Ursinus College Theological Department; Y for York and Carlisle. We have aimed to make it as correct as possible. Those officiating in the German language, or in both German and English, are marked with a 0.]

Achtermann , Hermann, Plymouth, Wis.....	0MH89	Beam, Henry L. Dakota, Ill.	H88
Aigner, Francis, South Kaukauna, Wis.....	0MH89	Beam, Dr. Samuel Z., Bettsville, O.	H62
Albright, D. B., Mohrsville, Pa.	0661	Beaver, G. W., Lisbon, Ohio.....	H98
Albright, George H., East Fairfield, O.	H75	Beaver, Irwin M., Marion, Pa.....	H91
Albright, John H., Fairfield, O.	H85	Beechtel, J. W., North Hampton, Ohio.....	H98
Alspach, Chas. B., 1233 Jackson St., Philadel- phia, Pa.	090	Beck, Edward M., Martingsburg, Pa.	0H82
Alspach, Clement L., Wilkinsburg, Pa.	H92	Beck, John H., Mt. Eaton, O.	0H75
Alt, Prof. Solomon A., Holton, Kansas.....	H84	Becker, Aug., 1134 Pearl St., Cleveland, O.	0MH69
Althouse, Charles F., Baldwin, Pa.	H94	Becker, Charles, Cheviot, O.	0E52
Anderson, D. B., Lisbon, Iowa.....	H94	Becker, Cyrus J., Catawauqua, Pa.....	0E51
Andreas, Henry, Siegel, Wis.	0MH82	Beisser, Gottlieb, Elmora, Wis.	0MH69
Andrew James O., Burlington, N. C.	H93	Bell Joseph W., Strawberry Ridge, Pa.	090
Appel, Richard S., Hamburg, Pa.	071	Belsler, John W., Upper Sandusky, O.	0H94
Appel, Dr. Theodore, Lancaster, Pa.	E45	Benner, Henry A. I., Allentown, Pa.	091
Apple, A. T. G., Catawissa, Pa.	H83	Benner, Louis D., Norwood, O.	0MH94
Apple, Henry H., York, Pa.	H92	Bergey, James R., Doylestown, Pa.	H94
Apple, Dr. Joseph H., Sagerstown, Pa.	E52	Berkey, Alfred G., Massillon, O.	H86
Apple, Joseph H., (lic.) Frederick, Md.	H89	Berlemann, Dr. F. W., 341 Fairmount Ave., Phil- adelphia, Pa.	0H70
Arnold, John, Sutton, Neb.	H89	Best, J. H., Indianapolis, Ind.	H89
Arpke, William A., Chilton, Wis.	0MH92	Beyer, C. E. W., Philadelphia, Pa.	0MH70
Assman, Robert G., 1239 Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa. 89	H89	Bickel, Thomas L., Bellefonte, Pa.	H98
Aughinbaugh, Dr. Geo. W., Greenvillage, Pa.	E46	Biegert, J., Seattle, Wash.	0
Bachman , Adam J., Schaefferstown, Pa.	0E78	Bieker, John, Station B., St. Joseph, Mo.	0H61
Bachman, Irwin M., East Mauch Chunk, Pa.	094	Binkley, Henry K., New Berlin, Pa.	81
Bachman, James N., Lynnport Pa.	0H72	Black, Albert A. Boalsburg, Pa.	H81
Bachman, Dr. John, New Knoxville, O.	073	Bleiler, Frank N., East Vincent, Pa.	094
Bachman, Joseph P., Troutville, Pa.	H96	Bloom, Nathan W., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	H82
Bachman, Dr. M., 202 S. Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, Md.	0E74	Bloser, H. C., Orangeville, Ill.	H94
Badertscher, Christian, St. Mary's, O.	0MH75	Bock, Peter, Anamosa, Iowa.	H97
Badertscher, G., 1218 E. First Avenue, New York City.	092	Bogart, Frank G., Payne O.	H95
Baeder, Andrew, Phillips, Oregon.	0MH86	Bohler, Jacob, Prairie City, Mo.	0MH91
Bahner, Dr. Franklin F., Waynesboro, Pa.	0U73	Bolger, J. Calvin, Martinsburg, Pa.	H96
Baichly, Alpheus E., Canal Fulton, O.	H77	Bolliger, Abraham, Avenue City, Mo.	068
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Baker, Almon G.	H95	Bollman, Wm., 54 Rohr St., Buffalo, N. Y.	0MH89
Bald, Frederick W., 110 W. Ostend St., Balti- more, Md.	E56	Bombberger, H. A., 2300 N. 20 St., Philadelphia, Pa. 086	086
Ballet, John T., Rockwood, Pa.	H89	Bombberger, Dr. John H., 9 Circular St., Tiffin, O. 079	079
Bank, Dr. Charles, New Brunswick, N. J.	0H55	Bonekemper, William, Sutton, Neb.	078
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Barkley, Dr. Thomas J., Gettysburg, Pa.	H60	Borchers, Conrad, Zelenople Pa.	079
Barnhart, J. L., West Milton, Pa.	H97	Bosch, John H., Fort Wayne, Ind.	H92
Barringer, Paul, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	H81	Bower, Thomas J., Frackville Pa.	H99
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Bartholomew, A. O., Easton, Pa.	H98	Brandt, Charles H., Landisburg, Pa.	H92
Bartholomew, Dr. Allen R., Pottsville, Pa.	H77	Braun, Jacob B., Duncan, Neb.	076
Bartholomew, Calvin E., Cressona, Pa.	0E89	Braun, William, Lorain, O.	077
Bassler, Harry N., St. Thomas, Pa.	H94	Brende, Dr. Daniel F., Bethlehem, Pa.	0E51
Bateman, Dr. Alexander, Taneytown, Md.	H93	Brezingler, Morris H., Fleetwood, Pa.	0C89
Bates, Benoni, Norristown, Pa.	H96	Bridenbaugh, Dr. S. R., 106 S. 4th St., Reading, Pa. 075	075
Baner, Peter Eureka, South Dakota.	H94	Bright, Harry W., Norristown, Pa.	H95
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Bauman, Fred C., Zwingle, Iowa.	0E54	Brown, James R., Esterly, Pa.	H99
Baumann, John N., Jeannette, Pa.	H86	Brown, Simon P., Pillow, Pa.	H79
Baumgartel, G. C., Lehighon, Pa.	H98	Brunchos, Albert, Cumberland, Md.	H93
Baus, Louis D., Walnut Creek, O.	0MH92	Brunger, Henry, Greenwood, Wis.	0MH69
Bausman, Dr. Benjamin, Reading, Pa.	H52	Bruh, Chas. W., 740 E. Milwaukee Ave., Detroit, Mich.	H94
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Crawford, Dr. J., 1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., Pa.....	E71
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Darms, Anthony, Merville, Iowa.....	0MH92
Darin, John M. G., 29 Duerstein Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.....	0MH95
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Faust Chas. H., Sugar Creek, Pa.....	E99
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Fenneman, Wm. H., Hamilton, O.....	0H59
Ferer, Benjamin B., Riegelsville, Pa.....	E88
Ferner, Chas. R., 1025 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.....	E85
Fetterolf, L. M., Mainville, Pa.....	E96
Firor, Marion L., Williamsport, Pa.....	MEB87
Fisher, Franklin H., Lincoln, Neb.....	E93
Fisher, Gideon P., Hellam, Pa.....	U89
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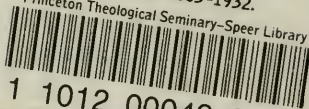
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