



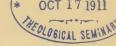
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SEVENTEENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

CF THE

General Synod

OF THE

Reformed Church in the United States

CANTON, OHIO, MAY 16, A. D. 1911

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SEVENTEENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod, of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Synod convened, agreeably to adjournment, on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1911. The sessions began May 16th, with an evening service, at eight o'clock, and continued until May 24th, closing at 4:30 P. M.

ARTICLE I.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Opening of General Synod.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the First Reformed church, Canton, Ohio, on Tuesday evening, May 16, 1911, at 8 P. M. The day sessions were held in Trinity Reformed church, the evening sessions, from Tuesday to Saturday evening, inclusive, were held in the First church. The remaining evening sessions were held in Trinity church.

The altar service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. James I. Good, Philadelphia, Pa., and the sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, Hagerstown, Md., from the text recorded in 2 Corinthians v. 16: "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh, yea though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more."

After the delivery of the sermon, the session was formally opened with prayer.

The provisional roll of certified delegates was called by the Stated Clerk *pro tem.*, the Rev. J. Rauch Stein, Bethlehem, Pa., and the delegates who responded to the calling of their names were recorded as present.

Rev. Dr. James I. Good was nominated for President. The nominations were closed, the Stated Clerk *pro tem*. was authorized to cast the ballot for General Synod, and Dr. Good was declared unanimously elected.

An address of welcome was tendered to the members of General Synod by the pastor of the First Church, Rev. Theo. P. Bollinger, and on Wednesday morning Dr. E. P. Herbruck, pastor of the Trinity church, addressed Synod in a similar message; to both the President made fitting response.

A message of greeting to the missionaries at Sendai, Japan, was authorized to be sent by cablegram, inasmuch as May 17 was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the mission field in Japan.

ARTICLE II.

DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM. MEMBERS PRESENT.

Eastern Synod.

 East Pennsylvania Classis, 37—Ministers: Paul S. Leinbach, M. N. George, Edwin W. Lentz, W. H. Brong. Elders: T. J. Kichline, C. S. Messenger, Edmund A. Hoffman, A. P. Zellner.

2. Lebanon Classis, 22—Ministers: W. J. Kerschner, V. W. Dippell, Ph. D., W. F. DeLong, Elders: Morgan Kalbach, Geo. W.

Stein, Alfred Beshore.²

3. Philadelphia Classis, 47—Ministers: James I. Good, D. D., Chas, B. Alspach, Rufus C. Zartman, D. D., James M. S. Isenberg, D. D., James Crawford, D. D. Elders: Henry M. Housekeeper, James Buchanan, A. G. Grater, Garret E. Brownback, Jno. W. Bickel, Esq.

4. LANCASTER CLASSIS, 45—Ministers: J. H. Pannebecker, D. D., Benj. M. Meyer, Geo. A. Whitmore, Jno. W. Ault,² Jno. P. Dieffenderfer. Elders: Geo. A. Hollinger, Geo. W. Hartman, M. D.,⁵ G. J. P. Raub, H. Edgar Sherts, Esq., Nelson Dyson, Elwood S. Snyder, M. D.

5. East Susquehanna Classis, 20—Ministers: Simon P. Brown, J. Alvin Reber. Elders: Geo. M. Conrad, Aug. Schoenberger.

- 6. West Susquehanna Classis, 21—Ministers: A. M. Schmidt, D. D., Edwin T. Rhodes, K. Otis Spessard, Ph. D. Elders: Daniel K. Miller, Henry F. Bitner, Ph. D., Alfred Sassaman.
- 7. Tohickon Classis, 23—Ministers: Abraham B. Koplin, D. D.,² John O. Lindaman,² Chas, B. Weaver. Elders: Geo. L. Fretz, Henry O. Trumbore,² A. M. Geisinger.
- 8. Goshenhoppen Classis, 16—Ministers: Geo. W. Roth, Calvin M. DeLong. Elders: Montgomery B. Linderman, David H. G. Kuser,² E. S. Fretz.
- 9. Lehigh Classis, 43—Ministers: Robt. M. Kern, Jesse M. Mengel, Wm. L. Meckstroth, 2 Chas. F. Freeman, Geo. P. Stem. 2 Elders: Wm. H. Mantz, 2 Samuel A. Knauss, Lewis B. Erdman, Geo. F. Kerschner, Harry J. Lerch. 2
- 10. Schuylkill Classis, 21—Ministers: J. G. Kersehner, W. D. Stoyer, Elders: F. A. Brown, Irving W. Tyson.
- 11. Wyoming Classis, 29—Ministers: S. E. Stofflett, A. M. Masonheimer, P. A. DeLong. Elders: W. H. Orth, A. Oswald, W. P. Long.
- Reading Classis, 24—Ministers: John F. Moyer, Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., Thos. H. Leinbach. Elders: R. Monroe Hoffman, Wilson B. Hauck.
 - 13. Hunan (China) Classis-No delegates sent,

Ohio Synod.

- Miami Classis, 34—Ministers: Jos. Pierce Alden, Henry Nevin Kerst, Henry J. Christman, Reuben F. Schultz. Elders: Chas. C. Davidson, John Blum, Benj. D. Lecklider.
- 2. Lancaster Classis, 13—Ministers; S. L. Runkle, W. H. Tussing. Elders: John Yost, H. W. Vogt.
- 3. Tuscarawas Classis, 35—Ministers: J. O. Reagle, E. G. Klotz, C. E. Stoner, E. R. Williard, Elders: Win. Mellinger, Harvey E. Mantz, W. D. Oberlin,
- 4. Tiffin Classis, 32—Ministers: Albert C. Shuman, D. D., Geo. W. Good, Chas. E. Miller, D. D., Jacob Ihle. Elders: Samuel C. Stump, Henry P. Fry, J. L. Loose, Geo. A. Klahr.
- 5. Eastern Ohio Classis, 24—Ministers: Jacob P. Stahl, D. D., Leander J. Rohrbaugh, Jno. W. Geier. Elders: Martin Coy, Alva K. Lotz.
- St. Joseph Classis, 17—Ministers: H. Berleman Diefenbach, Arthur J. Michael. Elders: L. W. Hills, Samuel W. Rarick,

Synod of the Northwest.

- 1, Zion Classis, 11—Ministers: Calvin H. Schneider, Edwin Kielsmeier. Elders: Wm. Sellemeyer.
 - 2. Sheboygan Classis, 34—Minister: Geo. Grether.
- 3. Indiana Classis, 17—Ministers: F. W. Engelmann, C. H. Riedesel, Elders: H. E. Shortemeier, F. W. Ketterheinrich.

- 4. Milwaukee Classis, 19—Minister: Henry C. Nott. Elder: John Luenberger.
- MINNESOTA CLASSIS, 18—Ministers: Edward Vornholt, Gottfried
 E. Ellicker. Elder: Henry Kiesau.
- 6, Nebraska Classis, 12—Minister: Konrad Iffert. Elder: Henrich Duerrlaum.
 - 7. Ursinus Classis, 11-Minister: Elias E. Gruenstein, D. D.
 - 8. Missouri Classis, 11-Minister: H. B. Robrock.²
 - 9. Chicago Classis—No delegates.
- 10. SOUTH DAKOTA CLASSIS, 17—Ministers: Theo. Nuss, Henry Sill.
 - 11. PORTLAND-OREGON CLASSIS, 11-Minister: G. Martin Hirsch.
 - 12. Manitoba Classis—No delegates.
- 13. Kentucky Classis, 14—Ministers: Carl F. Kreite, D. D., Benj. E. Lienkaemper,

Pittsburg Synod.

- 1. Westmoreland Classis, 31—Ministers: J. Harvey Mickley, E. R. Dietrick, B. D., C. W. Summey, Simon U. Waugaman, Elders: Edwin S. Naly, P. K. Gumbert, J. A. Kifer, R. K. Smith,³
- 2. Clarion Classis, 14—Ministers: Harvey S. Nicholson, Wm. H. Kerschner. Elders: Peter Wingard, Wm. G. King.
- 3. St. Paul's Classis, 11-Ministers: Will S. Fisher, Chas. A. Bushong.
- 4. Somerset Classis, 14—Ministers: D. N. Dittmar, H. H. Wiant. Elders: Edward Schmidt, C. W. Truxal.²
- 5. Allegheny Classis, 23—Ministers: Louis Robb, D. D., D. B. Lady, D. D., Chas. H. Faust. Elders: H. F. Texter, John G. Cobler, P. W. Siebert.
 - 6. HUNGARIAN CLASSIS, 6 Ministers: Alex. Radacsy.

Synod of the Potomac.

- Zion's Classis, 24—Ministers: Samuel M. Roeder, Edwin M. Sando, Edward F. West, D. D. Elders: John L. Gerber, Israel Laucks.
- MARYLAND CLASSIS, 40—Ministers: Marion L. Firor, J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Atvill Conner, Conrad Clever, D. D. Elders: Emory L. Coblentz, Luther E. Martin, Murray G. Motter, M. D., Adrian C. Mc-Cardell.
- 3. Mercersburg Classis, 15—Ministers: Irvin W. Hendricks, D.D., Edward O. Keen. Elders: Matthew M. Gilland, Milton S. Herman.
- 4. Virginia Classis, 17—Ministers: Thomas K. Cromer, J. David Miller. Elders: Robert L. Gray, Walter C. Switzer.
- 5. NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS, 33—Ministers: Joseph L. Murphy, D. D., Jacob C. Leonard, D. D., James D. Andrew. Elder: J. Cyrus Shepard.

6. Gettysburg Classis, 21—Ministers: Silas P. Mauger, Geo. W. Welsh, Thos. J. Barkley, D. D.³ Elders: Andrew R. Brodbeck, Emanuel M. Bailey, Martin R. Berkheimer.

7. Carlisle Classis, 15-Ministers: J. Thomas Fox, Philip H.

Hoover, Elders: Samuel S, Brenner, Reuben S, Eby.

8. Juniata Classis, 21—Ministers: Charles W. Warlick, James R. Bergey, Arthur C. Ohl. *Elders:* P. Howard Bridenbaugh, Geo. K. Meyers, Benj. S. Fouse.

German Synod of the East.

- 1. New York Classis, 17—Ministers: Jacob Schmitt, Martin H. Qual. Elder: Hugo Popp.
- 2. West New York Classis, 16—Ministers: A. E. Dahlman, D. D., J. M. G. Darms. Elder: Heinrich Brossmann.
- 3. German Philadelphia Classis, 19—Ministers: G. A. Schier, D. D., Beni, S. Stern, D. D. Elders: Henry Echelmeier, Carl Cast.
- 4. German Maryland Classis, 8—Ministers: Louis D. Benner, Elder: Chas, Zies,

Central Synod.

- Erie Classis, 25—Ministers: Adolph Krampe, David R. Raiser,²
 Frantz Aigner. Elders: George Weber,² Arthur Knippenberg.
- 2. Heidelberg Classis, 22—Ministers: Daniel Burghalter, A. G. Lohmann, F. E. Zechiel. Elders: Michael Auck, Samuel Eichhorn, Ernest Hoelscher.
- 3. St. John's Classis, 17—Ministers: F. Wm, Leich, E. M. Preuss, 3 Elders: L. J. Baehler, Chas. Seeman,
- 4. CINCINNATI CLASSIS, 13—Ministers: V. J. Tingler, Julius Gaenge. Elders: H. W. Tuechter, Henry Burdorf.³
- 5. Toledo Classis, 13—Ministers: John F. Winter, Henry Otte. Elder: Fr. J. Brand.

Synod of the Interior.

- Illinois Classis, 11—Ministers: Chas. M. Rohrbaugh, Jesse H. String. Elders: Phares S. Scheib, Geo. U. Brown.
- 2. Iowa Classis, 14—Ministers: Carl G. Petri, Benj. K. Hay. Elders: Ambrose Tandy, Henry Wildasin.
- 3. Kansas Classis, 15—Ministers: Wm. A. Rex, Jno. B. Bloom, Elder: Fred, Isley.
- 4. WICHITA CLASSIS, 7—Minister: Samuel Y. Yockey, D. D. Elder: Herman Klauman.
- 5. Lincoln Classis, 7—Minister: Frederick S. Zaugg. Elder: C. W. Thomas.

NOTE,—Numerals attached to a name indicate the session at which the delegate took his seat.

Report of the Committee on the Registration of Advisory Members of General Synod.—Art. 6: 16.

Your committee respectfully beg leave to report that there were seventy-one advisory members present at this meeting of General Synod, representing eight Synods and twenty-nine Classes, as follows:

EASTERN SYNOD.

- 1. East Pennsylvania Classis—Revs. J. Rauch Stein, W. H. Wotring, D. D., Jacob G. Rupp.
 - 2. Lebanon Classis-Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, D. D.
- 3. Philadelphia Classis—Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., C. J. Musser, D. D., A. S. Bromer, D. D., George L. Omwake, P. D.
- 4. Lancaster Classis—Revs. George W. Richards, D. D., John S. Stahr, D. D., L.L. D., Henry Harbaugh Apple, D. D., Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., J. W. Meminger, D. D., Paul L. Gerhard, and Elder H. C. Stauffer.
 - 5. Schuylkill Classis-Rev. O. H. Strunk.
- 6. Wyoming Classis—Rev. Wm. Toennis, J. Frank Bucher, Elder Wm. W. Anspach.
- 7. Reading Classis—Revs. F. C. Nau, C. E. Schaeffer, D. D., Thos. W. Dickert, E. J. Snyder.

OHIO SYNOD.

- 1. Miami Classis—Revs. George W. Stibitz, D. D., N. B. Mathes, Jacob Y. Kombar, S. U. Snyder, Philip Vollmer, D. D.
 - 2. Lancaster Classis—Revs. J. E. Stone, Calvin Foster.
- 3. Tuscarawas Classis—Revs. D. B. Shuey, E. E. Young, Elder L. W. Hills,
 - 4. East Ohio Classis-Rev. G. P. Fisher.

SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

- 1. Zion's Classis-Rev. Fred. H. Diehm.
- 2. Minnesota Classis—Henry Kiesau.
- 3. Kentucky Classis-Rev. D. A. Winter.

PITTSBURG SYNOD.

- 1. Westmoreland Classis—Revs, C. M. Hartzell, D. A. Souders, Cyrus Cort, D. D., S. E. Wagner, E. S. Naly, L. D. Steckel, Chas. E. Wagner.
 - 2. St. Paul's Classis—Revs. A. M. Keifer, Alpha K. Kline.
- 3. Allegheny Classis—Revs. Walter E. Garrett, Albert J. Collison, D. N. Harnish.

POTOMAC SYNOD.

Zion's Classis-Revs. Samuel H. Stein, E. Bruce Lyttle, Ph.D.

2. Maryland Classis John M. Schick, D. D., Prof. Joseph H. Apple, Ph. D., A. S. Weber, D. D., William E. Lampe, Ph. D., Simon S. Miller.

- 3, Mercersburg Classis—Revs, Wm, C. Schaeffer, D. D., I, N. Peightel, D. D., Elder L. W. Brendle,
 - 4. Virginia Classis-Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D.

GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST,

- 1. West New York Classis-Rev. M. P. Schoepfle,
- 2, German Philadelphia Classis-Rev. Carl H. Gram.

CENTRAL SYNOD.

- 1. Erie Classis-H. F. Hilgeman,
- 2. Heidelberg Classis-Revs, P. S. Kohler, William G. Klein.
- 3. St. John's Classis-Rev. J. H. Poetter.
- 4. Cincinnati Classis-Rev. Henry Burdorf.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

- 1. Kansas Classis-Rev. John C. Horning,
- 2. Wichita Classis-Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Church of Christ in Japan (Reformed)—Rev. K. Tsuchida, Rev. J. Mori,

VISITING MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES,

Reformed Church in America—Revs. Chas. F. C. Suckow, D. D., John Van Ness, D. D.

Evangelical Lutheran Church-Rev. Paul Z. Strodach.

Presbyterian Church—Revs. G. E. Jackson, D. D., James R. Howerton, D. D.

German Evangelical Church—Revs. Chr. Staebler, D. D., J. J. Lang, D. D.

United Evangelical Church-Rev. N. W. Saeger.

United Brethren in Christ Church-Rev. C. W. Recard.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Charles King.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Koplin,

S. R. Bridenbaugh,

D. N. DITMAR.

Vacant Seats Occupied by Secundi.

Eastern Synod.

Lancaster Classis—Elwood S. Snyder, M. D., occupied the seat of Wm, H. Keller on the 1st and 2d days, and Elder Geo. W. Hartman, M. D., occupied the same seat on the 5th and 6th days.

West Susquehanna Classis—Rev. K. Otis Spessard, Ph. D., occupied the seat of Rev. Daniel Gress during all the sessions.

Tohickon Classis—Elder A. M. Geisinger occupied the seat of John J. Kichline.

Goshenhoppen Classis—Rev. Calvin M. DeLong occupied the seat of Rev. J. Lucian Roush, and Elder E. S. Fretz occupied the seat of D. H. Kuser at the 1st session and of Montgomery B. Linderman during the 5th and 6th sessions.

Reading Classis—Elder Wilson B. Hauck occupied the seat of D. Lorah Mauger through all the sessions.

SYNOD OF OHIO.

Lancaster Classis—Elder H. W. Vogt occupied the seat of J. W. Williams.

Tuscarawas Classis—Rev. E. R. Williard occupied the seat of Rev. Frederick Cromer,

St. Joseph Classis—Rev. Arthur J. Michael occupied the seat of George Longaker,

PITTSBURG SYNOD.

Westmoreland Classis—Elder Wm. R. Barnhart occupied the seat of Elder R. K. Smith at the 1st, 6th and 7th sessions; Elder Jacob Kuhns occupied the seat of Elder Edwin S. Naly at the 6th, 7th and 8th sessions

Somerset Classis—The Revs, D. N. Dittmar and H. H. Wyant occupied the seats of the primarii.

Allegheny Classis—Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., occupied the seat of Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., during the 6th and 7th sessions; Elder P. W. Siebert occupied the seat of Elder G. W. Snyder.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Zion's Classis—Elder Israel Laucks occupied the seat of Elder Edward A, Rice,

Maryland Classis—Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D., occupied the seat of Rev. Calvin S. Slagel, D. D.; Elder Adrian C. McCardell occupied the seat of Elder Harvey S. Bomberger.

Gettysburg Classis—Rev. Thos. J. Barkley, D. D., occupied the seat of Rev. F. A. Lindaman, D. D.

GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

New York Classis—Rev. Jac. Schmitt occupied the seat of Rev. Paul Wienand.

West New York Classis—Elder Heinrich Brossman occupied the seat of F. Von Taeky.

German Philadelphia Classis—Rev. Benj. S. Stern, D. D., occupied the seat of Rev. M. F. Dumstrey.

CENTRAL SYNOD.

Erie Classis—Elder Henry Knippenberg occupied the seat of Elder Geo. Weber during the 6th, 7th and 8th sessions.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

Illinois Classis—Rev. Jessie H. Strong occupied the seat of Rev. Wm, D. Marburger.

Lincoln Classis—Rev. F. S. Zaugg occupied the seat of Rev. John F. Kerlin.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were the officers of General Synod:

President—Rev. James I. Good, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa. First Vice-President—Rev. Paul Seibert Leinbach, Easton, Pa.

Second Vice-President—Rev. J. M. G. Darms, Buffalo, N. Y.

Stated Clerk—Rev. James Rauch Stein, Bethlehem, Pa. (Elected to succeed the Rev. Jno. Ph. Stein, deceased.)

Assistant Clerk—Rev. F. W. Leich, Akron, Ohio. (Elected to succeed the Rev. Jno. Bachmann, deceased.)

Roll Clerk-Rev. Samuel C. Stein, York, Pa.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Henry C. Nott, D. D.

Reading Clerk-Rev. David H. Fouse, Denver, Col.

Treasurer—Elder Wm. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

DEFINING THE BAR OF THE HOUSE.

The Rules of Order declared adopted by the General Synod at York, Pa., in 1908, contained in the Constitution and Forms of the Reformed Church in the United States, were daily observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined as the main auditorium of the church.

ARTICLE V.

FIXING THE HOURS OF MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT.

The hours for opening and closing the daily sessions were as follows:

From May 17 to May 20, inclusive, it was resolved that the daily sessions for business open at 9 A. M. and close at 5 P. M., with a recess from 11:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. The evening sessions for the general public opened at 7:30 P. M.

From May 21 to the close of the sessions it was resolved that the Synod convene for business from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. with recesses from 11:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M. and from 5 to 7:30 P. M.

ARTICLE VI.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

On Religious Services—Revs. E. P. Herbruck, D. D., T. P. Bollinger, Theo. Bucher; Elders Walter C. Switzer, G. J. P. Raub.

On Minutes of General Synod—Revs, A. E. Dahlman, D. D., C. B. Alspach, W. D. Stoyer; Elders J. W. Bickel, Chas, Zies.

On Minutes of Eastern Synod—Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, D. D., J. G. Kerschner, J. W. Roth; Elders J. M. Conrad, M. B. Lindermann.

On Minutes of Ohio Synod—Revs. C. E. Miller, D. D., Jacob P. Stahl, Jos. P. Alden; Elders John Yost, Samuel Rarick.

On Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest—Revs. Edward Vornholt, C. H. Riedesel, Elias Greunstein, D. D.; Elders H. E. Shortemeirer, Henry Kiesau.

On Minutes of Pittsburg Synod—Revs, E. R. Dietrick, B. D., H. S. Nicholson, W. S. Fisher; Elders Edw. Smith, John G. Cobler,

On Minutes of Synod of the Potomac—Revs. I. W. Hendricks, D. D., M. L. Firor, J. D. Andrew; Elders J. L. Gerber, M. R. Berheimer.

On Minutes of the German Synod of the East—Revs. G. A. Scheer, D. D., M. H. Qual, Louis D. Benner; Elders H. Brossmann, Carl Kast. On Minutes of Central Synod—Revs. Julius Gaenge, Adolph Krempe,

John F. Winter; Elders E. Hoelscher, F. G. Brand.

On Minutes of Symod of Interior—Revs S. B. Yockey, D. D. C.

On Minutes of Synod of Interior—Revs. S. B. Yockey, D. D., C. J. Petri, W. A. Rex; Elders Geo. U. Brown, Henry Klauman.

On Minutes of the English Classes—Revs, J. A. Reber, S. M. Roeder, C. W. Summey; Elders A. G. Grater, Robt, L. Gray.

On Minutes of German Classes—Revs. C. F. Kriete, D. D., Geo. Grether, Henry Sill; Elders F. W. Ketterheinrich, Michael Auck,

On Overtures—Revs. James Crawford, D. D., W. H. Tussing, V. J. Tingler; Elders J. Luenberger, C. S. Messenger.

On Correspondence With Sister Churches—Revs. B. S. Stern, D. D., Chas. F. Faust, S. P. Mauger; Elder C. C. Davidson.

On State of the Church—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., W. G. Kerschner, F. W. Engelman; Elders W. R. Barnhart, Henry Kiesau,

On Home Missions—J. H. Mickley, E. F. Wiest, D. D., J. M. G. Darms; Elders H. F. Bitner, Ph. D., C. W. Thomas.

On Foreign Missions—Revs. J. F. Moyer, C. Clever, D. D., H. C. Nott; Elders H. M. Housekeeper, Henry Echelmeier.

On Orphan Homes—Revs, D. B. Lady, D. D., J. G. Kerschner, Alex. Radacsy; Elders M. Kalbach, M. W. Gilland.

On Ministerial Relief—Revs, E. G. Klotz, W. H. Brong, F. E. Zechiel; Elders Samuel Eichorn, Henry Wildasin.

On Sunday-Schools—Revs. P. S. Leinbach, H. J. Christman, A. Burghalter; Elders E. L. Coblentz, E. S. Naly.

On Young People's Societies—J. O. Reigle, J. R. Bergey, E. N. Sando, Elders B, D, Leckleider, Luther E, Martin,

On Nominations—Revs. R. Z. Zartman, D. D., A. M. Schmidt, D. D., C. M. DeLong, H. W. Kerst, T. Nuss, Lewis Robb, D. D., A. E. Dahlman, D. D., A. G. Lohman, Elders W. Hauck, A. R. Brodbeck, Ambrose Tandy.

On Finance—Revs. J. M. S. Isenberg, D. D., Thomas Leinbach, Reuben Schuttz; Elders R. M. Hoffman, M. M. Gilland.

On Press—Revs, A. C. Shuman, D. D., R. M. Hern, S. L. Runkle; Elders James Buchanan, Edward Smith.

On Advisory Members—Revs, A. B. Koplin, D. D., S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., D. N. Dittmar; Elders R. W. Hills, P. K. Lambert.

On Benevolent and Religious Institutions—Revs. J. C. Leonard, D. D., K. O. Spessard, Ph. D., C. H. Schneider; Elders Wm. Mellinger, Peter Wingard.

ARTICLE VII.

REPORTS OF THE BOARDS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The following documents and communications were received and handed 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 session 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, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Tohickon, Goshenhoppen, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming and Reading.
- II. Ohio Synod: Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph.
- III. Synod of the Northwest: Zion's, Sheboygan, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ursinus, Missouri, Chicago, South Dakota, Portland-Oregon, Manitoba and Kentucky.
- IV. Pittsburg Synod: Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset, Allegheny and Hungarian.
- V. Potomac Synod: Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata.
- VI. German Synod of the East: New York, West New York, German Philadelphia and German Maryland.
- VII. Central Synod: Erie, Heidelberg, St. John's, Cincinnati and Toledo.
 - VIII. Interior Synod: Iowa, Kansas and 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. Sundry communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The report of the Treasurer, Elder William R. Barnhart, was read and referred, with vouchers, to the Standing Committee on Finance (see Report, Article IX, 14).

ARTICLE IX.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. On Religious Services.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church:

Dear Brethern: Your Committee on Religious Services would respectfully submit the following report of assignments for the services of the present sessions of Synod, and for the churches of Canton and vicinity requesting such appointments for Sunday, May 21, 1911.

E. P. HERBRUCK.

T. P. Bollinger, Theodore Bucher, Walter C. Switzer, G. J. P. Raub.

TUESDAY, MAY 16.

Opening Service, 7:30 P. M.

Service conducted by the Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa. Sermon by the Retiring President, the Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., of Hagerstown, Md; subject, "The Church of To-day." Greetings, the Rev. Theodore P. Bolliger, pastor loci.

Wednesday, May 17.

2 P. M.—What the Laymen's Missionary Movement Means to a Denomination: (1) Methodist Episcopal Church, Col. E. W. Halford, New York; (2) Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

United Presbyterian Church, Mr. George Innes, Philadelphia; (3) Canadian Churches, Mr. H. K. Caskey, Toronto, Canada; (4) Presbyterian Church in United States, Mr. Charles H. Pratt, Richmond, Va.; (5) What it May Mean to the Reformed Church, Mr. William W. Anspach, Milton, Pa., and Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

3 P. M.—Dedicatory Address at Bethshan Rescue Home, Rev. A. D. Lohman,

Foreign Missions, 7:30 P. M.

Service conducted by the Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, D. D., of Philadelphia. Brief greetings from the foreign missionaries in attendance. Address: "An Exhibit of Our Work in Japan and China," the Rev. A. S. Bromer, Philadelphia. This address was richly illustrated by the latest stereopticon views from the Japan and China field.

THURSDAY, MAY 18.

Home Missions, 7:30 P. M.

Service conducted by the Rev. C. E. Miller, D. D., Tiffin, O. Address: "Home Missions Among the Germans," the Rev. G. D. Elliker, La Crosse, Wis. Address: "The Scope and Solution of Our Home Mission Problem," the Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, D. D., Reading, Pa.

FRIDAY, MAY 19.

The Sunday-School, the Ministry, and Ministerial Relief, 7:30 P. M.

Service conducted by the Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D., Wichita, Kans. Address: "The Far-flung Battle Line of the Sunday-School," the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., Philadelphia. Address: "The Call of the Ministry to the Young Man," the Rev. George Stibitz, D. D., Dayton, Ohio. Address: "General Synod's Part in Ministerial Relief," the Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., Washington, D. C.

SATURDAY, MAY 20.

Preparatory Scrvice, 7:30 P. M.

Service conducted by the Rev. A. C. Shuman, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio, Sermon by the Rev. Joseph L. Murphy, D. D., Hickory, N. C.

SUNDAY, MAY 21,

First Church,

9:00 A. M.—Sunday-School Service. Greetings from our foreign churches, the Revs. J. P. Moore, D. D., and H. H. Cook, of Japan, and the Rev. J. Frank Bucher and Mrs. Wm. E. Hoy, of China.

10:15 A. M.—German Services. Sermon by the Rev. C. F. Kriete, D. D., Louisville, Ky.

Sunday-School Mass Meeting.

2:30 P. M.—Presiding officer, the Rev. E. R. Williard, D. D., Akron, Ohio. Addresses: "Pastoral Leadership and Enthusiasm," the Rev. Lewis Robb, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; "The Organized Class in the Small Town and Country," Emery L. Coblentz, Esq., Middletown, Md.; "Men's Work in the Church and School," the Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Easton, Pa.

Young People's Work.

7:30 P. M.—Service conducted by the Rev. P. A. DeLong, Watsontown, Pa. Address: "Youth's Supreme Opportunity," the Rev. J. C. Horning, Chicago. Address: "The Work for the Young People in the Church," the Rev. Robert M. Kern, Allentown, Pa.

Trinity Church,

- 8 A. M.—Holy Communion administered by the officers of the General Synod.
- 9 A. M.—Sunday-school Service, Addresses by the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., Philadelphia, and the Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Cleveland.
- 10:30 A. M.—Morning Services. Service conducted by the Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D., Philadelphia. Sermon by the Rev. Prof. George W. Richards, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.

Sunday-School Mass Meeting.

2:30 P. M.—Presiding officer, the Rev. J. M. G. Darms, Buffalo, N. Y. Addresses: "A Body With Six Hundred Hands," the Rev. D. H. Fouse, Denver, Col.; "The Sunday-school in Japan," Prof. Paul L. Gerhard, Sendai, Japan.

Young People's Work.

7:30 P. M.—Service conducted by the Rev. J. P. Stahl, D. D., Alliance, O. Address: "The Churches' Greatest Asset," the Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Cleveland, O. Address: "The Church Adapting Herself to the Young People," the Rev. J. H. Christman, D. D., Dayton, Ohio.

Grace Church.

9 A. M.—Sunday-school Service. Addresses by members of the Board of Home Missions. General subject: "A Home Missionary Rally."

10:30 A. M.—Morning Services. Sermon by the Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Easton, Pa.

The assignments for Canton were as follows:

First M. E.—Morning, Rev. C. Clever, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.; evening, Rev. J. W. Meminger, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.

Calvary Presbyterian—Morning, Rev. C. F. Freeman, Summit Hill, Pa.; evening, Rev. J. F. Winter, Toledo, O.

Simpson M. E.—Moraing, E. F. Wiest, D. D., York, Pa.; evening, E. R. Williard, D. D., Akron, Ohio.

First Baptist—Morning, Victor W. Dippell, Ph. D., Lancaster, Pa.; evening, Geo. W. Welsh, Spring Forge, Pa.

First Christian—Morning, Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., Hickory, N. C.; evening, D. N. Dittmar, D. D., Hyndman, Pa.

United Brethren-Evening, C. E. Miller, Tiffin, Ohio.

Navarre Street Evangelical—Morning, Chas. H. Rohrbaugh, Freeport, Ill.; evening, Carl J. Petri, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Trinity Lutheran—Morning, J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Hagerstown, Md.

Trinity Reformed—Morning, Rev. Geo. W. Richards, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.

First Reformed—Morning, C. F. Kriete, D. D., Louisville, Ky.

Grace Reformed-Morning, Paul S. Leinbach, Easton, Pa.

Dueber Avenue M. E.—Morning, D. Burghalter, Galion; evening, A. C. Shuman, D. D., Tiffin.

Bethany Evangelical—Morning, H. S. Nicholson, Monroe, Pa.; evening, F. W. Engelmann, Indianapolis, Ind.

East Third Evangelical—Morning, J. G. Kerschner, Mahanoy City, Pa.; evening, S. B. Yockey, D. D., Wichita, Kansas.

First Presbyterian—Morning, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., Reading, Pa. Brethren, East Tuscarawas Street—Morning, J. R. Bergey, Altoona, Pa.; evening, J. B. Bloom, St. Joseph, Mo.

Crystal Park M. E.—Morning, J. D. Andrew, Burlington, N. C.; evening, J. M. G. Darms, Buffalo, N. Y.

Church of God—Morning, A. S. Peeler, Winston Salem, N. C.; evening, F. C. Witthoff, Louisville, Ky.

Maximo Reformed—Morning, F. C. Witthoff, Louisville, Ky.

Smoketown Reformed—Morning, E. R. Deatrick, Ph. D., Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

African M. E.—Morning, Henry Otte, Haskins, O.; evening, F. E. Zechiel, Marion, Ind.

Apple Creek—Jairus P. Moore, D. D., Tokio, Japan.

Akron, Grace—Morning, Rev. I. W. Hendricks, D. D., Chambersburg, Pa.; evening, S. P. Mauger, Hanover, Pa.

Akron, Trinity-Moraing, D. H. Fouse, Denver, Col.

Akron, East Market Street—Morning, Lewis Robb, D. D., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Akron, Wooster Avenue Reformed—Morning, Jesse M. Mengel, Jacksonville, Pa.

Akron, Miller Avenue Reformed—Morning, W. A. Rex, Kansas City; evening, J. P. Dieffenderfer, Hummelstown, Pa.

Massillon-Morning, J. M. S. Isenberg, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

New Berlin Reformed—Morning, T. W. Dickert, Reading, Pa.

New Berlin Christian-Morning, P. H. Hoover, Blain, Pa.

Loyal Oak—Morning, J. Ihle, Carothers, O.

Alliance German Reformed—Morning, B. S. Stern, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.; evening, D. R. Raiser, Tiffin, O.

Alliance English Rejormed—Morning, D. A. Souder, D. D., Erwin, Pa. North Industry Lutheran—Morning, Cyrus Cort, D. D., Overlea, Md. Louisville Reformed—Morning, Chas. E. Schaeffer, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Columbiana—Morning, J. W. Meminger, D. D., Laneaster, Pa. Canal Fulton—Morning, Chas. B. Alspach, Philadelphia, Pa.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

II. Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, 1908.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod submitted its report on the third day of the session. It was disposed of item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod present the following items:

Item 1, page 29. The creation of an Evangelistic Commission is referred to a special committee, consisting of Dr. E. N. Kremer, E. D. Wettach, Rev. E. B. Lyttle and Elders H. Knierin and Jacob Kuhns, which is to report at this Triennial Session.

Item 2, pages 33 and 283. The publication of the translation of certain Latin works of Zwingli by Dr. Samuel M. Jackson was referred to a special committee, consisting of Drs. James I. Good, George W. Richards and Elders Israel Loucks, P. W. Siebert and George A. Wood.

Item 3, page 36. Certain delegates were elected to corresponding bodies.

Item 4, page 37. Certain delegates were elected to the Alliance of Reformed Churches 1909.

Item 5, page 39. A committee on Correspondence with Continental Churches is continued.

Item 6, page 49. The Articles of Agreement for the Coun-

eil of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System are sent down to the several Classes for their approval.

Item 7, page 49. A committee on Closer Union with the Presbyterian Church is appointed of which Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer is chairman.

Item 8, page 53. Certain delegates were appointed to represent General Synod in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Item 9, page 59. A tentative committee of delegates to the Council of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System was elected.

Item 10, pages 56 and 58. Certain resolutions relating to the Calvin celebration and the continuance of the committee to whom this matter was referred by former General Synod.

Item 11, page 107. A recommendation to the Classes regarding the observation of Septuagesima Sunday as Home Missionary Day.

Item 12, page 107. A request to the Classes regarding Missionary Conventions and Home Mission Study Classes.

Item 13, page 108. An apportionment of \$6,000 upon the English Synod for German-English Missions.

Item 14, page 108. The Home Mission Board is authorized to send two Commissioners to Hungary.

Item 15, page 109. The sum of \$8,000 annually is apportioned to Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.

Item 16, page 109. The work among the colored people is commended to the Board of Home Missions.

Item 17, page 109. The sum of \$12,000 is apportioned among the English Synods for Church Building.

Item 18, page 110. A request to the Classes to observe the second Sunday in November of each year as Home Mission Day in the Sunday-schools.

Item 19, pages 111 and 112. Certain recommendations to the Board of Home Missions.

Item 20. page 112. Apportionments upon all Synods for Harbor Missions \$1,500 per year, and upon the English Synods for Home Missions \$85,500 per year.

Item 21, page 196. The Board of Foreign Missions is instructed to appoint a committee for the organization of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in our Church.

Item 22, page 196. The month of September, 1908, was set apart to commemorate the observance of the organization of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 23, page 196. Certain instructions to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 24, page 197. The sum of \$70,000 per annum is apportioned upon the Synods for Foreign Missions.

Item 25, page 198. Correspondence regarding the transfer of the Mission among the Winnebago Indians to the care and support of General Synod's Board.

Item 26, page 199. The term of office of the following members of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions expires May, 1911: Home Missions—Revs. Paul S. Leinbach, E. R. Williard, D. D., Henry H. Apple, D. D., E. Vornholt, and Elders George W. Stein and H. F. Texter; Foreign Missions—The Revs. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., James I. Good D. D., (Christopher Noss, D. D.,) A. S. Bromer, and Elders John W. Apple and John K. Bowman.

Item 27, page 203. The term of Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, as a member of the Board of Benevolent and Religious Institutions expires May. 1911.

Item 28, page 223. An annual offering for the Board of Ministerial Relief is urged on every congregation.

Item 27, page 223. A Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief is to be appointed by General Synod and an informant by each Classis.

Item 30, page 223. The terms of office of Revs. J. M. Schick. D. D., J. L. Staley, H. C. Nott, W. A. Wotring, D. D., and Philip Vollmer, D. D., and Elder C. H. Leinbach, as members of the Board of Ministerial Relief, expires May, 1911.

Item 31, page 225. Certain recommendations regarding moral and religious education.

Item 32, page 259. A request regarding the Children's Day offering for the missionary work of the Sunday-School Board.

Item 33, page 260. Certain recommendations to Classes, Consistories and pastors regarding religious instruction.

Item 34, page 260. The Sunday-School Board is authorized to elect and support a Superintendent of Teachers' Training and Young People's Work.

Item 35, page 261. The term of office of the following members of the Sunday-school Board expires May, 1911: The Revs. R. W. Miller, D. D., J. H. Bomberger, D. D., P. A. DeLong, C. W. Levan, D. D., D. B. Lady, D. D., F. C. Nau and Henry Schmidt.

Item 36, page 265. A deliverance as to the status of members of the church who were baptized and confirmed by a suspended minister is to be given by a special committee.

Item 37, page 266. Two items concerning a complaint of Lebanon Classis against certain actions of the German Philadelphia Classis were referred to General Synod's Judicial Committee.

Item 38, page 272. The Committee on Incorporation of Manitoba Classis is continued.

Item 39, page 272. A judicial commission was appointed in accordance with the New Constitution.

Item 40, page 282. An instruction to the Stated Clerk to publish 7,000 copies of the minutes in the English and 1,500 in the German language.

Item 41, page 282. Instructions to the officers of Synod as to the printing of the New Constitution with Forms.

Item 42, page 282. A request to the Sunday-School Board to adjust a certain contract.

Item 43, page 284. The royalty on the sales of Hymnals

is to be equally divided between the Society for the Relief of Ministers and General Synod's Board of Relief.

Item 44, page 286. A committee consisting of Drs. James I. Good, Joseph Henry Dubbs and George M. DeFere Zacharias, to present a report at this meeting of Synod on Reformed Church colors.

Item 45, page 289. The Rev. Cyrus Cort, D. D., is continued as railroad agent of General Synod.

Item 46, page 295. The form of Organ Dedication is referred to the Classes for approval.

Item 47, page 285. A committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. Christopher Noss, H. J. Christman, E. R. Williard and Elders George Wood and G. J. P. Raub, to bring in a report concerning Christian Socialism and the "Christian Social Fellowship."

Item 48, page 300. Classes are instructed to elect delegates to General Synod who are prepared to remain to the end of the sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. DAHLMAN,

C. B. Alspach, W. D. Stoyer. JNO. W. BICKEL, J. W. CARL ZIES.

The action taken on the foregoing report is as follows:

ltems 1, 10, 31, 33, 36, 45, 47 were adopted. For reports see Article XVII, Miscellaneous Reports,

ltems 2, 40, 42, 43 were adopted. For reports see Article XVI, on Publication.

Items 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 were adopted. See Article IX, item 6, on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

Items 6, 38 adopted. See Article XIII, on Church Government.

Items 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 29, 34, 39 and 41 adopted and ordered to be marked ""Attended to."

Items 21, 22, 23 and 25 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. See Article IX, item 8.

Items 26, 27, 30 and 35 adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Nominations. See Article IX, item 13.

Items 32 and 48 adopted and action reiterated. See Miscellaneous Reports.

Îtem 28 adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief. Article IX, item 10.

Item 37 adopted and referred to the Judicial Committee. For report see Article XIV and also action on item 11, report of Committee on Minutes of German Classes.

Item 44 adopted as far as was read and recommitted with instruction to prepare and add recommendations on an Escutcheon. The committee was completed by the appointment of Revs. A. M. Schmidt, D. D., and B. F. Fackenthal, Jr., in place of Dr. Joseph H. Dubbs and Rev. George M. DeFere Zacharias, deceased. See Article XVII.

Item 46 adopted. Form for Organ Dedication reported approved by the requisite number of Classes and officially declared a part of the order of worship for the Reformed Church. See Article XIII, Church Government.

III. Minutes of the District Synods.

The several standing committees on the Minutes of the District Synods presented their reports and were separately considered, item by item, and finally adopted as a whole.

The several reports with action thereon are as follows:

I. MINUTES OF EASTERN SYNOD.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on the Minutes of the Eastern Synod respectfully report that they have carefully examined the Minutes of the Synod held in 1908, 1909 and 1930 and they find the following for the consideration of this Synod:

Item 1. All the recommendations of the General Synod were adopted.

Item 2, page 19. Synod respectfully asks the General Synod to make the following change in the headings of the Statistical Tables, namely, that "Burials" read "Burials, Non-members."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PANNEBECKER,

J. C. Kershner, Geo. W. Roth, M. B. Linderman, G. M. Conrad.

The action taken by General Synod on the third day was as follows:

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2. Resolved, That General Synod does not see its way to grant this request.

The report was adopted as a whole.

II. MINUTES OF THE OHIO SYNOD.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethern: Your Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod respectfully reports the following items:

1. All matters referred by your reverend body to the several district Synods have been adopted by the Ohio Synod.

2. Ohio Synod reiterates its request to the General Synod and its Board of Home Missions for a Missionary Superintendent for Ohio Synod. Minutes of 1908, page 41, item 4.

3. Ohio Synod overtures General Synod to secure the cooperation of General Synods and Conferences of other denominations in an endeavor to bring to the proper attention of the public school authorities the need of fundamental moral instruction. Minutes of 1909, page 81, item 6.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MILLER,

JOSEPH P. ALDEN, JACOB P. STAHL, JOHN YOST, SAMUEL RARICK.

The action taken by General Synod was as follows:

Item 1 adopted.

Item 2 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Home

Item 3 adopted and referred to the special committee on that subject. For report see Article XVII, Miscellaneous Reports.

The report was adopted as a whole.

III. MINUTES OF SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest respectfully calls your attention to the following items in the minutes of the Synod of the Northwest of 1908, 1909 and 1910:

I. Action on the General Synod's Recommendations and Instructions.

All recommendations and instructions of General Synod were accepted and favorably acted upon.

II. Petitions and References.

- 2. On page 94, Minutes of 1910, the Synod recommends missionary work among the Hebrews.
- 3. On page 27, Minutes of 1909, the Synod of the Northwest calls General Synod's attention to the misuse of our denominational name by Hungarian Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

III. Appeals.

- 4. On page 139, Minutes of 1910, Portland-Oregon Classis appeals from the decision of Synod to General Synod. appeals from a decision of the Synod to General Synod.
- 5. On page 140, Minutes of 1910, Rev. Paul Ebinger appeals from a decision of the Synod to the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Vornholt, C. H. Riedesel. E. E. GRUENSTEIN, H. E. SCHORTEMEIER.

The action taken by General Synod was as follows:

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

Item 3 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

Items 4 and 5 adopted and referred to the Judicial Committee.

The report was finally adopted as a whole.

IV. MINUTES OF THE PITTSBURG SYNOD.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Standing Committee on Minutes of Pittsburg Synod reports that it examined the minutes of said Synod for the last three years and presents the following for your consideration:

Item 1, page 11. The Pittsburg Synod approved all the recommendations of General Synod except the apportionment.

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Item 2, page 11. Item 1. The attention of General Synod is called to the fact that its Committee on Finance failed to obey its instruction (page 23, item 5, Minutes of General

Synod) for a reduced apportionment on account of its 1,829 Hungarians, and apportioned Pittsburg Synod as high and higher than that of any other Synod save one.

Item 3, page 11. Item 6. The attention of General Synod is called to its failure to record in its printed minutes the yea and nay vote on the complaint of the Rev. C. Cort, D. D., vs. Synod.

Item 4, page 11. Item 8. The attention of General Synod is called to the fact that it "without the approval of the Classes, changed the name of the Judicial Committee provided for in the new Constitution, to Judicial Commission, and appointed on it five ministers and three elders, instead of five ministers and four elders, as the Constitution requires."

Item 5, page 11. Item 10. The attention of General Synod is called to the fact that its minutes fail to give the names of the members of its body who were excused before the close of its session and the time when they were excused.

Item 6, page 77. Synod accepts the following apportionment only because of the failure of General Synod to take into account its Hungarian membership, viz: Contingent Expenses, \$135; Home Missions, \$8,710; Church Building, \$1,212; German-English Missions, \$606; Foreign Missions, \$5,566; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$630; Harbor Missions, \$110; total, \$16,969.

Item 7, page 81. Elder P. W. Siebert complains to General Synod vs. the action of Pittsburg Synod at Wilkinsburg. The Revs. E. R. Deatrick, B. D., and R. E. Crum, counsel.

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Item 8, page 110. The Rev. C. Cort, D. D., complains to General Synod vs. the action of Pittsburg Synod at Meyersdale, Pa. The Rev. L. D. Steckel, counsel.

Item 9, page 111. The Stated Clerk reports having received one copy of reasons of complaint from Elder P. W. Siebert April 22, 1909. Also one copy of reason of appeal of the Rev. Alex. Harsanyi against the action of the Hun-

garian Classis in dismissing the First Hungarian congregation of Cleveland, Ohio, to the Reformed Church of Hungary, received August 13, 1909.

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Item 10, page 51. Pittsburg Synod overtures General Synod to constitute its Board of Home Missions so that the Presidents of the several Synodic or Bi-Synodic Boards shall be members ex officio of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 11, page 76. Pittsburg Synod overtures General Synod to adopt a plan of Ministerial Sustentation, and that it is asked to make this the specific work of its Board of Ministerial Relief.

Item 12, page 104. Pittsburg Synod protests vs. the irregular proceedings of the New York Classis of the Reformed Church of Hungary and refers the same to the General Synod, and to the American Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Item 13, page 104. The Stated Clerk reports having received, November 2, 1909, one copy of the reasons of complaint of the Rev. C. Cort, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Deatrick,

H. S. Nicholson, Will S. Fisher, Ed. Smith, John G. Cobler.

The action taken by General Synod was as follows:

Item 1 was adopted,

Items 2 and 6 were adopted and the Synod excused.

Items 3, 4 and 5 were adopted and referred to a special committee on Correction of Errors in the Minutes of General Synod of 1908. See Article XVII, Miscellaneous Reports.

Items 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 were adopted and referred to the Judicial Committee. For report see Article XIV, Judicial Committee.

Item 10 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

Item 11 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief.

The report was finally adopted as a whole.

V. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethern: Your Committee on Minutes of Potomac Synod is pleased to report that after a careful examination of the Minutes of the Synod of the years 1908, 1909 and 1910, it finds that all recommendations of General Synod were acted upon favorably and all apportionments accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

IRWIN W. HENDRICKS,

M. L. FIROR, J. L. GERBER. J. D. Andrew, M. R. Berkheimer.

The action taken by General Synod was as follows: The report was adopted as a whole.

VI. MINUTES OF THE GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee has carefully examined the Minutes of the German Synod of the East and begs leave to report the following:

Item 1. The German Classis of Philadelphia petitioned the German Synod of the East to overture General Synod to have a separate column for the scholars of the Home Department and the Cradle Roll so that these might be distinguished from the totality of scholars in actual membership and attendance in the Sunday-schools. Minutes of 1909, page 17.

Item 2. The Synod expresses its gratitude to General Synod for the splendid report on Sunday-schools and the commendable progress made in this very important department of our church work. Minutes of 1909, page 107.

Ministerial Relief.

Item 3. The German Synod of the East overtures General Synod to endeavor to bring about a union between the Ministerial Relief Association of the Synod of the Northwest and the Board of Ministerial Relief of General Synod.

It is the opinion of the German Synod of the East that the constitution of the Relief Association of the Synod of the Northwest is very practical and good, and that a union of both Relief Associations, after a few changes in their constitutions, is both possible and desirable. Minutes of 1910, page 12 (b).

Item 4. All other recommendations which were referred by General Synod to district Synods were cheerfully adopted and again referred for action to the various Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. SCHEER,
LOUIS D. BENNER, M. H. QUAL,
HENRY C. BROSMANN, CHARLES CAST.

The action of General Synod on this report was as follows:

Item 1 was ordered to be stricken from the report.

Items 2 and 4 were adopted.

Item 3 was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief.

The report was finally adopted as a whole.

VII. MINUTES OF CENTRAL SYNOD.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: After careful examination of the proceedings of Central Synod for the past three years, your committee begs to submit the following report:

Favorable action has been taken upon all recommendations of General Synod delivered through the Classes to the several congregations.

We find nothing in the minutes that would claim special attention on the part of your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH KRAMPE,
JOHN F. WINTER, JULIUS GAENGE,
ERNST HOELSCHER, F. J. BRAND.

Action of General Synod was as follows: The report was adopted as a whole.

VIII. MINUTES OF SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Interior begs to report as follows:

- 1. All recommendations and apportionments of General Synod were accepted.
 - 2. Interior Synod overtures (1910, pages 15 and 21):
- (a) That General Synod adopt as a part of its permanent policy, through its Home Mission Board, the inauguration of an educational institution for Interior Synod.
- (b) That General Synod provide an endowment of \$100,-000 for the said institution.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. YOCKEY,

CARL G. PETRI, W. A. REX, H. KLAUMANN, GEO, U. BROWN.

Action of General Synod was as follows:

Item 1 was adopted,

Item 2 (a) and (b) was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

The report was finally adopted as a whole.

IV. MINUTES OF THE CLASSES.

I. Report of the Minutes of the English Classes.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on the Minutes of the English Classes renders the following report:

- Item 1. Abstracts of the Minutes of Classes have been received from all of the Classes except those of Illinois and Lincoln.
- Item 2. The Classis of Wichita sent a copy of its minutes instead of the abstract, as required by Synod.
- Item 3. The Articles of Federation were rejected by the following Classes: Lancaster, of the Eastern Synod; West Susquehanna, Tohickon, Goshenhoppen, Schuylkill, Westmoreland, Clarion, Somerset, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, Juniata—total, 12.

- Item 4. Lebanon Classis approves of the Synod's tentative disposition of its appeal in the Old Klopp's Church case.
- Item 5. All subjects referred to the Classes were favorably acted upon with the following exceptions:
- (a) Lebanon Classis believes it unwise to celebrate Septuagesima Sunday as Home Missionary Day.
- (b) Lebanon Classis does not look with favor upon the Annuity Bond System for raising funds for Foreign Missions.
- (c) West Susquehanna Classis does not see its way clear to commend the Board of Ministerial Relief and reiterates its action of the previous year.
- (d) Tohickon Classis deplores the fact that the expenditures of the Board of Foreign Missions are more than the receipts, and also calls the attention of the Board to the unsatisfactory statements which they publish.
- (e) Eastern Ohio Classis laid on the table Synod's recommendation to devote some time of its session to Calvin and Calvinism.
- (f) St. Paul's Classis deems it unadvisable to comply with the request of General Synod to appoint an informant.
 - (g) Somerset Classis fails to appoint an informant.
- (h) Somerset Classis declines to make their Children's Day offering to the missionary work of the Sunday-School Board.
- (i) Zion's Classis did not see its way clear, for lack of time, to make reference to Calvin and Calvinism.
- (j) Mercersburg Classis declines to adopt the request to give weekly instructions in religion and morals to the children of the primary and junior grades.
- (k) Juniata Classis could not comply with the request of Synod in making reference to Calvin and Calvinism.

Item 6. Overtures:

- (a) Tohickon Classis overtures Synod in reference to the Statistical blanks.
- (b) Reading Classis overtures Synod to give a deliverance on the status which shall be assigned in the statistical report

to Classis to those persons who are no longer in good and regular standing. Article 130.

- (c) The Hungarian Classis requests the approval of the translation of the Constitution into the Hungarian language.
- (d) Hungarian Classis Overtures Synod to adjust many important questions referring to the mission work among the Hungarians.
- (e) Hungarian Classis overtures Synod to enforce Section 14 of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALVIN REBER,

S. M. Roeder, A. G. Grater. C. W. Summey,

ROBERT L. GRAY.

The action of General Synod, taken as each item was read, was as follows:

Items 1 and 2 were adopted and attention of the Classes of Illinois, Lincoln and Wichita called to their neglect.

Item 3 adopted and facts referred to Stated Clerk. For report see Article XIII, Church Government.

Item 4 adopted and ordered marked "Attended to."

Item 5 (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) adopted.

- (c) adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief.
- $\left(d\right)$ Adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.
 - Item 6 (a) adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Finance.
- (b) Adopted and referred to a special committee. For report see Article XIII, Church Government.
- (c) Adopted and referred to the Board of Home Missions with instruction to examine and if found satisfactory, to endorse the use of same.
 - (d) and (e) adopted and referred to the Board of Home Missions. The report was then adopted as a whole,

II. Report of the Minutes of the German Classes.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on the Minutes of German Classes beg leave to report the following:

1. We received the reports of all the German Classes except that of Milwaukee Classis.

2. The Articles of Agreement of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian form of government were adopted by Zion's, Sheboygan, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ursinus, Portland-Oregon, Manitoba, Kentucky, New York, West New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, Erie, St. John's, Heidelberg, Cincinnati and Toledo.

These articles were rejected by Chicago and South Dakota Classes.

- 3. The recommendations of General Synod concerning the celebration of the 400th anniversary of John Calvin were adopted by the following Classes: Zion, Sheboygan, Indiana, Nebraska, Ursinus, South Dakota, Portland-Oregon, New York, West New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, Erie, St. John's, Heidelberg, Cincinnati and Toledo.
- 4. The recommendation of General Synod relative to the increase of candidates for the gospel ministry was adopted by the Classes: Zion, Sheboygan, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska. Ursinus, South Dakota, Manitoba. New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, St. John's, Heidelberg and Cincinnati.
- 5. The following Classes adopted General Synod's formula for Organ Dedication: Zion, Nebraska, Portland-Oregon, Kentucky, New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, Erie, Heidelberg, Cincinnati, Toledo and St. John's.

Indiana and Sheboygan Classes take notice.

- 6. Nearly all the Classes adopt or take favorable notice of the recommendations of General Synod concerning Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday-Schools, the efforts to increase the membership of candidates for the Gospel ministry, the circulation of Reformed literature in Church and Sunday-school, Legacies and Annuities. Young People's Societies, Mission Study Classes, Orphans' Homes and Harbor Missions.
- 7. The following Classes recommend the work of Relief for Ministers and their Widows by General Synod's Board: Nebraska, Portland-Oregon, Manitoba, Kentucky, West

New York, New York, German Maryland, German Philadelphia, Heidelberg, St. John's, Cincinnati, Indiana, Toledo, Minnesota; a few Classes especially recommend the Relief Society of the Synod of the Northwest.

- 8. The Laymen's Movement is approved by Erie, Heidelberg, Toledo and Minnesota.
- 9. Concerning the Anti-Saloon League and Temperance, the following action is reported: Portland-Oregon Classis takes notice; St. John's the same; Sheboygan Classis refers this to a special committee; Kentucky and Heidelberg adopt. West New York Classis adopts strong resolutions concerning temperance, but does not give its consent in full to the resolutions of General Synod.
- 10. Ursinus Classis respectfully petitions General Synod to make provision for special missionary work among the Jews of our country.
- 11. German Philadelphia Classis in the matter pertaining to the St. Paul's (Old Klopp's) church submits a statement and certain requests.
- 12. German Maryland Classis requests General Synod respectfully to instruct its Board of Ministerial Relief to appoint a committee of three from each Classis to act as informants, any two of which shall be required to recommend a minister or his widow for support.
- 13. Cincinnati Classis requests General Synod to instruct its Board of Relief to investigate the plan of the Synod of the Northwest, and where necessary modify it for adoption.
- 14. Manitoba Classis takes notice of General Synod's recommendation concerning the incorporation of congregations in Canada.
- Missouri Classis rejoices in the proposed union with the Presbyterian Church.
- 16. Missouri Classis sends to General Synod an abstract of its proceedings, which it neglected to send in 1908.
- 17. Chicago Classis declares in reference to the adoption of the New Constitution: It was not in a position to act,

because there were not turned over to said Classis any copies of the Acts and Proceedings of General Synod for 1905.

Respectfully submitted, C. F. Kriete,

GEORGE GRETHER, H. SILL, F. W. KETTERHEINRICH, MICHAEL AUCK.

The action of General Synod was taken seriatim, as follows:

Item 1 adopted and attention of Milwaukee Classis called to their neglect.

Item 2 adopted and the Stated Clerk authorized to make a record of the statistics. For report see Article XIII, Church Government.

Items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15 and 16 were severally adopted.

Item 5 adopted and referred to the Stated Clerk for an official summary. For report see Article XVII, Miscellaneous Reports,

Item 10 adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Home Missions

Item 11 was adopted, referred to the Judicial Committee, this action reconsidered and item considered in connection with item 37 of Report of Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during which consideration the following motion, presented by Dr. V. W. Dippell, was adopted, viz: (1) That General Synod requests the German Philadelphia Classes to regularly enroll the St. Paul's (Old Klopp's) church, of Lebanon county; it having been agreed in private conference between representatives of Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East, Lebanon and East Susquehanna Classes, Eastern Synod, that, though numerous irregularities have occurred, it will work to the best interests of the Church and all concerned to drop all further contention. (2) That General Synod respectfully requests East Susquehanna Classis of the Eastern Synod to lift the suspension resting upon the Rev. S. F. Hartzell.

Following this action, the report of the Judicial Committee of the Synod of York (1908) was adopted. For report see Article XIV, Judicial Committee.

Items 12 and 13 adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Item 14 adopted and ordered marked "Attended to."

Item 17 adopted and Classis excused.

The report was finally adopted as a whole.

V. OVERTURES.

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

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren; Your Committee on Overtures reports the following items:

Item 1. An overture from the Episcopal Commission on Eaith and Order.

Item 2. An overture in reference to the Hungarian Church, Cleveland, Ohio,

Item 3. An appeal from Portland-Oregon Classis against the action of the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 4. An appeal of Rev. Paul Ebinger against the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 5. An overture from Reading Classis in reference to the plan of Sustentation for the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Item 6. An overture in reference to a Home for Consumptives.

Item 7. An overture from Wichita Classis in reference to the unification of the whole plan of Ministerial Relief.

Item 8. An overture from Philadelphia Classis in reference to a Commission on Church Finance.

Item 9. An overture from Reading Classis that the column for Benevolent purposes be changed.

Item 10. Overtures from Reading and Philadelphia Classes in reference to the use of the Bible in the public schools.

Item 11. Report from Federal Council of Churches.

Item 12. Mission work among Colored people.

Item 13. An overture from Tiffin Classis, Ohio Synod, in reference to anti-saloon action.

Item 14. An overture from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, requesting the annual publication of the financial standing of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 15. An overture from the Interior Synod asking endorsement of the "Educational Project" of said Synod.

Item 17. An overture from Philadelphia Classis respecting an appendix to Church Hymnal.

Item 18. An overture from St. John's Classis, Central Synod, in reference to certain changes and additions to the Liturgy.

Item 19. An overture from West Susquehanna Classis in reference to recognition of the 350th anniversary of the origin of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Item 20. A request from the National Protestant Church of Geneva for a Correspondence Committee, including presentation of a book commemorating the Fourth Centenary of John Calvin's Birth.

Item 21. An answer to the complaint of Cyrus Cort against the action of the Pittsburg Synod.

Item 22. A request that certain corrections to the Minutes of General Synod at York, Pa., May, 1908, be legalized.

Item 23. Report from Interior Academy asking our prayers and interest.

Item 24. Invitations to General Synod to hold next meeting (a) at Lancaster, Pa., (b) in Heidelberg Reformed church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Item 25. Request for permission to photograph General Synod.

Item 26. Report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

1tem 27. Eighth Triennial Report of Sunday-School Board.

Item 28. Sixteenth Triennial Report of Board of Home Missions.

Item 29. Eleventh Triennial Report of Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 30. Catalogues:

- (a) Heidelberg University.
- (b) F. and M. College.
- (c) Ursinus College.
- (d) Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church.
- (e) Central Theological Seminary.
- (f) North Japan College.
- (g) Miyagi Girls' School.
- (h) College for Women, Allentown, Pa.
- (i) Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

Item 31. History of the Reformed Church in the United States in the Hungarian language.

Item 32. Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States in the Hungarian language.

Item 33. Second Triennial Report of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Item 34. The Missionary Hymnal.

Item 35. Credential of Rev. Dr. J. H. Prugh to represent the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

Item 36. Report of the Council of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

Item 37. Report of Edwin C. Thompson on Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

Item 38. Petition to amend Article 101 of the Constitution by certain additions thereto.

Item 39. A communication from the Hungarian Classis, Synod of Pittsburg.

Item 40. Reports of the Rev. Dr. A. C. Weber, Fraternal Delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and of the Rev. J. Rauch Stein, Fraternal Delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Item 41. Greetings from the Evangelical Reformed Church in Hanover, Germany.

Item 42. Report of Rev. E. F. Evemyer, Fraternal Delegate to the Assembly of the U. P. Church.

Item 43. Greetings from the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Item 44. Communication from the First Magyar Reformed Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

Item 45. Abstract of Minutes of Wyoming Classis.

Item 46. Petition of Jubilee Committee of Mission House.

Item 47. Overture from Ursinus Classis in reference to work among the Jews.

Item 48. Overture from Tuscarawas Classis to provide responsive readings for the use of the Reformed Church.

Item 49. Request for Permanent Committee on Temperance.

Item 50. Communication from Joint Commission on

Temperance, of Federal Council and National Inter-Church Federation.

Item 51. Reasons for complaint to General Synod against the action of Pittsburg Synod by several members thereof.

Item 52. Overtures in reference to Family Altar League.

Item 53. A communication from Classis of Amsterdam and Report of Deaconess Institution.

Item 54. Report of Rev. Dr. James Crawford, Fraternal Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Item 55. Report of Rev. Paul H. Land, delegate to the General Council of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

Item 56. Report of the Executive Commission of the Presbyterian Alliance.

Item 57. Report of the International Committee for the promotion of Evangelical Churches among the Czechs, in Bohemia and Moravia.

Item 58. Communication from the Secretary of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

Item 59. The minutes of the Council of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

Item 60. Report of the Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Item 61. Request of the President of the Council of Reformed Churches to be heard at this meeting of General Synod. Respectfully submitted,

> James Crawford, Chairman. W. H. Tussing, Secretary.

The foregoing report was disposed of as follows:

Item 1 adopted and referred to a special committee on Faith and Order. See Miscellaneous Reports, Article XVII.

Items 2, 16, 28, 31, 32 and 47 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

Items 3 and 4 adopted and referred to a special committee on "Appeals."

Items 5, 6, 7, 33 and 60 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Items 8 and 9 adopted and referred to Special Committee on Church Finance.

Item 10 adopted and referred to a Special Committee on Bible in the Public Schools.

Items 11, 12, 35, 36, 37, 55, 58 and 59 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

Items 13, 49 and 50 adopted and referred to a Special Committee on Temperance.

Items 14, 29 and 34 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

Items 15, 23, 30 and 46 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Educational Institutions.

Items 17, 18 and 48 adopted and referred to a Special Committee on Appendix to the Church Hymnal.

Item 19 adopted and referred to a Special Committee on Anniversary of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Item 22 adopted and referred to Special Committee on Correction of Minutes.

Item 24 adopted and names of places ordered to be placed on the ballot.

Item 25 adopted and the request granted.

Item 26 adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Orphan Homes

Item 27 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, $\,$

Items 38, 44 and 51 adopted and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Items 39 and 45 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes.

Item 40 adopted, report read and Dr. Weber excused for failure to convey greetings.

Items 42 and 54 adopted, report read and approved.

Item 43 adopted, report read and instructions given to return suitable reply to the President of said body.

Item 52 adopted and referred to a Special Committee on Family Altar,

Item 53 adopted, Synod rose to hear the report which was approved and referred to the Standing Committee on Correspondence with Continental Churches. Items 20, 41, 56 and 57 were also referred to this committee.

Item 61 adopted, request granted and notice thereof authorized to be sent to Dr. Howerton,

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

A. Reports from Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

The delegates elected by General Synod at York, Pa., in 1908, to corresponding bodies presented their reports, which were received and adopted. These reports, as respectively presented, are as follows:

1. General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

To the President and Members of the General Synod:

Dear Brethren: My commission as a fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Church in America was not fulfilled owing to a misapprehension as to the time of the meeting of that body. It was my purpose to go to convey the greetings of our Church to them last fall, but upon inquiry I learned that they had met earlier in the summer than I had supposed they would. To my regret, I am obliged, therefore, to report that the pleasant duty the Synod of York laid upon me through an inadvertance was not performed.

Begging your pardon for this and praying for Divine blessings upon you and your deliberations of this meeting. I am, Yours in Christ,

A. S. Weber.

Baltimore, Md., May, 1911.

2. General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: The long-established custom of exchanging ecclesiastical courtesies between this reverend body and that of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, was observed by the attendance of your delegate at the meeting of the Assembly held in the city of Denver, Col., in the month of May, 1909. Your representative in bearing your fraternal greetings was cordially received, and the Moderator of that reverend body expressed the wish that I should bear to the General Synod

the cordial salutations of the Assembly, with good wishes for the future prosperity of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The expenses of your delegate have been paid by the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

James Crawford.

Philadelphia, May, 1911.

3. General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Agreeably to my appointment three years ago, I had the honor to represent your reverend body as corresponding delegate before the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at its sessions in Richmond, Indiana, on Tuesday, June 8, 1909. I met with the customary cordial reception. The fraternal greetings of our General Synod were presented and the President of their Synod charged me to bear back to your reverend body the hearty greetings of that branch of the Protestant Church of the Reformation, to assure you of their interest in our work, and to express their good will and best wishes for our continued prosperity and success.

The traveling expenses connected with the fulfillment of my mission were paid by your Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RAUCH STEIN.

Harrisburg, Pa., May, 1911.

- 4. Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church. No report was received.
- 5. General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church begs leave to say that he enjoyed the honor and great privilege of bearing greetings of our Church to this sister denomination, when in annual session at Nashville, Tenn., in May, 1909.

Your delegate was shown the greatest of kind consideration, and the two days spent in the sessions of this body were not only pleasant, but very profitable. Special interest centered in these sessions because of the fact that they were held in the college of the Freedmen of the South. The United Presbyterian Church has a just cause for pride because of the character of the work being done in this institution. The visit of a fraternal delegate was highly appreciated, as was the honor you bestowed upon your delegate.

The expenses of your delegate have been paid in full by your Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. EVEMEYER.

Dayton, Ohio, May 1, 1911.

6. General Synod of the United Evangelical Church of North America.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: As your delegate I had the privilege and honor to represent your reverend body before the General Synod of the United Evangelical Synod of North America, which convened in the First United Evangelical Church of the city of Burlington, Iowa, from September 23, to October 3, 1909.

I was very cordially received and for two days enjoyed the hospitality, the deliberations and the religious services of that reverend body.

On the third day of the sessions an opportunity was afforded to present your fraternal greetings. The cordial response of the President of the Synod evinced the fraternal spirit prevailing in this sister denomination toward the Reformed Church, and gave the assurance of their interest and rejoicing in the progress of our Church in the work of the kingdom, and bade your delegate to convey to your reverend body the Christian greetings of his Church, to-

gether with their well wishes and prayers for the continued prosperity of our Church and the abounding blessing of God on our work for Christ and His kingdom.

The traveling expenses of your delegate were duly paid by your Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Dahlmann.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 12, 1911.

B. Election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

- 1. To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America: Rev. Edward F. Wiest, D. D., primarius; Rev. Gustave R. Poetter, secundus.
- 2. To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States: Rev. James I. Good, D. D., primarius; Rev. L. Kreider Evans, D. D., secundus.
- 3. To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: Rev. Daniel Burghalter, *primarius*; Rev. John F. Moyer, *secundus*.
- 4. To the Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church; Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, D. D., primarius; Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, secundus.
- 5. To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church: Rev. Edward S. Bromer, D. D., primarius; Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., secundus.
- 6. To the German Evangelical Synod of North America: Rev. J. M. G. Darms, primarius: Rev. F. Aigner, secundus.
- 7. To the Reformed Episcopal Church: Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., primarius; Rev. Chas. B. Alspach, secundus.

C. Delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

1. Report from the Reformed Church in America.

On the second day of the session, the presence of the Rev. C. F. C. Suckow, D. D., fraternal delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, was announced, his credentials received and the time for receiving his fraternal greetings was fixed for Thursday morning, following

the devotional service. At this hour Dr. Suckow briefly addressed Synod, presenting in a happy manner the greetings and good will of the Church he was appointed to represent.

2. Report from the General Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On the third day of the session, Rev. Paul Z. Strodach, Canton, Ohio, corresponding delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States appeared on the floor of General Synod, presented his credentials and took his seat as corresponding member. The courtesy of Synod was accorded him immediately following the presentation of Rev. C. F. C. Suckow, and in a brief address he assured General Synod of the good will and hearty wishes of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. To both these addresses the President replied fittingly and cordially.

3. A Letter of Greeting from the Reformed Episcopal Church.

This letter was received, referred to the Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches and made the subject of a special item in the report of said committee (see report). The letter is as follows:

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

DEAR BRETHREN: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God for the heroic history of your branch of the Church; for your struggles in behalf of simplicity in worship, of purity in doctrine and of holiness in life; and we bless His name for the triumph you have won.

We of the Reformed Episcopal Church, engaged as we are in a similar endeavor, greet you affectionately in the Lord, and pray continued blessing on your work.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph D. Wilson,
Delegate from the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Report of the Delegates to the General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches

Throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The chairman of your delegation to the Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, held at New York, June, 1909, would report that that Council was attended by a large part of the delegation appointed to it by our last General Synod, and vacancies were filled by the appointment of ministers and laymen from our Church who were present. The Council was a representative gathering from the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches from all parts of the world. There were present a number of prominent bodies of the foreign churches as well as from our country and Canada. The papers read and addresses delivered were on weighty subjects that are engrossing the interest of the Church. A prominent topic peculiar to this Council was the quarto centenary of the birth of John Calvin, on whose life and influence a number of papers were read. Two or three of the papers were by representatives of our Church. The Council labored under the disadvantage of meeting in June instead of in September, as has been usual when it met on this side of the Atlantic. but a September meeting was prevented by the Hudson Centenary. Still it was an imposing body, having in it many delegates of prominence and great experience, and we believe its usefulness will be far-reaching for the advancement of God's kingdom.

The Council appointed as its next place of meeting the city of Aberdeen, in Scotland, where it is to meet in June, 1913, and to that meeting it will be incumbent for this General Synod to appoint the usual delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

James I. Good, Chairman of the Delegation. D. Election of Delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches in 1913.

The Tenth General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System will meet in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1913. The Reformed Church in the United States is entitled to twenty-one delegates. Its apportionment for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1913, is \$420.00. The following persons were duly elected:

Rev. James I. Good, D. D., Rev. Henry H. Apple, D. D., Rev. Philip Vollmer, D. D., Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, Rev. A. K. Zartman, D. D., Rev. Theo. F. Herman, D. D., Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Rev. H. C. Nott, Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D., Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Elder Walter Kuhns, Elder Chas. H. Edmunds, Esq., Rev. George S. Stibitz, D. D., Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D., Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. Prof. George W. Richards, D. D., Rev. Prof. H. J. Christman, D. D., Rev. Chas. E. Miller, D. D., Prof. Geo. Leslie Omwake, Rev. John S. Stahr, D. D.

General Synod called attention to the following action of 1908 (see Corrections to Minutes of 1908):

Whereas, It has been customary for the General Synod to publish only the names of persons elected as representatives of Synod to such bodies as the Inter-Church Conference, Alliance of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System, etc., therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to follow that rule in the publication of the candidates elected by this Synod, and that the filling of vacancies be left to the President and Stated Clerk, as heretofore.

E. Report of the Committee of Correspondence With Continental Churches.

In response to an item of the Minutes of the Synod of York, 1908, see page 39, the Committee on Correspondence with Continental Churches was continued. The report of said committee was presented on Tuesday evening, May 23, and was adopted as read. It is as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: Your Continental Committee would report that the General Synod is in correspondence with four Churches on the Continent of Europe—the Reformed Alliance of Germany and the Swiss Evangelical Alliance, from whose churches our forefathers came to this country, and also with the Classis of Amsterdam, which so nobly cared for our early Church. Later the Reformed Church of Hungary was added to the list. The Rev. Dr. Roentgen, the chairman of the committee, is not present at our General Synod; he is the correspondent with the Reformed Alliance of Germany. We do not, therefore, have any communication from them or from the Swiss Alliance or the Church of Hungary, but as the undersigned expects to attend the meeting of the Reformed Alliance of Germany, at Detmold. in August, he would be glad to represent our Church if officially appointed by this body.

Five papers have come into our hands on which we suggest the following action:

- (1) The first is an official communication from the Classis of Amsterdam, which was read to our Synod the other day. It presents the greetings of the Classis and also contains a report of a Deaconess Home. We recommend that the Continental Committee send a suitable reply to this communication, containing our greetings to the Classis of Amsterdam.
- (2) The second is a communication from the National Protestant Church of Geneva, stating that it desires to enter into correspondence with our Church and sending us the published account in French of the Jubilee of Calvin in Geneva, in 1909. We recommend that General Synod open correspondence with the National Protestant Church of Geneva and that the Continental Committee be authorized to send them our greetings and also our thanks for the presentation of the copy of the book, "The Jubilee of Calvin."

(3) A third item referred to your committee was the greetings of the General Synod of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Hanover. This Synod took action October 20, 1910, that it desired to enter into correspondence with us and appointed a committee, consisting of Rev. F. Bleske-Victor, of the Synod of Aurich, and Rev. H. Hesse, of the Synod of Stade, as a committee on correspondence with us; this committee in its communication asks that correspondence be opened with our Church and sends us fraternal greetings. They pray the divine blessing upon our Church and upon the session of this General Synod.

Your committee would recommend that our General Synod open correspondence with this Church from which, as they say in their communication, so many emigrants have come to our land and to our Church, and that the Continental Committee send a suitable return greeting.

(4) Two communications have come to us in regard to Bohemia, the first is a communication from the International Committee for the promotion of the Evangelical Churches among the Czechs in Bohemia and Moravia. The second is a communication from the Western section of the Reformed Alliance. We recommend that these communications be read and that our Church join with this ancient church in celebrating, in 1915, and refer the matter to the next General Synod, in 1914, to make special arrangements for a proper celebration of that event; also that our Church commend to the liberality and prayers of our congregations the proposed Huss House in Prague, and that the officers of the General Synod be given authority to appoint delegates to the Continental Conference to be held at Prague in September of this year.

Your committee would recommend that the present committee be continued with the addition of Rev. M. G. Darms, as the third member of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Report of Delegates to the Federal Council of the Churches in America.

In response to item 8, Minutes of General Synod 1908, at York, Pa., see pages 52 and 53, the committee appointed on this item made the following report:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The delegates appointed to represent this General Synod at the first meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America would respectfully report that they attended to the duty assigned them at the appointed time and place. The names of those who were present, as given in the official roll of delegates, in the published proceedings of the Council, are as follows: Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort, Elder H. M. Housekeeper, Rev. Drs. J. Spangler Kieffer, Paul S. Leinbach, Rufus W. Miller, John H. Prugh, George W. Richards, Elder John C. Roller, Rev. Dr. Alvin S. Zerbe.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. growing out of the Inter-Church Conference held in New York, December 15-21, 1905, held its first meeting in Philadelphia, December 2-8, 1908. The meeting was generally considered to be an event of great historical significance and importance, inaugurating a new era in the history of Christianity in America. It was very appropriate that this first meeting should be held in Philadelphia. There seemed to be an analogy between what was then being done there and what had been done there more than a hundred years before, when the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia, and when afterward in the same place the Convention met which framed the Constitution of the United States. In each case it was a federal union that was formed; in the one case, civilly and politically, of commonwealths; in the other, ecclesiastically and religiously, of churches. In its own way, and with reference to what may follow from it in the future, the significance of the latter is not less broad and national than the former. The Federal Council was a national gathering; all parts of the country, without exception, were represented in it. Consisting of 450 delegates, representing thirty-three religious denominations, with a communicant membership of eighteen millions, and a still larger number of adherents, it may justly be said to have represented the Protestant Churches of America as a whole. The Council itself was an august and impressive body; dignified, serious, thoughtful, earnest. In looking out upon it one could not fail to be reminded of one of the great Ecumenical Councils held in the first centuries of the history of the Christian Church.

The spirit of the Council was one of remarkable unity and unanimity. In this gathering, various religious bodies, which had been living in separation from and independence of each other, going each its own way and doing each its own work, found, upon coming together, that they were all of one mind and one spirit. There was something in the assembly which reminded one of the days of the apostles and the first beginnings of Christianity; not unnaturally, for every great forward movement in the history of the Church seems to be conditioned and characterized by a certain return to the beginning. In particular certain things said in the Acts of the Apostles of the first Christians were likely here to be recalled to memory, such as: "They were all with one accord in one place," and "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul."

The Federal Council was established, not for the purpose of creating unity among the Churches, but rather for the purpose of giving expression and manifestation, for the accomplishment of certain practical objects, to a unity already existing. It is based on the truth, declared in the Word of God, not that there shall be hereafter, but that "there is one body and one spirit." In the preamble to the Plan of Federation, it is declared that "in the providence of God, the time has come when it seems fitting more fully to manifest the essential oneness of the Christian Churches of America in Jesus Christ as their Divine Lord and Saviour, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and co-

operation among them." Of the several objects of the Council, as announced in the Plan itself, the first is: "To express the fellowship and catholic unity of the Christian Church:" and the second, "To bring the Christian bodies of America into united service for Christ and the world." Thus the Council has from the start taken for granted the actually existing oneness of all the Churches of Christ in America. It aims, not to bring about this unity, but to give expression to it, and to bring it into practical and effective activity in the power of co-operation. Differences in respect of doctrine, worship and church government are not felt to be incompatible with this unity, which has its root in a region much deeper than that in which they are found; which roots itself in the ground of belief in, and love and lovalty towards Jesus Christ, as the one divine Lord and Saviour of mankind. Accordingly, the Federal Council interferes in no respect with the existing creed, cultus or polity of any religious denomination, but, leaving intact in every respect the denominations comprised within it, seeks to unite them all in one body, for deliberation and action in regard to the important questions by which the Church of Christ in America is to-day confronted. Its significance will be found to be, in no small measure, in the fact that now, for the first time, there exists in it a body through which the voice of the Protestant Churches of the country may be heard, and proper effect be given to their sentiment upon all those questions, moral and religious, domestic, social, national, international, which are continually demanding discussion, decision and action.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was elected President of the Council. The proceedings of the body consisted largely of the consideration of carefully prepared reports, by committees previously appointed, on the following subjects: 1. Interdenominational Organizations; 2. Co-operation in Foreign Missions; 3. State Federations; 4. Organization and Development; 5. The Maintenance of the Council; 6. Co-operation in Home Missions; 7. The Church and Modern Industry; 8. Religious

Instruction Through the Sunday-School; 9. The Church and the Immigrant Problem; 10. Sunday Observance; 11. Temperance; 12. Local Federations; 13. Week-Day Instruction for School Children; 14. Religion in Higher Institutions; 15. International Relations; 16. Family Life.

It may be mentioned that the Federal Council showed honor to this General Synod by having its President, who was one of the delegates, preside at one of the sessions of the Council.

The Council, according to its Constitution, will meet quadrennially. Its next meeting will be held in 1912.

Your delegates recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this General Synod sets a high value upon and will maintain and cherish its membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and that it accepts, and directs its Treasurer to pay, the amount apportioned to it for the maintenance of the Council, which in general is one dollar for each one thousand members, according to the ratio of the Execution Committee, adopted at Louisville, Ky., or three hundred dollars for our Reformed Church, instead of four hundred dollars, as formerly proposed.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Spangler Kieffer, Cyrus Cort,
Paul S. Leinbach, Rufus W. Miller.

This report and the resolution contained therein were adopted and the following persons elected as delegates to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, appointed to meet in 1912:

Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., Rev. Theodore F. Herman, D. D., Rev. A. C. Schuman, D. D., Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D., Rev. George W. Richards, D. D., Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., and Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, D. D.

G. Report of the Delegates to the Council of Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterian System.

In accordance with the action of the General Synod at York, in 1908 (see page 49), the Articles of Agreement were sent down to the the several Classes for their approval. The vote of the Classes, as found in the special report of the Acting Stated Clerk on this item, was forty votes in the affirmative and sixteen in the negative. In consequence thereof, the Tentative Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your committee appointed tentatively to represent your reverend body in the Council of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, directs your attention to the following report:

Since the last meeting of General Synod at York, Pa., three meetings of the Council were held, one in March, 1909, at New Orleans, La.; the regular biennial meeting, at Louisville, Ky., March, 1910, and a meeting called by the Executive Committee, in Philadelphia, Pa., February, 1911.

Prof. F. Grether, D. D., was present at the first meeting. He reports as follows:

PLYMOUTH, WIS., APRIL 29, 1911.

REV. A. E. DAHLMAN, D. D., BUFFALO, N. Y.:

Dear Brother: I attended the meeting of this Council in March, 1909, at New Orleans, the only member of our committee there present; that all deference and fraternal love was accorded me as a delegate from our Church. The Secretary of General Synod had supplied me with the necessary credentials, and I had failed to see the notice of President Spangler Kieffer advising non-attendance. My traveling expenses have also been paid by the Treasurer of General Synod, Elder W. R. Barnhart.

Yours respectfully,

FRANK GRETHER.

The adoption of the Articles of Agreement by a majority of the Classes at their regular meetings in 1909, as certified by the acting Stated Clerk of General Synod in the church papers, constituted our Church a member of the Council. Accordingly the following representatives of your reverend body attended the meeting at Louisville: Revs. Drs. John H. Prugh, Frank Grether. Cyrus Cort and A. E. Dahlmann. Gen. John E. Roller and Rev. Dr. C. F. Kriete who were present were recognized as alternates for absent members.

The business meetings were held in the chapel of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Kentucky, on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday forenoon and afternoon. The officers of the Council elected at the meeting are: President, Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; Vice-President, Hon. Robert N. Wilson, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; Stated Clerk, Rev. Wm. H. Roberts, D. D., LL. D., of the Presbyterian Church in the United States America; and Treasurer, the Rev. D. F. McGill, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings religious services were held. The opening sermon was delivered by the retiring President, the Rev. Dr. J. Preston Searle. There were addresses by the different members of the Council. For the business transacted at this meeting and the important recommendations to the highest judicatories of the constituent churches of the Council, we refer your reverend body to the printed minutes, copies of which have been distributed.

The departure of two members of the Council, the Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D. D., and Rev. John B. Drury, D. D., both of the Reformed Church of North America, was recognized by an appropriate memorial minute.

At the meeting of the Council held in the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa., in the month of February, 1911, our Church was represented by the following delegates: the Revs. Drs. Jas. I. Good. John H. Prugh, Geo. W. Richards, A. S. Weber, Cyrus Cort, Conrad Clever and A. E. Dahlmann. The boards and executive agencies of the constituent bodies having been requested to send representatives to this meeting, our Church was represented by Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, D. D., and Paul S. Leinbach, of the Board of Home Missions, and Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Miller, of

the Sunday-school Board. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, the Rev. Dr. R. W. McGranahan and the Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Miller.

We would respectfully direct the attention of the reverend General Synod to the recommendations of the Council regarding the work among the colored people of the United States, Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education and the Publication Interests of the Churches. The proposed basis of co-operation in Home Missions should certainly receive the earnest consideration of this Synod. The efforts for introducing and furthering systematic biblical instruction in the colleges should be cordially welcomed and participated in by our Church.

The magnitude and importance of the work among the colored people claimed the special attention of the Council and a permanent committee was created to which our Church is called upon to elect three representatives.

The publishing agencies of the constituent church—are urged to co-operate in the publishing, purchasing and distributing of literature and supplies.

The Churches of the Council are requested to engage more zealously and extensively in the work for the foreign-speaking peoples of our country. A permanent committee is to be established in which each Church is represented, which is to have the general supervision of this work.

A memorial minute regarding the departure of the Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., of our Church, and Mr. T. H. Perrin, of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., who were members of this Council, was adopted.

The supreme judicatories are requested to appoint in their several bodies committees on the minutes and recommendations of the Council.

In conclusion, we would refer to the beautiful fraternal spirit prevailing in all the meetings of the Council and the privilege of association with the brethren of the different closely allied branches of the Reformed Churches. The consciousness was intensified that we are one in Him who

is the great Head of the Church, to whom all honor, glory and dominion is due now and forever.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Dahlman,

C. E. MILLER.

JAMES I. GOOD,

GEO. W. RICHARDS,

E. R. WILLIARD,

A. S. WEBER,

FRANK GRETHER,

CYRUS CORT.

CONRAD CLEVER.

Delegates to the Council of the Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterian System, For 1912.

Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Rev. E. S. Bromer, D. D., Rev. George S. Stibitz, D. D., Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D. D., Rev. John S. Stahr, D. D., Rev. George W. Richards, D. D., Rev. James I. Good, D. D., Rev. E. R. Williard, Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Rev. Charles E. Miller, D. D., Rev. A. S. Zerbe, D. D., Rev. Henry H. Apple, D. D.

H. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLOSER UNION WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The report of the Committee on Closer Union with the Presbyterian Church (Minutes of the Synod of York, 1908, pages 48 and 49), was read on Thursday afternoon, by Dr. George W. Richards. The consideration of the same was made the order of the day for Monday morning immediately following the devotional service. At that hour the General Synod resolved itself into a committee of the whole, appointing Dr. J. L. Murphy chairman and the Stated Clerk of General Synod the Secretary for the committee. The discussion continued at intervals until Thursday afternoon, when the committee presented its report, recommending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Closer Union as presented. The report was adopted and General Synod was led in prayer by Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer. The report of the Committee on Closer Union is as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Closer Union with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. begs leave to present the following report:

The committee inferred from the name given it, to wit, "Committee on Closer Union with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.," that its function was to confer with a corresponding committee of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., for considering the relations between the two Churches in the past and the present with special reference to closer union, and for devising and presenting for your consideration such measures for closer union as would be regarded practicable, under existing conditions, by representatives of both bodies.

Furthermore, in view of the fact that the Reformed Church in the United States is already a member of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, of the Alliance of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System Throughout the World, and of the Council of Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterian System, proposals for a union with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., closer than an alliance or a federation, would necessarily look toward a form of organic union. Otherwise no advance beyond present relations would be made, and no actual gain would result for either Church.

Your committee met the Committee on Church Co-operation and Union of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., at the invitation of the chairman, the Rev. Wm. H. Roberts, D. D., in the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.. December 4, 1908. After a free discussion of union between the two Churches by all the members present, it was resolved to refer the matter to å sub-committee of six, three from each general committee, for further consideration and action.

In the first meeting of the sub-committee it was unanimously agreed that no plan for closer relations between the two Churches was to be considered and urged for adoption, which was not accepted with practical unanimity by both

communions. It was generally felt, also, that at present the sentiment for closer union between the two bodies was not sufficiently deep-rooted and widespread to warrant immediate and final action. Inasmuch, however, as the Reformed Church in the United States and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America belong to the same family of Protestant churches, have maintained cordial relations since their foundation in this country, and have been urged to enter into negotiations for closer union by a considerable number of persons, the committee concluded that due opportunity should be given for the cultivation of the spirit of union in the two Churches by conferences and discussions in Classes and Presbyteries, and by the circulation of pertinent tracts among pastors and people during the coming triennium. At the end of that time it is hoped that the will of God may be discerned in the voice of the people; and that definite and final action may be taken.

Accordingly, at the second and last meeting of the general committees, in New York City, March 28, 1911, a Joint Report on Union was unanimously adopted, and recommended for presentation to the supreme judicatories of the two Churches, which are appointed to meet in May, 1911. Your committee, therefore, submits in printed form, the following Joint Report on Union for your consideration and adoption:

The Committee on Church Coöperation and Union of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. N., and the Committee on Closer Union with the Presbyterian Church of the Reformed Church in the U. S., beg leave jointly to submit the following report to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

The committees have met repeatedly, either in full session or by sub-committees, during the past three years. They rejoice in their cordial fellowship during this period of time, and in the respect and affection which their association together has produced. They have sought earnestly, by meditation and prayer, the welfare of both Churches, and have soberly recognized at all times the important interests affected by their deliberations. Humbly invoking the aid of the Holy Spirit, they submit their joint report, in the hope that it will commend itself to their respective supreme judicatories.

The report for clearness, as well as convenience, is divided into four parts: I. Concurrent Declarations; II. The Name of the United Church; III. The Proposed Plan of Union; IV. Resolutions looking to further action.

I. Concurrent Declarations.

As steps preliminary to further action in this matter of Closer Relations, the following Concurrent Declarations are submitted for consideration and adoption by both the General Assembly and the General Synod.

- 1. The Reformed Church in the U.S. and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. represent the same type of evangelical Protestant Christianity, commonly known as Reformed or Calvinistic. The Churches of the Reformation in Europe, to which they are historically related, originated in different lands and passed through different experiences, which differences necessarily appear in the form of the Standards of both Churches. We, therefore, with clear understanding of the nature of such differences, hereby declare our conviction that the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms on the one hand, and the Heidelberg Catechism on the other, are in essential agreement, and are different expressions of one and the same system of doctrine. doctrinal agreement appears in the recognition in both symbols, of the fundamental doctrines of evangelical Christianity as held by the Reformed or Calvinistic Churches, and also in the use made of the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer, in the Catechisms of the two Churches, for the instruction of the youth of their congregations.
- 2. In view of this historical kinship and doctrinal agreement, we also declare our conviction that the effort to unite the two Churches in one body should continue, and the

General Assembly and the General Synod hereby recommend to the Presbyteries, Classes and Congregations to confer in the spirit of comity with reference to the proposed union, and to cooperate with one another during the coming triennium, whenever practicable, with a view to taking definite action for organic union in the supreme judicatories of the two Churches in 1914.

II. The Name of the United Church.

The Joint Committee has been confronted with a serious difficulty in reference to the name of the United Church. With one accord, the members of the two committees have recognized the importance of conserving the term "Reformed" and the term "Presbyterian." The difficulties which the committees found in their way resolved themselves under two categories. (1) Traditional attachment. The attachment in both Churches on the part of great masses of the membership to the respective denominational names is entirely natural, because three and a half centuries of history in Germany, Switzerland, and France, also in Scotland, England and Ireland, are vitally related both to the name "Reformed" and the name "Presbyterian." In the United States also a religious heritage of two centuries is connected with the names. (2) Legal considerations. The developments of many years have shown that the Constitution of the United States and of the several states. and the laws of all the states, so affect the corporate interests of the Churches that it is wise to carefully consider and adjust, prior to a union of Churches, all legal questions. The committee, accordingly, in Article I, of the Plan of Union, does not offer a name for the United Church; being convinced that it is far more desirable first to determine the feeling of the two Churches as to the general question of an organic union.

III. The Plan of Union.

1. Preamble.

For the glory of God, the greater good of mankind, and the increased efficiency of the work of the Church of Christ, the committee appointed on Church Coöperation and Union by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and the Committee on Closer Union of the Reformed Church in the U. S. propose to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. the following plan of union between the respective Churches for consideration:

2. Name.

1. The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., whose General Assembly met at Atlantic City, N. J., May 19, 1910, and the Reformed Church in the U. S., whose General Synod met at York, Pa., May 19, 1908, shall be united as one Church under a name and style hereafter to be determined. In forming the union it is understood that the terms "Presbyterian" and "Reformed", used in the Constitutions of the two bodies, are equivalent one to the other.

3. Basis.

- 1. The doctrinal basis of the Union shall be: The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments acknowledged as the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; with the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., as revised in 1903, and the Heidelberg Catechism of the Reformed Church in the U. S.
- 2. The Form of Government and the Book of Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. are also hereby made a part of the Basis of Union. Licentiates, ministers, elders and deacons of the United Church may accept, as a term of subscription, either the Heidelberg Catechism or the Westminster Confession, or both, it being understood and agreed that the Confession and the Catechism are different expressions of one and the same system of doctrine.
- 3. The Directories for Worship of both Churches shall be a part of the Basis of Union, to the extent that each congregation shall have the same freedom in worship both as to forms and usages in the United Church as it had before the Union.

4. Organization.

- 1. While the Form of Government and the Book of Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. A. shall be the administrative standards of the United Church, it is provided and agreed that the use of the terms "Spiritual Council," "Consistory" and "Classis," also, the relations which exist between the Classis and congregations at present in the Reformed Church in the U.S., and the authority of the Consistories and Spiritual Councils in Reformed congregations, shall have full validity in the United Church, and it is agreed that for a period of five years after the consummation of the Union, all appeals from decisions of Consistories, Classes and Synods, formerly a part of the Reformed Church in the United States, shall be adjudicated in accordance with the Constitution of the said Reformed Church. The General Assembly of the United Church shall be the final court of appeal.
- 2. All ministers and churches included in the two denominations shall be admitted to the same standing in the United Church which they may have in their respective connections up to the consummation of the Union, and it is agreed that the congregations of the United Church may retain their present names or titles, subject to the authority of Classes or Presbyteries, and it is further agreed that the Synods and Classes of the Reformed Church may retain the word Reformed in their titles.
- 3. The official records of the two Churches shall be preserved and held as making up the history of the one and United Church.
- 4. The corporate interests of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. and of their Boards and Permanent Committees. as soon as parcticable, shall be so readjusted as to carry out their several purposes as defined and permitted by law.
- 5. In the reconstruction and election of the various Boards of the two Churches by the General Assembly of the

United Church, an impartial representation of the member-bership and views of the two bodies constituting the United Church shall be observed and maintained. Until such readjustment of the several Boards has been completed, each of the Boards shall continue in the full performance of its functions, shall report annually to the General Assembly of the United Church, and the members of each of the Boards shall be chosen from the ministry and membership of the respective Churches with which they were connected prior to the Union. The status of the Boards of Publication in in the Reformed Church under the control of one or more Synods shall continue as it is, until they are prepared to unite with the Board of Publication of the General Assembly of the United Church.

- 6. The boundaries of the several Classes and Synods of the Reformed Church in the U. S. shall remain in the United Church as they now are, provided, however, that the boundaries of any Classis or Synod may be changed by the General Assembly of the United Church, upon petition from the majority of the members of the judicatory interested, duly adopted in regular session.
- 7. The Presbyteries or Classes of the United Church occupying to any extent the same territory shall organize new congregations under the following regulations: In towns and rural districts no new congregations shall be organized by either the Presbytery or Classis interested without the consent of both judicatories, and without such consent a new congregation in a city shall not be located within five squares of an existing congregation of the United Church.
- 8. This Plan of Union shall not necessarily effect any change in the relations now existing between institutions of learning and any ecclesiastical organization of either Church, but these institutions and ecclesiastical organizations shall be free to effect such changes as may be permitted by law, and as circumstances may hereafter require.

Resolutions.

The committee, furthermore, submits the following reso-

lutions to be adopted, provided the concurrent declarations

be approved.

Resolved, 1. That the Plan of Union contained in this report is hereby submitted by the General Assembly and the General Synod to the subordinate judicatories, for information and discussion, as an acceptable plan for future action, subject to such modifications as conditions may require.

Resolved, 2. That the Committee on Closer Union with the Presbyterian Church be and is hereby reappointed, and directed and empowered to confer with the Committee on Church Coöperation and Union of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and on the basis of such information as may be received by both committees, to make report to the respective Supreme Judicatories in 1914.

Resolved, 3. That the following papers, prepared by the Joint Committees, be published by the Boards of Publication of the respective Churches, and distributed in the discretion of the committee, viz.: (a) The Historical Statement as to the Relations of the Presbyterian and the Reformed Church; (b) The Present Status of the Reformed Church in the U. S., Doctrine, Cultus, Polity and Usages; and (c) the similar statement for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

VI: 6. Report of the Standing Committee on Correspondence With Sister Churches.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches presented its report on Tuesday evening, May 23. The report was considered item by item, as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches begs leave to offer the following report:

The following documents and items claiming your attention were referred to us, namely:

- 1. Greetings from the Reformed Episcopal Church, through their delegate, Prof. Joseph D. Wilson, A. M., D. D.
 - 2. Report of the Western Section of the Executive Com-

mission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System.

- 3. Credentials certifying that Dr. John H. Prugh is the representative of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches Throughout the World to this meeting of General Synod.
- 4. Report of Elder Edwin C. Thompson, stating that he had attended the sessions of the Ninth General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches in New York, in June, 1909.
- 5. The report of the Council of the Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterian System.
- 6. The report of the officers of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.
- 7. A report on Mission Work among the colored people within the bounds of Kentucky Classis and a request for prayer and contributions.
- 8. Item 2 (b) in the report of the Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest.

Having examined these papers carefully, we desire to submit the following statements and resolutions:

1. General Synod expresses sincere gratification in receiving the fraternal greetings from the Reformed Episcopal Church through her accredited delegate, Prof. Joseph D. Wilson, D. D., and

Resolved, That Synod appoint a fraternal delegate to their next convention, to convey the greetings of the Reformed Church in the United States.

2. From the report of the executive commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches Throughout the World we are pleased to learn of the continued work of the Reformed and Presbyterian Family of Churches during the past three years; and your committee recommends that the designated number of twenty-one delegates be elected to the next General Council at Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1913, and that the same appropriation of \$420.00 a year be appor-

tioned for this work for the next three years, and that Dr. J. H. Prugh be heard in connection with this report, as the representative of this Alliance.

3. Your committee learns from the report of the Council of the Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterian System, which in itself is a potent agency in bringing this inner circle of Sister Churches nearer to one another, that the Council adopted a series of recommendations as a basis for co-operation in various lines of Church work, and we beg leave to submit said resolutions and explanatory statements for the favorable consideration of the Synod, as follows:

"Upon Foreign Mission fields a unity of spirit, purpose and work has been attained which should be a standard for cooperative work in the United States. It was evident at the Philadelphia meeting (in February, 1911), that all who participated were deeply impressed with the greatness of the tasks summoning the Churches in the home land. Especially was it felt that there was need for earnest, strenuous, united effort in providing for the spiritual needs of the foreign-speaking peoples who are thronging to American shores. These peoples should be dealt with as units. Protestant Hungarians furnish a concrete illustration. They speak one language; they have common traditions and a solidarity of feeling, which appears to require united work on the part of our Churches if anything adequate to the demands of the situation is to be done for them. What work has been accomplished among them emphasizes their desire to be dealt with as one body, and this attitude, in the opinion of their leaders, can be justified.

The work among the colored people of this country also shows the need of unification, if it is to attain to effective and far-reaching results. What methods shall be employed to secure greater efficiency should be matters of careful consideration on the part of all the churches, and we believe that the appointment of the Permanent Committee upon Work Among the Colored People, recommended in this

report, will go far towards the solution of this perplexing but commanding problem.

The adoption of the basis of Coöperation in Home Missions also suggested by the Council will be of great value to the work of the Church of Christ within our land. It will aid in lessening the waste involved in the separate endeavors of the Churches, will concentrate resources increasingly for the spiritual good of new and rural communities and will add largely to the fraternal spirit which of late years has been a marked feature of their relationship.

The work of Education and Publication is, furthermore, one in which there is a field which grows more important from year to year in view of the increased support given by many of the States in the Union to higher education, and also in view of the largely increased demand for improved Sunday-school literature. The boards and agencies of the Churches engaged in publication and Sunday-school work are to a certain extent now cooperative, and it is believed that action by the Supreme Judicatories, as recommended by the Council, will open a way for larger cooperations, resulting in economy along financial lines and great progress in quality as well as quantity of the literature issued. connection with education also there should be effective cooperation in the location of new educational institutions. in providing courses of Christian instruction in state universities and in furnishing, both for academies and colleges, text-books of a higher character and dealing directly with biblical and religious instruction."

The following recommendations are submitted to the Supreme Judicatories for consideration, and if the way be clear, for adoption:

I. As to Work Among the Colored People.

The Council of the Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System recommends to the Supreme Judicatories of the constituent Churches, for their adoption, the following:

- 1. That the constituent Churches of this Council should unify, through existing agencies or agencies to be established by the Supreme Judicatories, their work for the colored people of the United States of America.
- 2. That, to this end a permanent committee shall be formed, to be composed of the Secretary and two members of each board or agency already at work among the colored people, together with three representatives, to be elected from the Reformed Church in the United States and three from the Reformed Church in America; the representatives to be chosen by the boards or other agencies designated by the Supreme Judicatories of the constituent Churches.
- 3. That this permanent committee shall have power to plan the coöperative work and to put plans into operation, when approved by the boards and other agencies appointing the committees, subject to supervisory power of the Supreme Judicatories.

II. As to Home Mission Work.

(a) Among Foreign-speaking Peoples.

The Council recommends, as the results of conference, that the following be adopted by the Supreme Judicatories anent work among foreign-speaking peoples:

That in view of the possibility of duplicating work in certain districts and of overlooking other important fields among the aliens of our country, it is recommended:

- 1. That the several Churches represented in the Council shall make work among foreign-speaking people a special department in Home Mission Work.
- 2. That the Supreme Judicatories of the Churches, in furtherance of coöperation in this work, establish a permanent committee in which each Church shall be represented, this committee to have general superivision of all work among foreign-speaking peoples, subject to the approval of the boards and other agencies interested, and of the Supreme Judicatories.

(b) Basis of Co-operation in Home Missions.

The Council also recommends the following basis of cooperation in Home Missions, among the Churches of the Council, for adoption, as follows:

- 1. Where Presbyteries or Classes, belonging to the General Assemblies or General Synods, cover the same ground, they are advised to endeavor either as Presbyteries or Classes, or through their committees, to agree as brethren to have the efforts of one Church expended in certain fields and the efforts of the other Churches expended in certain other fields, within their common bounds, so as to prevent hurtful rivalry or antagonism.
- 2. Where there are weak churches which, standing each alone, cannot support a minister, but which can be grouped with churches connected with some other Assembly or Synod, so as to form one ministerial charge, the Presbyteries or Classes having jurisdiction are advised to allow such churches to be grouped under a minister from either body, to whom their respective Presbyteries or Classes are willing to give them in charge, the contributions of such churches to the general benevolent funds to pass through the channel appointed by their respective Assemblies or Synods.
- 3. In towns of less than five thousand inhabitants where any church is already at work the others shall not enter without conference and agreement with the church occupying the field.
- 4. In a community where anyone of the constituent Churches has a church and the community is not capable of supporting more than one church of the Reformed faith, the people of the community should be encouraged to connect themselves with the existing church, with the understanding that a fair exchange will be encouraged in other communities.
- 5. That the Supreme Judicatories of the several Churches recommend their church members, when moving into new communities in which there are no congregations of their own church, to unite for the time being with some other Presbyterian or Reformed Church, if such there be.

III. As to the Work of Education and Publication.

(a) Text Books for Academies or Colleges.

The following is recommended by the Council for adoption by the Supreme Judicatories in the matter of text books for academies and colleges:

- 1. The first and chief text book should be the Bible itself, and preferably the American standard version with references, Bible Dictionary and Concordance and subject index.
- 2. A manual of Biblical Geography with maps and references to books on orientalisms in the Bible.
- 3. A series of constructive text books on a graded basis for use in academies and the series for the first and second years of the college course.
- 4. The use of teacher training courses as a required or optional part of the curriculum in church academies and colleges.
- 5. That each constituent body authorize each of its publishing and educational agencies, commissions and committees to appoint one or two representatives to form a joint committee which shall secure preparation and publication of the series of text books on Bible study for use in academies and colleges.

(b) The Work of Publication.

The Council recommends that the Supreme Judicatories adopt the following:

Resolved, That the publishing agency of this Church is hereby authorized to coöperate with the publishing agency of the other Churches of the Council of Reformed Churches in the publishing, purchasing and distributing of literature and supplies.

IV. Conference in 1912.

The Council on the recommendation of the representatives of the Church agencies present at this meeting submits the following, earnestly asking affirmative action: Resolved, That the Supreme Judicatories be asked to authorize the appointment of representatives of the executive agencies for conference with the Council in connection with the next regular meeting of the Council in 1912.

Our Church is entitled to twelve delegates in this Council and it is, therefore, recommended that this number be elected; and that our Board of Foreign Missions and Board of Home Missions and Sunday-School Board each be authorized to send two representatives to the next regular meeting of the Council in 1912; and that the amount of \$83.00 for current expenses for the Council be paid each year for the next triennium.

4. Inter-Church Federation of the Churches of Christ in America.

Our Church is an integral part of this great federation, comprising "thirty-two church bodies, having together one hundred thousand Christian ministers and sixteen million communicants. If attendants and adherents are considered. this represents a constituency equal to half the population of the United States." The Council of this Federation is composed of four hundred officially appointed delegates from the thirty-two denominations federated. It holds its general meetings every fourth year; in the interim its activities are in charge of an executive committee of sixty with a sub-committee of eleven as a permanent business committee, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D., LL. D., of Kansas City, Mo., being President; Rev. Dr. E. B. Sanford, New York, the Corresponding Secretary. The significant statement is made in the report of the committee that "During 1910 more progress was made for the solution of problems of denominational cooperation than in any previous half decade."

We rejoice at the glowing scope and widening influence of this mighty army under the banner of our great Captain, the Prince of Peace, as, c. g., it was forcibly illustrated in the almost world-wide influence exerted in the recent message sent out from the national office regarding the proposed Arbitration Treaty between the United States and Great Britain. Our Church was officially represented in the Council of the Federation by nine delegates, and it is recommended that the same number be elected to represent the Reformed Church in the United States in the next Council, and

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) each year for the next three years to the Treasurer of the Council, Mr. Alfred R. Kimball, of New York, this being the sum asked for on the basis of one dollar for each one thousand members.

5. The communication from the Kentucky Classis, Synod of the Northwest, through its President, Rev. C. F. Kriete. D. D., of Louisville, Kentucky, brings some welcome information to the General Synod with reference to work that is being done among the colored people in that community.

The Louisville Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States overtured the Presbytery of Louisville of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Kentucky Classis of our Church to unite with them in the missionary work among the colored people in their territory, in which they had already begun and for which several locations and some property had been secured. The joint committee representing these three Churches was organized and incorporated and the work is being successfully carried on. Fifty-five white Sunday-school teachers take part, there being five hundred and ninety-five in the Sunday-schools, three hundred in the sewing schools and the money given for the support of this work in the past year amounted to \$8,717.00.

The fact that there are no less than nine million colored people in our land, and we as a Church have done little or nothing in the way of missionary work among them hitherto, challenges us as a Church to undertake something definite along this line.

Therefore, we as a Synod are pleased to know that Kentucky Classis has associated itself with the two Presbyteries of Louisville in this interdenominational missionary work among the colored people of that community.

Resolved, That our General Synod heartily approves of

this very important work, and in harmony with the recommendations of the Council of the Reformed Churches in America, directs the attention of our Home Mission Board to this matter, and also the attention of North Carolina and Virginia Classis, with the suggestion that, if possible, they coöperate with the already existing agencies of our Sister Churches in carrying on such work; and

Resolved, In view of these facts, we recommend the apportionment of \$3,000.00 per annum for this work, to be expended by our Home Missionary Board, through the Joint Committee of the Council of the Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterian System.

6. As touching the item in the minutes of the Synod of the Northwest pertaining to the misuse of our denominational name by Hungarian Missions of the Presbyterian Church, we would recommend that the Board of Home Missions bring this matter to the attention of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Benj. S. Stern, Charles H. Faust. Silas P. Mauger. C. C. Davidson.

The following action was taken:

Item 1 adopted and ordered marked "Attended to."

Item 2 adopted; amount, \$420.00 per annum, referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment. Dr. Prugh addressed Synod on this item.

Item 3, sections I, II and III adopted.

Section IV ordered marked "Attended to." \$83,00 per annum referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved. That the Board of Home Missions be authorized to coöperate, through a special department, in work among foreign-speaking population and the Sunday-school Board and the Commission on Moral and Religious Instruction be authorized to appoint representatives to aid in preparing text books for academies and colleges.

Item 4 was adopted and \$300,00 per annum referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Item 5 adopted and \$3,000 per annum referred to the Standing Committee on Figance for apportionment and for expenditure according to the recommendation in the item.

Item 6 was adopted and the report finally adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX-7. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church submitted its report on Wednesday morning. The report, with necrology, was received and adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHEN: The Committee on the State of the Church would respectfully submit the following report:

So far as it has been possible, from the means at their command, to ascertain the present state of the Church, this is such as to call for profound gratitude to God. Since the last meeting of the General Synod, the work of the Church which it represents seems to have prospered in all its departments. The condition of the Church has been, and is, one of peace and harmony. Not for many years, perhaps, has it been so true of the Church that it has not been distracted by divisions. A great and blessed peace, which must be regarded as the result of God's Spirit operating among us, has prevailed within our borders. The state of the Church may, in this respect, be described, in the words of St. Paul, as a true "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." There is every reason to believe that this state of peace and brotherly love rests upon firm foundations and is destined to be lasting.

This period of three years has also been a period of unusual activity. Progress has gone hand in hand with peace. Each year has witnessed an increased activity and more abundant results in all departments of the work of the Church. This is true in particular of our Home and Foreign Missionary activity; of our Sunday-school work; of our efforts to make more adequate provision for the relief of the aged and disabled ministers; of our care of the orphans; of our institutions of learning; of all the benevolent causes in which we seek to interest the people under our care. Evidently the spirit of Christian liberality has been steadily growing in our churches; a growth which is the result, we would fain believe, of an increase, in the hearts of our

people, of the love of Christ and His Church. It is a growth which, under present conditions, may justly be expected to continue and to increase.

We make special mention of the fact that, within the past three years, our Church, along with other denominations, has witnessed and participated in a remarkable and deeply significant movement, which may properly be considered to sustain a vital relation to the state of religion among us. Indeed, the Laymen's Missionary Movement seems to have the characteristic marks of a genuine religious revival. It can hardly be regarded as due to any other cause than the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, acting upon the minds and hearts and wills of the men of our Church. The significance of the movement seems to lie, in large measure, in the fact that the laymen of the Church in general have become conscious of the deep significance and great importance of a work which has always indeed been carried forward by the churches to which they belong, but which had previously been, by most of them, unregarded, or at least insufficiently regarded. By one common movement they have started, as if out of sleep. They have become awake, interested, attentive, eager. They have perceived that the work of carrying out their Saviour's command, to "preach the Gospel to every creature," is the most important business that a Christian business man can have, and one worthy of the exercise of any business ability they may possess. They have come forward to offer themselves for service; they have placed their business intelligence, ways. means, methods, at the disposal of the Church, to aid in the accomplishment of the great work of the evangelization of the world. They have been holding great conventions, characterized by great enthusiasm; and they have shown practical wisdom by carrying this enthusiasm down to, and making it practically effective in, their respective congregations; organizing for missionary activity; introducing the systematic study of the subject of missions; establishing, for this purpose, so far as possible, the scriptural system of weekly offerings from all church members; endeavoring by all means to develop and expand the missionary spirit and the missionary liberality of the congregations.

The laymen of our own Church, second to those of no other in intelligence, in love of the Church, in willingness and readiness to serve their Lord and Master, have taken a prominent part in this movement. They were represented in the conventions of that national campaign which culminated in the great convention of Chicago. They have held local denominational, or participated in the holding of local interdenominational conventions of the same kind throughout the bounds of our Church. They have held a remarkable general convention of this character in connection with the present meeting of this General Synod; a convention the uplifting and inspiring spirit of which has made its influence felt by all the members of this body. There is no one who loves the Church of Christ that will not rejoice at the sight of an awakening like this; a movement which has theeffect of calling forth, in the service of our common Lord. so much buried talent, and of presenting to Him such increased, and so greatly needed gifts, in the form of material means and resources, for the fulfilment of His gracious purposes in regard to the salvation of mankind. This movement would seem to indicate the presence among us at this time, in a special manner, of the great Spirit of God. Wehave reason to expect from it great and lasting results for good; and this not only as regards the work of Foreign Missions, but also as regards the inseparable and equally important cause of Home Missions, as well as the educational institutions and all the benevolent operations of the Church. There is no department of Church work that may not be expected to feel the beneficent effect of this (as it may justly be called) wholesome religious revival.

In a report of the State of Religion, prepared thirty-four years ago, not for this General Synod, indeed, but for a district Synod, yet not without reference to the state of religion in the Church as a whole, the present writer considered it just and proper to use the following language:

"It will hardly be questioned by anyone at all familiar

with the affairs of this Synod, that while there is much to be thankful for, there is much also that ought to awaken our serious consideration and anxiety. It is possible, to some extent, to infer the state of religion in this Synod from the condition of the manifold works which it is carrying forward for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. A sound and vigorous piety will naturally reveal itself in the earnestness and vigor with which such works are prosecuted; while any languishing in this respect would seem to indicate a corresponding weakness in the religious life of which these movements are the expression. Judging in this way, we are led to believe that the state of religion among us is far less prosperous than we ought to expect. The sacred work of missions languishes; the cause of Christian education is more or less neglected; our institutions of learning, so worthy of our confidence and support, are but poorly supported; of scarcely any work in which this Synod is engaged can it be said that it is vigorously and successfully carried forward. There seems to be a pause in the Synod's onward march: a dearth of those noble deeds of Christian service, those noble acts of Christian liberality which are never altogether wanting where piety is in a thriving condition."

The report in question was a plea for "a more earnest and vigorous Christian activity." "The greatest danger to which we are most exposed," it was said, "we believe to be a state of apathy with respect to this most important practical matter. And this danger is, in our opinion, an indirect and incidental result of a movement which has itself been an incalculable blessing to the Church. We have passed through a stage in our history as a Church which has been chiefly characterized by a profound interest in Christian doctrine, by earnest doctrinal investigation and discussion, and, to a large extent, by theological controversy. The movement resulted in giving us such a large and noble view of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as carries in itself, we believe, the promise of untold blessing for the Church. It was accompanied, however, by the subtle danger of begetting throughout the churches a vicious appetite for discussion, a depraved thirst for controversy, an interest in doctrine simply as doctrine, without sufficient reference to the supreme necessity of carrying forward to its proper results, in the sphere of the practical Christian life, whatever may have been gained in the sphere of doctrinal truth. This by no means uncommon danger of being interested and active in respect of doctrine, cold, indifferent and slow in the work of moulding the religious life in accordance with the doctrine, our beloved Church has not altogether escaped. We need to remember that, while we have come, as it would seem, to the end of one important stage in our history, we have just come to the beginning of another of equal importance. It would be fatal to us to suppose that we have in any sense already attained, or may in any sense come to a pause in our work. On the contrary, our noble theology is but now fairly put upon its trial; and little will it be worth to us, nay, for our own greater condemnation will the possession of it be, unless in our hands it prove to develop actually, as we believe it to possess the capacity of developing, a noble type of Christian character and a more earnest and vigorous Christian activity."

We quote these words because they are not without a significant relation to the state of religion in the Church at the present time, when we are in the midst of that "other and equally important" stage in our history, of which they speak. When these words were written, even then, though the writer knew it not, the tide was turning; throughout the Church a predominant interest in thelogical discussion was on the eve of giving way to a predominant interest in Christian activity. Even then theological controversy was on the point of ceasing; presently there began for the Church a blessed period of peace. The next year our first foreign missionary was sent to Japan. It was the beginning of a remarkable development in respect of missionary interest, and missionary operations, which has continued, not only without interruption, but with increasing momentum, to the present hour. At the same time our home missionary activities, our institutions of learning, all the benevolent

causes in which we are interested, seemed to feel the impulse of the same forward movement. The movement was not one of a single activity, but of all activities together. It seemed as if, when the Church began in good earnest to practice obedience to the Master's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature," the blessing of God at once began to rest upon all her works. Reviewing the history of these past years, we may well say, with humility and gratitude, "What hath God wrought!"

We are not depreciating the past, which is the parent of the present. We are not speaking disparagingly of that period in our history when the Church's predominant interest was in regard to matters doctrinal. It has left us a precious legacy; nay, in the providence of God it was itself a preparation for, it made possible and actually led to the period, so different in character, in the midst of which we now are. Nor can we imagine that even now we can safely release ourselves of the responsibility of giving heed to sound doctrine. We still need, we shall always need, to be concerned as regards the matter of the doctrine taught among us; to maintain and defend the truth; to "contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." Only there is good reason to believe that the Church is in a safe path so long as she is animated by a predominant and passionate desire to obey her Saviour's command to "preach the Gospel to every creature," to "make disciples of all nations." There the principle may be expected to hold good that, "if any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." And to those who are chiefly concerned to obey the commands of their divine Lord and Saviour, the promise may justly be regarded as applying, "And if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto vou."

Considering the state of religion within our bounds, so far as it has been possible for us to ascertain it, while there is room and need for humiliation and penitence, because of our many shortcomings, there is cause for thankfulness and hope. So far as the Church's growth is indicated by numbers, it is as follows: There has been an increase of 16 ministers; — congregations; —— communicants; 11,-727 unconfirmed members; 1,144 infant baptisms; 1,093 officers and teachers in the Sunday-schools; 47,768 Sunday-school scholars; \$57,324 benevolent contributions; \$109,-387 contributions for congregational purposes.

Since the last meeting of the General Synod, the two Stated Clerks of this body, Dr. John Philip Stein and Dr. John Bachman, have been called from the scene of their earthly labors. These were respected and beloved brethren; they were conscientious and faithful servants of the Church. We make grateful and affectionate mention of them here. and place on record the Church's appreciation of their long-continued and faithful services. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Within the same period many other dearly beloved brethren have departed from us; of whom appropriate commemoration will elsewhere be made. Among them were such eminent servants of the Church as Dr. Benjamin Bausman, Dr. J. H. Dubbs and Dr. Edward R. Eschbach. As one after another departs of these upon whom the Church has depended for counsel, guidance and help, may God raise up other helpers to take their places. Especially may He Himself abide with us and continue to be in the future, as in the past, our refuge and strength. May He, the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Spangler Kieffer,

F. W. Engelmann, Henry Kiesau.

(XVIII.) NECROLOGY.

As a supplement to the preceding report on the State of the Church, the names of the following ministers, fifty-nine in number, is herein recorded who have died during the triennium closing May, 1908. After a season of toil in the kingdom of Christ, they have fallen asleep and entered into rest.



The Ren. Inhn Philip Stein, D. D. Reading, Penna.

Stated Clerk of General Synod from 1896 to 1909 Entered into rest, February 3, 1909 Aged 72 yrs. 7 mo. 22 days





The Ren. Inhu Bachmann, D. D. New Knowille, Ohio. Assistant Stated Clerk of General Synod from 1905 to 1910 Entered into rest August 22, 1910 Aged 62 yrs. 5 mo. 24 days



When death shall end this mortal strife,
Bring me, through death, to endless life;
Then, face to face, beholding thee,
My refuge and my rest shall be.

—H. Harbaugh.

NAME. Residence. Time of Agc. Death. y. m.d

Sixteenth Triennial Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the Three Years Preceding May 1st, 1911.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: In submitting the Sixteenth Triennial Report of the work committed into its hands, the Board of Home Missions would make grateful acknowledgment, first of the evidences of God's goodness, and the tokens of divine favor which appear on every hand, and then of the continued confidence and cordial co-operation of pastor and people in this highly important work; of the moral and financial support bestowed, and of the faithfulness and devotion of the missionaries under its care.

Executive.

Reorganization.—Immediately after the adjournment of the General Synod at York, the members of the Board met for reorganization. They elected Rev. Charles E. Miller, D. D., President; Rev. William C. Schaeffer, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Secretary; Elder George W. Stein, Treasurer; and Elder C. M. Boush, Esq., Treasurer of Church-building Funds and Attorney of the Board. The Executive Committee was constituted of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Rev. H. H. Apple, D. D., Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, D. D.

Terms of Service.—The following is the term of service of the members of the Board:

Rev. C. E. Miller, D. D., 1914; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., 1914; Rev. I. C. Fisher, D. D., 1914; Rev. P. H. Dippell, D. D., 1914; Elder F. C. Brunhouse, 1914; Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, 1911; Rev. H. H. Apple, D. D., 1911; Rev. E. Vornholt, 1911; Rev. E. R. Williard, D. D., 1911; Elder George W. Stein, 1911; Elder H. F. Texter, 1911.

This Synod will, therefore, be called upon to elect successors to the last six named.

Superintendents.—The Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D., entered upon his duties as General Superintendent in June, 1908. For the first year, by special arrangement with the

Board, he gave only a portion of his time to the duties of his office, but for the last two years he has devoted himself fully to this work.

The Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., who served the Board faithfully and well for a period of twenty-years, first as its General Superintendent and later as District Superintendent in the Synod of the Interior, resigned his position in October, 1909. The Board passed suitable action recognizing his eminent and efficient services to the Church. The Synod of the Interior likewise gave appreciative expression of his distinguished services by raising a Church-building Fund of \$500 in his honor, which has already been paid into the treasury of this Board. The vacancy thus caused among the District Superintendents was filled by the election of Rev. John C. Horning, of St. Joseph, Mo. The Rev. Mr. Horning has had wide experience in missionary work, first as the Sunday-school missionary under the Board and later as the missionary in charge at St. Louis and St. Joseph, Mo. He is eminently qualified for the work, and in a marked degree shares the confidence of the brethren in the section of the Church in which he labors. The other Superintendents are men of ability, of rich experience and of consecrated devotion to the work.

Centralization.—The idea of complete centralization in the work was implied with the establishing of headquarters in Philadelphia. The Reformed Church Building gave assurance of permanent headquarters of the Board in that city. Prior to this time the work of the Board had been scattered and its business was transacted wherever its officials or Superintendents happened to reside. This occasioned considerable confusion and did not make for efficiency. Consequently the Board sought to adapt itself to the new arrangement. Greater authority and executive power was vested in the General Superintendent. The District Superintendents are requested to render weekly reports to the General Superintendent of their work and the condition of the missions in their territory, thus keeping the office informed and enabling it to give necessary information to the

Church. The field was divided into two instead of three districts, to be known as the Eastern District, comprising the Eastern and Potomac Synods, and the Central-West District, comprising the Pittsburg, Ohio and Interior Synods. This division of the territory makes an exchange of Super-intendents in the various districts possible.

The effort at centralization also involves the transfer of all the real estate of the Board to headquarters. Instead of having several treasurers located in various sections of the Church, it is proposed, with the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1. 1911, to consolidate our various treasurers into one, who is to occupy headquarters in Philadelphia, where all moneys for the Board in whatever department can be directly and immediately sent. This will be a decided step forward and will make for economy and efficiency.

The work of centralization involves still more. The Board is earnestly hoping for the time when the so-called Bi-synodic Board, of the Eastern and Potomac Synods, shall transfer all its work and its funds to the General Synod's Board, and when each Synod shall have its Advisory Board, each Classis its Permanent Committee, each congregation its Missionary Committee, all properly linked with the general headquarters. This is the only logical and legitimate order, and is in full harmony with the genius and spirit of our constitution.

The process of unification and centralization should moreover include the transfer of the German work under the complete control of General Synod's Board of Home Missions. Two members of the German Synods are on this Board, and have a voice in the management of its affairs. This Board gives one dollar out of every fifteen for the German work and yet has no jurisdiction whatsoever over the same. The relation is abnormal and works injury to both the German and the English portions of the Church. The German Home Missionary work should be speedily transferred to the General Board, each German Synod should have its Advisory Board, the German Superintendent of Missions should be on an equality with the other

Superintendents and should be supported by and be under the direction of the General Synod's Board. In this way the work might be unified. Much stronger appeal could be presented to the Church, and more rapid progress be made. The Church will never be able to perform its Home Missionary work in the great mission fields of the West and the Northwest until this unification shall have been perfected.

Fiscal Year Changed.—The Board changed its fiscal year to begin with July 1st. instead of April 1st. Several reasons prompted this change. The Easter season is harvest time in the Church and marks the culmination of the year's work. Usually Easter comes after the April meeting of the Board, and thus the annual reports of the missions did not present an accurate and complete account of the year's work. Moreover the larger proportion of the offerings come in at Easter, so that the annual report of the Treasurers could not include these amounts, and the Board was thus not in a position to formulate any comprehensive plans for aggressive work during the year.

Monthly Payment of Missionaries.—Since January, 1911, the missionaries under the care of the Board have been paid in monthly instead of quarterly installments. This is a great convenience to these faithful laborers and their families. The Board feels that if it can in this way alleviate the temporal cares of its missionaries they will be in a position to render the Church the greatest spiritual service. The Board expects the highest form of service on the part of its workmen, and, therefore, believes in adequate and prompt compensation.

DEPARTMENTAL.

German Work.—The work among the Germans is conducted under the supervision of two Boards, the Eastern and the Western, whose reports follow:

The Eastern Board.—Rev. P. H. Dippell, D. D., President. reports:

"Since our last meeting of the General Synod two of the twelve missions under our care have become self-sustaining and even a third one will need no more aid, as it has united with a nearby congregation. Therefore, only nine missions remain under the supervision of the German Board.

"The youngest of these missions is yet a tender plant and will need faithful care and service if its existence shall be secured. But we feel confident that the untiring efforts of the missionary will be crowned with success.

"The Karmel Mission in West Philadelphia, one of the youngest foster children of our Board, will be able to dedicate its new and beautiful house of worship. The chapel previously occupied was insufficient to meet their needs and demands; the steadily increasing membership forced it to put up an edifice which would accommodate a greater number of people.

"Three of our missions, Boston, Brooklyn and Holyoke, were without pastors for a short time, but the vacancies were filled exceptionally quick.

"Generally speaking, our Board can look with satisfaction upon the growth and progress of our mission fields, even though the workers themselves wish for a larger harvest. A new field of labor will be taken up in Baltimore, Md., by the first of June, 1911, for which the missionary has already been called.

"At the same time the necessity for founding a German-English Mission in Philadelphia has become desirable, and steps would have been taken to begin this work if our German Board could see its way clear to secure enough funds for the salary of a missionary.

"In this respect we are greatly dependent upon the action of General Synod. Should we receive the same support as in former years, we would joyfully begin the founding of this new mission.

"If General Synod would warrant us the same support as heretofore, we feel assured that our German and German-English mission work would be a blessing and benefit for the entire Church."

The Western Board.—Rev. Conrad Hassel, D. D., President of the Western Board, says:

"The Synod of the Northwest and the Central Synod are carrying on a successful missionary work among the Germans in the western section of our country and in upper Canada. Many of the missions in the Central Synod and in the eastern section of the Synod of the Northwest are German-English. As is known, the General Synod has made a special appropriation for German-English work. The Board of Home Missions of these two Synods is composed of six members, three from each Synod. This Board holds its meetings quarterly. The full Board meets in July and October, and the Executive Committee meets in January and April. Owing to the extent of the territory and the growth of the work, the Board found it necessary to appoint a General Secretary. Rev. G. D. Elliker has been appointed to this office. Two classical missionaries have also been appointed, one for the Pacific Coast and one for Alberta. Canada. It will be necessary in the near future to appoint one for the large territory comprised in the South Dakota Classis. The work in general is very hopeful. Opportunities for taking up new missions are multiplying. What we need is more men and means, indeed, it is not as difficult to get the means as the proper men. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. The following figures are taken from the last statistical report of the Board:

"Missions, 47; congregations, 61; members, 3,982; Sunday-schools, 52; Sunday-school pupils, 3,060; contributions for congregational purposes, \$30,868; contributions for benevolent purposes, \$2,745; for missions, \$1,046; churches, 45; parsonages, 27; value of church property, \$178,925; debt on church property, \$64,229; amount of support given by the Board, \$12,218; amount of salary contributed by the missions, \$11,757."

Hungarian.—This work has gone forward uninterruptedly during the last three years. We added no new congregations. The one at Pittsburg went over to the Reformed Church of Hungary. The unwarranted interference with

our work on the part of the Church authorities of Hungary has subsided for the present at least. Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., and Elder Joseph Tomesanvi went to Europe during the summer of 1908 to effect a reconciliation between the Church of Hungary and this Board. They sought a conference with the authorities, which, however, was anything but satisfactory. The nine Hungarian missions that remain with us are faithful and friendly to this Board. Their pastors are men of honor and fidelity. They have the welfare of their people and of the Reformed Church in the United States at heart. One of their number, Rev. Alex. Harsanvi, our missionary at Homestead, Pa., prepared and published in the Hungarian language a history of the Reformed Church and also translated the Heidelberg Catechism into their language. Hungarian immigration is on the increase. By reliable estimate there are 100,000 Reformed Magyars in this country. There are many places where religious work among them might be carried on by our Church. One serious difficulty is the securing of a competent and sufficient supply of ministers who can minister in the Hungarian language. The Board is at present supporting three Hungarian students for the ministry in several of our educational institutions. But even this supply is not eduquate. It would be of great advantage, and of rich comfort to these people if our English and German pastors, in whose parishes these people are found, were to familiarize themselves with the Hungarian language to such a degree that they might officiate at their baptisms, funerals and marriages, and minister to them in spiritual things in their homes.

The Board records with deep regret the loss sustained by our Church in the death on February 21, 1910, of Rev. Stephen P. Harsanyi, who was for a number of years our devoted missionary in the Hungarian Church at Bridgeport, Conn. Brother Harsanyi was a man of deep consecration, of intense zeal and activity, and had endeared himself remarkably into the affections of his devoted people, and of the community in which he lived.

Bohemian.—It is estimated that there are approximately

500,000 Bohemians in this country. There are 150,000 in Chicago alone. We have three organized missions among these people, at Cleveland, Chicago and Cedar Rapids. The Cedar Rapids Mission was enrolled during the last triennium. It recently dedicated a fine new church and is in an excellent position to do effective work amid a large Bohemian population. The mission at Chicago greatly needs a new building. Its present headquarters are altogether inadequate and do not challenge the attention of the foreigner in that section of the city where the Bohemians have expended many thousands of dollars in the crection and furnishing of their free thinking and infidel publishing plant. The work among these people is of a very difficult character but is of the utmost urgency and importance.

Japanese.—At its annual meeting in July, 1910, the Board turned a favorable car to repeated appeals from different sections of the Church for the inauguration of missionary work among the Japanese along the Pacific Coast. It is estimated that there are 100,000 Japanese in this country, 500 of whom, it has been stated, were in some way identified with our mission in Japan. The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, long desirous of having a special field of labor in the home land, contemplates the adoption of this as its distinctive Home Missionary work and has expressed a willingness to assume the financial obligations involved. In deference to these request and promises, the Board commissioned the Rev. J. Mori as the missionary, under the supervision and direction of the General Superintendent.

Rev. Mr. Mori is abundantly qualified for this work. He studied for several years in our Reformed institutions and is a man of deep personal piety and consecration. He entered upon his work in September, 1910, with headquarters in San Francisco. The first Sunday after his arrival there he gathered together a number of Japanese brethren and held a prayer service. On October 30, 1910, the first Japanese Reformed congregation in America was duly organized. It was a notable event and gave the enterprise the

stamp of dignity and power. Later on a three-story dwelling house was rented in the Japanese quarter of the city, which has been so arranged that the first floor may be used for religious services, the second for educational and social purposes, and the third as quarters for the missionary. In addition to the organization of this work in the city of San Francisco, Rev. Mr. Mori has made an extended tour through the State of California looking after the spiritual interests of his native brethren. The work has apparently the seal of divine approval, and it is to be hoped that the Church at large, not only through the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, but also through all our pastors and people, will give this work the most hearty endorsement and the most liberal support.

The Harbor Missionary.—Rev. Paul H. Land, Ph. D., reports as follows:

"A proper motto for our report covering the past threeyears' work of the Harbor Mission would probably be the injunction: 'As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of thehousehold of faith.'

"Permit me to state briefly the object and aims of the Harbor Mission, ways and means, and results accomplished.

"This mission was founded for the purpose of acquainting newly arrived German immigrants with our churches and pastors throughout the United States. Furthermore, to facilitate their landing, provided they are eligible and worthy people, and to render all necessary spiritual and material aid and comfort to strangers in a strange land. The mission has been true to its purpose and aim, the missionary has always endeavored to do good unto all men, especially to those of our own household of faith, and to bring souls to Christ and our Church. But in the course of time denominational lines had to be somewhat obliterated, as the government expects missionaries to render assistance at all times to all classes of people, irrespective of race or creed. Naturally each missionary seeks out his own co-religionists and tries to be of service to them before others. Thus we

have always inquired for Reformed people and made special efforts to bring these in touch with our pastors and people.

"There have arrived from 20,000 to 30,000 immigrants from the German Empire, and in addition about 50,000 to 60,000 German-speaking people from various other countries annually, and among these quite a number originally Reformed. Unfortunately many of the new arrivals have gone to the far West and into localities where our Church is as yet sparsely represented. But whenever an immigrant was destined for a locality where we have a pastor, he received from the Harbor Missionary a 'Tract of Welcome' and full directions to our church.

"The ways and means of rendering assistance to immigrants vary greatly according to the nature of the case and the needs of the immigrants. Every day from 3,000 to 6,000 aliens are in transit at Ellis Island. They are all registered and either discharged, or detained, or excluded. There are usually 1,000 to 2,000 detained and excluded aliens at the Island, and among these most of our time is spent.

"The missionary has been a daily visitor to the dreary, dismal detention rooms, lacking every comfort and even fresh air. We have listened to the tale of woe of everyone, who came to us for aid. We have comforted these poor people and shown the way out of difficulties wherever possible. We have supplied paper, stamps, etc., have written their letters, telegraphed to friends, appealed for the excluded ones. We have distributed Gospel and our own Church literature; we have clothed the ragged ones, given money to those who needed it, and have tried to spread cheer and sunshine as much as possible. In appealing for worthy aliens we have been almost uniformly successful; thus many good people, hampered by some slight misfortune, have been saved from deportation and disgrace.

"The present procedure of excluding every alien who arrives without sufficient funds and has no near relatives, has vastly increased our work, but we have cheerfully performed the extra duties for the benefit of many worthy people.

"A number of our English congregations have regularly remembered us with donations of clothing and other useful articles for indigent aliens, and we have thus been enabled to assist materially many who were in direct need through their long voyage and detention. The money needed for our work of benevolence has been forthcoming as usual from our German friends and congregations, who take a deep interest in the Harbor Mission.

"But the work at Ellis Island is not our only occupation. We are frequently called upon to meet incoming and outgoing passengers at railroads and steamers and to provide suitable quarters for them. Also all manner of information is sought from the missionary, who being located at the metropolis, is supposed to know all about not only immigration, but colonization, money matters and various other subjects of interest to members of the Church and friends of the cause. Our monthly paper, the 'Einwanderer-Freund.' has been quite a help in spreading knowledge of our mission here and in Europe and has been of inestimable benefit to people otherwise unacquainted with our country's laws. In consequence, our correspondence is yearly increasing, we work till late at night answering various inquiries from many parts of the globe.

"The results accomplished may possibly be summarized as follows: Thousands of immigrants have received spiritual and material aid and comfort in the name of Christ and humanity. Many have been brought in contact with our pastors and people, others at least have received a lasting impression of the spirit of Christianity, which prompts this missionary work. Christian literature and the Word of God has been placed into the hands of thousands, quite a number of whom had never read the Gospel before. Our members and pastors, who were traveling to and from Europe, or those who wished to bring friends to this country, also people who had to spend some time in New York, have found a useful guide in the Harbor Missionary and could obtain from him much needed information. We have endeavored to build up Christ's kingdom and acquaint the

aliens with the Reformed Church in the United States. We have not been weary in well doing, and hope the Church will reap in due season the fruits of this work."

Sunday-School Missionary.—This office has been vacant during all of the triennium. The Board felt that it was scarcely in a position, with its limited supply of men and money, to foster any new interests that might be started by this agency. The time, however, is at hand when the office should again be filled, and the Board is looking for a suitable and available man to fill it.

Christian Endeavor Mission.—The mission at Omaha, Nebraska, is so called because the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor have been asked to provide for the support of the missionary. The amount contributed by these societies during the last three years is \$533.86. It is evident that this does not nearly pay for his support, and the amount is not an adequate expression of the ability and liberality of our young people. The missionary, Rev. F. S. Zaugg, under whose faithful ministry the mission developed so splendidly, was constrained, because of ill health, to relinquish his work on March 1, 1911. It is expected that the vacancy will speedily be filled and that our Young People's Societies will rally to the full support of the missionary.

Woman's Work.—The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod is this year celebrating its Silver Jubilee. During these twenty-five years of missionary activity they have been of genuine help to the work in the home land. They have not only contributed large sums of money into our treasury, but by their organized efforts have also furnished much inspiration for the cause. They have contributed in cash \$11,324.31 into the General Fund, and \$3,962.00 into the Church-building Fund Department. This is a decided increase over what was reported three years ago.

For a long time there was expressed a growing desire on their part to have assigned them some specific work in the home land just as they have in the foreign field. This demand has now been met by assigning them the financial responsibility of the newly organized Japanese work along the coast. This work will appeal to them mightily and will enable them to come before their constituency with an interesting and inspiring proposition. There are latent possibilities among the women of our Church, and there is no work that should summon them forth in larger measure than the work of Home Missions.

The growing need of an executive officer and a field secre tary for the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod has been felt for a number of years. In May, 1910, the office was created and filled by the election of Miss Gertrude M. Cogan, of Hopewell, Pa. Her duties are to present the cause of Missions, both Home and Foreign, before congregational, classical and synodical societies, to organize new societies wherever practicable and to prepare suitable literature for distribution among the women. This work is carried forward under the supervision of the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. In view of the increased interest and missionary contributions which are expected to result from this work, the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Foreign Missions have made themselves responsible for the payment of her salary, which is \$600 a year. The service which such an official may render the Church is simply incalculable, and this Board bespeaks for her the most cordial reception and hearty co-operation on the part of pastors and people.

EDUCATIONAL.

Literature.—The Board is very positive in its convictions that only a liberal supply of missionary fuel can kindle the missionary fires upon the altars of our Church. If an abiding interest in and a growing zeal for missions are to be developed, there must be cultivated a missionary life among the people. This is possible only through proper instruction from the pulpit and from the reading and studying

of good missionary literature. With this end in view, the Board during the last three years issued, for gratuitous distribution, the following helpful tracts and leaflets:

"Why the Country Should Help the City."

"The Reformed Church Beyond the Mississippi."

"Items Concerning the Board and Its Work."

"A Lenten Message."

"Missions in the United States (West)."

"Missions in the United States (North and East.)"

"Missions in the United States (South)."

"The Conservation of Our Religious Resources in the United States." (A Home Missionary Address.)

"Our Church-building Funds."

"Another Story of Our Church-building Funds."

"Honor the Lord With Thy Substance." (A book.)

"Modern Methods in the Country Church."

"Some Business-like Methods for City Churches."

"The Forward Movement in Home Missions."

"Our Hungarian and Bohemian Work."

"Our Japanese Ward."

"Do Home Missions Pay?"

"Catalogue of Home Mission Literature."

"Digest of Triennial Report for 1911."

"The Creative Week in the West."

"He That Provideth Not for His Own."

"Mission Study-Its Value and Power."

"The American Home Mission Problem of Today."

The Outlook of Missions.—In January, 1910, the Board discontinued the publication of "The Home Missionary Bulletin." its four-page monthly, of which it issued 35,000 copies a month at an expense of a thousand dollars a year. This was done in order to unite with the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod in the publication of "The Outlook of Missions." It was felt that such a magazine combining the missionary interests of the Church would serve the Board as a medium of information to the Church more satisfactorily than the

"Home Missionary Bulletin." "The Outlook of Missions" is carefully and capably edited and should have the widest circulation among our people. The subscription price of fifty cents per year seems to come within the reach of all who have the missionary cause at heart. Its subscription list numbers 3,200. Because of this limited number of subscribers, the Board was obliged last year to contribute \$600 towards its maintenance. Strenuous efforts should be put forth to make it self-supporting at least.

Home Missionary Day.—The Board regards the educational significance of the observance of Home Missionary Day of greater value than its financial returns. The Board each year prepared a special service for use in our congregations and Sunday-schools for that day. In November, 1908, the service "Whitening Fields" was used, and the offerings. which amounted to \$6,687.09, were given to the mission at Kansas City, Mo. In 1909 the service "The Call of the Homeland" was prepared and the offerings, amounting to \$6,153.16, were equally divided between Christ Church, Pittsburg, Pa., and Trinity Church, Lewistown, Pa. 1910 the service was entitled "America for Christ," The beneficiary of the special offering, amounting to \$9,150, was the First Reformed Church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. These services were prepared at an annual cost of about \$1,000. It is to be regretted that the day was not more generally observed and the opportunity seized for the training of the young in the work of Home Missions and in the spirit of true benevolence. Far greater results might be realized if there were a more general observance of the day

Mission Study.—The Board has been encouraging the formation of Mission Study Classes in every congregation wherever possible with a view of training leaders in the missionary cause among the laity. Valuable text-books under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Movement in New York City have been prepared, a study of which will tend to widen one's horizon and awaken a deeper interest in the work. The principal Home Mission text-

books are "The Challenge of the City," Strong; "Aliens or Americans," Grose; "The Frontier," Platt; "Heroes of the Cross," Shelton; "The Upward Path," Helm; "Advance in the Antilles," Grose.

STATISTICAL.

Number of Missions.—There are at present 125 missions under the care of your Board; 112 are English, nine are Hungarian, three are Bohemian, and one Japanese. Besides these, there are 57 under the immediate jurisdiction of the two German Boards (the Eastern and the Western). According to the Synods, they are distributed as follows:

Eastern	25
Potomac	24
Pittsburg	28
Ohio	20
Interior	27
German Synod of the East	10
Central	
Northwest	,
Japanese Mission	- 1

Most of these missions are located in new and rapidly developing centers of population.

The missions in the English Synods have a combined membership of 16,393. They contributed last year for benevolence \$21,399.46, and for congregational purposes, \$163,-289.64. There are forty-three parsonages among them. The indebtedness upon their properties amounts to \$368,-011.65, of which amount they owe the Board \$247,481.65. During the last three years they paid for interest \$8,860.94, and on the principal of their debts, \$51,033.26. The total valuation of their properties is \$886,600.00.

The missions in the German Synods have a membership of 5,146. They raised for benevolence last year \$4,758, and for congregational purposes, \$42,000. They have twenty-seven parsonages.

Mission Churches Built.—During the last three years eighteen mission churches have been built. Quite a num-

ber are in process of building at the present time. This is a healthy and significant sign. Without an adequate equipment a mission is seriously handicapped during a most critical period of its history.

Self-support.—The Board encourages its missions to go to self-support just as speedily as conditions will warrant. While a few remain on the roll for an indefinite number of years, by far the greater number each year attain nearer to a self-supporting basis. Since the last report the following have reached self-support:

			Date of
Name and Location.	Synod.	Pastor.	Self-support.
Colon, Mich Ohi	io		April, 1909.
Grace, Altoona, Pa Pot	omacA. C.	Renoll	April, 1909.
Steelton, Pa Eas	sternN. L	. Horn	April, 1910.
Lexington, N. C Pot	omacJ. C.	Leonard, D.D	July, 1910.
Mem., Easton, Pa Eas	sternO. S.	Frantz	April, 1910.

A number of others will go to self-support July 1, 1911. For sufficient reasons, the following were dropped from the roll: Columbus, Ohio (Eighth Avenue); South Bend, Ind. (Hungarian); Trenton, H. J. (Hungarian); Tatamy, Pa.

New Missions.—In spite of the fact that the last General Synod gave specific instructions to the Board to refrain from enrolling any new work until the condition of its finances would warrant the same, the Board could not turn a deaf ear to the numerous appeals that came to it from many sections, and it could not forego some of the many opportunities which thus presented themselves. The following new points were enrolled:

Location.	Synod.	Missionary.	Date.
Wyomissing, Pa	Eastern	.H. H. Rupp	Jan., 1909.
Montgomery, Pa	\ldots Eastern \ldots	. Aaron Noll	July, 1909.
Hollidaysburg, Pa	Potomac .	.C. A. Huyette	July, 1909.
Waughtown, N. C	\dots Potomac .	, A. S. Peeler	Oct., 1909.
Cedar Rapids, Bohem	Interior	. Jos. Balcar	Oct., 1909.
Louisville, Ky	Ohio	.J. Otto Vitz	Jan., 1910.
Butler, Pa	Pittsburg	.J. W. Pontius	Jan., 1910.
Gary, Ind	Ohio	. Paul D, Yoder	July, 1910.
Albemarle, N. C	Potomac .		July, 1910.

Location.	Sy	nod.	Missionar	y. De	ite.
Harrisonburg,	Va Pot	omaeJ. S	silor Garriso	nJuly,	1910.
Palmerton, Pa	Eas	ternMo	rgan A. Pet	ersJuly,	1910.
Wilkes-Barre,	Pa Eas	tern		July,	1910.
Japanese Miss	on	J.	Mori	July,	1910.
St. Stephen's, l	Lebanon, Pa. Eas	$tern \dots A$.	G. Peters	July,	1910.
Lincolnton, N.	C Pot	omac		Oct.,	1910.
Salem, Altoon	a, Pa Pot	omacR.	M. Stahl	Jan.,	1911.
Olivet, Philade	elphia, Pa Eas	ternM.	P. Larose .	Jan	1911,

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

NAME OF BOARD.	Number of Missions.	Communicant Members,	Raised by the Missions for Benevolence Last Year.	Raised by the Missions for Congregational Use Last Year.	Received by the Board from the Church at large for the Support of the Missions for Three Years.	Received by the Board from the Church at large for Church-building in Three Years.
The Board of General Synod. The Board of the Synod of the Northwest and of the Central	125	16,393	\$21,400	\$163,290	\$234,862	\$51,280
Synod	47	3,982	3,991	30,868	12,218	
od of the East.	10	1,164	967	11,131	14,669	4,000
Totals	182	21.539	\$26,358	\$205,289	\$261.749	\$55,280

FINANCIAL.

Receipts.—The Treasurer's report conveys the information that the receipts of the present triennium amount to \$234,862.08, which is an advance of \$48,220.76 over the preceding period. This is just cause for rejoicing. It betokens an increasing liberality on the part of our people. This amount does not include money received in the Churchbuilding Department.

Apportionment.—The last General Synod apportioned \$113.000, including the apportionment for Church-building to be paid annually to this Board to carry on its work. For the three years this would have amounted to \$339.000, but instead of receiving this amount, the Board received on apportionment only \$208.672.80, leaving a shortage of \$130.327.20. It is needless to say that had the apportion-

ment been paid in full, your Board would have been in a position to do far more than it can report to-day. The Board of Home Missions must depend almost entirely upon the apportionment for the steady and continuous prosecution of its work. There are few, if any, special contributions made to the General Fund, out of which the missionaries are paid. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance for the interest of the Home Mission cause that the apportionment be fully and promptly met by all charges and congregations. The apportionment system has the stamp of approval of all the judicatories of the Church and the system should not be complicated by any collateral methods.

Legacies.—It is gratifying to the Board to be able to record that a number of persons have made liberal bequests to this Board. The greater portion of the wealth of our age is in the hands of Christian men and women who are responsible for a wise and righteous administration of the same. The work of the Church is a large one and challenges large giving on the part of Christians entrusted with wealth. The following bequests were received, amounting to \$23,-141.42:

On policy as per will of H. L. Weinberger, Friedensburg, Pa.	\$1,006.50
Mary Winings	60.20
Bequest of Jacob Faeger, West Alexandria, O	25.00
Bequest of Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D	5,000.00
Legacy and interest on bequest of Jacob Bare, York, Pa	5,068.90
Mary E. Williard Fund	1,000.00
Bequest of Emanuel Yearick, Mifflinburg, Pa	100.00
Bequest of N. B. Schmitt	2,000.00
Bequest	500.00
Bequest of Elder Frederick Ephraim Pontius	2,789.32
Bequest of Matilda E, Miller	500.00
Bequest of Mary J. Rinek	500.00
Bequest of John W. Shumaker	500.00
Bequest of Samuel B. Wiest	500.00
Bequest of Samuel B. Wiest	500,00
Bequest of Samuel B. Wiest	500,00
Bequest of Mrs. Catherine Bromer	500.00
Bequest of Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman	2,000.00
Bequest of Susannah Griffith	500.00

Many more sums are contained in wills, some of which are in the possession of the Board, and others are laid away in private safes. Our people should be urged to remember this cause in their wills.

Church-Building Funds.—It is exactly twenty-five years ago that the first Church-building Fund was established in our Church. For several years after 1886 these funds came in slowly, as was natural, but then they began to come more rapidly and easily. We now have 283 of these funds, representing \$175,000.

A Church-building Fund is \$500 or more, given by an individual, a family, a congregation, a Sunday-school, a missionary society or a Classis. These funds bear the name of the giver or any other suitable name, and are held as distinct funds. They are loaned at low rates and for a reasonable time to the missions for building churches or for the purchase of ground for such churches. They are usually secured by first mortgages, so that their investment is absolutely safe. Not a dollar in these twenty-five years has been lost. During this period since 1890 we have helped one hundred churches to the erection of buildings or the purchase of ground, or both; and this work would simply have been impossible without this help from these funds. Their importance cannot be magnified too much. The one thing that a mission needs in order to impress itself upon the community and reach the people is an adequate equipment. The Board has turned down appeal after appeal from the missions when it was absolutely convinced that by so doing the progress of the mission would be retarded for many decades, simply because there were no immediate funds available. Whenever possible, let people be their own administrators and give a fund or more during lifetime. Where this cannot be done, let them give a fund in their will, or by a confidential note payable one year after death without interest. In all such cases care should be taken that the correct title of the Board be used.

The following funds have been received during the triennium:

I. Those of the Bi-synodic Board.

(Numbering is continued from the list given three years ago.)

- 54. The Haines Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by Mrs. Clara Moritz Haines, of Westminster, Md.
- 55. The Moritz Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by Mrs. Clara Moritz, Haines, of Westminster, Md.
- 56. The John K. and Mary N. Davis Church-building Fund, \$500. Given April, 1909, by Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Meyer, of Elizabethtown, Pa.
- 57. The Sangree Missionary Society Church-building Fund, \$500, Given July, 1909, by Missionary Society of Bender's Church, Adams county, Pa.
- 58. The Emmanuel's, Hanover, Twenty-fifth Anniversary Churchbuilding Fund, \$500. Given 1910 by Missionary Society of Emmanuel's Church, Hanover, Pa.
- 59. The Josiah and Susanna Griffith Church-building Fund, \$1,000. Given 1910 by will of Josiah Griffith, Bedford county, Pa.
- 60. The Emily J. Trone Church-building Fund, \$500. Given 1910 by will of Miss Emily J. Trone, of Hanover, Pa.
- 61. The Sunday-school Senior Department, Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Church-building Fund, 8500. Given 1911 by said Department.
- 62. The Mrs. Katharine M. Nissley Church-building Fund, \$500. Given 1911 by Elder J. J. Nissley.

II. THOSE OF THE GENERAL BOARD,

Numbering is continued from the list given three years ago.

- 167. The N. B. Schmitt Church-building Fund, \$11,000. Bequest of Mr. N. B. Schmitt, late of Woodstock, Va. Completed January 6, 1909. Invested as follows: \$3,000 in Omaha, Neb.; \$2,000 in Philadelphia, Pa.; \$4,000 in Lorain, Ohio; \$2,000 in Freeport, Ill.
- 168. The Rev. Dr. Samuel G. Wagner Church Building Fund, \$500. Given by St. John's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., May15th, 1908, Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.
- 169. The Rev. Michael Schlatter Union Church-building Fund, No. 2, 8500. Completed in May, 1908. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.
- 170. The E. M. Bair Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of E. M. Bair, late of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pa., through John E. Kunkle, Esq., May 29, 1908. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.
- 171. The Jacob Byers Church-building Fund, \$500. Received June 3, 1908, through Rev. Dr. Heller, Treasurer, Westmoreland Classis, Invested in Johnstown, Pa.
- 172. The J. F. Dieffenbacher Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of Susan E. Dieffenbacher, received September 16, 1908. Invested in Freeport, Ill.

173. The W. M. Society of Pittsburg Synod Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed November 11, 1908. Invested in Pittsburg, Pa.

174. The Elder Frederick Ephraim Pontius Church-building Fund, \$3,000. Bequest of Elder Frederick Ephraim Pontius, Completed

January 12, 1909. Invested in Kansas City, Mo.

175. The Matilda A. Miller Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of Matilda A. Miller, sent in December 18, 1908, by Mrs. Mary Ellen Wagner, administratrix. Invested in a \$500 bond of New Commerstown Water Co., bearing 5½ per cent, interest per annum.

176. The Ohio Synod W. M. Society Church-building Fund, No. 3,

\$500. Completed January 21, 1909. Invested in Freeport, Ill.

177. The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 2,

\$500. Completed May, 1908. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

178. The John and Rebecca Herr Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by Mr. Wm. H. Herr, Altoona, Pa., February 9, 1909. Invested in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

179. The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 3,

\$500. Given April 10, 1909. Invested in Kansas City.

180. The Charles, William and Catherine Gerhart Snyder Churchbuilding Fund, \$500. Given by Charles William Snyder, of Maquoketa, Iowa, April 15, 1909. Invested in Freeport, Ill.

181. The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 5, \$500. Paid in by the Treasurer, June 3, 1909. Invested in Philadel-

phia, Pa

182. The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 4, \$500. Completed June 9, 1909. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

183, The Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach Church-building Fund, \$500. Given June 21, 1909, by the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Reformed Church, of Frederick, Md. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

184. The Mary J. Rinek Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of Mary J. Rinek, paid in July 24, 1909, by P. M. and T. C. Zulik, Executors. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

185. The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 6, 8500. Sent in by Mrs. A. K. Kline, Treasurer, August 24, 1909. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

186. The W. M. Society Interior Synod Church-building Fund, No. 2, \$500. Completed October 14, 1909. Invested in Kansas City, Mo.

187. The Clarence Hucker Rover Church-building Fund, \$500. Given October 14, 1909, by Dr. H. W. Rover, of Denver, Colo. Invested in Kansas City, Mo.

188. The Zion's, Chambersburg, Pa., Church-building Fund, \$500, Given October 19, 1909, by Mr. T. M. Wood, of Chambersburg, P.,

Invested in Kansas City, Mo.

189. The Amanda J. Bareis Church-building Fund, \$500. Given November 9, 1909, by Elder George F. Bareis, of Canal Winchester, O. Invested in Kansas City, Mo.

190. Pittsburg Synod's Church-building Fund, No. 1, \$500. Com-

pleted December 14, 1909. Invested in Pittsburg, Pa.

191. The Zion's Valley Church-building Fund, \$500. Given December 24, 1909, by Mr. Daniel King, of South Bend, Pa., in memory of his wife. Invested in Juniata, Pa.

192. The Jacob and Louisa Bingaman Church-building Fund, \$500. Given March 19, 1910, by Mrs. Amelia B. Bausman. Invested in Sioux City, Iowa.

193. The Henry H. Herr Church-building Fund, \$500. Given April 6, 1910, by Mrs. Lydia E. Herr, York, Pa. Invested in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

194. The John W. Shumaker Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of the late John W. Shumaker, from near Leesburg, Va., received April 16, 1910. Invested in Sioux City, Iowa.

The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 7,
 Sent in by Mrs. A. K. Kline, Treasurer, April 21, 1910. In-

vested in Sioux City.

196. The Abraham and Elizabeth Mickley Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by their children, Rev. Harvey J., Emma E., Daniel S., and Nora G., April 27, 1910. Invested in McKeesport, Pa.

197. The Peter Whitmer Church-building Fund, \$500. Given May 12, 1910, by Rev. A. C. Whitmer. Invested in Sioux City, Iowa.

198. The Sarah A. and M. Lizzie Herr Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by Sarah A. and M. Lizzie Herr, of Willow Street, Lancaster county, Pa. Completed May 18, 1910. Invested in McKeesport, Pa.

199, The Dr. Edmund Rischel and Mary Susan Eschbach Churchbuilding Fund, \$500. Given May 19, 1910, by the heirs of Rev. Dr.

Eschbach. Invested in McKeesport, Pa.

200. The Samuel B. Wiest Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of Samuel B. Wiest, late of East Berlin, Adams Co., Pa. Received May 28, 1910. Invested in Philadelphia.

201. The Minnie May Wiest Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of Samuel B. Wiest, late of East Berlin, Adams Co., Pa. Received May

28, 1910. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

202. The Mary Jane Wiest Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of Samuel B. Wiest, late of East Berlin, Adams Co., Pa. Received May 28, 1910. Invested in Akron, Ohio.

203. The Pugh Church-building Fund, \$500. Given May 28, 1910, by Miss Mary Pugh, Baltimore, Md. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

204. The Catechumen Church-building Fund, No. 3, \$500. Completed June, 1910. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

205. The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 8, 8500. Sent in June 29, 1910, by Mrs. A. K. Kline, Treasurer. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

206. The Albert and Catherine Bromer Church-building Fund, \$500.

Bequest of Mrs. Catherine Bromer. Received July 1, 1910. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

- 207. The Isaac and Nancy Lefever Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by Miss Emma R. Lefever, July, 1910. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.
- 208. Bequest of Rev. Dr. Benjamin B. Bausmaa, late of Reading, Pa., \$2,000, paid over by executor, July 9, 1910. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.
- 209. The Lewis M. and Alice R. Motter Church-building Fund, \$500. Given July 29, 1910, by Rev. and Mrs. I. M. Motter, of Frederick, Md. Invested in Emporia, Kans.
- 210. The Rev. F. C. Bauman Church-building Fund, \$500. Given August 3, 1910, by Mrs. F. C. Bauman, of Zwingli, Iowa. Invested in Emporia, Kans.
- 211. The Woman's Missionary Union of the Reformed Churches of Lancaster, Pa., Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed July 22, 1910. Invested in Lancaster, Pa.
- 212. The Jacob Bare Church-building Fund, \$5,000. Bequest of Jacob Bare, late of York Co., Pa. Paid over October 1, 1910. Invested in Sioux City.
- 213. The William and Susan Johnson Church-building Fund, \$500. Given August 10, 1910, by Mrs. Mary E. Fisher, of Emmittsburg, Md. Invested in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- 214. The Milton W. Bahn Church-building Fund, \$500. Given August 12, 1910, by Mrs. Ellen S. Bahn, of York, Pa. Invested in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- 215. The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 9, \$500. Sent in September 21, 1910, by Mrs. A. K. Kline, Treasurer. Invested in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- 216. The Mifflinburg Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by Missionary Society of St. John's Church, of Mifflinburg, Pa. Completed November 25, 1910. Invested in East Chicago, Ind.
- 217. The Susannah Griffith Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of Mrs. Susannah Griffith, late of Imler, Pa. Received January 7, 1911, per W. P. Griffith, executor. Invested in East Chicago, Ind.
- 218. The Susanna Whitmer Church-building Fund, \$500. Given March 22, 1911, by Prof. T. Carl Whitmer, of Pittsburg, Pa. Invested in Gary, Ind.
- 219. The W. M. Society General Synod Church-building Fund, No. 10, \$500. Sent in March 24, 1911, by Mrs. A. K. Kline, Treasurer. Invested in Gary, Ind.
- 220. The Rev. Dr. D. S. Fouse Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by the Synod of the Interior. Completed April 5, 1911. Invested in Gary, Ind.

Funds in Progress.—The following funds are in course of completion:

To the record of the Bi-Synodic Board must be added the Lancaster Theological Seminary Fund, \$463.50. To the record of the General Board must be added the following twenty-one funds: Westmoreland Classis B. B. Fund, \$75; W. M. Society, St. John's Church, Williamsport, Pa., \$100; Carlisle Classis Fund, \$291; W. M. Society, St. Joseph's Classis, \$258; Mrs. Ellen Hobson, \$450; W. M. Harbaugh Society, Mercersburg, \$60; Martinsburg Charge, \$99.91; North Penn Ministerial Association, \$200; Andrew and Mary J. Fricker Fund, \$300; Samuel J. Achenbach Fund, \$150; C. M. Boush and Mary Boush Fund, \$250; Baby Band Fund, \$26.40; Catechumen Fund, No. 4, \$24.99; Rev. John W. Weber Fund, \$16.19; iThe Newport Fund, \$25; Bellevue, O., \$t. Paul's S. S. Fund, \$400; Pittsburg Synod's Fund, No. 2, \$123; Eastern Ohio Classis Fund, \$300; William and Rebecca More Fund, \$325; Wentz Congregation Fund, \$40; Ohio Synod's Elders' Fund, \$230.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS SINCE 1881.

PLACES OF MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD.	Number of Missions.	Communicant Members.	Amount Raised by Missions for Benevo- lence.	Amount Raised for Congregational Purposes.	Amount Received from the Church at Large for Home Missions.	Amount Received by the Board for Church Building.	Total Receipts Reported.
1881-84 Baltimore, Md							
1884–87 Akron, O							
1887-90 Lebanon, Pa							142,761
1890-93 Reading, Pa					124,921		149,793
1893-96 Dayton, O					144,058		172,476
1896-99 Tiffin, O	142	15,275	29,697	273,957	167,839	62,079	229,918
1899-02 Baltimore, Md				350,401	161,337		195.245
1902-05 Allentown, Pa	164	19,074	17,013	191,454	187,973	45,849	233,722
1905-08 York, Pa	193	22,530	26,341	235,415	243,024	54,346	297.370
1908-11 Canton, O	182	21,539	26,358	205,289	261,749	55,280	317,029
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Better Financial System.—Your Board feels that if the benevolent work of the Church is to be properly carried forward there must be called into vogue among as many congregations as possible a systematic and up-to-date financial method. The demands and opportunities of the Church can never be met by haphazard, unbusiness-like methods in church finance. With this in mind, the Board has urged

all the missions under its care to adopt and put into practice the Duplex weekly envelope system, which seems to be the most satisfactory financial method that has yet been suggested. It were well if all the churches of the denomination would swing out of the old rut and avail themselves of what has been found so satisfactory in other churches.

Direct Transmission of Benevolent Money.-The Board wishes to bring itself into as direct touch as possible with individual congregations in order to be of genuine help in the cultivation of the missionary and benevolent spirit. For this purpose it is desirable to keep an account with every congregation, noting the amount of its apportionment. giving credit for sums paid from time to time, and thus obtaining such information as will be valuable in developing the missionary life of the congregation. This direct communication between the individual congregation and the Board would not only save thousands of dollars of interest money in transit, but would help in the full and prompt payment of the apportionment and would result in the increased contributions on the part of the people. Board requests General Synod to take such action as will issue in the direct transmission of benevolent money from the congregation to its Treasurer.

THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR THREE YEARS.

Traveling, hotel and other expenses of the Board for thirteen meetings	
Traveling and other expenses of Superintendents, including stenographer, stationery, office ex-	
penses and printing	
Total	\$8,909,92
Salaries,	

Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D., General Superintendent \$2,000,00 Rev. A. C. Whitmer, District Superintendent 1,300,00 Rev. D. A., Souders, D. D., District Superintendent 1,300,00

Rev. J. C. Horning, District Superintendent.... 1,300.00

Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Secretary Elder Geo. W. Stein, Treasurer	\$100,00 100,00	
Elder C. M. Boush, Attorney and Treasurer of Church-building Funds	1,000.00	
Total per year		
Total expenses for three years		

Inspirational.

Our work lies four square: the City, the Alien, the South and the West.

The Problem of the City.—Over forty per cent., or about 36,000,000 of the people of America live in cities. The city has become not only the center of our population, but also the storm-center of our civilization. There most of the great problems of human society marshall themselves. The city has become the dominating factor in our political, social, industrial and moral life. It is, therefore, imperative that our strong municipalities be permeated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But how can this be done except through the organized agency of Christianity, the Church of Christ? Institutions that aim simply at moral reform, philanthropic societies that have in mind the alleviation of human misery are not sufficient. A new vitalizing life must be infused, and made to throb in the heart of society, and the Church is the divinely instituted agency to carry that life and to guarantee the safety and perpetuity of our municipalities. Mission work in cities is difficult and expensive. It demands the best quality of consecrated service and the most liberal financial support. As a Church we have lost by our failure to go in a more earnest and full hearted manner into our large and growing centers of population. In many of our cities it will be too late for our Church to enter, but there are many left where our denomination should not only be represented, but contribute its full share in solving their religious problems.

The Alien.-A million and a quarter of foreigners come-

annually to America. It appears as if God was pouring these multitudes upon our shores before our very doors, so that we might be in a better position to Christianize them. Home and Foreign Missions meet here in America and this fact makes a double claim upon the hearts and liberality of God's people. The foreigner coming in touch with our American civilization, even though he stays only a brief period of time in this country, bears with him to his native land the impression of our religion and thus he becomes the most potent, though unofficial missionary that the Church can send forth. The question arises what kind of religious atmosphere shall we as American people provide for the foreigner that throngs our country. Moreover, if the immigrant chooses to make this his adopted land, he can be made a desirable citizen only as he is brought under the influence of the Gospel and the Church of Jesus Christ.

The South.—There is a new South developing. That portion of our country has entered upon a new period of industrial development. Certain natural conditions of climate and soil, and productions such as cotton and fruit, make it a most desirable section in which to live. It is very likely that this new condition of things will bring a large inflow of population to that section, and if our Church is awake, it will go with a larger force of men and money to hold the new South for Christ.

The fact that there are millions of colored people in the Southland who are not identified with any Christian Church makes this an imperative call to our Church to contribute at least something toward the spiritual welfare of these people. The Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system propose the creation of a permanent committee, representing the constituent bodies of the Alliance, who shall have charge of this colored work, and every denomination thus represented shall be asked to contribute in such sums as it may determine towards this work of evangelization among the colored people. Your Board is awaiting the directions of General Synod with reference to this matter.

The West.—One of the inviting mission fields in this country is the great and rapidly developing West. Five-sevenths of the territory of the United States lies west of the Mississippi river, which part is inhabited by only one-third of the country's population. But people are pouring into that section by the hundred thousand. The processes of irrigation and dry farming have produced wonderful results and have brought a large portion of the semi-arid region into a highly fertile and productive condition. It is estimated that the spirit and temper of the West will in course of time dominate the nation. That section is in its formative period. It is the Church's opportunity. It will be a thousand times more difficult and more expensive to permeate the West with the spirit of Christianity thirty years from today than it is at the present time.

The Church of Christ stands before a wonderful open door. This nation is destined to become the richest nation on the face of the earth. It is useless to lift a doleful cry against the possession of wealth. It is the mission of the Church and of Christianity to utilize and direct this tremendous power in the world for spiritual purposes. Consecrated wealth becomes the mightiest factor possible in the evangelization of the world. Let us believe that this is the plan and purpose of God in making America the greatest of nations, and this is the mission of Christianity to a prosperous age.

The Home Missions Council.—While the Reformed Church has many problems that are peculiar to itself, and can be satisfactorily solved only in its own way, there are many things in our work which we have in common with other Protestant bodies, and whose viewpoint and inspiration will help in the solution of our own problems. Your Board with this thought in mind, affiliated itself with the Home Missions Council, which is a body of Home Mission representatives of various denominations growing out of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. This Home Missions Council has projected a nation-wide campaign in the interest of Home Missions, to be conducted

during the fall of 1912. Our Board has fally identified itself with the movement and hereby invites the co-operation of pastors and people along such lines as may be indicated.

Golden Jubilee.—In November, 1913, it will be fifty years that General Synod was established, and your Board of Home Missions constituted. Prior to that time the work of Home Missions was directed largely by District Synods' Boards and other missionary organizations. This period of almost half a century has been the most fruitful and prosperous in our whole history. It is proper that this history of fifty years be observed in a becoming manner. It is proposed, therefore, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of this Board during the fall of 1913. During this period the following churches were started or helped, or both, by this Board:

OHIO SYNOD.

Findlay, O. Fulton, O. St. Paris, O. Neriah, Mich. Louisville, Ky. Somerset, O. Antwerp, O. Kentland, O. Fort Wayne, Ind. Paulding, O. Lima, O. Canal Fulton, O. Greenville, O. Hamilton, O. Germantown, O. Trinity, Dayton, O. Springfield, O. Lancaster, O. Columbus, O. Akron, O. (E. Market St.). Barberton, O. Cleveland (Hough Ave.), O. Massillon, O. Ada, O. Liberty Center, O.

Warren, O.

Youngstown, O. Athens, Mich. Plymouth, Ind. Colon, Mich. Erie, Mich. Detroit, Mich. Mottowa, Mich. Bethel, O. Millersburg, O. Salem, O. Waterloo, O. Struthers, O. Alliance, O. Bradford, O. Heidelberg Charge. Galion, O. Brown Co., Mission. Toledo, O. (Hung.). Canton, O. Erie, Mich. Goshen, Ind. Fostoria. Jerusalem Mission, Piqua, O. Mohican. Bellaire. Dayton, O. (Ohmer Park), Gary, Ind.
Kenmore, O.
Lisbon, O.
S. Akron (Miller Ave.).
Toledo.
Akron, Grace.
Clay Pose, Ind.
Corydon, Ind.
Sturgis, Mich.
Wakeshind, Mich.
Burr Oak, Mich.
Georgetown, O.
Circleville, O.

PITTSBURG SYNOD.

Harrold, Pa. Youngstown, Pa. Eleanor, Pa. (Hung.). S. Bend, Ind. (Hung.). W. Cleveland (Hung.). Ligonier, Pa. Jeanette, Pa. Punxsutawney, Pa. Scottdale, Pa. Apollo, Pa. Kittanning, Pa. DuBois, Pa. Sharpsville, Pa. Grove City, Pa. Cumberland, Md. All Souls, Allegheny. Bethany, Butler. Braddock, Pa. McKeesport, Pa. Turtle Creek, Pa. New Kensington, Pa. Pittsburg (Hung.). Hyndman, Pa. McKeesport, Pa. Myersdale, Pa. Scottdale, Pa. Preston, Canada, Meadville, Pa. London, Pa. Titusville, Pa.

Corry, Pa. Emlenton, Pa. Zion Valley, Pa. Rimersburg, Pa. Parker, Pa. St. Paul's, Pittsburg. Trinity, Wilkinsburg. St. James, Pittsburg. Johnstown, Pa. Johnstown, Pa. (Hung.). Dale City, Pa. St. John's, Stoystown, Pa. Bloody Run. St. Luke's, Pittsburg. Christ, Pittsburg. Tafford City. Pitcairn. Dayton, O. (Hung.). Dillonvale, O. (Hung.). Connellsville. Derry, Duquesne. East Chicago, Ind. (Hung.) Elwood City. Homestead. Homestead (Hung.). Lorain, O. (Hung.). Vandergrift. Sharon, Pa. W. Greenville, Pa. Lytersburg, Pa. Mercer, Pa. Decker Run, Pa. Titusville, Pa.

INTERIOR SYNOD.

Anemosa, Ia.
Lanyonville, Kans.
Petrolia, Kans.
Altamont (Hickory Creek).
Shelbyville, Ill.
Anna, Ill.
Astoria, Ill.
Dakota, Ill.
Damascus, Ill.

Chicago, Ill. Edinburg, Ill. Chicago (Bohemian). Shelby. Tipton, Ia. Clifton, Ia. Lisbon, Ia. Maquoketa, Ia. Sioux City, Ia. Brandon, Ia. Columbus Junction, Ia. Leighton, Ia. Blairstown. Pleasant Valley. Boonsboro, Ia. Marengo, Ia. Centre Charge, Ill. Conesville, Ia. Des Moines, Ia. Freeport, Ill. Mill Creek, Ill. St. Louis, Mo. Wilton, Ia.

Lvons, Kans. St. Joseph, Mo. Holton and Circleville. Otis. Wells. New Basil. Baker. Denver, Colo.

Lyons, Kans.

Salina, Kans.

Boulder.

Ursinus. Abilene, Kans.

Ramona, Miss.

Fairview, Kans.

Hiawatha, Kans.

Kansas City, Mo.

Wathena, Kans.

Iola. Cheney. Wichita. Emporia. Whitewater. Imogene, Ia. Lincoln, Neb. Zion, Neb. Palmers. Smithtown. Cedar Rapids, Ia. Cedar Rapids, Ia. (Bohem.). Lawton, Ia. Omaha, Neb. Oskaloosa, Ia.

POTOMAC SYNOD.

Sycamore, Ill.

Bonity, York, Pa. Trionsboro, Md. Burkittsville, Md. Baltimore, Md. (St. Luke's). Baltimore, Md., (St. Mark's). Baltimore (St. Stephen's), Baltimore, Md., (Grace). Baltimore (Sixth). Baltimore (First). Washington, D. C. (Grace). Woodbury. Jeffersonville. Chambersburg (St. John's). Shepherdstown, Va. Winchester, Va. Harrisville, Va. Roanoke, Va. Timberville, Va. Nidel, N. C. Burlington, N. C. Concord, N. C. West Rowan, N. C. Mt. Pleasant, N. C. Salisbury, N. C. Thomasville, N. C. Emmanuel, York. Tridelphia, W. Va. Orbisonia, Pa. McConnellsburg, Pa. Lexington, N. C.

Mint Spring, Va.

Moffetts Grove, N. C. Ridgely, Md. Mill Creek, Va. Middlebrook, Va. Duncannon, Pa. Enola, Pa. Conover, N. C. Albina, Ore. Astoria, Ore. Ballard, Wash. Salem, Ore. Seattle, Wash. Stafford, Wash. West Union, Ore. Albemarle, N. C. Altoona, Pa. (Salem). Dallastown, Pa. Greensboro, N. C. Harrisonburg, Va. Hanover, Pa. (Grace). High Point, N. C. Hollidaysburg, Pa. Juniata, Pa. Lenoir, N. C. Waughtown, N. C. St. Stephen's, York. Faith, York. Christ, Altoona. Trinity, Altoona. Grace, Altoona.

Eastern Synod.

Mt. Carmel (Hung.).
New York (Hung.).
South Norwalk, Conn. (Hun.)
Trenton, N. J. (Hung.)
Reading, Pa. (St. Stephen's).
Royersford.
Tower City.
Packerton.
Phoenixville.
Lancaster (Faith).
Philadelphia (Bethel).
Tatamy.

Columbia.

Second, Harrisburg. Zwingli, Harrisburg. Liverpool. Easton. Lykens, Pa. Wilkes-Barre (St. Luke's). St. John's, Reading. Pine Grove, Pa. Tamaqua. Lykens. Camden, Del. New Holland, Pa. Marietta, Pa. Bangor. Birdsboro. Williamsport. Stroudsburg. Christ, Allentown. New Castle, Pa. Mahanoy City. St. Clair. St. Thomas, Reading. Valparaiso, South America. Grace, Easton. Walnutport. Memorial, Easton. St. John's, West Philadelphia Trinity, Philadelphia. Grace, Philadelphia. Doylestown. Trinity, Norristown. Shamokin. Mt. Carmel. First, South Bethlehem. St. John's, Allentown. Trinity, Allentown. Tioga, Philadelphia. Messiah, Philadelphia. Prospectville. Calvary, Philadelphia. Bethany, Philadelphia. Christ, Norristown. Palatinate, Philadelphia. Oak Lane. Mt. Hermon, Philadelphia.

St. Andrew's, Philadelphia. Wyndmoor, Philadelphia. Olivet, Philadelphia. South Bethlehem (Shiloh). Emanuel, Hazleton. Scranton. West Hazleton. Grantville and Hanover Ch. Jonestown. St. Luke's, Lancaster. Steelton. Fourth, Harrisburg. St. John's, Harrisburg. Lock Haven, Pa. Wyomissing, Pa. Lewistown. Linfield. Bridgeport, Conn. (Hung.). St. Stephen's, Lebanon, Pa. Montgomery, Pa. Palmerton, Pa. Penbrook. GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST. Philadelphia, St. Paul's. Philadelphia, St. Stephen's. Baltimore, Md., Fifth. Holvoke. Brooklyn. Egg Harbor City, N. J. Glassboro, N. J. New Brunswick, Rahway. Rochester, N. Y. Ebenezer, Erie Co. Greenfield, Mass. New York, Cumberland. Bridesburg. Martha Mem., N. Y. Bethany, Brooklyn. St. Luke's, Philadelphia. Buffalo, N. Y. (2). Glade Run, Pa. Lawndale, Pa.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Ebenezer, N. Y. St. John's, Lancaster, Pa. St. Mark's, Philadelphia. Emanuel, E. Brooklyn, N. Y. Zion's, Reading.

CENTRAL SYNOD.

Cleveland, O. Cincinnati, O. Upper Sandusky, O. Kenton. Findlay. Crothersville, Ind. Defiance, O. Glenville, O. Collinwood. Dayton, O. Piqua. Oakley, Bay City, Mich. Port Hope, Mich. Toledo, O. (2). Canton, O.

Bremen, O.

NORTHWESTERN SYNOD.

Island Mission on Lake Erie. Cleveland, Third. Ashland, O. Spencerville, O. Evansville, Ind. Girard, Ia. Manitowoc, Wis. Wabasha, Minn. Osage Co., Missouri. Omaha, Neb. Marion, Ind. Kaukauna, Wis. Plymouth, Wis. Elkhart, Wis. Humbird, Wis. Calumet, Mich. Greenbay, Wis. Curtiss, Wis. Stanford, Kv.

Louisville, Ky. (3). Nashville, Tenn. West Bend, Wis. Stewart, Wis. St. Paul, Minn. Ledyard, Minn. Belden, Neb. Winnipeg, Canada (2), Neudorf, Canada. Altona, Canada. Pheasant Forks, Canada, Waukesha, Wis. La Crosse, Wis. Redfield, Dak. Stockton, Cal. East Portland, Ore. Indianapolis. St. Louis. Chicago. Milwaukee. Sauk City. Sheboygan. Wheatland, Ia.

Benton, Minn.

Detroit, Mich. Covington, Ky. Melbourne, Ia. Lodi, Cal. Osceola, Okl. Millard, Kans. Barton, Ark. New Rockford, N. D. Mitchell, S. D. Chamberlain, S. D. Goodrich, N. D. Glen Ullin, N. D. Hazen, N. D. Gregory, S. D. Herrich, S. D. Loveland, Colo. Portland, Ore. Tillamook, Ore. Gravson, Canada. Wolseley, Canada. Irvine, Canada. Fort Saskatchewan. New Berlin, Wis.

This list may be incomplete, inasmuch as it was a difficult task to get at the proper facts. The list is approximately correct. It reveals the fact that fully 450 of our congregations were helped by the Board during these fifty years of its history. Such a fact calls for proper recognition on the part of the Church.

The event is to be made the culmination of a great Forward Movement, which is to be launched with the meeting of this Synod, and aggressively conducted during these two and one-half years. The objective goal of the movement is the raising of a fund of \$500.000 for our Church-building Fund Department. Every congregation and every individual throughout the Reformed Church will be challenged to co-operate in this campaign. The watchword of the movement is "At least one \$500 Church-building Fund from every congregation in the Reformed Church!" By the appointment of committees, by the free distribution

of literature, by personal canvass and solicitation, it is hoped that the effort may be crowned with success. General Synod is requested to take such strong action with reference to this Forward Movement that it will bear the stamp of victory from the very start. It is not an impossible proposition. It comes clearly within the range of possibility. Our people must be challenged to do large things for Christ and His Church. The realization of this purpose will mean a forward impulse in our Home Mission work that will be immeasurable in its effect upon all of the work of our denomination.

APPEAL.

The Board respectfully asks your favorable action on the following:

- 1. That the cause of Home Missions be given sufficient time for full consideration and that the problem be approached in a season of prayer in behalf of the work.
- 2. That such action be taken as will tend to unify the work of Home Missions in the Reformed Church in accordance with plans outlined in the body of the report.
- 3. That provision be made for the direct transmission of Home Mission money immediately from the congregation to the Treasurer of the Board.
- 4. That the second Sunday in November be designated as Home Missionary Day and that the Classes be requested to call the attention of pastors and people to the importance of the observance of this day, and the lifting of an offering over and above the apportionment.
 - 5. That the apportionment must be paid in full.
- 6. That every Classis appoint a Permanent Committee on Home Missions, who shall keep in touch with the charges within their bounds, and arrange for conventions and conferences, and to assist in the distribution of Home Missionary literature among the people.
- 7. That General Synod heartily endorse the Forward Movement and by strong action give it the proper start.
 - 8. That General Synod assume and apportion \$175,000

per annum, which amount is to cover every phase of the work, viz., the general work, Hungarian. Bohemian and Harbor Missions, Church-building, and also the work in the German Synods.

9. That the entire amount be apportioned in one column and that its distribution be left to the judgment of the Board to determine as the conditions of the work may demand.

FINAL.

And now, humbled by our shortcomings, inspired by our victories, grateful to God for His presence and blessing, and thankful to pastors and people for their continued confidence and help, we present this report for your consideration and await your instructions for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Miller, President.

Charles E. Schaeffer, General Superintendent.

Report of George W. Stein, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions. Receipts for Three Years, from March 21, 1908, to April 15, 1911.

For Home Missions.

	1908-1911.	1905-1908.
Eastern Synod		\$83,234.08
Potomac Synod	35,824,22	27,583,34
Ohio Synod	23,660,96	17,699,64
Pittsburg Synod	24,676,40	21,556,87
Synod of the Interior	4,375,70	3,866.95
Central Synod	76.17	
Sunday-School Board of General Synod	1,266.67	1,390.00
Women's Missionary Society of General Synod	11,158.16	10,075.06
Miscellaneous sources	5,838.49	3,759.68
Legacies	6,852.10	408.50

\$216,495,94 \$168,574,12

For Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions.

	1908–1911.	1905–1908.
Eastern Synod	\$9,444.44	\$8,783.72
Potomac Synod	2,937.64	3,155.37

Ohio Synod	\$1,572.59	\$1,227,49
Pittsburg Synod	1,205.00	2,290.00
Synod of Interior	305.23	427.75
Central Synod	\$39.68	622.81
German Synod of the East	475.89	435.25
Northwestern Synod	510.79	626.45
Women's Missionary Society of General Synod	32.00	74.86
Hungarian Educational Work	1.042.88	230,00
Miscellaneous Sources		195,50
	\$18,366,14	\$18,067,20
	216,495,94	168,574.12
Total receipts	\$234,862.08	\$186,641.32
Triennial Report of C. M. Boush, Treasurer	of the Chur	ch-Building
Fund.		
Receipts.		
Balance in Treasury, April, 1908		\$7,765.82
Received on obligations issued		
Received on Church-building Funds and beque		
Received from Missions on their debts		
Received from Missions on interest		
On apportionment from Eastern Synod		
On apportionment from Potomac Synod		
On apportionment from Pittsburg Synod		
On apportionment from Ohio Synod		
On apportionment from Interior Synod		
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Home Missionary Day offerings:		
For Chicago		148.44
For Kansas City		
For Pittsburg and Lewistown		5,935,12
For Cedar Rapids		. 5,794.53
For Cedar Rapids		1,820,36
Disbursements,		
For investments		
For payment of obligations		
For interest on obligations		. 13,890.28
For salary of Treasurer and Attorney and exp		
For donations to missions		
To St. Paul's Church, Kansas City, Home		
offerings		. 6,657.27

Balance in treasury, April 1, 1911	7.53
\$186,51	5.25
The Treasury owes to— Grace Reformed Church, Chicago, Home Missionary Day offerings	66.23
Reformed Church, Cedar Rapids, Home Missionary Day	4.53
THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOARD WERE ON APRIL 1, 1911:	20.36
On bonds issued	.ə.W
Due to Grace Church, Chicago, Home Missionary Day offering	6,23
	4.89
\$100,30	6.72
The Assets of the Board on April 1, 1911.	
Due the Board from Missions, secured by real estate \$247,48 Cash in hand	
\$266,27	2.39
Status of Board's Investments in Mission Properties.	
Amount due the Board, April 1, 1911	
Secured by real estate, estimated worth, April 1, 1911 886,60 Estimated value of land alone	
Amount of fire insurance on said property, April 1, 1911. 291,00	
Other indebtedness of said Missions	80.00
The Board expended in donations since it is in operation. 14,85 Church-building Funds and bequests received to April 1, 1911, 219 numbered full Church-building Funds and	3.13
Bequests	2,50 9.82
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Akron, O., E. Market St. Alliance, O. (Immanuel) Athens, Mich. Canton, O. Cleveland, O. (Bohemian) Dayton, O. (Ohmer Park) Detroit, Mich. Gary, Indiana Indianapolis, Ind. Kenmore, O., Gross Mem. Lima, Ohio. Lisbon, Ohio. Lisbon, Ohio. Lisbon, Ohio. S. Akron, O. (Miller Ave.) Springfield, Ohio Toledo, Ohio Toledo, O. (Hungarian) Warren, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio	John J. Leberman, D. D. J. P. Stall, D. D. Cecil A. Albright J. P. Stall, D. D. Cecil A. Albright J. Theodore Bucher. Anton Korbel S. U. Snyder Chas, W. Brugh Paul D. Yoder Henry Gekeler, D. D. W. E. Foltz, A. G. Gekeler S. I. Royer J. O. Vitz O. P. Foust H. J. Rohrbaugh F. W. Hoffman	1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	130 125 126 127 63 51 140 68 56 96 100 82 201 130 154	\$1358 913 1008 1640 315 432 1092 1583 600 971 620 2155 1103 4178 1442	158 131 278 22 85 135 	144 400 350 300 825 250 575	750 150 600 700 475 700 1000 950 200 600 550 800 100 750 425
Toledo, Ohio	J. Henry Hornung	1	$\frac{135}{258}$	596 2562	133	450 600	850 500
Warren, Ohio	Gideon P. Fisher E. D. Wettach, D. D	1 1	170 270	2162 1857	230 425	600 500	600
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PITTSBURG SYNOD.							
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*Missionary Supply.

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						\$4626		
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EASTERN SYNOD.						\$29731		
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^{*} Will go to self-support July 1, 1911.

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS.—Continued.

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	l .		3982	\$30868	\$3791		

^{*}Rev. F. W. C. Brueckner takes the place of Rev. Stuebi.

†Self-support.

8 (a) REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted its report on the fourth day of the session, Friday, May 19th, it was considered separately item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Standing Committee on Home Missions reports that the following communications were referred to it, viz: The Sixteenth Triennial Report of the Board of Missions, A History of the Reformed Church in the United States in the Hungarian Language. presented by the Rev. Alex. Harsanyi, and the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States in the Hungarian language, presented by the Hungarian Classis; an overture from Philadelphia Classis, requesting the Board of Home Missions, by direct gifts or on the Coöperative Plan of Home Missions to assist from the money received from the Building Fund apportionment new missions; an overture from the Pittsburg Synod requesting that General Synod so constitute its Board of Home Missions that the President of the several Synodic or Bi-Synodic Boards shall be members ex-officio of General Synod's Board; an overture from Ursinus Classis, Synod of the Northwest, requesting that General Synod establish a mission among the Jews: an overture from the Ohio Synod asking for a missionary superintendent.

From the Sixteenth Triennial Report of the Board we learn that great progress has been made and the Church is given a new vision of the work before it; that the report is deserving of the careful study of the membership of the Church; that headquarters have been established in the Reformed Church Building, Philadelphia; that the hope is expressed of the union of all the Mission Boards of the Church with General Synod's Board; that the fiscal year now ends with July 1st; that beginning January 1, 1911, the missionaries of the Board have received their salary monthly; that the work among the Germans has made

commendable progress-ten missions having become selfsupporting during the triennium; that the work among the Hungarians is still in an unsettled condition; that the Board with deep regret reports the death of the Rev. Stephen P. Harsanvi, its Hungarian missionary at Bridgeport, Conn.; that the work among the Hungarians and Bohemians is urgent: that a Japanese congregation was organized last October at San Francisco: that the report of the Harbor Missionary, the Rev. Paul H. Land, Ph. D., is full of interest; that the office of Sunday-school Missionary is to be revived; that the Christian Endeavor Mission at Omaha, Neb., is deserving of a more liberal support: that the Women's Missionary Society of General Synod is this year celebrating its Silver Jubilee and that during its history has contributed \$11,324.30 in cash and \$3.962.00 to the Church Building Fund Department; that the "Outlook of Missions" has a subscription list of but 3,200; that the Home Mission Day offerings were as follows: 1908, for Kansas City, \$6.887.00: 1909, Lewistown, Pa., and Christ's church, Pittsburg, Pa., \$6.153.00; 1910, Cedar Rapids, Ia., \$9.150.00; that Mission Study Classes are recommended; that the statistics show that there are at present 182 missions with a membership of 16,393 and that the offerings for the benevolence amounted to \$21,399.00, and for congregational purposes, \$163,-289.64 during the last year; that eighteen churches were built during the triennium; that five missions became selfsupporting, and that four were dropped; that only \$208,-762.80 of the \$339,000 apportioned by General Synod was received by the Board; that legacies amounting to \$23,141.00 were received, and that the Church Building Funds were increased one hundred and twenty-five, of which nine were received by the Bi-synodic Board; that the total expenses of the Board for the three years amounted to \$31,-209.92; that the problem of the City, the Alien, the South and the West is emphasized: that November, 1913, it will be fifty years that the Board of Home Missions was established; that during these years four hundred and fifty missions were aided; that the Golden Jubilee be ushered in by a Forward Movement, which has as its object the raising of \$500,000.00 for the Church-Building Fund Department.

In view of the many and loud calls coming to the Board of Home Missions from the city, the South and the West, your committee recommends the following for your adoption:

Resolved, 1. That we praise God, the Author of every good and perfect gift, for His beneficent favor and signal blessing with which He has honored the work of Home Missions during the triennium.

Resolved, 2. That we commend the faithful and appreciable services rendered by the Board and the energetic services of the superintendents and the benevolence and loyality of pastors and people.

Resolved, 3. That the Bi-synodic Board of the East be invited to earnestly and prayerfully consider the advisability of consolidation with the General Synod's Board, and it is hoped that the invitation will be accepted and the action be referred to the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

Resolved, 4. That we greatly rejoice in the success of the Home Mission work of the three German Synods and that we have had a part in this work through the offerings for German-English Work.

Resolved, 5. That we respectfully request the Mission Boards of the German Synods to favor the General Board with quarterly reports of their work, either through the respective officers or the Missionary Secretaries, in order that the Board at all times may have a composite view and accurate information concerning the work and thus be enabled to more intelligently present the German-English Work and the better serve the Church.

Resolved, 6. That the General Synod extends a hearty invitation to the German Boards to more fully coöperate with its Board and expresses the hope that these Synods may see their way clear to accept this invitation and we assure them of our hearty coöperation and of increased support as far as possible.

Resolved, 7. That the several Synods be overtured to arrange for the direct transmission of the Home Mission money immediately from the congregations to the treasurer of the Board.

Resolved, S. That Home Mission Day be observed the second Sunday of November and that the Classes be requested to call the attention of pastors and people to the importance of the observance of this day and the lifting of offerings over and above the apportionment.

Resolved, 9. That the Synods, Classes and Consistories are urged to raise and pay the apportionment in full.

Resolved, 10. That every Classis shall appoint a Permanent Committee on Missions, said committee to keep in touch with the charges within its bounds and to arrange for conventions and conferences and to assist in the distribution of Home Mission literature.

Resolved, 11. That General Synod heartily endorses the Forward Movement, which aims at the raising of a fund of \$500,000.00 for our Church-building Fund Department.

Resolved, 12. That the Board be authorized to arrange for the Golden Jubilee, in the way of preparing suitable literature and the District Synods, Classes, congregations and individuals are challenged to coöperate in the \$500,000.00 Jubilee Fund, the watchword of which is "At least one \$500.00 Church-building Fund from every congregation."

Resolved, 13. That the Synods and Classes be urged to inaugurate a "Missionary Outlook" campaign, which shall aim at placing "The Outlook" in every family.

Resolved, 14. That the following amounts be apportioned and referred to the Standing Committees on Finance for apportionment:

UPON THE ENGLISH SYNODS.

For Home Missions	\$120,000.00
For German-English Missions	8,000,00
For Church Building	12,000,00

UPON ALL THE SYNODS.

For Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions, and Work	
among the colored people of the South	\$15,000,00

Total annual apportionment of \$155,000.00

Resolved, 15. That the Synod thank the Rev. Alex. Harsanyi for his work of love in writing a history of the Reformed Church in the United States in the Hungarian language and for the copy presented, as well as the Hungarian Classis for the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States in the Hungarian language, and that these books be placed in the archives of Synod.

Resolved, 16. That inasmuch as a mission has been established among the Japanese in San Francisco, we accordingly commend it to the support of the Church.

Resolved, 17. That General Synod highly appreciates the faithful and sacrificing labors of the Women's Missionary Society during the past twenty-five years and asks its valued and helpful services in the future.

Resolved, 18. That General Synod appreciates the help of the Young People's Societies in supporting the Christian Endeavor Missionary at Omaha, Neb., and it expresses the earnest hope, through the Classes, that these societies will, in the near future, provide for the extra support of the pastor.

Resolved, 19. That General Synod, through the Classes, challenge our people to further the cause of Home Missions by remembering it in their wills by direct gifts.

Resolved, 20. That General Synod, through the Classes, recommends the establishment of Mission Study Classes and the introduction of missionary literature.

Resolved, 21. That owing to the many and pressing demands General Synod refers the request of Ursinus Classis for engaging in mission work among the Jews to the Board of Home Missions and instructs it to investigate as to the advisability of engaging in this work and instructs the Board to report to the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, 22. That the General Synod instructs its Board of Missions to engage in work among the colored people of the South and orders that \$3,000.00 be appropriated and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Resolved, 23. That in response to the overture from the Ohio Synod for a Missionary Superintendent, General Synod reports that Ohio Synod's overture, for some reason or other, was not brought to the attention of the Synod at York, and that the Synod is pleased to learn from the 1909 minutes of Ohio Synod that the Board has assured the Synod of a more direct supervision of its missions.

Resolved, 24. That General Synod requests its Board of Missions to furnish the Classes with an annual report which shall give a brief account of its work and plans for the purpose of furnishing information and of awakening new interest in the cause of Home Missions.

Resolved, 25. That General Synod requests the German Synods to appoint representatives who shall devise ways and means for a more hearty coöperation with the Board of Home Missions. (See Resolution 6.)

Resolved, 26. That the General Synod does not deem it advisable to grant the request of the Pittsburg Synod regarding representation on its Board of Missions.

Resolved, 27. That the General Synod, through the District Synods and Classes, commends anew all the various phases of the work of the Board of Home Missions.

Resolved, 28. That the General Synod be requested to assist in helping overburdened missions and in establishing new missions in growing cities by direct gifts or money from the Church-building apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Harvey Mickley, J. M. G. Darms,
E. F. Wiest, H. F. Bitner,

C. W. THOMAS.

Eleventh Triennial Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States from 1908-1911.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

This is a day of glad tidings. Let the voice of rejoicing be heard in the assembly of the righteous. "The Lord hath made hare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." The Church of Jesus Christ is on the eve of a great conquest. Her members are no longer ignorant of the needs of the world or indifferent to the appeals for help. There is a marshalling of her forces that will tell on ages, tell for God. It is a time of matchless opportunity for service. It is a time when the people of God possess adequate resources in power and men and money for mighty missionary operations. We may well take courage and press with vigor on. We are occupied with a work that has the promise and the power and the presence of the Lord of Life and Glory. power is given unto me-Lo, I am with you alway." The work of missions is the one work in the world which must win, and end in glorious triumph. Let us join hearts and hands with the Son of God who goes forth a kingly crown to gain, and with Him let us bear the cross and endure the shame until the whole wide world shall know the joy that the Lord is come, and earth receive her King.

Signs of Progress.

The Board of Foreign Missions presents its Eleventh Triennial Report with feelings of devout gratitude to Almighty God for His blessings upon our work. The Father in heaven has been with us. Our people have been growing in liberality. We are in the dawning of a brighter day in the work of foreign missions.

It is a pleasure to note the fact that with this steady increase of interest in the foreign work there has been a larger growth of interest in the home work. All this proves the saying true of Thomas Chalmers that "Foreign Missions act

on Home Missions not by exhaustion but by fermentation."

What is the record of the growth in the membership and the increase in offerings during the past thirty years, or the period of our aggressive missionary work?

Year.	Membership.	Foreign Missions.	All Benevolences.
In 1879	154,742	\$3,224.00	\$66,237.00
In 1889	200,492	17,500.00	161,078.00
In 1899	239,930	19,932.00	205,507.00
In 1909	293.836	106.743.32	452,911.00

The receipts for Foreign Missions by decades in the last thirty years are as follows:

1879-1889	 	 \$98,656.28
1889-1899	 	 252,945.16
1899-1909		549 999 44

That we are making commendable progress may be seen by a study of these statistics:

Communi- Year. cants.	ontributions I from Living Givers.	Per Capita C of Living Givers,		Total Contri- butions.	Mission- aries sent out.
1900 239,930	\$29,084.66	\$.125	\$4,345.66	\$33,430.22	5
1901 242,831	34,726.30	.143	5,032.89	39,759.19	1
1902 248,929	51,470.21	.267	3,160.37	54,630.58	5
1903 255,408	66,055.79	.258	95.00	66,150.79	1
1904 255,880	66,518.99	259	1,947.50	68,466.49	1
1905 263,954	83,817,23	.313	1,515.00	85,332.23	4
1906 279,164	77,722.91	278	8,848,16	86,571.07	7
1907 284,433	92,634.62	325	2,021.34	94,655.96	-1
1908 289,328	93,934.68	324	3,959.31	97,893.99	3
1909 293,836	93,877.22	.319	12,866.50	106,743.72	2
1910 297,116	86,852.77	.292	3,612.26	90,465.03	2

These figures are the best evidence that the establishment of our Foreign Missions has been a distinct gain to the Church. Happily as a Church we have caught the vision of the world in need, and are uniting our forces in its conquest for Christ.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.

Twelve members, eight ministers and four elders, constitute the present Board. The Amendment to Article VI. of the Charter will permit an increase in the membership, and

the Revised Constitution has fixed the number at fifteen, eight of whom shall be ministers, and seven of whom shall be elders. We believe that the work justifies a larger proportion of laymen on the Board, and for that reason we respectfully ask the Synod to elect three additional laymen, two of whom shall serve for six years, and one for three years.

RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Having been officially notified of the re-election of all the six retiring members, the President of the Board convened the members in Trinity Chapel, in York, Pa., on May 27, 1908, for the purpose of re-organization and the transaction of any business pressing for prompt attention.

On motion of the Rev. John Bachmann, D. D., the old officers were re-elected to serve for three years. They are as follows:

President, Rev. James I. Good, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa. Vice-President, Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Pittsburg, Pa. Secretary, Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer, Dr. Joseph L. Lemberger, Lebanon, Pa.

These officers, with Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., Lancaster, Pa., and Elder John K. Bowman, Harrisburg, Pa., constitute the Executive Committee.

MEETINGS.

Seven meetings of the Board and thirteen meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the past triennium.

Loss of Members.

There have been three changes in the personnel of the Board. Two of the members, Elder Benjamin Kuhns and Rev. John Bachmann, D. D., have gone to their eternal reward; and Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., a former missionary of the Church, has re-entered the service of the Board in Japan. The labors of these brethren deserve the tributes paid them by the Board, and they very properly form a part of this report.

IN MEMORY OF ELDER KUHNS.

Elder Benjamin Kuhns, the oldest, and one of the most faithful, members of this Board, fell peacefully asleep on the Lord's Day, January 17th, 1909, at his home in Dayton, Ohio. For a period of twenty-five years he was a member of our Board, and to its work he gave liberally of his time and talents, strength and means. No one made a more careful study of the building operations in Japan, and the new school buildings at Sendai are in large degree the product of his keen mechanical genius. Few men live to so ripe an age, or lend a more helpful hand to the extension of the kingdom of our Lord.

The members of this Board desire to place on record how faithfully and with what splendid devotion he served the cause at all times. His sincere character, his simple life, his genuine piety and the generosity of his gifts won for him the admiration of all. By his active interest in the progress of our work, and by his liberality in the spread of the Kingdom, he set an example worthy of imitation by all the members of our Church.

We give hearty thanks to God for the good example of this, His servant, who having finished his course in faith. doth now rest from his labors. We extend tenderest sympathy to the members of his family, and we rejoice to know that they are following in the steps of godly parents, who at the end of life could say with joyful trust: "Lord. now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel."

IN MEMORY OF DR. BACHMAN.

In the death of the Rev. John Bachmann, D. D., this Board has lost one of its most faithful members. For a period of seven years he gave his time and talents to the upbuilding of our missions in Japan and China. His abiding faith in Christ and his fervent love for the Church will remain with us as a precious legacy.

When pastor of the New Knoxville, Ohio, congregation, he was the means of raising the fund for the Kita Yobancho Chapel at Sendai, Japan. Through his teachings, and example, this congregation is one of the most liberal supporters of our work.

The members of this Board will ever hold sacred his memory, and can only pray that the same grace may be theirs as was his during his active ministry.

To the Lord who calls men into His service, and sustains them, we give thanks for the good example of this brother. We hereby also record our tenderest sympathy for the lonely widow and the two devoted daughters. May we, like him, go forth bearing the precious seed of faith, so that like him we may return to the Father in heaven bringing our sheaves with us.

AN APPRECIATION OF DR. Noss.

This Board highly appreciates the valuable help of Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., during the past five years in the conduct of our foreign work, and gladly records its thanks for his self-sacrificing devotion to the cause which now constrains him to re-enter the service of the Church in Japan.

Resolved, That we shall ever strive to imitate his painstaking example in planning for the highest efficiency of the Board and the Missions, and we shall at all times commend him and his family to the Father's care, whose mercy widens according to the needs of His childern.

NEW MEMBERS.

The vacancies caused by the death of Elder Benjamin Kuhns and Rev. John Bachmann, D. D., have been filled by the election of Hon. George F. Bareis, of Canal Winchester, Ohio, and Rev. Frederick Mayer, D. D., of Youngstown, Ohio, respectively, and the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., was filled by the election of Rev. Albert S. Bromer, of Philadelphia.

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER.

The petition to amend the Charter, after setting out the authority therefore, sets forth the purpose in the following

language, namely:

"Briefly stated, the first amendment proposes to modify the name by striking out the word "Commissioners;" second, to make the chief place of business Philadelphia instead of Harrisburg; thirdly, to make it possible to have more than merely twelve members of the Board."

The decree of the Court is as follows:

DECREE.

"And now, to wit, this 27th day of February, A. D. 1911, it appearing upon the presentation of the within petition, that the Order of the Court hereto made has been complied with, and that publication of notice of the presentation of said petition has been made as required by said order, it is, therefore (nemine obstante) ordered and decreed that the said amendments, improvements and alterations prayed for in said petition are approved, and that upon the recording of said petition and its endorsements, and this order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Dauphin, which is now hereby ordered, the said amendments, improvements and alterations shall be deemed and taken to be a part of the Charter of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

"By the Court.

"Sam'l J. M. McCarrell, A. L. J.

"Feb'y 27, 1911, entered in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County to No. 108 March Term, 1911.

JAMES H. WORDEN.

Prothonotary.

"STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, DAUPHIN COUNTY, 88:

"Recorded in the office for Recording of Deeds, etc., in and for the County of Dauphin, in Charter Book 1, Vol. one, page 306, etc.

"Witness my hand and seal of office this 28th day of February, Anno Domini 1911.

"WILLIAM A. MCILHENNY, Recorder."

THE REVISED CONSTITUTION.

That the work at home and abroad has outgrown the old Constitution is evident from its comparison with the revised Constitution. The charter grants full power to the Board to adopt such Constitution and By-laws as it may deem best for the prosecution of the work. We desire to call the attention of the Synod to a number of important changes.

- 1. At the present time only four elders are members of the Board. We feel the work is so important that, at least. seven active laymen should give the cause the benefit of their counsel and coöperation.
- 2. The duties of the Secretary and Treasurer are more clearly defined, and both these officers shall give bonds in the sum of, at least, Five Thousand Dollars. There is a strong desire on the part of the Board for a concentration of all its business at the headquarters in Philadelphia.
- 3. The Finance Committee will, with the Treasurer, have the special oversight of the investments, legacies, negotiations of drafts, and the procuring of loans. They will examine the annual estimates of the Missions and report their judgment to the Board.
- 4. Each member of the Board will have charge of a certain district in the Church and be the representative of the work of foreign missions in that district.
- 5. The Executive Committee will hold monthly, instead of quarterly, meetings.
- 6. The W. M. S. of General Synod may appoint two official representatives to meet with the Board and the Executive Committee.

Assistant Secretary.

In view of the ever-enlarging work of our missions, and the ever-increasing details of administration, the last General Synod saw the wisdom of the division of labor in order to secure the best results, and felt that the Board was justified in increasing its office force. This was done two years ago by the appointment of Dr. J. Albert Beam as Assistant Secretary. Dr. Beam was for six years our medical missionary at the Yochow Station, in China. He proved himself a very capable man, not only in the healing art, but also in the practical work of the mission. His presence in the office has been of inestimable value, especially during the visit of the Secretary to the Orient. Dr. Beam is also aiding our hospital work by presenting its needs to the people in most instructive addresses.

FIELD WORKERS NEEDED.

But the securing of one additional man for the office will not meet the present necessities of our work. Attempting to do the impossible may be one reason for our failure to attain the possible. The field force has not been sufficient for the proper development of the missionary activity of the Church. How true the saying: "What was well done in the past may not seem so well done in the present." It may be that the fear of being criticised for extravagance at the home base has kept the Board in the past from strengthening the force in the home administration. saving of money at this point is not only false economy; it is also a failure to touch and to bring to life and to sympathy with the cause a large section of the Church which constitutes our hope." The fact that so few churches contribute to foreign missions according to their ability is appalling, and the only remedy seems to lie in a more aggressive campaign until all the members in our indifferent churches know the situation, face their duty, and enjoy their opportunity in the fellowship of this work.

ADDITIONAL HELPERS SECURED.

Believing that this is the only way for the quickening of the missionary conscience and the securing of an adequate support for the work, the Board has been willing to tem-

porarily release the Rey, William E. Lampe, Ph. D., for the launching of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in our Church, and to draft Prof. Paul Lambert Gerhard into the service during his furlough for a Mission Study propaganda. That the splendid efforts of these two brethren may prove of permanent value to the work, their positions must be kept intact. We also share with the Board of Home Missions in the support of Miss Gertrude M. Cogan. Field Secretary of the W. M. S. of General Synod. It is a genuine satisfaction to know that the appointment of the Rev. Jacob G. Rupp as one of the Field Secretaries meets with general favor. This action is in line with the spirit of the times as well as the needs in our Church for special field work. Mr. Rupp is an indefatigable worker. He is fluent in both the English and German languages, and his lovalty to Christ and love for souls will make him a dominant factor in bringing the entire membership of the Church up to a high standard of Christian liberality.

VISIT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE ORIENT.

In response to the frequent requests of the missions, and a strong sentiment in the Church favoring an official inspection of our foreign work, the Secretary made a proposition to the Board, at its special meeting held on September 14, 1909, that he was willing to visit the missions in China and Japan, and bear his own traveling expenses. The following action is on record:

"Resolved, That the Board approves of Dr. Bartholomew's proposed visit to the mission fields and records its appreciation of the fact that the trip will be accompanied with no additional expense to the Church."

The time from October, 1909, to August, 1910, was given up to constant travel and patient study. We spent ninety-five days on water and thirty-two days on railways. About three months were devoted to a hurried flight through Egypt, Palestine, India and Ceylon. In all these lands we met a number of Christian workers who are doing noble service for their Master. The Lord has a host of witnesses

among these people. Everywhere we saw signs of a radiant morn that will eventually banish sin and sorrow, want and woe from the face of the earth. But we were destined for China and Japan, and thither we went as quickly as the steamer could convey us.

The hearty welcomes given us by the missionaries, the native Christians and the officials, both in China and Japan, were an expression of their appreciation of the interest our Church is taking in the spiritual uplift of the people. We may well thank God that He has so wisely led us in the planting of our missions in these two influential places. China is the giant among the ancient empires, the greatest mission field of the world, and the future central emporium of the nations. Japan is more compact as a nation, and the people, on account of their loyalty to the emperor, are more easily moved en masse. They are very susceptible to new ideas, and they lead the Orient in their enterprising zeal.

We have been most fortunate in the selection of our missionaries and in the location of our missions. The foundations have been laid for a magnificent work in the future. Our buildings and our workers compare very favorably with those of other denominations. If the Church will promptly man and equip our two stations in China, and send the reinforcements to, and provide the new equipment for, Japan, then our missions will be in a position to accomplish great things in His name. That our sojourn in the Far East may be of real help in the spread of the Kingdom of Christ, we can do no better than to make our own the closing words of the letter of welcome to China, written by Dr. Hoy: "May God grant that your visit to China and Japan may become a mighty vision for our Reformed Church. We will do all we can to help you; it is our most earnest hope that we may be of great personal service to you."

ACTION OF APPRECIATION OF OUR CHINA MISSION.

"Resolved, That we put on record our appreciation of, and gratitude for, the visit of Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Bartholo-

mew to the China Mission. They have shown the deepest interest in every branch of our work. Their understanding of our most difficult problems, their sympathy with us in our joys and in our sorrows, as well as in our successes and failures, their wise counsel in planning for larger work on the field, and their call by cable for more workers have both cheered and strengthened us in our arduous labors. Their generosity in defraying their own expenses around the world in a carefully arranged journey for study and inspection is one of the noblest gifts to the sacred cause of Foreign Missions. We feel confident that this visit will be to the glory of God in that they have inspired us to simple faith and great effort, and that they are sure to speak and write with new power and unction in the Church at home."

An Expression of the Japan Mission by Dr. Allen K. Faust.

"The visit of Dr. and Mrs. Bartholomew has been of inest mable value to the work in Japan. Our Secretary has shown remarkable genius in grasping the kernel of the main problems which our work in Japan presents. His stay with us has been a genuine encouragement to us all, and he has succeeded in fastening himself to the hearts of the Japanese people. The home church most certainly will also receive an equal blessing, if not a larger one, from the investigation which Dr. Bartholomew has made, from the facts he has gathered and from the many photographs that he has taken. He has prepared himself well to direct the in-gathering of a rich harvest among our Reformed people, who are now being thoroughly awakened to the claims of the foreign field. This harvest shall be for the feeding of millions who are now spiritually famishing. Already, pastors and laymen have sickle in hand."

WITH THE MISSIONARIES.

There are thirty-three missionaries in the service of the Church in Japan and China. Of this number, eighteen labor in Japan and fifteen in China. Eleven are engaged in the evangelistic work, eighteen in the educational work, and four in the medical work. Nineteen are married and fourteen are single. Twenty-one are men and twelve are women.

Life's uncertainties enter into the work on the foreign field as well as into the work in the homeland. While it is the desire of the Board that the missionaries should remain in the service of the Church for life, yet the history of every Board records frequent withdrawals.

CHINA MISSION.

Fortunately, the retirement of Dr. J. Albert Beam from the Hoy Memorial Hospital at Yochow City, did not mean his loss to the work. As the Assistant Secretary he is rendering a good service to the cause of Foreign Missions.

In 1908 Rev. Irving G. Boydstun, of Shenchowfu, was obliged to bring his wife home for the benefit of her health. Some months later he himself took sick, and died January 30, 1909. Strange, indeed, are the dealings of God with His children. We do not know why one so young, so noble, so earnest, should be taken from the work, but we can trust. Among his last words are these: "Some things I do not understand, but I can trust." May grace, mercy and comfort be multiplied to the lonely widow and the orphan boy!

Owing to a serious illness, Miss Carrie J. Dreibelbies had to leave her promising work among the women at Yochow City, and return to this country for recuperation. It was her heart's desire to go back to China. but before the way was open for her to do so, a call came to her to a noble service in the homeland.

Miss Christine Reifsneider was married to Rev. F. K. Heinrichsohn, who is our devoted evangelistic worker at Shenchowfu.

Rev. Edwin A. Beck, of Shenchowfu, was married to Miss Eta Irene Poling, of the United Evangelical Mission of Changsha.

After several months of intense suffering, the Rev. J. Frank Bucher, of Yochow City, was sent home for an

operation. He came at the advice of Dr. Adams and with the approval of the Mission. We are thankful that the operation has been beneficial to his health, and he is planning to return to the Lakeside School next August.

We regret the withdrawal of Miss Edyth N. Brightbill, the nurse, from the Shenchowfu Hospital. Her reason for doing so was her intention of marriage. She was an earnest worker.

The Board sympathizes with Dr. and Mrs. William E. Hoy on account of the necessity for bringing their son Charles to America for special medical treatment, and hopes for his speedy restoration to health.

JAPAN MISSION.

Rev. Jesse F. Steiner, of Sendai, was married to Miss Ruth P. Schwartz, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Schwartz, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, Sendai, Japan.

Miss Lena Zurfluh, Miss Lucy M. Powell, and Rev. J. Monroe Stick have retired from the service of the Board. Both the mission and the Board have made appreciative records of their faithful services.

Our first missionary, the Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., of Tokyo, Japan, was bereft of his helpmate on December 4. 1910. Owing to a nervous collapse during the winter of 1909, it became obligatory upon Dr. Moore to bring his wife to America for treatment. Every medical skill was invoked in order to restore her to health, but in vain. Mrs. Moore always took a deep interest in the Japanese during her long and useful missionary career. She was an inspiring factor in the early years of our work in Tokyo, Yamagata and Sendai. Every form of Christian service found in her a willing helper. Her influence will not soon die out in the lives of the people whom she loved with the passion of saving them. Many souls will rise up to bless her in the eternal world. May the God of all grace and consolation sustain our faithful brother in his loneliness and give him many years of service for Christ in Japan!

Two years ago Miss Clara Mosser, of Hawaii, a kindergarten teacher, agreed to go to Sendai and teach for one year in our Miyagi Girls' School. She did so in the hope of engaging in kindergarten work. The Board being without the means at this time to establish a kindergarten, she has felt it a duty to accept a position again in Hawaii, and will leave the school the coming June. We regret to lose her services, for she has been an acceptable worker.

Home on Furlough.

A furlough is an absolute necessity for the workers on the foreign field. To deprive them of this privilege is to weaken their ability for the best service. No missionary can keep strong in body, soul and spirit without an occasional respite from the exacting duties of his high calling. For this reason all the Boards provide for furloughs. Our Board has fixed the time of service for a married man at seven years, and for a single lady at five years. It is due our faithful workers to record the fact that they almost invariably remain for a longer period on the field. The ordinary absence from the field is fifteen months. This, too, varies according to circumstances. But let us not forget that whilst the missionary returns for a fresh spiritual uplift. he also brings more information and inspiration from the field. Several missionaries have been home on regular furlough during the past three years. From our Japan Mission: Miss B. Catherine Pifer, Rev. Henry K. Miller. Rev. H. H. Cook, Prof. Paul Lambert Gerhard, and Miss Mary E. Gerhard, the latter having just arrived. From our China Mission: Dr. William Kelly, Miss S. Emma Ziemer, and Rev. W. A. Reimert.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

The following have been sent to the field: Rev. W. F. Adams, M. D., Toronto, Can. Rev. H. H. Casselman, Canal Winchester, O. Miss Clara Mosser, Hawaii. Rev. C. Noss, D. D., Lancaster, Pa. Miss Rebecca N. Messimer, Sunbury, Pa. Miss Ruth E. Hahn, Reading, Pa.

In view of the growing need for more workers in both of our missions, it is little cause for congratulation to report the appointment of twelve new missionaries, especially when we remember that half of this number are still at home awaiting marching orders. The extremity is such that the Board must arrange for the departure of these workers in August. The following are under appointment for Japan:

Rev. Carl D. Kriete, Upper Sandusky, O. Miss Anna Gertrude Schulz, Tiffin, O. Miss Margaret J. Leader, Penbrook, Pa. The following are under appointment for China: Rev. Ward Hartman, Abilene. Kan. Miss Meta M. Bridenbaugh, Hollidaysburg, Pa. Dr. David J. Hetrick, Harrisburg, Pa.

THE VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE.

It is due the student volunteers in our colleges and seminaries, and the other volunteers in the Church, to inform the Synod that they are willing to dedicate their lives to the service of Foreign Missions. If our Board does not send them, other Boards will be glad to elect them. It is a painful fact that our Church has lost a number of noble men and women in the past who grew impatient of waiting, but who are now doing effective work in other denominations. Will it not be wise for the Synod to pause, and to consider not only the gain these workers would have been in service to our Missions, but also the loss they have been in inspiration to our Church? The foreign missionary is both a witness for Christ who calls him and of the Church who sends him to the heathen.

THE SUPPORT OF A MISSIONARY.

Because of frequent inquiries as to the items of expense which enter into the support of a foreign missionary, and believing that it will be of general interest to the Church, we furnish the following information: The support of a married man is: Salary, \$1,200.00; house or rent; travel, medical expense and language teacher, about \$200.00; for each child under twenty-one years of age, \$100.00; an allowance of \$600.00 to cover expenses of outfit and freight on goods; and a sufficient amount, approximately \$700.00, for fare and passage money to the field.

The support of a single missionary is: Salary, \$600.00 for a single lady, and \$700.00 for a single man; house or rent; travel, medical expense and language teacher, about \$150.00; an allowance of \$300.00 to cover expense of outfit and freight on goods, and a sufficient amount, approximately \$350.00, for fare and passage money to the field.

CONFERENCES WITH OUR MISSIONARIES.

It has been the custom of the Board to meet the missionaries home on furlough and those under appointment for conference and prayer. One of the most helpful of these conferences was held in St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., June 26-28, 1909. Four sessions were held, and all of them were fraught with blessed experiences. Our fields, our forces, and our needs in Japan and China found ready chamions in the missionaries. The call to, the preparation for, and the equipment on, the field were ably discussed by members of the Board and the pastors of the city. The health, the staying power, and the benefits of furloughs to the workers and the people at home were set forth in strong terms. This conference brought the Board face to face with the great problems that it must solve; it gave the missionary a new outlook upon the home base of supply as well as the foreign fields, and it set the pastors with fresh zeal and greater energy to the task of doing all they can for the strengthening of our mission work at home and in distant lands.

FAREWELL SERVICES.

In order for Dr. William F. Adams to reach Yochow City, China, before the departure of Dr. J. Albert Beam, it was found inconvenient to hold a special farewell service for him and his family. However, the prayers of many brethren accompanied him and his wife and children to his field of labor. The farewell service for Rev. H. H. Casselman and wife was held in the Second Church, Reading, Pa., in connection with the missionary conference, on June 27, 1909; for Miss Rebecca N. Messimer, in the First Church, Sunbury, Pa., on January 2, 1910; for Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., and family, in the First Church, Lancaster, Pa., on January 2, 1910; and for Miss Ruth E. Hahn, at Quakertown, Pa., on October 26, 1910, in connection with the annual meeting of the W. M. S. of Eastern Synod.

All farewells are mingled more or less with sadness. When we bid farewell to our missionaries we experience not a few heartaches, for we realize that their going out means separation from home, dear friends and relatives. It is not bodily discomfort or danger, but a separation from all that men and women hold dear that tests the faith and courage of the outgoing missionary. And let us remember that they represent us.

OUR SHARE OF THE WORK.

Five years ago, at the annual conference of the Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States and Canada, held at Nashville, Tenn., an action was taken asking the Boards to secure an accurate estimate of the number of new foreign missionaries it would require to cover the field occupied, with a view of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to His great command to every creature. Since then there has been a new awakening of interest in the evangelization of the world. All of the leading denominations have now settled on definite policies for the prosecution of their specific work. They realize now as never before that the time is at hand for a great missionary campaign. There is a wide-spread conviction that for the sake of the Church's own life, as well as from a sense of duty, all Christians must move forward looking towards the early conquest of the world for Christ.

DEFINED BY THE BOARD.

At the annual meeting of our Board, held on March 10, 1909, we were led to adopt a policy that we believe sets forth the future, as well as the present, needs of our fields in Japan and China, and our responsibility for a share in the evangelization of a portion of the Mohammedan world. Strange to say, as by divine appointment, the churches of Christian lands have chosen their particular fields. So vast is the world field that there need be no encroaching of one denomination on the territory of the other. We have been led by Providence into a position of great strategic importance. Twenty-five years ago the Tohoku, or Northeast Japan, was assigned to our Church as its specific field. In view of that fact we should recognize a responsibility for the evangelization of at least three million five hundred thousand souls. In our China Mission, in the midst of a population of twenty-two million, it is but reasonable that we should hold ourselves responsible for the evangelization of at least three million five hundred thousand souls. When we contemplate the wider field of the world, with its one thousand millions who have never heard of Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and realize that nearly one-fourth of this vast number are under the power of Islam, we have reason to believe that the Reformed Church will want to perpetuate its first foreign work so successfully begun in Turkey under Dr. Benjamin Schneider, of blessed memory, and labor for the evangelization of at least three million Mohammedans.

APPROVED BY THE CHURCH.

Our Church, by the action of all the Synods, and many of the Classes, and the Harrisburg Laymen's Missionary Convention, has already anticipated the approval by the General Synod of the Foreign Mission Policy of our Reformed Church.

The gist of the policy is as follows: "It is the sense of the Board that the goal of its endeavors should be the evangelization of a population of ten millions, and that the offerings of our Church should increase until the annual income will be one million dollars."

In thus assuming ten million people as our portion in the world's evangelization, at an annual expenditure of one million dollars, it was not in our mind that so great an increase could be made without taking a period of years to work up to that goal. But we feel by setting forth the future as well as the present needs of the missions in Japan and China, it will help to widen the horizon of the Church, set before it a distinct task, and kindle a zeal that will lead to obedience on the part of every pastor and member in our denomination.

We believe our Church is able and willing to assume this task. In the fear of the Lord, which is great confidence, let us go forward and make it effective. Only as we obey the Lord's command can we expect the blessing. That command bids us to go unto the ends of the earth with the message of salvation.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION POLICY, ADOPTED MARCH 10, 1909.

The Conference of the Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada, held at Nashville, Tenn., three years ago, began to request the various bodies which it represents, definitely to declare their intentions as to the part they would have in the work of evangelizing the world. Last year, in New York City, it was resolved, "that this Conference urge upon each of the Boards to present to its constituency in clear, concise, definite form its distinct denominational responsibility."

The peculiar conditions of our age force the Church of Christ to recognize its responsibility toward the unevangelized portions of the human race more distinctly than ever before. If such responsibility rests upon the universal Church, a considerable part of it rests upon the Reformed Church in the United States. We believe that our people would welcome a reasonable estimate of our share of that responsibility based upon our experience in the work and our proportionate ability.

We have been led by Providence into positions of great strategic importance. In Japan we recognize a large responsibility for the population of the Northern provinces of Miyagi, Fukushima, Yamagata, Akita and Niigata, comprising over 5,000,000 souls, besides our older interests in the city of Tokyo and in Saitama Province. We may reasonably hold ourselves responsible for 3,500,000 Japanese. Our present expenditure in and for Japan amounts to nearly \$50,000 a year. The Board has long been convinced that in order to utilize to advantage the educational and evangelistic plant we now have in that Empire our forces ought to be doubled. But in order that the Gospel might be presented to every man, woman and child of the three or four millions in such a manner that each would have a fair opportunity to believe and be saved, our present expenditure should be multiplied at least six-fold. It is our purpose to depend mainly upon Japanese workers, but largely also upon well-selected American missionaries co-operating with them.

In Hunan, China, conditions are much the same as those that confronted us in Japan twenty-five years ago. Situated as we are at Yochow and Shenchow, in the midst of a population of over 22,000,000, it is but reasonable to hold ourselves responsible for the evangelization of 3,500,000 and an ultimate expenditure of \$300,000 a year.

When we contemplate the wider field of the world, we are impressed by the steady growth of Mohammedanism. Of all the needy fields, those under the power of Islam now send the loudest call to Christendom. The first foreign work of our denomination was done in Turkey by Dr. Benjamin Schneider, and it was successful. We have reason to believe that the Reformed Church has been historically prepared to deal with the problem of the evangelization of a portion of the Mohammedan world.

Moreover, it will be necessary for the present to expend in the United States along the lines of administration, finance and dissemination of information from six to ten per cent. of the annual income of the Board.

It is the sense of the Board that the goal of its endeavors should be the evangelization of a population of ten millions, and that the offerings of our Church should increase until the annual income will be \$1,000,000.

This prospect may appall those who have not given the matter serious thought. Let it be remembered that the income of the Board was doubled between 1896 and 1902, and that between 1902 and 1908 it was doubled again. Even now the average gift is but thirty-three cents per member for one year, which is by no means the limit of our financial or moral ability. Our policy means simply that the average communicant should give the equivalent of one or two days' work in a year. An average of five cents per member a week would suffice. Since the many will do less, the few must do more than their share until the whole constituency has come to a proper appreciation of the missionary crisis that confronts the American Church in our age.

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The hearty approval of the spirit and purpose of the Laymen's Missionary Movement by the General Synod at York, Pa., March 25, 1908, and its instruction to "the Board to plan for the organization of the men of the Re formed Church in a movement for the deepening of interest in the spread of the kingdom in all lands," led us to ask the Rev. William E. Lampe, Ph.D., to take full charge of this great and important work. For two and one-half years he has devoted his time, talents and energy to it, and as a result there is a very striking awakening going on among our pastors and laymen.

FIRST CONVENTION.

An initial conference was held at Harrisburg, Pa., on December 15, 1908. Fifty three prominent laymen were present, representing fourteen Classes of the Eastern, Potomac and Ohio Synods. Steps were then taken to enlist the active coöperation of the entire male membership of the Church. Out of that small conference grew the First Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of our Church, held in Salem Church, Harrisburg, Pa., March

16-18, 1909. At that convention there were assembled seven hundred and six delegates from thirty-four Classes. No voice or pen can tell of the impressions made upon the men who came eager to know, earnest to discuss, and enthusiastic to put into the earliest possible execution the things that in God's name should be done. Speaking of that gathering, one pastor said, "We are writing a new chapter in the history of the Reformed Church." A lawyer made the confession, "This convention has shown me that I am a member of an organization which purposes to stand together and work together for the extension of the kingdom in the wide world." A professor closed his inspiring address with the question: "Is it too much to claim that the Laymen's Missionary Movement, if given free scope, will veritably effect a new birth in the Reformed Church in the United States?" There can be no doubt but that this First Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was the greatest and most important and the most farreaching gathering of laymen ever held in our Church. If the hopes that were kindled, the aspirations, the resolves, will ever come to fruition, it will stir the Church from the center to the circumference. The immortal Livingstone wrote, "I think the beginning of the geographical feat is the beginning of the missionary enterprise." The end of the convention was the beginning of a missionary campaign that is being waged until our entire male membership knows and accepts its commission to give the Gospel to the whole world

What is on record of that convention we desire to lay before the General Synod, in the hope that it may be made the basis of a still more aggressive campaign in our Church.

THE PART ACCEPTED BY THE LAYMEN.

We, men of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in convention in Harrisburg. Pa., March 16-18, 1909, recognizing that the mission of the whole Church is to give the Gospel to the whole world, thank God that He has given us a part in this glorious work.

Resolved (1) That we accept as our task the part of men in helping to carry out the policy of our Board of Foreign Missions, representing the whole Church; that we will put forth every effort that at the earliest possible day the ten millions of non-Christian people for whom our Reformed Church is most directly responsible may be evangelized: and that we will set as our goal the raising of the one million dollars needed annually for this purpose.

- (2) That it is the judgment of this convention that we should as men do all in our power that during the year April 15, 1909, to April 15, 1910, the gifts of our Church for Foreign Missions, through the Board, shall be increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- (3) That we recommend that a session be set apart in connection with the meeting of each Classis this spring for the consideration of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and of this policy, and that the delegates to this Convention be urged to be present and report at such session.

Considered and adopted item by item and as a whole by the Convention Thursday, March 18, 1909.

FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE MOVEMENT.

Whereas, It is deemed expedient to utilize the spirit of this Convention by a continued form of organization, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a General Committee be constituted of one layman from each Classis of the Church, and one additional for each 5,000 of a Classis containing a communicant membership of more than 5,000.

Resolved, That the present Temporary Executive Committee be and is hereby constituted a Permanent Executive Committee, with power to add six to its membership. And that said Committee of Fifteen be authorized to appoint sub-committees as it may deem expedient.

Resolved, That the said Executive Committee be and is hereby authorized to appoint the General Committee provided for in the first resolution, outside of the fifteen members of the Executive Committee above appointed, which fifteen members shall be credited to their respective Classes.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized if it be deemed expedient to select at an early date a Secretary to manage, continue and propagate the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The support of this Secretary, including salary, assistance and traveling expenses, shall be undertaken by assuming a sum of \$3,000, to be divided into 120 shares of \$25 each, payable annually for two years, beginning April 1, 1909.

CARRYING OUT THE POLICY.

Resolved, That we urge all congregations, even those that are struggling and weak, to pay in full the apportionment.

Resolved, That over and above this, the attention of individuals who have been blessed with means, be called to the great privilege to supporting missionaries as their representatives in the foreign field.

Resolved, That in our judgment, there are many congregations which could support missionaries and be the richer for it, and that in certain instances it would be well for several congregations to unite in doing this.

Resolved, That in view of the great opportunities before our Church, we commend the plan of gifts for specific objects, over and above the apportionment.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REACHING EVERY CONGREGATION.

- 1. That a missionary committee of men be appointed in every congregation by the Consistory to take up this movement.
- 2. That wherever possible the weekly method of missionary contributions be adopted.
- 3. That the missionary committee follow the educational campaign in the congregation by a thoroughly organized canvass for systematic contributions.
- 4. That the men who go out from this Convention organize themselves into deputations of two or three men each to visit neighboring congregations.

5. That all the men of each Classis organize themselves into one Association to meet in annual convention to discuss live questions of practical Church work, and promote spiritual fellowship.

It is due the laymen of the Church to say that they have equally shared in paying for the launching of the Movement and for the expenses of the Harrisburg Convention. During the first year, the salary of its Secretary was paid by the Board; but it now pays one-half and the Movement the other half.

NATIONAL LAYMEN'S CAMPAIGN.

The great national campaign, under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, extending from October, 1909, to May, 1910, and embracing in its beneficent sweep over seventy-five of the larger cities in the United States, brought a great blessing to the Reformed Church. Approximately two thousand of our laymen and three hundred of our ministers were present at these Interdenominational Conventions. Our greatest regret is that our force was insufficient to fully work up interest before the conventions, and that there was little done by way of follow-up work. During the campaign, Rev. Cyrus J. Musser, D. D., Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., and Rev. Arthur V. Casselman lent valuable assistance, and a number of laymen at great personal sacrifice did heroic service. No one can estimate the full benefit of this missionary agitation. It has created a national missionary atmosphere and enthused the men of the Church to greater service in the spread of the Gospel in all lands.

DISTRICT LAYMEN'S CONVENTIONS.

That the influence of the National Campaign might extend to those sections of our Church which the Interdenominational Conventions did not reach, the Executive Committee of our Movement held four very successful conventions during March and April of 1910. There were about two hundred delegates in attendance at the Greensburg Convention, and an equal number at Sunbury; about three hundred and fifty delegates were at Akron, and four hundred and ninety-eight at Allentown. The total number of delegates at these four conventions was greater than at Harrisburg, and it is likely that their effect upon the entire denomination was little, if any, less. Indeed, it has been said that these four conventions were among the great events in the history of the Reformed Church.

Thus far the financial returns of the Laymen's Missionary Movement have not been considerable. This is not the fault of the methods of the Movement, but a failure to adopt them by the individual congregation. Great emphasis has been laid on a Missionary Committee in each congregation, an every-member canvass, and a weekly offering for foreign missions. This is a sane, sound and scriptural method. Wherever it is used the results are most gratifying. A great deal of work must be done by individual congregations throughout the entire Church. Until it is done, our people will not contribute according to their ability, nor can the work of the Lord prosper as it should.

Woman's Golden Jubilee.

Fifty years ago the women in the various denominations in America became organized into missionary societies for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands. This event was made the occasion of a series of conventions from the Pacific to the Atlantic, the first being held at Oakland, Cal., October 12, 1910, and the last in New York, on March 31, 1911. The object of these conventions was to spread abroad the gracious results of woman's work for woman, and to reach the last woman in the last church. Woman's work in the Church has been done in a quiet way, so that many women knew nothing of the great work that has been done, or the still greater work that remains to be done.

These great Jubilee Meetings have produced a wonderful effect upon all the Churches. A group of self-sacrificing women went from city to city with their soul-inspiring messages and spoke to millions of attentive listeners. It has had the effect of calling forth anthems of praise for woman's work, and of arousing the indifferent men and women to a deeper interest in the great world-wide work. These meetings were not only educational and inspirational in their character, but the women had fixed as their goal a special thank-offering of one million dollars, and they will attain it.

The women of our own Church had a noble part in these notable gatherings, and have proven anew their ability to do what their hands find to do.

MISSION STUDY.

Two of the greatest foes of Foreign Missions are prejudice and indifference, and it is said that ignorance is the mother of both. In order to remove the one and arouse the other. we need a campaign of education. Knowledge is the true and substantial basis for awakening an interest in the work of missions. To keep the fires of missions burning, we must add the fuel of information. This can only be done by a constant study of the world field. Ignorance on the subject of missions in our day is as inexcusable as ignorance of the benefit of fresh air and sunlight. Dr. Campbell Morgan says: "We ought to abandon all methods spectacular, spasmodic and special, and give ourselves to quiet, patient, determined instruction of our own people." The Student Volunteer Movement, the Young People's Missionary Movement, and the Woman's United Study of Missions, have issued splendid series of text-books on almost every phase of the missionary problem. These books sell at fifty cents a volume, cloth-bound, and at thirty-five cents in paper cover. A large display of the best literature now available is on hand here at the Synod, and it is hoped the delegates will take the opportunity to examine the exhibit.

MOUNT GRETNA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Last summer the first Young People's Missionary Conference of our Church was held under the auspices of the Board at Mount Gretna, Pa., August 2–9. Rev. Robert J. Pilgram was chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. He and

his associates were untiring in their efforts to make the conference a success. This it proved to be in every respect. There were one hundred delegates in attendance; forty-five men and fifty-five women. More than one-half of them were young people. They came from three states, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio, and from thirty-three different cities and towns. Twenty Classes and four Synods were represented, as well as forty-six congregations. Among the delegates were fourteen ministers and missionaries, and seven members of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The influence of the conference has been strongly felt during the year. Nearly every delegate has had a Mission Study Class or taken some other part in missionary activity.

MISSION STUDY SECRETARY.

As one of the results of the conference, the Board, last fall, asked Prof. Paul Lambert Gerhard to serve as Secretary and to give as much of his time as possible during the remainder of his furlough to the organization of a Mission Study Department, with a view to the development of Mission Study. He deserves the thanks of the Church for his faithful labors. The results of these few months show clearly how little has been done along the lines of Mission Study, and how much there is to do in our denomination. The young people are ripe for Mission Study, and the Sundayschools are ready. Now is the time to invade the field.

These are some of the results:

First. Mission Study literature provided and distributed largely among persons who were specially interested.

Second. Mission Study specially presented to a large number of congregations. Sunday-schools and societies.

Third. Mission Study Classes organized.

There are seventy-five classes now reported on enrollment cards with over seven hundred in the classes. These are not nearly all the classes held. Every week additional cards are coming in. It is safe to place the figures at over one hundred classes and the total enrollment at about one thousand. The greater number of Mission Study Classes have taken up the study of Japan and China, but already a start has been made in the study of the Moslem World and other mission fields. Through these classes there have been trained men and women who will become the leaders in the study of missions in congregations and Sunday-schools during the coming year. A beginning has also been made in the Sunday-schools, but only a beginning, and it is here that there is the greatest need for an aggressive campaign of education. Those who do most for the Sunday-schools are the strongest advocates for an advance Missionary Movement among the children.

Prof. Gerhard will return to Japan in the early fall, but the Board is seeking a capable successor to carry forward the work so well begun.

Two Summer Conferences.

Arrangements are being made for two conferences to be held this summer, the one on Lake Erie, at Linwood Park. Vermilion, Ohio, July 24–31. and the other at Mount Gretna. Pa., August 5–12. This will be the opportunity of the year in our denomination for the training of the leaders in mission work in our congregations and Sunday-schools. Those who can attend the annual Young People's Missionary Conference, at Silver Bay, N. Y., will be amply repaid for the time and money spent in doing so. We respectfully request the Synod to call the attention of our pastors and people to the benefits of these conferences.

THE WORLD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Edinburgh, in June, 1910, was the rallying center of the most widely representative Christian body that the world has ever seen. It was indeed an Ecumenical Council. Churches of every variety, missionaries from every field, clergy and laity, sat together in unbroken ranks in the presence of the heathen world with the sole purpose of a study of the greatest problem of the ages—the bringing of one thousand millions of souls to the feet of their only

Saviour. "Never before have we had so full and clear an idea of the work to be done, and of the means available for the doing of it." The Eight Commissions made a careful study of the problem, making no attempt to conceal wrong methods in the prosecution of the work. The searchlight of criticism was used in the discussion of each report, and the most candid critics were found among the leaders at home as well as the ablest workers on the field. As a result, the reports of these Eight Commissions have given us a library on missions without parallel. There are nine volumes, eight of them containing the revised reports after the freest discussion and criticism in convention, and the ninth giving the history, records, addresses and index of the whole. The complete set sells at five dollars, net (carriage extra). These volumes should be in every Christian family.

Any attempt to report the work of those ten days would be futile. The Conference was notable for what it was. rather than for what was said and done. Its one aim was to make the Christ known to all men. The keynote of all the reports and debates was the need of prayer for the whole world by the whole Church. For the evangelization of the whole world we are now responsible, and to this task the whole Church must yield herself with a love that is unending. That men of large business interests should sit for ten days in an assembly of missions, and leaders of the nations vie with the humble missionaries in solving the problem of the conquest of the world for Christ, is a spectacle that must remind one of the ten days spent in the upper room before the Day of Pentecost was fully come. There was a very deep conviction in the hearts of all the delegates that the Church of Christ is facing a crisis not of her own seeking or making, but one emerging out of the movements of nations, a providential crisis, a divine crisis, in which a tremendous summons has come to the Christians of all lands for an immediate full obedience to the commission of their Lord to disciple all nations. To accomplish this task it was felt that the Christians at home must unite and present to the whole world an unbroken witness of the

redeeming love of Christ. When "all are one in Christ," then the world will know and believe in the Christ. It was a startling revelation to the twelve hundred delegates to be told that by reasonable coöperation among the churches the present working force on the field would be doubled straightway. This is the decisive hour in Christian missions. The call of Providence to all of our Lord's disciples is direct and urgent to undertake without delay the task of carrying the Gospel to all the non-Christian world. It is high time to face this duty. The opportunity is inspiring; the responsibility is undeniable.

The following official delegates were present from our Church:

Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, D. D., Rev. James I. Good, D. D., Rev. William E. Lampe, Ph. D., Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Rev. Henry K. Miller.

Other representatives of our Church:

Rev. H. H. Cook, Jr., Rev. C. E. Creitz, D. D., Rev. J. F. Moyer, Rev. T. P. Bolliger, Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, Elder Daniel Miller.

THE CENTENNARY OF THE AMERICAN BOARD.

The one hundredth anniversary of the American Board, in Boston, last October, had special interest for our Church, inasmuch as we made regular contributions from 1840 to 1865 towards the support of the Rev. Benjamin Schneider, D. D., in Turkey, one of our most eminent ministers. This was one of the greatest gatherings ever held in New England. All the forces of the Congregational Church met there and gave the world an idea of its strength. For many years all the Churches in this country carried on their foreign missionary work under the direction of the American Board. About fifty representatives from the various Boards in the United States and Canada brought their tributes of esteem at a special meeting held for that purpose in Tremont Temple. One of the chief features of the Centennial Services was the pilgrimage to Andover and Bradford for the purpose of dedicating the memorials which record the names and deeds of the pioneers in the holy cause of Foreign Missions. The total offerings to the American Board for the year 1910 were one million two hundred and seventy-seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$1.277,300). The president of the Board, Dr. Samuel B. Capen, emphasized the point that at least five million dollars for missions at home and abroad ought to be the goal for Congregationalists. The American Board may well be proud of its past. Its history is one that all Christians can read with profit. We do well to emulate it.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Board of Foreign Missions has always recognized the help of the W. M. S. G. S. in the prosecution of its work in Japan and China, and deeply appreciates it.

In the year 1896 the General Synod did not apportion any amount for the support of the Miyagi Girls' School. Sendai, Japan. inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Society that year agreed to assume the support of that institution. This school has been steadily growing until it ranks among the best Christian Girls' Schools in the empire. With its development have come greater needs, and the Executive Committee of the school is asking for \$18,500 to provide for additional immediate equipment. In order to retain the government recognition, these needs must be supplied during the coming year. We are confident the Woman's Missionary Society can gather this amount with the proper encouragement on the part of the Church.

During the past triennium the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod has paid, through its Treasurer, into the Board's treasury the sum of \$26,983.41. Approximately \$3,000 additional came for the support of teachers and equipment in the Girls' Schools in Japan and China from congregations and individuals for which the women deserve the credit. We are grateful for this splendid help, and request the Synod for a special action of commendation.

ACTION OF THE BOARD.

That the Synod may know the mind of the Board in regard to the noble work the women of our Church are doing, we desire to quote a part of our action at a special meeting held on September 6, 1910.

"Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions regards the annual contributions of the W. M. S. towards the support of the Girls' School in Sendai, Japan, and the Girls' School at Yochow, China, in the same light as it does the regular apportionment from the congregations."

"Resolved, That the Board favors special arrangements for the support of native and foreign workers in Japan and China by individuals, societies or congregations, provided, however, that such arrangements shall be made under the direction of the Board, and shall not affect the support of the Girls' Schools in Japan and China by the W. M. S. of G. S., and in accordance with the fixed policy of the Church, shall not interfere with the regular apportionment upon the congregations.

"Resolved, That this Board regards the help of the W. M. S. of G. S. as invaluable to its work, and their good influence among the women in Japan and China so important that we hope it will not be necessary for them to curtail their offerings to this holy cause. In view of the growth of our work in Japan and China, we kindly urge the W. M. S. of G. S. to put forth every effort to supply, as far as possible, the means not only for the support of the Girls' Schools, but also for every branch of our foreign work.

"Resolved, That we are always ready to 'heartily commend the services of the W. M. S. in spreading missionary intelligence, in creating missionary enthusiasm, and in making large contributions to the work of Foreign Missions."

In view of the growing work of the women and the increasing agencies in the Church, we believe that the time has come for the Synod to take such action as will coördinate the various societies, organizations and movements in the

Church with the Board of Foreign Missions, so that the work may be carried on with the least expense of administration and the greatest conservation of energy.

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

The work among the Winnebago Indians has been carried on for many years by the Sheboygan Classis, Synod of the Northwest. For this reason the Board had asked the permission of the Synod to omit from its charter the phrase, "and among the Indians in our own country." There was, however, a strong sentiment in the Synod at York, Pa., opposed to its omission, and our Board was instructed to correspond with the Sheboygan Classis with a view to a transfer of the Indian Mission to the care and support of General Synod's Board.

Acting upon the instructions of the Synod, the Board immediately notified the reverend classis of the action of the Synod, and received an encouraging reply. Owing to the continued illness of Dr. Bachmann and the long absence of the Secretary in the Orient, the matter is still pending. We believe our German brethren are ready to coöperate with the Board if it will help to awaken a wider interest in our Church in carrying forward the noble work among the Indians.

JAPANESE AND CHINESE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Effective Christian work among the Orientals in the United States will have an important bearing on carrying the Gospel to the lands from which the Orientals come. Having the direct oversight of the work in Japan and China, it is but natural that our Board should take a special interest in the Japanese and Chinese who reside in our country as well as in our workers who come here to study. This the Board has always done, but in view of the fact that we have been taken to task for not locating a foreign missionary on the Pacific Coast, it seems necessary to submit to the Synod the following information:

According to the Report of Commission I, of the World

Missionary Conference, 1910, on "Carrying the Gospel to all Nations," there are about 80,000 Chinese and 90,000 Japanese in the United States. Of the latter, 75,000 live on the Pacific Coast. San Francisco has a Japanese population of over 5,000; in that city alone there are five missions caring for their spiritual welfare. The principal work among the Japanese has been done during the past twenty years. The present Church membership is about two thousand. There are twenty-eight pastors working here and there in the United States among these people.

ACTION OF THE JAPAN MISSION, OCTOBER 21, 1909.

Cognizant of these facts, and having a direct bearing on the carrying of the Gospel to the Japanese, our Japan Mission, on October 21st, 1909, took an important action, which we feel it our duty to bring to the attention of the Synod. It is as follows:

"Whereas, through the Church papers and in other ways, the mission has learned that efforts are being made to induce the Reformed Church in the United States to undertake missionary work among Japanese on the Pacific Coast in America, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the mission hereby respectfully overtures the Board of Foreign Missions to use its influence against the carrying out of the said proposal, it being the belief of the mission that the denominations already engaged in this work are able to meet all requirements, and that the starting of a Home Mission on the Pacific Coast among the Japanese by the Reformed Church would not only divert money sorely needed for the work in Japan, but also offer an additional inducement to Japanese wishing to go to America instead of remaining at home to work where they are most needed, and

"Resolved, That the Board be earnestly requested to bring about, if possible, Mr. J. Mori's speedy return to Japan, where good use can be made of his services."

This action of our Japan Mission, which has studied the situation, and with which action our Japanese brethren are

in full accord, should be a sufficient reason for our Church not to open a mission among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast. There are other reasons which we might mention, such as the fact that there are forty millions of people in Japan who have never heard of the Saviour, or that the Japanese on the Pacific Coast are better cared for spiritually than any other class of people in the United States, or that it will be a breach of comity on our part to start a separate mission in any place already occupied by any branch of the Church of Christ in Japan, but they could add no weight to the action of the Mission.

It may be well in this connection to state the attitude both of the Japan Mission and the Board towards Japanese workers coming to this country. Our aim is to encourage only tried and true workers, whose sole desire in visiting America is to qualify themselves better for service among their own people. We have found the plan of bringing young men—students—to this country for any but post-graduate work, a failure. This is not an effective, wise or economical way to carry on missions. We feel that we can render the cause of missions in our Church at this time no better service than by quoting from the Report of Commission VI, to the World Missionary Conference of 1910, on the "Home Base of Missions."

"The Commission is of the opinion that Missionary Societies should not appoint natives of eastern countries as 'missionaries' to their own people, but that they should use every means in their power to encourage all such, who seem qualified, to return to their own country as Christian leaders and workers in connection with the native Church and native institutions. This attitude should be taken with the understanding that salaries and support shall come from the native Church or community, and not from the Mission Board, even though for the immediate present some financial aid may be given from mission funds."

FIELD SECRETARY OF THE W. M. S. G. S.

By the appointment on May 24th, 1910, by representatives of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and the W. M. S. of G. S., of Miss Gertrude M. Cogan, of Hopewell, Pa., as its Field Secretary, the Woman's Missionary Society enjoys the services of an active organizer. Miss Cogan has had several years of experience in field work, and is filling the position with credit to herself and with profit to the Society. Thus far her efforts have been untiring, and we feel sure will result in the formation of many new societies, as well as in the quickening of those inactive in the work. We bespeak for Miss Cogan the confidence and the sympathy of the Church in her arduous labors. The Boards of Home and Foreign Missions provide for her salary and traveling expenses.

THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS.

In January, 1909, the Board issued the initial number of a missionary magazine under the title, "The Outlook of Missions." Though one of the oldest Boards of the Church, its organization dating back to the year 1838, it has never had a distinct organ for the advocacy of its own cause. Today no Board is doing aggressive work in the lands beyond the seas without a promoting agency. Such is the position of our Church among the sister denominations and the progress of our missions in Japan and China, that a sense of loyalty, no less than of necessity, led us to establish a magazine that will be an honor to the Church we love and a help in promoting the cause so dear to all our hearts. Few missionary periodicals pay expenses, but they yield a rich gain in deepening the religious life of the Church's membership by giving them a broader vision of Christian service. There are thousands in the Church who will agree with one of our pastors that "'The Outlook of Missions' is the best forward movement the Church has ever made to bring the matter of missions to the home and educate the home to give."

Before the end of the first year, it was felt by the friends

of missions that this new magazine should become the basis of a united publication, including "The Woman's Journal" and "The Home Missionary Bulletin." In our last report to the Synod we said, "It is a pity that the Boards of Missions do not have a missionary organ for a fuller presentation of the cause we represent."

Joint Action.

On October 13, 1909, a meeting of the representatives of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod was held in the city of Philadelphia, in the interests of the proposed unification of our monthly missionary publications, and the following action was unanimously approved:

- 1. That it is the judgment of these representatives that the interests of the mission cause will be best served by a union of the publications of these three organizations into one monthly periodical. This shall, however, not mean that any of these Boards are not privileged to issue for free distribution such literature as they may deem feasible.
- 2. The proposed Missionary Magazine shall be edited conjointly by the two Boards and W. M. S. G. S., *i. e.*, each party shall appoint its representative editor.
- 3. The magazine shall be entitled "The Outlook of Missions," and shall be a monthly publication of thirty-two pages, with cover. The subscription price shall be fifty cents per annum—special club rates shall be left to the discretion of the editors.
- 4. Each Board is to have a proportionate share of the space in the proposed magazine, the same to be determined by the editors.
- 5. The publishing of the magazine shall be left to the representatives of the Home and Foreign Boards, and it is understood that any deficit that may accrue shall be borne equally by the Home and Foreign Boards.

The representatives of the Home and Foreign Boards and the W. M. S. G. S. are hereby agreed that the several parties interested in this joint missionary publication shall be bound by the aforesaid action.

Charles E. Schaeffer.
Superintendent. Board of Home Missions.
Allen R. Bartholomew,
Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions.
Rebecca S. Dotterer.
President. W. M. S. G. S.

It is due Mrs. Rebecca S. Dotterer, the worthy President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod. 'to record the fact that immediately upon the first issue of "The Outlook of Missions" she wrote to the editor, "Why cannot the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions unite their publications, and may I add that perhaps 'The Woman's Journal' could be merged into it without losing its identity. We could then have one strong magazine and not multiply publications. 'The Outlook of Missions' deserves to succeed."

With the issue of January, 1910, the first number of Volume II, "The Outlook of Missions" became the organ of the work at home and in foreign lands. God has led us step by step to a better understanding of the need of unity in our efforts for the extension of His kingdom in the wide world. What we need now is a large constituency so that thousands may profit by the monthly visits of "The Outlook of Missions." "The name is well chosen, and both the form and contents are fine." The subscription price is fifty cents per annum, payable in advance. It is hoped that the Synod will take such action as will not only commend "The Outlook of Missions," but will greatly increase the number of subscribers.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF "THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS" FOR 1910

Number of subscribers, May 1, 1911	3,591
Receipts from subscriptions	\$1,289.96
Expenses of publication	2,489.96
Deficit	1.200.00

This deficit has been equally borne by the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

LITERATURE.

The Board has conscientiously adhered to the principle that "Knowledge of missionary work compels interest." We believe that the constant distribution of books, tracts and leaflets will help in the training of missionary workers and givers. It is said that only one-tenth of the Church membership is making any response to the missionary call. This is due in large measure to a lack of information on the subject of missions. But we should seek not only to interest the idle and indifferent, but also to encourage the earnest workers and liberal givers by supplying them with the latest information concerning the progress of the Kingdom of our Lord in the world. The literature of missions is so abundant, the current events on the mission fields are so numerous, and the eagerness for news on the part of the supporters at home is so intense, that we feel it a duty to make this material available.

One of the most helpful publications of the Board during the past three years has been the "Handbook of Foreign Missions." It sets forth in brief form the rise, progress and prospects of our work in foreign lands. About fifteen thousand of these booklets have already found their way into the homes of our members. We invite the coöperation of the friends of missions in giving the Handbook the widest possible distribution.

The up-to-date forty or more pamphlets of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and Mission Study are being profitably studied by tens of thousands in the Church. These have been of great educational value to our people.

Since the year 1911 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the North Japan College and the Miyagi Girls' School at Sendai, Japan, as also the adoption of the Station Plan for our evangelistic work, the Board purposes to issue a series of booklets, like the one on the North Japan College, to emphasize the importance of these three departments of our

work in Japan. The contents of the North Japan Collegebooklet will be the best proof to the Church of the character of this institution, and the work it is doing in behalf of Christian education.

The series of leaflets on Oriental women and Oriental. children, and the sets of post cards illustrating our work in Japan and China, will be found helpful in creating a missionary atmosphere in the congregations.

There has been a long-felt want in the Church for a suitable collection of hymns for use in the missionary meetings. In the hope of supplying this need, the Board has recently issued "The Missionary Hymnal." This collection will befound to include only hymns of a missionary character. Responsive selections and appropriate prayers are special features. That the hymnal may be introduced into all our churches, the price has been fixed at fifteen cents per single copy (postpaid) and ten cents in quantities (not prepaid). Orders should be sent to the headquarters of the Board.

FOREIGN MISSION DAY.

Too much stress cannot be laid by the Synod upon the proper observance of this day in our Church. It affords an occasion to all our people for the special study of our foreign work. Think of the influence a general observance will have upon the minds and hearts of our people! In nobetter way can we give them an object lesson of the unity of denominational effort in the spread of the Gospel in all lands. There should be no longer any doubt in our minds that Foreign Missions is the greatest unifying factor in the work of the Church. It is not only the influence that constrains the members of one denomination to dwell together in unity, but it has also broken down the barriers between the various Churches at home and abroad, so that in our day we can anticipate the fulfilment of the prayer of our Lord, "That they all may be one."

We hail with joy the growing interest on the part of our pastors and people in Foreign Mission Day, and appreciate their hearty approval of the character of the Foreign Mission Day Service. In regard to the service "Ripe Unto Harvest," Dr. John H. Bomberger, editor of the "Christian World," wrote: "The Foreign Mission Board has issued an extremely attractive service for Foreign Mission Day. The whole Church should observe the day and use the service. It may be made of special value on its educational side, as well as in its financial outcome. The best results will be secured if the Sunday School makes careful preparation, and is given the regular church service hour for rendering this inspiring program. To attempt to crowd in a partial rendition of the program during the Sunday School hour is to lose much of its value."

The services issued during the past three years were entitled as follows: "Ripe Unto Harvest," "Thy Kingdom Come," and "For the Sake of the Name." In the publication of these services the one aim has been to magnify the name of Jesus, and to present the work of the missions.

The following is a report of the amounts and objects of the annual offerings:

In 1909, amount, \$5,152.43; object, Fukushima Chapel, Japan, and Girls' School Building, Yochow City, China.

In 1910, amount, \$5,374.69; object, Girls' School Building, Yochow City, China, and Industrial Home Dormitory, Sendai, Japan.

In 1911, amount, \$8,355.21; object, Wakamatsu Station, Japan, and chapels in needy places. (Account not closed.)

The Board respectfully asks the Synod to encourage a more general observance of Foreign Mission Day, and to urge that the offering in each congregation be sacredly applied to the object specified in the service.

BEQUESTS.

A man's will is an index to his heart. As he was in life, so he will be in death. Not only a man's works, but his thoughts follow him into the eternal world. Usually the members who give liberally in life do not forget the cause of the Lord in their wills. It is not an uncommon occurrence that Christian benefactors leave one-tenth of their

entire estate for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. There have been eighteen bequests during the past three years, in amounts ranging from \$1.03 to \$5,000.00. It is most gratifying to report that these amounts aggregate \$20,508.07, and represent the largest amount in the history of the Board. While all of these gifts are worthy of grateful recognition, and the Board sincerely appreciates them, a few of them deserve special mention.

The two thousand dollars additional from the estate of N. B. Schmidt, of Woodstock, Va., makes his total bequest nine thousand dollars, the largest individual gift to Foreign M ssions in our Church. The bequest of one thousand dollars of Henry G. Weinberger, of Oley Township, Berks County, Pa., represents a one-half interest in a life insurance policy which this good brother took out a few years before his death, and made it directly payable to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of our Church, share and share alike. The work of missions was very dear to his heart, and he proved his interest by a deed that is worthy of imitation.

The bequest of Elder Benjamin Kuhns, of Dayton, Ohio, of \$5,000 (less the inheritance tax, \$240) shows his abiding interest in the cause of Foreign Missions. He was a member of the Board for twenty-five years. A minute of appreciation appears on another page of this report.

The Board never had a safer counselor or the missionaries a truer friend than the Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., of Reading, Pa. He was a member of the Board from the time of its re-organization, in 1873, until 1890. He saw our work in Japan and China grow from its small beginnings. That he had faith in its future and in its benefits we are assured by the large gift of five thousand dollars which he left to the Board. He has done well. May others imitate his noble example.

We desire to call special attention to the bequests by the noble handmaidens of the Lord. Great is the company of women who publish the glad tidings of salvation. May their labors and gifts be ever held in remembrance by the Church.

It is seldom that a Board records a bequest of \$1.03, that of Isaac Bruce, who died in the asylum at Norristown, Pa. This poor colored man gave one cent "for the Lord," which the sainted Dr. Samuel N. Callendar, Secretary of the Board, used for the creation of "The Almshouse One Cent Fund," which amounts to twelve hundred dollars.

The following is a list of bequests:

July 7, 1908.	Bequest of W. K. Gresh	\$500.00
Aug. 26, 1908.	Bequest of Henry Smith	45.00
Sept. 29, 1908.	Bequest of Susan E. Dieffenbacher	500.00
Sept. 30, 1908.	Bequest of Isaac Bruce	1.03
Oct. 5, 1908.	Bequest of Fred, E. Pontius	2,789.31
Jan. 6, 1909.	Bequest of N. B. Schmidt	2,000.00
May 21, 1909.	Bequest of Henry G. Weinberger	1,006.50
Aug. 12, 1909.	Bequest of Catherine Hartman	50.00
Sept. 11, 1909.	Bequest of Miss Jane Rowe	50.00
Sept. 17, 1909.	Bequest of Jacob Fager	25.00
Nov. 6, 1909.	Bequest of Rev. B. Bausman, D. D	5,000.00
Nov. 11, 1909.	Bequest of Benjamin Kuhns	
Jan. 4, 1910.	Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Baer	200,00
Feb. 15, 1910.	Bequest of Margaret Foucht	780.00
June 24, 1910.	Bequest of Elizabeth Krick	766.76
July 12, 1910.	Bequest of Samuel B. Wiest	95,25
Aug. 17, 1910.	Bequest of Mrs. Catherine Bromer	500.00
Dec. 3, 1910.	Bequest of Susannah Griffith	1,270.25

All the above, except the bequest of Elder Benjamin Kuhns, have been consumed in the general work. Grateful as we are for these gifts of the blessed dead, the Board pleads with the members that they give in equally large amounts to the cause during their lifetime.

Annuity Bonds.

Members can greatly aid the work of the Board by taking one or more annuity bonds, in amounts ranging from five hundred to five thousand dollars, and receive an annuity for life, equal to a fair rate of interest. A copy of the annuity bond will be found on page — of this report. Full information can be had by writing to the Secretary of the Board.

OUR MISSION FIELDS.

In the Providence of God, our Church was led to begin its mission work in Japan and China-two of the most hopeful nations in the world. No field affords greater opportunities for the reapers' toil. And we sent out our workers at a most propitious time. Then the barriers were wellnigh broken down to aggressive Christian work. Already in the year 1879, when the Rev. Ambrose D. Gring located in Tokyo, Japan saw the benefits of our Christian civilization, and the officials, at least, welcomed the earnest men and women who came with the love of Jesus in their hearts and the Gospel of peace on their lips. In 1900, during the Boxer uprising, China felt the need of a new awakening. and the doors of the fast-closed Province of Hunan swung wide open at the time of the arrival of our first missionary. the Rev. William E. Hoy, D. D. In both of our mission fields we did not have to wait for an open door and a ripening harvest; neither was the faith of the Church tried by many years of fruitless labors on the part of our workers. If there has been any serious handicap to our work it is not the fault of uninviting fields or of unprofitable missionaries. That we are helping to bring the Gospel to the people of the two great nations that hold the key to the Orient, may well make us pause and consider our opportunities as well as responsibilities.

Japan Mission.

The Evangelistic Work.

The evangelization of the world is the business of the Church. All true missionary effort aims at the salvation of souls. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the direct evangelistic agency. That this arm of our work has been palsied for years is evident from a comparative study of the statistics. Until we will properly equip the stations with workers and chapels, the blame must rest with us for the slow progress. Other missions report large additions to their roll of members, but they have the men on the field

and at work. In sending the latest statistics, Dr. Noss writes:

"I have been traveling almost continuously for ten days. Last night Mr. Kojiio Kiyama and I spoke to an audience of two hundred and fifty, including the head of the county office. I have had to deny myself to inquirers at home and on this trip that I might get the statistics done. Here they are. Our churches, you see, have been barely holding their own in regard to membership and attendance at service. What else can you expect when there are only two missionaries to look after sixty stations? Do send us six missionaries for this work, and I am sure there will be a great leap forward in the statistics. Note the steady progress in Sunday-school work and contributions by Japanese. These items show fair internal growth."

Because of the lack of evangelistic workers, the teachers in our North Japan College have had to take the oversight of large districts, and do overwork to the detriment of their health, and possibly to their school work. "No man can serve two masters," and no man can do double work with any degree of satisfaction to himself or profit to the work. It is cause for devout gratitude that the work is in as prosperous condition as it is, but it is not what the Lord wants it to be, and what we can make it if we only come up to a reasonable discharge of our duty. One of the most distressing experiences is the disaffection that occasionally occurs among the pastors and the members. But could we not have averted some of these disappointing occurrences?

Dr. W. G. Seiple, in his Report, refers to "the present crippled condition of the Kanda Church, Tokyo, which had been independent since 1907, once more came under the care of the mission in December, 1909. Its membership in 1907, when it became independent, was 713, but at the close of 1909 it was only 52. This large defection is due to the fact that many of its members were also members of the Nippon Rikkokwai (an organization founded by the Rev. Mr. Shimanuki, which assists young men and young women to go to America) and withdrew their membership from

Kanda church when Mr. Shimanuki resigned as pastor and founded the Rikkokwai church, an independent denomination."

"One pleasing feature of the year's work, however, was the completion and dedication of a new church building at Fukushima, on December, 26, 1909, at a cost of \$4,880. The Church Building Fund of the Taira church now amounts to \$147.11. The Kaminoyama congregation has deposited \$35.00 with the mission as the nucleus of a church building fund. We are happy to say that all the stations are manned with pastors or evangelists, and that there are at present fifteen students preparing for the ministry, ten of whom are at present in the seminary. One bright feature is that all the fields but one show gains varying from two per cent. to forty-four per cent. in the Japanese contributions. The entire field shows a gain of eleven per cent."

Dr. Seiple writes of the number of erasures, and explains that many names were kept on the church records for years, but the whereabouts of these people have become unknown. This will be no surprise to any pastor or elder in the home Church. It only goes to show that human nature is the same all over the world. And how well the following sentence applies to some of our own Church members after their confirmation: "Many after baptism practically consider themselves 'graduates' in Christianity and no longer attend Church services, and thus gradually drift away and are lost to the Church."

The evangelistic statistics for the year 1910 are as follows: Ordained ministers, 15; unordained evangelists, 20; church buildings, 19; meeting places, 42; communicants, 2,205; baptized children, 178; total membership, 2,383; adult baptisms, 192; additions by confession, 6; letter, 58; infant baptisms, 4; deaths, 29; dismissed, 69; erased, 108; average attendance at regular services, 919; Sunday-schools, 56; teachers, 190; pupils, 2,921; congregational purposes, \$8.819.54; contributed to Classis, Synod or Board of Missions, \$246.00; Japanese contributions, \$2,344.00; appropriated by our Japan Mission, \$6,724.00.

We want to call special attention to the conclusion of the Report, for it proves the need of more workers for the evangelistic work. "Last of all, we must not forget that it is impossible for the missionaries, whose principal work is educational, to endeavor to do their duty to both branches of the work. Naturally, they endeavor to do their best, but all that they can give to the evangelistic work is their spare time. Educational missionaries should be spared the necessity of the administration of evangelistic stations, but at present, and until the Board can carry out the instructions of General Synod for the immediate reinforcement of the evangelistic work, the educational missionaries on the field must do this in addition to their school duties. No permanent good to the evangelistic work can come from such a make-shift policy."

Dark as this outlook may appear for our evangelistic work, it is not without its gleams of hope. We believe with the return of our evangelistic missionaries now home on furlough to the field and the additional Japanese evangelists, that the work will soon be in a more hopeful condition. When hardly five thousand of the five million souls in the North Japan field have been won for Christ, it is no wonder that our missionaries appeal for help to rescue the perishing. With sufficient support from the homeland and an adequate native ministry, we may look forward to the evangelization of the Tohoku.

The Plan of Co-operation.

One of the perplexing problems in regard to the evangelistic work in Japan has been amicably settled by the adoption of a plan of coöperation, which grants a voice to our Japanese brethren in the conduct of the work. The plan has the hearty endorsement of both the Mission and the Board, and we believe will result in more effective service. This matter is of such vital importance not only for the present, but also for the future welfare of the work in Japan, that we give it a permanent record in this report. The plan is as follows:

THE PLAN OF CO-OPERATION.

Recognizing the right of the Church of Christ in Japan to the general care of all the evangelistic work done by a mission as a mission within the Church or in connection with it, the Japan Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States, representing the Board of Foreign Missions of said Church, proposes to carry on its evangelistic work according to the following plan:

(1) For the general care of the evangelistic work carried on by the Mission, a joint committee of six members shall be constituted, Miyagi Classis appointing two (one of whom shall be engaged in evangelistic work exclusively), the Dendo Kyoku one (who shall be a member of the Tokyo Classis), and the Mission three. The chairman of this committee is to have a vote on all questions. Miyagi Classis and the Dendo Kyoku shall each defray one-half of the traveling expenses incurred by their appointees in attending the meetings of the joint committee, which shall ordinarily be held in Sendai.

The appointment of members shall be made in accordance with the principle that no one whose salary or honorarium would be affected by the decisions of the joint committee shall be eligible. However, in case, on account of unavoidable circumstances, such men should be temporarily unavailable, this rule may be suspended, but only until members having the above qualifications can be secured.

- (2) The joint committee shall meet at least once a year to decide: 1. The employment and dismissal of evangelists, and the scale of their salaries; 2. The places where work shall be opened or closed; and 3. The basis upon which regular aid given to mission churches (Dendo Kyokwai) shall be calculated.
- (3) Prior to the annual meeting of the Mission to determine the estimates for the coming year, a meeting of the joint committee shall be held, at which estimates for the work of the coming year shall be prepared. These estimates shall be submitted to the Mission for transmission to the

Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. In case the Mission and the joint committee, after consultation, differ in judgment regarding the estimates, a statement of reasons shall be prepared by the two parties and transmitted to the Board.

(4) Changes in this Plan of Coöoperation may be made at any time by common consent of the Mission, acting with the approval of its Board, and of the Synod acting through the Dendo Kyoku; and the arrangement may be terminated by either party upon a year's notice.

STRONG PLEA FOR RURAL WORK.

During the summer of 1909, at the Conference at Karuiazawa, about one hundred and fifty Reformed and Presbyterian missionaries working among the Japanese people took up for careful study the religious condition and the actual needs of the rural population. The fact was discussed that about three-fourths of the missionaries were confining their labors to about one-fourth of the population. Forty millions of the people in Japan are to-day strangers to the message of the Gospel. The farming sections have been practically untouched by the feet of the missionaries. Such provinces as Fukushima, Niigata, with their three millions of souls, have only a few foreign missionary evangelists to encourage the small but faithful bands of native evangelists. The discussion of this problem must have produced a very profound impression, if one may judge from its conclusions, which were sent to all Boards, with the request that they be given the widest publicity in the Church.

Our North Japan field is practically taken up with the rural population. Because of the scanty supply of workers and the lack of means, we have been unable to extend the work into the country districts. Our missionaries have seen the need of doing so, but alas, what are they in the midst of so vast a field. The Council of Missions coöperating with the Church of Christ in Japan has made the following declaration:

1. That the rural population, fully three-fourths of the

population of Japan, have never yet enjoyed even an inadequate presentation of the Gospel.

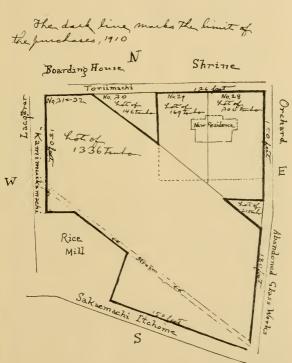
- 2. That to evangelize this rural population two or even three times as many missionaries as are now on the field are imperatively needed.
- 3. That such reinforcements of missionaries, to labor principally, in the towns and country, would be we comed by Japanese Christians, would be protected by the Japanese government, and would enjoy the fullest opportunity for devoted work.
- 4. That it is extremely desirable that American Christians should once more exercise the solicitude for the spiritual condition of this island empire that was so marked a feature of their attitude when the country was first opened up, in the 50's and 60's.
- 5. That special effort should be put forth to make plain to missionary volunteers the urgent call to self-sacrificing service presented to the unevangelized millions of Japan—a call second to none in the world.
- 6. That the missionaries who are now on the ground, though many of them are confined to school work and others to evangelistic work in cities, should, nevertheless, bear on their hearts the burden of the untouched millions, and should be constant in prayer and supplication and endeavor that Christian heralds may be raised up and sent forth, till the Gospel message shall be sounded forth even in the highways and by-ways of this great empire.

THE WAKAMATSU STATION.

Those who are familiar with North Japan are of one mind that our new station at Wakamatsu, in Fukushima Ken, will afford splendid opportunities for missionary work. This city will be the center of a new railroad from Niigata to Taira, cutting across two provinces, comprising a population of three millions. Besides Dr. Noss, there are no missionaries in these two provinces except one family and one lady of the Episcopal Church. Wakamatsu itself has a population of about thirty thousand. Its citizens are

among the sturdiest in the emp're, and can be of great influence in the spread of Christianity. Our Mission is fortunate in having as its representative at this strategic center

Missionary Compound Wakamatsu



the Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., whose experience in the work and knowledge of the language enabled him to begin active work immediately.

The committee of the Mission very wisely purchased a tract of land sufficient for two missionary residences and other necessary buildings. For missionary purposes there is not a more desirable site in the city. It is on the border between the business district and the old Samurai quarters around the castle, which are now largely occupied by the garrison and by the schools.

The expenditures on the Mission Compound have been as follows:

Lots Residence																	
Total																	\$5,445,16

It was the original intention of the Mission to purchase only sufficient ground for a missionary residence, but all the missionaries are now agreed that it was wise to buy land while land is cheap. Dr. Noss says: "I agree with Dr. Bartholomew that we ought not to put so much money into buildings at the outstart, but land will not decay or burn." He also writes: "Our house is a plain frame building. We have cut out everything not required in the interest of health, economy and efficiency; but in it we have all that is really necessary. The situation is delightful; the people around us are most friendly, and opportunities for service are unlimited. We are happy in the new home and thank our friends in the Reformed Church most heartily for it."

Self-Supporting Churches.

When one considers the long time that often elapses before missions come to self-support in this country, it must not be surprising to find even a longer time necessary for a foreign mission to declare itself independent. There are a number of churches in Japan that have become self-supporting during the past ten years, some of them having been under the care of our own Mission. They are as follows: Higashi Nibancho Church, Sendai; Iwanuma Church; Higashi Rokubancho Church, Sendai. (For the statistics of

these churches see the Statistical Report of the Evangelistic Work.) The Bancho Church, Tokyo, with a membership of about nine hundred, of which Rev. M. Uemura is the able pastor, was organized by Dr. Moore, of our Japan Mission. There is a growing desire on the part of the Japanese towards a self-supporting, self-governing and a self-propagating church. This is commendable.

THE NEED OF CHAPELS IN JAPAN.

There are twenty-five cities and towns where we should immediately provide the small group of Christians with suitable places of worship, they are too few and too poor to supply them.

Anyone who has seen the ornate temples of Buddhism and the chaste shrines of Shintoism will require no other argument that the first need for effective Christian work in Japan is a suitable place of worship, where the believers can meet for worship, prayer, praise and the study of the Word of God. A chapel may be a very modest building, but it becomes a sacred place to the members, and it helps to promote the spirit of unity and the zeal of believers. It is very difficult for a missionary to convince the people of the beauty and strength of our holy religion in the absence of a church building. A church building represents the strength and beauty of the Christian faith and the preservation of the work of the Kingdom of God. The fine Nibancho Church at Sendai is serving a most useful purpose. To the mass of the unbelievers, who think of the Christians as a handful of unimportant people, it is a silent witness to the dignity and power of the Christian Church. In church life the influence of that one church building is felt throughout the whole northern part of the empire.

All of the reasons that might be given for a church or chapel in this country apply with ten-fold force for a church or chapel in Japan. The small groups of believers in many cities in our North Japan field are working against heavy odds so long as they do not have a fixed and permanent place of worship. Where the Christians have their own

chapel, there the audiences increase, and the number of believers is multiplied.

The cost of a chapel and lot varies from \$1,000 to \$3,000, depending upon the size of the city and the ability of those who attend the services. As a rule our Japanese brethren are giving, according to their ability, and they are loud in their praise of our help. You will not find the sense of appreciation stronger anywhere than in Japan.

We fear many of our pastors and members have an idea that the equipment of our Missions in Japan and China is sufficient. Of no department of the work is this true. We do have a reasonably fair equipment in our schools and hospitals, but the evangelistic work is sadly deficient. The time is here when we should put forth very special efforts to strengthen this arm of the work.

THE STATION PLAN.

An out-station is a place where Christian work is being carried forward by a pastor or evangelist and one or two Bible women. There are about fifty of such out-stations in our Japan Mission. A few of these places have chapels. Most of them are regularly supplied with the preaching of the Gospel.

The salary of a native pastor varies from \$150 to \$300, according as they are single or married, have small or large families, serve congregations nearing self-support or work in new fields.

Bible women live at many of the out-stations, and are an invaluable help to the work. Their salaries vary somewhat according to age and experience, but average about fifty dollars per annum.

As there are few chapels, the Mission must pay rent. This ranges from \$15 to \$150 per year; it is even more in a few cases. Other expenses occur from time to time, such as travel of the pastor on evangelistic trips, the purchase of a small organ, hymn books, and other equipment.

The cost for the support of the entire out-station varies from \$200 to \$600. This includes the support of the workers,

rent and incidental expenses. Reports of the work done at the station will be furnished to individuals or congregations providing for the maintenance of the station.

The Board suggests this plan of supporting the work to individuals and congregations. It is a most attractive form of helping the progress of the Kingdom. It links the givers with a particular out-station, and it gives them the satisfaction of knowing that they are contributing to the permanent work of the Mission. Except in the case of individuals, it is distinctly understood that the support of an out-station is to be in addition to the regular apportionments for missions.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK.

To-day no one doubts the wisdom of establishing schools in the Far East. The strong missions are those that laid their foundations in the school. From the time that Christianity found its way into the Empire the Japanese were eager for an education. Many a student has grown into a saint. The school has been the center of religious power. There is also an opportunity in China for the finest piece of mission work through the Christian school. Our Church did the wise thing in planting schools as well as chapels in Japan and China. Without the school the chapel will have very little influence. Those missions in Japan without an educational equipment have seen the weakness of their policy, and in some instances they are making a new start by establishing schools.

NORTH JAPAN COLLEGE.

This year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of our North Japan College at Sendai. It was not an easy matter for Rev. William E. Hoy and Rev. M. Oshikawa to plant this training school for evangelists in a part of Japan where Christian evangelism was just beginning, where there was little sympathy, and where the work had to be carried forward amid many difficulties. But these men of God were true to their high calling and kept steadily at the work. Later on others came to bear the burdens, until to-day the

institution has buildings, equipment and a teaching forcethat compares very favorably with the government schools. The school enjoys the confidence of the people, and offers almost boundless opportunities for useful service in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.

The professors and instructors number thirty-two, six being Americans and twenty-six Japanese. The number of students is about three hundred and fifty. Of the two-hundred and sixty-three graduates, fifty-nine have graduated from the Theological Courses, thirty-six are teachers, seventy-two are students in Higher Professional Schools, fifty-one are in business and the rest are in various other callings.

The North Japan College has a permanent mission to-fulfill in the Christian life of Japan. It is not a transient expediency, but a vital factor in the future Christianity of Japan. It is the only institution of its kind in North Japan, and will draw its students from the five provinces. It will be the Christian school of North Japan for generations, perhaps for centuries to come; and the strength and success of Christianity in North Japan of all the denominations will largely depend upon the strength and quality of this institution. In a far deeper sense than now, it must become the spiritual center of North Japan. In order to make it all this, the Church should provide sufficient money to keep the school abreast, or, if possible, ahead, of what is done in government schools in quality of work. If this is done, it can and will fulfill its highest mission.

THE INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The Industrial Home has continued to be a helpful agency in the work of the North Japan College. Its aim is to aid worthy poor students in obtaining a Christian education. It consists of a dormitory in which about fifty students live, and various departments of work, such as printing, farming and laundering, by which the students earn a part of their expenses.

For some years there was an annual deficit, but the organ-

ization of the Home has been modified so as to avoid a shortage in the future. The regulations provide that all students in the Home must maintain a grade of 75 in scholarship and of "A" in conduct, on the principle that with poverty there must be coupled mental and moral ability in order to entitle a young man to its benefits. One of the hardships of the Home is the difficulty in finding suitable work for the students. Another great hardship is the dormitory in which the students live. This building has become too poor for occupancy. It is hoped the Church will provide a new building.

The Home has been a blessing to many young men. Some of the ablest professors in the North Japan College and the most successful pastors and evangelists owe their good start in life to this Home. Nearly all the students in the Home come from the country, where lies the great strength of Japan. If we can help the agricultural population by educating some of their sons, we will aid materially the evangelization of the Japanese Empire. These strong young men with their Christian training will, under the divine guidance, help to build up and maintain the Christian Church.

THE MIYAGI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Japan is beginning to appreciate the necessity of proper educational facilities for both sexes. Her splendid halls of learning and her able corps of teachers shows that she desires to provide the same educational advantages for the girls as for the boys. No nation can rise above its women. The exaltation of women is a most important step in the elevation of the nation. Any plan of evangelization that fails to include the mental, moral and social uplift of women will prove a failure. Christian schools for girls are as important as churches for men. We may well rejoice that the fathers in planting our Mission in Japan had in mind the mental and spiritual training of the girls as well as the boys.

The Miyagi Girls' School at Sendai has had a noble record.

From its humble beginning, in 1886, it has grown to be one of the leading Christian schools for women in Japan. There have been one hundred and sixty-seven graduates. all but seven of whom were Christians at the time of graduation. This in itself is proof of the Christian character of the school. The students come from all classes of society, and from widely different homes, which are alike, however, in that the great majority are not Christian. The class of 1911, numbering twenty-five, was the largest class in the history of the school, and twenty of them are Christians. There are four American lady teachers and fifteen Japanese in the faculty. Teachers and students have been doing earnest Christian work and the spirit prevailing in the school is fine. These Japanese teachers and forty-five students teach in twenty-one Sunday-schools every Lord's Day. They are reaching an average of twelve hundred children every week with the Gospel message. It is an inspiring sight on a Sunday morning to see this body of earnest workers going forth with the love for Christ and the love for souls in their hearts.

GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION OF THE MIYAGI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

One of the most important events for the school in recent years has been the granting, on December 21, 1910, by the Department of Education of Japan, full recognition as a Koto Jo Gakko (Girls' High School). Hereafter all the graduates of the school will be recognized as either equal to or above those of the girls' schools with a four years' course. This gives our graduates the privilege of entering the Semmon Gakko (Higher Schools) the same as graduates of the Government Koto Jo Gakko (Girls' High Schools), and of becoming teachers in the Sho Gakko (Primary Schools). For several years it has been felt by the Mission and those familiar with the educational situation in Japan, that unless our Girls' School had these privileges it would more and more deprive it of its true share of its most desirable students.

However, the government recognition will not only en-

title the graduates of our Girls' School to enter the higher schools and to teach in the public schools, but it will also demand of the school competent teachers and suitable equipment. What the school needs is a native teaching force that will combine the mental qualifications with an earnest Christian spirit. This is the strong desire of those in charge of the school. One thing that pleases the Board is the assurance on the part of the principal, Miss Sadie Lea Weidner, that "this recognition was given even though we now have more Bible teaching in our curriculum than before."

That the Miyagi Girls' School may be more firmly rooted in the affections of the leaders of the Church of Christ in Japan, it is very important that the staunch Christian Japanese should share with the foreign missionaries the responsibility for its success. We do not see how any form of Christian work can be of permanent value in the life of Japan where the foreigners remain in absolute control. Although this pressing conviction appears in connection with the Girls' School, it applies with equal force to the North Japan College and to our evangelistic work. There can never be free, mutual, confidential fellowship and effective service until the Japanese brethren are made to feel that they are really co-workers with us in bringing their people to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

At the commencement exercises in 1910 it was announced that the school colors had been chosen and a seal decided upon. The Reformed Church colors are the colors, and the seal, an open Bible, in a wreath of bush-clover. The latter is especially appropriate for the school because of historic associations of Miyagi Province in which the school is located, and from which it takes its name. The principal announced a special offering from the teachers, graduates and students of one hundred dollars as the beginning of an endowment fund. The girls who have been in the school the longest and appreciate its benefits most have thus laid the foundation of a fund which some day must mean the chief source of income. A pretty school flag was also presented by the

teachers and students. All of these gifts we understand were inspired by Mr. Tetsuro Hayasaka, the faithful registrar of the school.

URGENT NEEDS OF THE MIYAGI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The urgent needs of the Girls' School are as follows:

Two lady teachers to be on the field by September 1, 1911, and a third one to be sent by April 1, 1912.

In order to meet the demands of the Department of Education of Japan, provision must be made at the earliest possible moment for a building to be used as a Laboratory, and the teaching of Domestic Science. Estimated cost of the new building and equipment, ten thousand dollars. There is no room on the present compound for such a building. The buildings are placed as near each other as is permissible on account of the danger from fire.

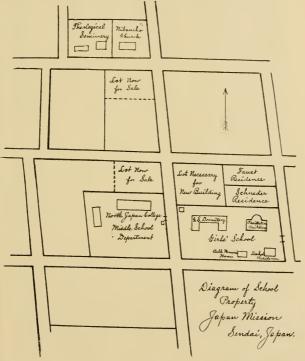
It is also necessary to provide more exercise ground, more kitchen and more bath-room space for the school. The Department of Education is very strict about the amount of space for exercise purposes.

The Executive Committee of the school reports:

"In order to put up another building, land is necessary. The corner lot (x) is the only land available. These lots, at present occupied by small Japanese houses, are a constant menace to the property of the Mission, because of the danger from fire. Just now, the owners of the lots are extremely anxious to sell, and offer them at a lower price than we had ever hoped for. The lots contain 1280.56 tsubo (about one acre), and the average price asked is seven yen (\$3.50) per tsubo (36 square feet)." The latest estimated cost is six thousand dollars. If this lot should be sold for business purposes, it may become a financial impossibility for us. The following diagram shows the present compound with the location of the buildings and the lot necessary for the new building.

BIBLE WOMAN'S WORK.

Our Bible Women are doing a splendid work. Japan is no exception to the rule that the great work of bringing women to Christ must be done largely by their own sex.



The most aggressive of these women will be found among the Bible Women, the majority of whom are graduates of our Miyagi Jo Gakko. Many of them were supported during their school life by the Mission, or by individuals in the home Church; but it is not a feeling of obligation to the Mission or of gratitude to their benefactors that prompts these noble girls to enter the ranks of the Bible Women. They have the love of Christ in their hearts and through that love the desire for service for His Kingdom. The work is being carried on by twenty-five women. Some of them are taking a post-graduate course in the Girls' School. others are helping the evangelists in different towns and cities. They render service in various way. Unless the evangelist's wife can play the organ, the Bible Woman must do this and lead the singing, so necessary to any church service. She is an important factor in the Sunday-school, where she teaches a class and looks after all the children in general. She also has charge of the Women's Prayer Meeting and the Sewing Circle, where she has need of all her executive ability that her school training has developed. So we find her a busy, faithful home missionary.

Each year, of course, some of the Bible Women leave the work. Some enter homes of their own; some go on with their education; and some engage in other employment, where they receive much higher wages. Whilst the last fact may seem discouraging, yet it is a satisfaction to note that other girls leave secular callings to become Bible Women.

BIBLE WOMAN'S TRAINING SCHOOL.

The need of a Bible Woman's Training School is being more and more felt by our Japan Mission. By repeated actions the Board has been importuned to establish such a training school Only a lack of funds has kept us from doing so. The need exists and we can only hope it will soon be supplied. Five thousand dollars would pay for a modest school building and a residence for two lady teachers.

To be able assistants to the evangelists and in every way capable of doing well and effectively the wide scope of work open to Bible Women, we feel the young women willing to do so should have a special training in the Bible and methods of Christian work. The Church should immediately provide the proper facilities.

THE KINDERGARTEN WORK.

There is no more popular and effective work done by any of the Missions in Japan than that of the kindergarten. Richard Watson Gilder says: "Plant a free kindergarten, and you have begun there and then the work of making better homes, better citizens, and a better city." The demand for this form of Christian activity is far in excess of the supply. The government officials realize the benefit of these institutions, and they are making them a part of the regular school work. The Christian kindergartens are unable to accept all the children, rich and poor, who seek entrance. From everywhere comes the one report, "we cannot possibly take all the children who apply for entrance: we have to keep a waiting list." This movement began about twenty-five years ago, and God has been richly blessing the labors of His handmaidens. Miss Howe, of the Kobe Kindergarten, writes: "Those missions who have not vet become aware of the strength of this kindergarten movement nor realized its need, have some very 'bad quarter hours' ahead of them, until they provide the necessary plants to keep pace with the opportunity." We can say a hearty "Amen" to this statement. There is no longer any doubt in our mind that at the basis of successful evangelism is the kindergarten. It requires a long time for the influences of the Gospel to work their way into the very fibres of a human life. How needful that the child in its earliest days should come in touch with the benefits of Christianity. Experience has proven the fact that the little folks who meet in the pleasant kindergarten room, engage in the innocent games and sing and play in the spirit of Christ, will grow up in the Sunday-school and become converts to the faith. It is the least expensive kind of Christian work. and we believe the most productive of lasting results.

REQUEST OF JAPAN MISSION.

Almost two years ago a committee of our Japan Mission overtured the Board to establish a kindergarten and a

Kindergarten Training School in Sendai. We quote from the report as follows:

"The kindergarten in Japan stands between the school and the home and wields a powerful influence on both the evangelistic work and the educational work. It can break down the prejudice against Christianity more successfully than any other institution. In a country where there are so few Christian homes, a Christian kindergarten will, to a large degree, be able to take the place of the Christian home. There is at present a great demand in Japan for kindergartens, and nothing but Christianity can establish a true kindergarten. The two schools that we now have in Sendai do not admit any students until they are of an age when most of their life habits are formed. The kindergarten is able to make religious impressions early, and it thus gives Christianity an opportunity to set an example in training children. We have been informed that the government expects to establish a kindergarten in Sendai. The training school in connection with our proposed kindergarten would afford an excellent opportunity to train and influence some of the teachers of the government institutions "

ACTION OF THE BOARD.

At its annual meeting in March, 1910, the Board took the following action:

"Resolved, That the Board looks favorably upon this proposition to establish a kindergarten, and that we request the Mission to furnish us with an estimate of the probable cost of starting the school in temporary Japanese quarters."

"Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Board write to Japan for further information as to the expense of starting this institution, and that the matter also be referred to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod for any action they may see proper."

The knowledge of the need for kindergarten work in Japan makes the heart long to begin it. One thousand dollars will

support a kindergarten for one year. Three thousand dollars will pay for a lot and suitable building. When the Secretary was in Japan, he made the suggestion to the Mission that the first floor of the new building for the Girls' School be temperarily used for a kindergarten, and it met with the approval of the missionaries. It is not too late to begin this work. If the General Synod will recommend the establishment of a kindergarten to the Church, we feel confident that our Primary Sunday-schools will provide the means for its support. It will give the children a specific object to work and pray for. The modest kindergarten of Rev. K. Yoshida, at Taira, is a proof of the influence of the kindergarten in bringing the children into the Sunday-school and holding them for Christ. We respectfully urge some favorable action on the part of the Synod.

MISSIONARY RESIDENCES.

Homes in the form of American-built houses for six of our missionaries going to Japan and China is one of the greatest present needs in our foreign work. By next fall, we trust, Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., Rev. Henry K. Miller, Rev. H. H. Cook, Rev. C. D. Kriete, Rev. Ward Hartman and Dr. D. J. Hetrick will reach their respective fields of labor. Three of these brethren are returning from furlough. and three are going out as new workers. Since the houses belonging to the Church in Japan and China will all be occupied, and no other houses are available, the question arises: What is the Church going to do about it? It is impossible for the Board to provide the money for these six houses out of the current funds. It will not be wise for the Board to send these men forth wi hout the prospects of getting homes. The location of our Missions, both in Japan and China, is such as to forbid asking the missionaries to live in nativebuilt houses. The health, efficiency and comfort of the missionaries and the economy it involves should prompt the Board to pursue the policy of the American Board, with its wide experience, and provide substantial houses for its missionaries. Anywhere in Japan it is hazardous to live all the year round in native houses; but in the North it is suicidal. To compel our missionaries to do so is wrong; it is cruel and decidedly harmful to the work. because it unfits men and women to do their best work. This applies with equal force to China; in fact, there are not even native houses at the Lakeside Boys' School. The Board must either build houses, or compel its missionaries in Japan to live in native houses, or else not send them out. The situation is a grave one.

Dr. Moore, our oldest missionary in Japan, who has never had a house built for his use by the Church, and who is anxious to return to the scenes of his useful life, assigns a strong additional reason why the missionaries should have proper houses, namely, the greater influence, social and religious, upon the natives. He writes: "Missionaries' homes are centers of influence in a community (1) because the higher order of family life lived in these homes becomes an object lesson to those who enter them and see them, and (2) because they are the meeting places where, in Christian fellowship and social intercourse, the missionaries come in closest touch with the people around them. And to the native these homes are in keeping with the position the missionary, as an educated, cultured man or woman, occupies in the midst of those people; and to the extent it is a home of refinement and hospitality and more or less attractive in its arrangements, will it impress favorably those who enter it. Not grand; simple, yet refined. This is the kind of home that Mrs. Moore maintained while she was well enough, and those who know the circumstances, knew also the center of attraction our home was, and the favorable impressions made upon the higher and lower classes alike. There comes the challenge to the Reformed Church. is an opportunity to build monuments of helpfulness and usefulness and service on the part of those who have the means to do it."

In view of all these facts, may we not receive such an action from the Synod as will encourage the Board in its efforts to provide the six missionaries with suitable homes?

THE JAPANESE ARE GRATEFUL.

During the year 1909 semi-centennial services were held in many places in honor of the introduction of Protestant Christianity into Japan. The foundation of the Church of Christ in Japan was laid by Presbyterian and Reformed missionaries. Their labors have not been in vain in the Lord. A great thanksgiving meeting was held on March 13, 1909, in the Y. M. C. A. building in Tokyo, at which about seven hundred were present. In an able address, Dr. Ibuka, one of the leaders of the Church of Christ, defined the principles which it upholds, and urged the members to remain steadfast in the faith. He laid stress on three of its distinctive features, and we quote them to show the foundation upon which the Church of Christ in Japan rests.

"First. There was the spirit of independence. The early Japanese Christians were eager for an independent church. They did not like the idea of belonging to any denomination having its existence in a foreign country. As a result, there is to-day in Japan a self-supporting and

self-propagating native church.

"Second. There is the unity of the church. Though independent in principle, the Church of Christ in Japan has never been sectarian. It has ever been desirous to bring all Christian denominations in Japan into one. Certainly, the spirit of unity is the mind of Christ, and they who advocate it are helping to fulfill the prayer of our Lord, 'that they all may be one.'

"Third. There is a simple creed. It is the pure Gospel. Faith in Jesus as the Saviour and love for the brethren is the living principle from which all Christians must draw their inspiration for holy living."

LETTER OF THANKS-CHURCH OF CHRIST IN JAPAN.

"Many years ago the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, obedient to the great command of Christ, sent to Japan missionaries of the Gospel; and during all these years its faith and hope and patience have never failed. With its aid gladly given, the Gospel has been preached; churches have been established and institutions of Christian education sustained.

"We, therefore, ministers, elders and other members of the Church of Christ in Japan, met together to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the first coming of Protestant Christianity to Japan, do now express our sincere thanks to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, and pray that the God of all grace will reward them richly for all their labor of love for the Church of Christ in Japan."

Signed by

KAJINOSUKE IBUKA, HIDETERU YAMAMOTO, YUSHICHO KUMANO.

Tokyo, March 13, 1909.

Two New Books.

In recent years, two of our missionaries have made valuable contributions to the literature of Japan. Rev. William E. Lampe, Ph. D., wrote a thesis on "The Japanese Social Organization," published by the Princeton University Press, and Rev. Allen K. Faust, Ph. D., on "Christianity as a Social Factor in Japan." published by the University of Pennsylvania. Although these volumes were not intended for general distribution, yet a number of copies of Dr. Lampe's book have been ordered from Germany and France (the first edition is exhausted), and frequent quotations from Dr. Faust's book appear in the latest missionary publications. There are no treatises in print as exhaustive of these subjects, and they show great ability on the part of our missionaries.

A VALUABLE GIFT.

In April of this year, Dr. William E. Lampe was made the recipient of a valuable gift from the Imperial Japanese Bureau of Decoration in appreciation of the work he did as chairman of the work of the Famine Relief Committee, in the year 1895. The gift consists of a set of three gold cups and one silver cup engraved with the crest of the Emperor of Japan. Mr. K. Saito, Secretary to the Consul General of

Japan, came from New York to Philadelphia to make the presentation. This is the highest recognition ever received by any member of our Mission by the Japanese Government, and is worthy of record.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THE JAPAN MISSION.

In view of the approaching sessions of the General Synod, when the Reformed Church in the United States will have occasion to survey our missionary enterprises and determine the next step to be taken, we desire to call attention to the needs which ought to be met within the next three years in the field of the Japan Mission.

The General Synod of 1908, in the resolutions pertaining to the foreign missions, gave the right of way to the evangelistic work for Japan. instructing the Board "to make every possible effort to reinforce immediately the evangelistic work in Japan by the appointment of five additional missionaries and four lady evangelists, and as soon as the \$70,000 have been raised for the cancellation of the present debt, to seek to provide, by special gifts, the \$40,000 necessary for the erection of the chapels and missionary residences."

During the three years the only new missionaries sent were Mr. Casselman and Dr. Noss. In the same time there have been withdrawals, so that the number of missionaries remains as it was. The additions to equipment have been four chapels, at Kitayobancho, in Sendai; Yonezawa, Fukushima and Koishikawa, in Tokyo, and a residence at Wakamatsu. We are very thankful for these additions, which are not insignificant, and mark a real step in advance. But these are only a fraction of the needs that might have been supplied if the Reformed Church only understood the urgency of the situation in Japan.

We are in the midst of what may prove to be a decisive battle in the history of the Church. It is not a war with flesh and blood, but the foe is more to be feared than one who fights with the sword. His triumph will mean woe not only to Japan, but to America and the world. Will America

not come to the help of the Lord against the mighty! A great rally may win the day.

In stating our needs we have in mind simply the minimum of reinforcement and new equipment required to maintain our existing institutions in such a sound condition that when the Church is ready to move forward along the lines of the general foreign missionary policy adopted by the Board two years ago and begin in earnest the work of thoroughly evangelizing our unreached millions in Tokyo and eight northern provinces, there may be found a substantial and satisfactory basis of operations. Our enterprise is like a living thing in which decay ensues unless there is at least a certain amount of growth. We wish to state definitely the minimum required to keep the work in such a state of development as to conserve what has been accomplished hitherto.

MISSIONARIES.

In the direct evangelistic service we now have two men on the field, Missionaries Zaugg, at Yamagata, and Noss, at Wakamatsu. We need besides, men at Tokyo, Sendai, Akita, Sakata, Taira and Niigata (or Nagaoka).

In the educational service (North Japan College), six men are needed simply to maintain the present curriculum. We now have on the field (not including Missionary Casselman, whose time is all needed for language-study and the tasks of the Business Office), Missionaries Schneder, Faust, Seiple and Steiner—four.

In all, eight more men should be on the field. If Missionaries Moore, Miller, Gerhard, Lampe and Cook can all return soon, three new appointees would complete the number for which we ask, though it would be wiser to have one or two more studying the language on the field so as to be able to fill vacancies promptly.

Of single ladies, there are now five on the field, namely, Misses Weidner, Lindsey and Hansen, of Miyagi Girls' School, Miss Gerhard, of North Japan College, and Miss Pifer, in evangelistic work at Koishikawa, Tokyo. (Miss Mosser is about to return to Hawaii.) We need at once two ladies for Miyagi Girls' School and another a year later, two for the proposed Kindergarten and Training School at Yamagata, and three evangelistic missionaries to be located at Sendai, Yamagata and Wakamatsu. In all eight women are needed.

The addition to the annual budget on account of three men and eight women who should be added to the force, would be approximately \$12,500.

LAND AND BUILDINGS.

The Mission has repeatedly urged the need of a worthy building to take the place of the temporary wooden chapel now standing on leased ground in Kanda, Tokyo. The estimated cost is: Lot, \$7,500; church and parsonage, \$7,500.

Eliminating Kanda Church, chapels are needed at the following stations:

		Church and
Stations.	Lot.	Parsonage.
Wakamatsu	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
Akita	1,500.00	2,500.00
Ishinomaki	1,000.00	1,500.00
Taira '	1,000.00	1,500.00
Koriyama	1,000.00	1,500.00
Furukawa	500.00	750.00
Tsurugaoka	500.00	750.00
Sakata	500.00	750.00
Shinjo	300.00	750.00
Odaka	500.00	500.00
Shiroishi	500.00	500.00
Iwatsuki	500.00	500.00
Oshi	500.00	500.00
Kakuda	500.00	500.00
	\$9,000.00	\$15,000.00

Of missionary residences, we now have seven in Sendai, one in Yamagata and one in Wakamatsu. To house properly the whole force described above, we need, in addition, one in Tokyo, two in Sendai, and one each in Akita, Sakata, Taira and Niigata (or Nagaoka)—eight in all, costing on the average \$3,750 each; total, \$30.000.00.

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THE CHINA MISSION.

 Miyagi Girls' School
 18,500.00

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 Additional Missionaries
 12,500.00

The awakening of China is one of the great events of theage. It is high time for the West to implant its ideals in the minds of the people. With one-third of the human race, and occupying one-tenth of the habitable globe, in a state of transformation, one may well ask with a wonder not unmixed with awe: What of its future? That our Church has a mission in this vast empire, with its four hundred millions of souls, located in the Province of Hunan, with its twenty-two millions of people, should call forth our best and holiest endeavors.

Upon my arrival at Hong Kong, in January, 1910, there was awaiting my arrival a letter from Dr. Hoy, which so well expresses the later impressions of my stay among the missionaries, that I feel certain portions of it should be given to the Church. It reads as follows:

"Yochow City, Hunan, China, December 12, 1909.

"DEAR DOCTOR BARTHOLOMEW:

"Welcome to China, the greatest mission field of the world and the future central emporium of the nations! Lift up your eyes and behold the growing harvest almost ready for the sharpest sickle the Church of Christ can thrust in! Listen to the concert of prayer that the Lord of the harvest send forth more laborers! May God guide you in your study and observation of His Kingdom. There is here that which may well engage the keenest intellect, the warmest heart and the most fervent spirit. The Lord is gathering from among one-fourth of the whole human race the new sons of China, and He will give unto them the dominion of this land. May we not pray that your study of China be neither superficial nor conducted with undue haste?

"When you reach our stations you will receive a personal reception and welcome that must verify the statement that 'where there is light there is heat.' The time is ripe for you. The field is ready for your most sympathetic study and suggestion. You will be filled with a new and lively sense of the magnificent opportunities that the Lord has given us. You will also probably be impressed and depressed when you see, as you soon must, that we need more missionaries in every department in both stations.

"We know you will come with an open mind and a big heart, and we on our part will expect you to devise for us measures for an expansion of our work. 'The Greater Foreign Mission Policy' of our Board must provide for the millions of souls allotted to us in the Middle Kingdom.

"Rev. William A. Reimert and I are a committee to make arrangements for daily spiritual conferences with you while you are in Yochow City. We will take all matters to the Lord. We will seek each an individual uplift. Your visit will be fraught with divine blessing to yourself and to us. We pray for a new impulse of mind, heart and spirit. Our wills shall blend with God's will."

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The Yochow Station.

Ten years ago, Rev. William E. Hoy, D.D., laid the foundations for our present hopeful work at this station. Here all the institutional work centers, and our evangelistic field covers an area of five thousand square miles, equal to the two states of Rhode Island and Delaware. The population is equal to that of Massachusetts. It is worthy of note that with so large a population, there is not one city of one-hundred thousand, and not more than half a dozen with thirty thousand inhabitants. This is a condition common throughout China, the people dwelling for the most part in villages, large towns or small cities.

Like in most parts of China, the land is given up to agriculture, there being no mines or forests in the district. chief highways are the many water courses that wind their way far into the interior, and a few military roads. this meagre description, it is plain that the work of theevangelist is hard and difficult. There are two evangelistic missionaries at the station: Rev. William A. Reimert and Rev. Paul E. Keller. Five native helpers assist in the daily work of preaching the Gospel. This is mostly done in thestreet chapels. At the church service whoever enters must remain throughout the service; in the street chapels they come and go at will. Thousands of people have heard the-Gospel for the first time in one of our chapels. In China, as well as in Japan, there are thousands who are "looking for the consolation of Israel," and to all such the message of hope and peace comes as a welcome balm to their sick souls.

Rev. William A. Reimert has had four men under instruction for evangelistic work, and these are now ready to be placed in promising openings. One evening during my stay in Yochow it was my privilege to be present at the baptism of two Confucian scholars at the home of Mr. Reimert. They were led to the confession of faith in Christ through the personal friendship and Christian fellowship of this devoted missionary. The one convert, Yu Sien Seng.

is a man of ability, and is the first Confucian scholar baptized in our Yochow church. "Soon after uniting with the church he did what no scholar ever did in that city. He came to the church one day with his wife by his side and his child on his arm. In China it is degrading for a scholar to be seen talking or walking in public with his wife. Yet this man was able to stand out alone and to overcome the prejudices of centuries for Christ's sake. Scholarly and dignified, with great force of character, he will be a powerful witness among the literati of Yochow.

The Gospel has been preached in cities, towns and villages of our district. Bibles, tracts and larger religious books have been sold, and plans are being laid for opening stations in some of the places visited during the year. Some preaching is also being done in the vicinity of the Lakeside Schools by the older Christian students. During the past year the Rev. Paul E. Keller was left alone in charge of the evangelistic work. Besides, he had the oversight of the erection of the Girls' School Building, which taxed his strength to the utmost. Happily, Mr. Keller has the energy and capacity for doing an unusual amount of work. We need more men for the evangelistic work. They ought to be on the field now to prepare for the great white harvest in our district.

THE LAKESIDE SCHOOLS.

Beautiful for situation is our Boys' School at Lakeside, five miles distant from Yochow City. How my heart leaped for joy as my eyes caught the first view of the School Buildings! They were a wonder to me in appearance, in appointment, and in the cost of erection. The site, the plans, in fact every detail of the school plan, show an insight into the needs of the Mission that may ell constrain us to bestow all confidence in the man who was the designer and builder.

From the report of Rev. William E. Hoy, D. D., we gather these interesting facts:

"Three of our four schools included in the general plan

laid down for our educational work at Lakeside are now in operation. These three are the Preparatory, the Academy and the College. There were seventy-one names enrolled during the year; and at the close of the semester. June 24, 1910, sixty were in regular attendance. dents were distributed as follows: Preparatory, first year. 19: second year, 11: third year, 5: Academy, first year, 9: second year, 5; third year, 3; fourth year, 3; College Freshmen. 5. Of these, 22 are Christians: nine more have asked for baptism, and the catechetical class consists of some twenty. All the students are in the Sunday-school, and the members of the Freshman class help us to teach the lesson. For the preparation of the weekly lesson, the President conducts a teachers' class every Saturday evening, which is also the evening for catechetical instruction. At present we follow regular lessons in the Life of Christ. Besides the Sunday instruction in the Bible, all students have two lessons a week in the Scriptures as part of the course of study. Then, too, the Y. M. C. A. conducts voluntary classes.

"Chapel exercises are promptly held every morning at 8:15, and these are regularly attended by teachers and students. As occasion offers, the President makes practical remarks; but this is not a regular feature of the daily services.

"The Lakeside congregation holds service every Sunday morning. All students attend. Of this congregation, the President is pastor, Prof. Lequear is elder, and two members of the Freshman class are deacons. We have reasons to believe that this congregation has a blessed influence in the Lakeside Schools. Every Sunday afternoon services are held for the servants of the place and for our neighbors. The average attendance has been seventy-three. Among these there are now several who are taking instruction preparatory to baptism. The Bible Woman's work at Lakeside, conducted by Mrs. Hoy, brings a number of women under the influence of these Sunday afternoon services.

"The students conduct a vigorous Y. M. C. A. The Sunday evening service is entirely under their auspices;

and some of the students are learning to preach well. This service will help some to discover their talents for the Gospel ministry. Let the Lakeside Schools become a school of the prophets. In every sense are we true to the original central and impelling idea of the Lakeside Schools; the raising up of an educated native ministry.

"Mrs. Hoy has charge of a day school. Here there have been nine little pupils. Three of her former day pupils are now in the Preparatory; and three are in our Girls' School. This little school has an important bearing upon woman's work, and it unlocks homes and hearts to closer social relations and to the entrance of the Word. We believe it is also of the Lord, as well as the larger departments of our work.

"The good friends of the Mercersburg Reformed Church have sent us not only money for an endowment, but also a number of good books for the Margaret Santee Memorial Alcove, in the Lakeside Library. The teachers and students of the Lakeside Schools fully appreciate such thoughtful and helpful donations. We aim to make the library one of the best features of our growing educational work.

"We are adding slowly, only too slowly, to our scientific outfit. However, we are grateful for the splendid microscope which Dr. Beam selected for us. It is really a thing of beauty, and one can agree with Prof. Bosanquet, in his 'History of Æsthetics,' that 'a compound microscope of the present day is one of the greatest triumphs of intellect in workmanship that the world has ever seen.' With this we hope, under the blessing of God, who made and upholdeth the universe, to drive out all remaining superstition in the minds of our students. Drive out fear, and let in beauty and the vision of life, and service will follow the inspiration.

"Additional land has been recently purchased for \$535.20. We now have over twenty acres; and we have been fortunate in this opportunity. In some parts of China it is becoming difficult for foreigners to buy land, and we can now feel free from all possible future annoyances. We have room to expand for many years to come. Our prayers of thanks-

giving ascend to God for this valuable and convenient addition to our most beautiful Lakeside property.

"With increased emphasis would we refer to our needs." These are before the Board and the Church, and for them do we pray daily. Do not forget them. Most of all, do not fail to send us teachers. Send them now. Prof. Lequear and the President work practically day and night. Mrs. Hoy gives us valuable assistance; and our Chinese tutors and teachers are regular in their work. But we must not lose sight of the fact that at present there is much of our educational work in which our helpers can be of no aid to us. It is utterly impossible to secure qualified Chinese teachers for our higher branches. We need teachers of the best qualifications from home. The College and the Theological Seminary cannot be developed if you do not soon come to our relief. Our best work is to come soon, and we have not enough teachers to do what will come with the years and will come as a matter of course.

"'Lest we forget,' allow me to plead with the Board and the Church to help us. It is not mere rhetoric, much less is it empty sentiment, when I say that we cry out from the depths of our hearts for teachers for our Lakeside Schools. Do we not hear some say, 'Do what you can, and leave the rest?' Yes, we hear such advice, and it cuts us to the quick: but how dare we heed those words? Do we not know what the institutions in our Christian lands mean for our churches? What are Ursinus and Heidelberg and Lancaster and Dayton and our other schools to our beloved Zion? And can you measure their influence upon our share of the Christian civilization of our dear native land? Freely, very freely, from God and man, have you received; and both God and man say unto you, in the unmistakable opportunities and necessities of the present hour, 'Freely give.' Again, 'lest we forget,' what would you think of me to-day had I over twenty years ago done in Japan what some would have us do now in China? Before God we dare not heed such advice. With full personal and most blessed spiritual knowledge of what our Sendai Schools

have done and of what they mean to the Japanese Church and to the Sunrise Kingdom to-day, I should be a traitor to the Kingdom of God were I, with those who struggle with me, to lay down our present burdens and turn to an easier course. We die daily, we suffer daily, for the Lakeside Schools; but it is the blessing of Him who liveth in us who will raise up servants of God through us. This is my witness to the ever present Lord. I, therefore, plead, and throw myself unreservedly into the cry, 'Send us teachers for the Lakeside Schools,'''

YOCHOW CITY GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss S. Emma Ziemer, principal, furnishes this interesting statement:

"In the fall of the year nineteen hundred and two, Mrs. Wm. E. Hoy gathered into our Mission Compound a group of five little Chinese girls. She employed a Chinese woman as matron, and a teacher who gave these girls instruction in their own language and taught them the story of Christ and the principles of Christianity as presented in the Catechism. This was the beginning of the Yochow City Girls' School. It was the first time in the history of Yochow that anyone had taken an interest in the education of girls. A Chinese proverb says: 'Eighteen beautiful daughters are not equal to a boy with a limp.' Another one states that after a daughter is married she is the exclusive property of her husband's family and as beyond control of her parents as water which has burst its banks.

"When the school was first opened it was not easy to secure pupils, but it was found, however, that if some one bore the expense, the Chinese parents would allow their daughters to attend school. For some time all who came were entirely supported by the Mission and friends in America.

"In September, 1902, Miss S. Emma Ziemer, of Reading, Pennsylvan a, was appointed by the Board for the school work in Yochow, reaching the field on December 25th of the same year. In September, 1903, Miss S. Christine Reifsneider, of Philadelphia, Pa., reached Yochow and became a co-worker in the Girls' School.

"Many visitors came to see the new enterprise. As the teachers became more conversant with the language, the course of study was enlarged, the confidence of the community grew and the attendance increased.

"In October, 1906, Miss Reifsneider was transferred from Yochow to Shenchow to open the first school for girls in that city. At the same time Miss Anna C. Kanne, of Lincoln, Nebraska, arrived in Yochow and became associated with Miss Ziemer in the Yochow City Girls' School.

"Miss Ziemer's furlough was due in the summer of 1908. During her absence Miss Kanne took charge of the school, which was conducted in the east wing of the hospital, because the old quarters were condemned and torn down. During Miss Ziemer's furlough she made an effort to raise the necessary funds for the much-needed school building. Upon her return to Yochow, in March, 1910, there were sufficient funds on hand to commence building operations. The land had been purchased, a compound wall erected, and some building materials procured by Rev. Mr. Reimert. It was decided to erect at present a recitation hall and later a dormitory. The plans for the recitation hall were submitted to the executive committee of the Mission and accepted by them. Rev. Wm. A. Reimert's furlough was due in the spring of 1910, but he volunteered to remain until the fall to superintend the building. Work began in March, but a few days later illness necessitated his immediate return to the homeland, thus depriving us of his valuable services. The Hunan riots also occurred at this time and the missionaries, especially women and children, were ordered out of their stations. At this critical time, Rev. Paul E. Keller came to the rescue and superintended the building. Notwithstanding the unrest, he was permitted to continue the work undisturbed. In August, Dr. W. F. Adams relieved Rev. Mr. Keller of the work during a short vacation. As a result of these arduous labors, the building was almost completed in September, 1910, and the Girls'

School hereby wishes to express their appreciation and gratitude for all service rendered.

"The recitation hall is a two-story building, 80x70 feet. The assembly room, office, guest room, gymnasium and four class rooms are on the first floor. The chapel, reading room, two music rooms and four class rooms are on the second floor. The building was planned to accommodate about seventy-five pupils.

"At present the course of study covers a period of eight years. When it becomes necessary, a high school course will be added. The Bible, Chinese Classics, Western school branches, English, music, Calisthenies and industrial work are included in the course of study. The instruction throughout the entire course is pre-eminently Christian. The first book given to a child contains the following opening sentence: 'Jesus is the Son of God.' As a result of this religious instruction, the child has a more thorough knowledge of the Bible than the average Christian child, and can quote with ease long Scripture passages.

"At different times during the past eight years, sixty six pupils have been enrolled. A number of these girls left school to be married, having been betrothed in infancy. Some of them married Christian, others heathen men. Some are now giving faithful services as nurses in the hospital. Some are preparing to become teachers. The personnel of the school is constantly changing because of present conditions in China.

"A marked feature of the school is the Christian atmosphere, partially due to a few leaders of strong Christian character, and for the last few years to the influence of a Christian matron. The unbinding of feet is not compulsory, but the sentiment against it is sufficiently strong to cause almost every pupil to unbind her feet without compulsion. The weekly Christian Endeavor and the daily morning watch are two strong factors in the development of the spiritual life among the pupils. Seldom a year passes without some of the girls asking for baptism.

"In spite of the small, inconvenient quarters, God has

wonderfully blessed the efforts in educating and training the girls. As we look into the promising future, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude at the prospects.

'The name selected for our new school is 'Tsen Hsin Hsioh Tang.' The first character, 'Tsen,' means virtuous and pure. 'Hsin' means sincerity, truth and confidence. The last two characters, 'Hsioh Tang,' mean school.

"The new Girls' School building was dedicated on February 21st, with appropriate services. A great deal of interest was manifested on the part of many of the people, and it is hoped that some have connected the school with the Christian education of Chinese girls as a powerful lever to raise the nation to the recognition of God and to a place of influence and power to the world. Our Church has the privilege and honor of first giving an opportunity to the neglected little girls of Yochow and surrounding country, of receiving a Christian education. With the help of God, we will contribute our share of China's Christian women in the future."

WOMAN'S WORK.

There is a great need for one or two lady evangelists to work among the women at this station. Many of the wives, mothers and daughters will never come in touch with our Girls' School. Here is a field for the moral and spiritual influence of earnest Christian women from the homeland. "To help Chinese women to find God, and through him purify their homes, the very solid foundation of the nation, is a calling worthy of the best women our Church can send to us." This is a call that comes to the Church from the field. Who will go? Who will send?

THE MEDICAL WORK.

Our hospital at Yochow had a humble beginning in very unsuitable quarters. The Church was fortunate in securing the services of Dr. J. Albert Beam as its first medical missionary. He did a splendid work in planning the buildings and selecting the equipment. It is a pity that only the

men's wing of the hospital is completed. We trust the Lord will put it into the heart of some one of means to provide funds for the erection of the women's wing. A good beginning has been made, and the people of the community can enjoy the benefits of up-to-date surgical care when they are ill. Since 1909 Dr. William F. Adams has been in charge of the hospital. His first aim was the study of the language. This we believe is the first duty of every missionary. If he cannot speak freely, and readily understand the people, it means not alone that his work will be unsatisfactory to himself, but he will be very largely shorn of his powers for good among the people. Miss Alice E. Traub, the nurse, has proved herself an invaluable worker in the hospital. She is a most capable woman; one who understands her profession, loves the work, and is untiring in her efforts at relieving distress. Owing to the larger field for hospital service and the constant demands upon the physician in charge, the Board is wisely sending Dr. D. J. Hetrick, of Harrisburg, Pa., as an associate to Dr. Adams. A second nurse is also necessary. With the proper medical force and equipment, the hospital will exert a great influence for Christ.

SHENCHOWFU STATION.

The work at this station has been sadly in need of more workers. We have fine compounds and suitable buildings, but, as one of the missionaries wrote, "The whole work looks puny when sized up with our plant." Owing to the furlough of Dr. William Kelly, the hospital was closed for two years, and, for lack of an associate teacher, Rev. Edwin A. Beck had to abandon for the time being the Boys' School. Fortunately, he is filling a vacancy in the Lakeside Schools, where he is rendering excellent service. We hope the coming year will have better things in store for this important station.

THE EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The Rev. F. Karl Heinrichsohn for the past two years has been in charge of the evangelistic work of the station. There have been many disappointments and difficulties, yet there are many visible results of faithful work done for the Master. Mr. Heinrichsohn says:

"We have tried to reach all classes of people. Regular services have been held in our commodious church each Sunday. With few exceptions, these services have been conducted and the sermon has been preached by the foreign pastor. The audiences have consisted of all classes, and been comparatively large. Twenty-three were baptized on Easter Day, 1910.

"Since our compounds are situated at some distance from the populous part of the city, there was imperative need of a street chapel in order to reach the masses. were fortunate in being able to rent a building situated in the center of the city, and well suited to our purpose. sides a good-sized preaching hall there is a book-room in front, where gospels, tracts, etc., are continually on sale. Each evening, except Wednesday, the Gospel is preached here, and recently arrangements have been made to have preaching services two afternoons in the week, in order to reach the country people coming into the city. There is a flourishing market situated just next to the street chapel. The audiences at the street chapel services have usually been very good, and we feel that from here the message of the Gospel is carried not only into the homes of the city, but also into the outlying districts. Since the street chapel will always be a necessary part of our evangelistic work here, and there is always a possibility of our not being able to renew our lease on this place, and since rent is quite an item each year, it would be far better for the mission to purchase a property for street chapel purposes as soon as practicable.

"At the entrance gates of the two compounds there have been provided rather primitive accommodations for people to buy Christian literature, and to hear the Gospel. A guest-room has been fitted up in the pastor's residence, where Chinese visitors are entertained.

"In order to deepen the spirituality of the Chinese Christians, a Sunday afternoon Bible class and a mid-week prayer-meeting is conducted for them. What has been the greatest burden upon us is the lack of true spirituality in the Chinese church members. Only a very few seem to have grasped the meaning of consistent Christian living. It has been difficult to make some of them see that opium smoking, gambling and adherence to heathen customs are not possible to a follower of Christ. Happily, there have been other features in our work which have helped us to take new courage, and hope for the future. There are a number of seemingly earnest enquirers, including promising pupils in both the Boys' School and the Girls' School. Some time ago an Imperial edict, which has since been modified, appeared, debarring literary graduates, who are church members, from holding official positions and from voting. For a while several of the teachers in our employ, who are literary graduates, as well as two of the lower officials in the city, had shown a desire to be enrolled as enquirers, but upon the appearance of this edict, they seem to have given up their intention of becoming Christians.

"At first sight, this edict might seem to be a hindrance to the progress of the Gospel, but it at least has the advantage of being a test much like those the Master Himself used in His teachings while on earth.

"After Mrs. Kelly, who had been in charge of the Woman's Work, left on furlough, little was done for several months in the line of Woman's Work, except what was done in connection with the hospital and dispensary. But shortly after Chinese New Year, a Bible Woman was secured, who has since been working under the direction of Mrs. Heinrichsohn. Two days in a week there are services held for women—both outsiders and Christians. On the preceding days, the Bible woman, sometimes accompanied by Mrs. Heinrichsohn, calls on the women in their homes and in-

vites them to the services. There are also classes held regularly for the purpose of teaching the Christian women to read, as well as classes for the instruction of women enquirers. The women seem to take much interest in these classes, and the woman's work in general looks encouraging. Owing to the pressure of work in the station, and other circumstances, it was impossible to give any time to itineration in the district, during the past year, but we expect to give more attention to this branch of the work during the coming year.

"We at Shenchowfu have a plant for a very extensive work, and are glad to learn that there are prospects of having a sufficient force of workers. But, from what has been mentioned in this report, of the spiritual condition of our church here, it will be seen that there is also a great and immediate need of much earnest, prevailing prayer, both on the part of the workers on the field and of the Church at home.

"When the farmer gathers his harvest of hay and grain during days when the golden sun shines bright and warm upon his field, how easily, quickly and well his work is accomplished. But when the sun hides his face, and there are days of clouds and rainy weather, though the farmer work ever so hard, how little is accomplished, and how unsatisfactory and disappointing are the results. How true is this in the experience of every laborer in the Lord's harvest field!"

SHENCHOWFU GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Of the work of the Girls' School, Miss Rose A. Spangler writes:

"The past year has been our most successful in the history of our school, as to the number, having an enrollment of twenty. Of this number, two were from official families and five were from the province of Kueichow. There were five more coming from the same district when the troubles in Hunan caused their hesitation. By this new nterest we feel that our school has won a place in the country above

us where as yet there are no Mission Girls' Schools. The term of the past year was quite short, as you are all aware, since we were called from our work in April. As yet we are still alone as to trained native help, and our time is more than full of class-work. Mrs. Heinrichsohn continued teaching the advanced class until Christmas holidays and also taught a Bible class throughout the year.

"At Easter time six girls were received by right of baptism into the Church. There has been a marked change in the conduct of the girls as well as a deepening of the spiritual life, shown by daily voluntary prayer meetings. We ask for your prayers that the whole school may be won for Christ, and only the earnest prayers of the Church in the homeland can do this great work. We would close with only one plea, 'Pray, always pray.'

Early in the year 1910, Miss Rebecca Messimer, of Sunbury, Pa., arrived at Shenchowfu, as an associate of Miss Spangler, and is making fair progress in the study of the language. We regret that Miss Spangler will not return to the field after urlough, which is due this year. Miss Meta Bridenbaugh, of Hollidaysburg, Pa,, will take her place in the school early in the fall.

PRESENT NEEDS OF THE CHINA MISSION.

The Mission asks for the following workers, buildings and equipment:

Yochow Station

Workers:
One Evangelistic Missionary\$1,200.00
One Woman Evangelist 600.00
One Trained Nurse 600.00
One Teacher for Lakeside School 1,200.00
\$ 3,600.00
Buildings:
Residence for Rev. J. Frank Bucher, Lakeside, . 2,000.00
House for Chinese Teachers, Lakeside 1,000.00
Chapel at Lakeside 2,000.00
Women's Wing, Hoy Memorial Hospital 6,000.00
Equipment, Schools and Hospital 5,000.00

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SHENCHOWFU STATION

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Workers:	
One Teacher for Boys' School	\$1,200.00
One Evangelistic Missionary	1,200.00
One Woman Evangelist	600.00
One Physician	
One Trained Nurse	
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Buildings:	,
Four Missionary Residences	\$8,000.00
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In a report to the Board last year, Dr. Hov says: "There are tremendous changes under way. The growing insistence of the demand for a constitutional form of government. the opium question, the boycott of the Japanese, and extraterritoriality, educational, military and official reform; the improvement of the currency, and the development of the postal system; the projection of railroads and the opening of mines; foreign relations and the new problems arising therefrom, and the sending of many commissioners to Western lands for observation and research at first hand, convince one that the day of renaissance has actually dawned. Every thoughtful man, therefore, reflecting on the signs of the times, will silently pray, "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore the kingdom to China?" and his soul's desire will be that the evolution of the Middle Kingdom will indeed be along Christian lines. "The best and wisest thinkers of China themselves discern in these momentous days what is required here is not mere multiplication of schools and arsenals, not even hordes of wealth and Western methods and modern material, but true men. Men the Gospel can give to this nation."

OUR MOHAMMEDAN RESPONSIBILITY.

At a meeting of the Board, held on April 15, 1909, the Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D. D., of the Reformed Church in America, was present and made a most earnest plea that our Church might join them in their Arabian Mission work. His address made a profound impression on the members.

The following resolution was read from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America:

"Resolved, That this Board extends a very cordial welcome to the Reformed Church in the United States to cooperate in missionary work in Arabia or Persia, if the brethren of that Church see their way clear to undertake such work."

Accompanying this action was a note from the venerable Secretary of the Board, the Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D. D., of blessed memory, in which he says:

"If it could once be known to our brethren on the field that they were to have the coöperation of your Church and Board, either in Arabia or in Persia, and in close connection with them, I am sure it would greatly encourage and hearten them in their present comparative isolation from other missions and missionary workers."

ACTION OF OUR BOARD, APRIL 15, 1909.

Our Board, in reply, took the following action:

"This Board deeply appreciates the action of the Board of Foreign Missions of our sister Reformed Church in asking us to join them in their noble work in Arabia. We can only record our thanks for this new opportunity for service in a field so full of promise for the Master, and to express the hope that the day be not far distant when our Church will regard it a privilege to establish a mission in Arabia."

ACTION OF THE ARABIAN MISSION.

Not only did the Board in America take favorable action, but the brethren of the Arabian Mission took the following action at their meeting held in January, 1910: "It was moved and carried that the Arabian Mission express its pleasure at learning of the intention of the Reformed Church in the United States to look into the matter of mission work in Arabia or the Persian side of the Persian Gulf, and that the Arabian Mission extend its hearty sympathy and encouragement, and will do anything it can to help."

ACTION OF OUR BOARD, MARCH 9, 1910.

The following action was taken by our Board:

"Resolved, That the Board is gratified to receive this communication from the representative of the Dutch Reformed Church Board, and while expressing its gratification, in the present circumstances of the Board, it does not feel warranted in undertaking this work in Arabia until after its reference to the General Synod."

LETTER FROM DR. ZWEMER.

In a letter dated January 30, 1909, Dr. Zwemer says:

"Our Mission on the field has long been looking forward to the time when some other organized American Society would begin work in Arabia, sharing the task with ours, but although we have been in the Persian Gulf well-nigh twenty years, all we have met in the line of reinforcements have been a few scattered and not very well qualified free lance missionaries, whose methods and aims were not at all in accordance with the policy of our Church or yours.

"At Aden the Free Church of Scotland has an established Mission with, I think, three workers. Associated with them there are two workers of the Danish Evangelical Church, and there is one free lance missionary at Sana, in the interior of Aden. Along the entire west coast and the entire south of Arabia, there is no established mission station. Our Mission occupies East Arabia, and has established work at Muscat, Bahrein and Busrah, with out-stations at Amara and Nasariya, north of Busrah, and in the interior from Muscat at Nachl. Our Mission numbers twenty-three

workers, and we have appointed three more to go out this year.

"There are two points in Arabia and one point in Persia on the Persian Gulf where I think missionary work could be started by your denomination with great success-as we measure success in Moslem fields. There is first, the town of Mokallah, east of Aden, which I have marked with a double circle. It is the key city for work in Hadramaut, and I wrote a special appeal for a Mission to begin work there in the Missionary Review of the World for October, 1902. The other town is Jiddah on the western coast of Arabia, also marked by a double circle, the strategic importance of which is evident to any one who has studied the Moslem world. The difficulties here, however, would be greater than in most other parts of Arabia. The third point is at Linga on the Persian Gulf. marked with a double circle, or Bunder Abbas. These two cities would command the whole of Southern Persia, and offer immediately an open door for missionary effort. Our Mission has visited them again and again, selling books and Bibles and for medical work, and the people themselves have asked us to start a school for their children. That part of Persia is largely under Arabian influence and many of them speak the Arabic language. If your Church began work there, you would be in close fellowship with our work in East Arabia, and our missionaries could meet together every year in council. The steamship facilities are getting better every day, and at Linga, with British and Russian influence predominating, I believe that of the three fields, this would be the most promising.

If, on the other hand, your Church would be willing to co-operate with us more closely and send out workers directly to join the Arabian Mission, while our two denominations worked hand in hand in the evangelization of Eastern Arabia, then I believe we could arrange that some one portion of our East Arabian field would be under the direct care of your Church.

"The whole matter, since the thought arose in our hearts simultaneously and, as it were, in answer to prayer, can only

end in disappointment unless we pray earnestly that God will show you and us, His way and will in the matter. Surely there is no field so long neglected, so needy, so difficult, and yet so full of opportunity, as the Mohammedan world of Western Asia.

"I am sure that I speak for all my fellow missionaries, and I believe also for the Arabian Mission, that we would welcome the arrival on the ground of a Church so closely allied to ours in faith, traditions and policy as is yours."

SECOND LETTER FROM DR. ZWEMER. Dated February 28, 1911.

Recently a second letter came to hand from Dr. Zwemer, in which he renews his appeal that we might join them in the work in Arabia. It is as follows:

"We have had a remarkable experience recently in regard to the portion of the Persian coast to which I referred in my addresses and correspondence with your Board as a possible future field for your Church. As I wrote at the time, there is not a single mission station on the entire eastern littoral of the Persian Gulf, all the way from the head of the Gulf to Karachi, India. One of our men has recently been selling books and Bibles at Linga, and the people of that town are asking for hospital, school and book-shop. I enclose copy of a letter received from one of the merchants, unsolicited. Bunder Abbas, a neighboring town, is of even greater importance, although the climate is not so good, and the entire region opposite to the Arabian coast where we work is entirely open, I believe, for pioneer missionaries, and your Church would find it an attractive field. The caravans come to Bunder Abbas from every city of Kerman in the interior. and the importance of the place is evident from the fact that both here and at Linga there are British Consulates. The languages spoken are Persian and Arabic, and there is close communication between that part of Persia and India. as well as Arabia.

"Wishing you Godspeed in your work, and hoping that financial and other developments will enable you soon to 'come over and help us,' Yours very sincerely."

THE UNOCCUPIED FIELDS.

In his new book on the "Unoccupied Fields," Dr. Zwemer says:

"Arabia, the cradle of Islam, is still a challenge to Christendom, a Gibralter of fanaticism and pride that shuts out the messenger of the Christ. The present missionary force is wholly limited to the East coast and the vicinity of Aden. There are only four points on a coast of 4,000 miles where there are resident missionaries. There is not a single mission station far inland. No missionary has ever crossed the peninsula. * * * The total population unreached by the Gospel in these Arabian provinces can be conservatively estimated at 4,000,000. Missionary work in Arabia so far has been largely preliminary. Not until every province is entered and the great strategic cities Mecca, Medina, Sana, Hodeida—not to speak of similar centers of population in Oman and Nejd—are all reached by the missionary can we truly speak of Arabia as occupied."

"The thousand miles of railway, built for pilgrims, and not for dividends, all the way from Damascus to Medina and on to Mecca. is sure to call attention to the strategic importance of Arabia to-day as a mission field. Geographically, the peninsula lies at the crossroads of the commerce of the world. It was once the bridge between Asia and Europe, the causeway between Asia and Africa, and will soon be such again. The importance of the Bagdad Railway and the Euphrates Valley irrigation project to North Arabia are well known.

"As regards the religion and politics, Arabia also has her influence for Western Asia. A writer in the New York "Journal of Commerce" recently said: 'We have, from time to time, endeavored to make plain to our readers that since the effective arrest of Russian ambitions in Eastern Asia, the international center of Asiatic politics must be sought in the Persian Gult."

In our Foreign Mission Policy, the Board assumes that, as a Church, we have responsibility for three millions of souls in the Mohammedan World. We are convinced that there

is a sentiment in the Church in favor of establishing a Mission among the Mohammedans. Resolutions from congregations and letters from individuals have come to the Secretary offering a hearty support towards such a work. We feel it is our duty to bring the claims of the Moslem World to the attention of the Synod, and to ask its judgment in regard to the establishment of a Mission in Arabia, or in some other part of the Moslem World. The Board is ready to begin the work as soon as the Synod authorizes it and the Church provides the means for it.

SILVER JUBILEE, W. M. S. G. S.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the W. M. S. of G. S. during 1911 is an event that may well call forth a celebration worthy of the noble women of the Church and of the cause for which their society is doing so much. The W. M. S. has been very closely allied to our Board during all its history, and the liberal help in the support of the Girls' School work in Japan and China will ever bind the Society to the Board in closest ties of Christian service.

C. E. MISSIONARY.

The Board acknowledges with gratitude the gifts from the Young People's Societies for the support of Rev. Elmer H. Zaugg, of Yamagata, Japan. Total amount for the past three years, \$1,337.82. We shall appreciate a continuance of these contributions.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONARY.

Only \$337.00 have come into the treasury for this special fund, but the Board is thankful to the schools that have been helping to keep alive the Sunday-school Missionary Fund.

VISIT OUR MISSIONS.

The visit of Mr. Fred Kelker and his wife, of Harrisburg, Pa., to Japan and China last year was an encouragement to the faith both of the missionaries and the native Christians. These servants of God left a good impression, and we are con-

fident will impart a fresh stimulus to the work in the home Church. We commend their noble example to others, and we trust many members of our Church will go and inspect our work in Japan annd China.

SPECIAL SUPPORTERS.

One of the most encouraging signs of the times is the desire on the part of congregations and individuals to assume the support of missionaries. There are also quite a number of congregations, societies and individuals that are providing the funds for the maintenance of out-stations in Japan. This special support of many congregations, societies and individuals will be the surest way to attain the goal of One Million Dollars in our Reformed Church for Foreign Missions. We desire to make special mention and record of the names of these liberal supporters:

Of Missionaries:

Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa. Dr. William F. Adams.
First Church, Reading, Pa. Miss S. Emma Ziemer,
Grace Church, Akron, O. Rev. H. H. Casselman,
Grace Church, Shippensburg, Pa. Miss Sadie Lea Weidner,
St. John's, Allentown, Pa. Rev. Christopher Noss, D.D.
Woman's College, Frederick, Md. Miss Mary E. Gerhard.
Franklin and Marshall Academy and
Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. Prof. Paul L. Gerhard.
St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa. Miss Alice E. Traub.

Of Out-Stations in Japan:

Missionary Society, Huntingdon, Pa. . . . Tsurugaoka.

It is the fond hope of the missionaries in Japan and China that this form of "specialization" will appeal to many of our people, and we ask the Synod to commend it to the favorable consideration of all the congregations and individual members

SPECIAL CHAPEL FUNDS.

The Board is desirous of securing large gifts from individuals for the erection of chapels in Japan and China. We make grateful record of the following Chapel Funds:

JAPAN.

Mrs. Sarah A. Housekeeper, Philadelphia, Pa......\$1,000.00 (In memory of her brother, Reuben Frick.)

CHINA.

Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Rover, Denver, Col	'500.00
Reuben A. Paules, York, Pa	′500.00
OUTFITS AND PASSAGE MONEY FOR MISSIONARIES.	

Miss Edyth Brightbill, W. M. S. Tohicken Classis, \$300.00 Rev. H. H. Casselman and wife, David Church, Canal Win-

 chester, Ohio
 600.00

 Miss Rebecca N. Messimer, First Church, Sunbury, Pa.
 600.00

 Miss Ruth Ella Hahn, W. W. Anspach, Milton, Pa.
 300.00

 W. M. S. of Reading Classis
 100.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

E. Moshel Memorial Fund......\$500.00

FAMINE IN CHINA.

During the winter of 1910 an awful famine was raging in the Hupeh Province, and many refugees came to Yochow City and were kept from starvation through the efforts of our missionaries and the beneficence of our Church. About three thousand people were fed during a period of three months at an outlay of about three thousand dollars. This act of love on the part of our people at home will not soon be forgotten by the Chinese, nor will we lack for any good thing. While the missionaries in a measure were able to supply the physical needs of the famine sufferers, they did all in their power to minister to their spiritual needs. The sight of thousands of perishing mortals is too dreadful for description.

FINANCES.

The financial statement of the past triennium furnishes at one point only cause for congratulation. There has been an increase in the receipts of \$30.732.34, over the former triennium.

When we closed our accounts on December 31, 1907, there was a deficit of \$64,903,34.

The contributions from all sources, including the apportionments, bequests, annuity bonds and the Seventy Thousand Dollar Thank Offering Fund during the three years ending December 31, 1910, amount to \$295,015.34. The expenses for all purposes during the three years ending December 31, 1910, amount to \$322,738.47, leaving a deficit for the triennium of \$27,723.13.

Adding the deficit of \$64,903.34 at the close of the triennium (1907) to the deficit \$27,723.13, accrued during the triennium ending December 31, 1910, will show a deficit of \$92,626.47.

The receipts for the first four months of 1911 have not been materially in excess of the regular expenses, so that we could make no appreciable reduction of the debt.

It was but reasonable to expect that the amount of the Seventy Thousand Thank Offering Fund pledged would be paid in full; but in this, as with the apportionment, the Board has been sorely disappointed. Over \$12,000 of the Seventy Thousand Thank Offering Fund remains unpaid, and \$76,736.43 of the \$210,000 apportionment. That the regular apportionment of \$70,000 per annum for Foreign Missions, even if it were paid in full, is indequate to provide for the present needs of the work compels the Board to ask for an amount sufficient to prosecute the work according to the will of God and the spirit of the age. A summary of the actual present needs of the Board is as follows:

1. To provide for the estimates of the Japan and China

	missions and the nome administration, we need	0113,130.00
2.	For the payment of the debt	90,500.00
3	For the immediate needs of the Japan Mission	115,000.00

4. For the immediate needs of the China Mission 45,400.00

	to 1912, since the new apportionment will not im-	Э.
	mediately become operative	
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In the light of past experience, and with a knowledge of the present needs of the fields, not to speak of an aggressive movement towards the realization of our aim as a Church, namely, the evangelization of ten millions and the raising of one million dollars per annum, our conscience will not permit us to ask for a less amount of apportionment than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually.

The Board is unanimous in its judgment that as a standard for the conduct of the work the apportionment is wholly unreliable, ineffective and misleading. We have never received the full amount apportioned. That the Board should expect less than the full amount of the apportionment would be a serious reflection on the judgment of the Synod as well as on the loyalty of the Church. We believe the Church is able and willing to do a great deal more for this holy cause, but the methods of reaching the people in use in most congregations have been defective.

That the present per capita plan of apportionment, though it be but a trifle, is an uneven distribution of responsibility, must be evident to every one who will examine into the ability of the members. And by "ability" we mean the spirituality of the people. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so let him give," and so he will give. Whatever amount the Synod may fix as the apportionment, we can never expect to raise it in full until we get the strong churches to help to bear the infirmities of the weak churches, and thus fulfil the law of Christ. What we need to develop in the hearts of all our members is the spirit of thankfulness, and then we shall have joy in our giving where so many find it at present a burden. We ought to adopt the scriptural plan of giving, by everyone, and every week, then there need be no special collection when the call comes for help.

Another defect in our system is the slow, irregular and

unsatisfactory method of remitting the moneys to the Board. Of only about one-half of the churches has the Board any positive proof that they contribute at all to Foreign Missions. The executive officers are working in the dark, for they do not know from the remittances which are usually received in bulk sums, as in the case of some Synods without any designation of even the Classes, and as in the case of Classes without a designation of the congregations, whether the apportionment is paid in full or not. This is due to the method of remittance.

Our German congregations remit directly to the Board, and we are certain that this method has been the means of establishing a closer relation between the Board and the congregations. If this method would prevail in the Church, we are convinced that it would lead to a better state of affairs in our finances.

The Board earnestly requests the Synod to take such action as will insure a more prompt and direct remittance from the treasurer of the congregation to its secretary. The Board further urges the Synod to provide for a separate column to record the amount of the offerings from congregations for Foreign Missions.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

All the accounts of the Board are now kept at headquarters. There has been a change in the system of keeping the books, and the Board is under obligations to one of its members, the Rev. Albert S. Bromer, for his invaluable services in helping to perfect the present improved system.

SPECIAL GIFTS AND REGULAR WORK.

An examination of Exhibit No. 1 of the Financial Statement will disclose the fact that many gifts have come into the treasury from kind friends for special objects. We feel grateful for all such contributions, and yet there is danger lest they will interfere with the income for the regular work. Every year our Missions in Japan and China make out a careful estimate of needs, and the Board approves of the

same. This is done in faith that the members will provide the necessary funds. The first care of the friends of the missionaries should be the raising of the apportionment. With this paid in full, the Board can provide for the actual needs of the work. The result of specifying objects outside of the regular work will seriously hamper the Board in its future operations, and threaten it with a constant debt. The Board is discouraging the appeals of individual missionaries for special objects without the sanction of the Missions, and we kindly urge both the workers in the field and the friends at home to cooperate with us in this matter. In the end it will help to further the work which we all love. This request in no way aims at restraining the gifts of individuals, but it is a plea for their help which we need in advancing the work now in hand. It is the judgment of the Board that our present debt would not be so large had we been privileged to use these specials in the current work.

DEBTS A NECESSARY CONDITION OF PROSPERITY.

Too much stress can be laid on the debt of a Board. We admit, a debt is a serious matter, but no live congregation would permit a debt to stand in the way of its progress. If we only undertake work for which the money is in hand, where is the exercise for a strong faith or for special exertion? In sending his check to redeem his pledge, Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, D. D., of Lewisburg, Pa., adds this sensible opinion, in which all friends of missions will concur:

"I consider debts as one of the needs of our Church Boards, an essential condition of success. If either the Home Board or the Foreign Board attempts to conduct its work on a cash basis, the work, instead of advancing, will begin to shrink to the size of the cash account; and so go on dwindling until missions in our Church, or any other, will be reduced to a skeleton. So, while you should do all you can to keep out of debt, debt is not to be avoided at the expense of progress. I recognize the payment of this debt as a sign of the Church's willingness to back the Boards in their laudable and lawful efforts. I trust that no gratitude for the success

of your plan will lead you to make any rash promises, or give any assurances about avoiding debt in the future. Benevolence in our Church, and every other, needs the pressure of a debt. It is a necessary condition of prosperity."

LOOKING FORWARD,

Though the members of the Board must view their own labors with heartfelt regret on account of many shortcomings, yet it is a comfort to know that the Lord has not withheld His blessing from the work. With the past we are done, but what of the future? Shall the future be only as the past, or shall it record a great advance in the work? "Nothing has been done," says Emerson. "that cannot be better done." He who would live the noblest, act the best, serve the most, must adopt this motto as his ideal. This world of ours is rolling through space with a perpetual, onward motion. Science is never satisfied with its attainments. but it is ever reaching out after new discoveries. Industry busies itself with finding out better ways of doing things. The whole creation travails in pain for the day of its complete redemption. And man, the crown of all, is restless until he attains to the mark of his high calling in Christ Jesus. Great as has been the progress of the ages, grand as are the achievements of all nations, vet the vision is ours that we can do better, and this will lead us on to greater conquests. Let us never be kept in bondage by the retarding idea that our present attainments are our highest; that we have come to the pinnacle of our growth: that we can do no more than others have done for God and our fellow-men. There are no limits to the growth in grace; there are no bounds to our well-doing. As we look up to God and link our lives in fellowship with the Father's life, we know that it does not yet appear what we shall be, but that we shall be like Him for whom the countless millions wait.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board asks the Reverend General Synod to take favorable action on the following:

- 1. That the work of Foreign Missions, as it pertains to the Missions and the Board, be made a special order for earnest prayer and calm study.
- 2. That the Foreign Mission Policy receive such action as shall speedily aid in carrying it out.
- 3. That the Board be encouraged in strengthening the home force, so that it may be able to bring about the best results in the shortest time.
- 4. That congregations, societies and individuals be commended for supporting foreign missionaries, as well as out-stations in Japan and China.
- 5. That the Laymen's Missionary Movement be strongly recommended, and the Board be authorized to adopt such measures as shall make it still more effective in the Church.
- 6. That the Synod instruct the Board in regard to opening a Mission in the Mohammedan world.
- 7. That the Synod give prayerful heed to the immediate larger needs of the Japan and China Missions, and especially to the necessity of providing foreign-built residences for the six out-going missionaries.
- S. That the Synod carefully consider the urgent needs of the Miyagi Girls' School at Sendai; the establishing of a Kindergarten and the Bible Woman's Training School in Japan.
- 9. That the attention of pastors and people be called to the benefits of our Summer Missionary Conferences, and that Mission Study be urged in all our congregations.
- 10. That the "Outlook of Missions" be not only commended, ut that all pastors and people be urged to aid in a great increase of subscribers for this, the missionary organ of the Church.
- 11. That the congregations be encouraged to regularly observe Foreign Mission Day, and to direct that the offerings

shall be sacredly applied to the object specified in the services.

- 12. That the Synod commend the example of the pious dead for remembering the cause of Foreign Missions in their wills.
- 13. That the Annuity Bond be brought anew to the attention of the people.
- 14. That the Synod provide a separate blank for the several benevolent objects of the Church, or, at least, authorize a separate column in the statistical blank for the contributions for Foreign Missions.
- 15. That Synod instruct the congregations to remit all moneys for Foreign Missions direct from the treasurers of the congregations to the Board, and that duplicate receipts be issued by the Board for record with the Classes.
- 16. That the Synod instruct the Classes to appoint a Permanent Committee of three—two ministers and one elder—to be known as the Foreign Mission Committee of the Classis. Of the members elected the first year, one shall serve for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. This committee shall coöperate with the Board of Foreign Missions in its work. Among its duties shall be the promotion of education, prayer and giving. A Manual of the Board will definitely and fully define its specific work. It should be clearly understood that this committee is not to supplant nor to be merged with any other committee, but to be charged with the specific work of promoting Foreign Missions within the Classis.
- 17. That the Synod give further instructions to the Board in regard to the work among the Indians.
- 18. That the Synod give a deliverance on the work by our Church among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast.
- 19. That the Synod commend the erection of chapels in Japan and China by congregations and individuals.
 - 20. That the Station Plan be encouraged.
- 21. That Synod apportion the sum of \$250,000 annually for the work of Foreign Missions.

22. That the Synod elect three additional laymen as members of the Board, two of whom shall serve for six years, and one for three years.

Members Whose Term Expires May, 1911.

Rev. James I. Good, D.D.

Rev. Albert S. Bromer,
Elder John W. Apple, Esq.
Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.,
Elder John K. Bowman.

The Charter of the Board of Foreign Missions.

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 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 doc-

trines, 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 Philadelphia, 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 S. Johnston, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.; Rudolph F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.; William H. Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.

ARTICLE VI. The Board which shall conduct the operations of the corporation shall consist of at least 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 Domino 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, Maryland; George Gelbach, Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE VII. The Board 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 Constitutions of Pennsylvania, or the Constitution of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, DAUPHIN COUNTY, ss:

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 the fourth day of April, Anno Domino one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

John S. Lynch,

(L. S.) Recorder.

And now, to wit, April the twenty-fifth, 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 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 and 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 April, A. D. 1881. Ehrman B. Mitchell,

(L. S.)

Prothonotary ..

DAUPHIN COUNTY, 88:

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.

JOHN S. LYNCH,

(L. S.)

Recorder.

Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions, Revised April 19, 1911.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas the charter of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States grants full power to its members to adopt such Constitution and By-laws as they may deem best for their government and the prosecution of Christian missions in foreign lands, and among the Indians in this country, therefore, we do hereby adopt the following Revised Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

Name.

The name is the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE II.

Object.

The object of the Board shall be to propagate the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the non-Christian world and among the Indians in this country by every means consistent with the doctrines, customs and usages of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

Section 1. The Board shall consist of fifteen members, eight of whom shall be ministers and seven of whom shall be elders.

Section 2. Inasmuch as membership in this Board is a

trust, the faithful discharge of which involves labor and sacrifice, therefore, it is incumbent upon every member to attend the meetings of the Board and Executive Committee as far as possible, and to show by word and deed an abiding interest in the speedy evangelization of the world.

ARTICLE IV.

Organization.

Section 1. The Board shall hold its first meeting as soon as practicable after the regular sessions of the General Synod, and organize by the election, by ballot, of the following officers, viz: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall serve until the election following the next regular meeting of the General Synod. The Board may also appoint such other officers from time to time as the needs of the work may require, at the same time defining their duties. All the elective officers shall be members of the Board. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board and three additional members thereof who shall be chosen by the Board at its first regular meeting after the sessions of the General Synod and who shall serve until the election following the next regular meeting of the General Synod. It shall have the general oversight of all the work, but it shall not in any way create any salaried office, nor shall it increase the salary of any existing officer. Whenever it may be impracticable to convene the entire Board, it shall be endued with all the powers of the same, for the transaction of any urgent business. It shall report to the Board at each meeting: (1) All action that has been taken by the committee; (2) all matters requiring action by the Board.

The President and Secretary of the Board shall be the President and Secretary of the Executive Committee. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. In the event of the death, removal or resignation of any member, the vacancy may be filled at any meeting of the Board, and in all such cases the election shall be for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.

- Section 1. (a) The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Board, and shall perform the usual duties pertaining to his office, and such others as may be imposed upon him by the Board or the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Vice-President shall preside in the absence or inability of the President, and in the absence of both, a President *pro tem*. may be chosen.
- Section 2. (a) The Secretary shall 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 missions, and keep the Board and the Church in touch with the work. He shall keep the files of all letters and papers, shall arrange and bring up all such business as requires the attention of the Board and the Executive Committee, shall audit the accounts of the missionaries, sign all vouchers to the Treasurer, keep a record of all the property of the Board, and affix the seal to such documents as the Board or Executive Committee shall direct.
- (b) He shall receive and receipt for all payments made to the Board, unless the Board shall appoint some other officer for this special work. He shall prepare the report of the Board to the General Synod and present it at the proper time; shall visit, as circumstances may permit, the Synods, Classes and congregations in the interests of the cause; and also the institutions of learning with a view of enlisting young men and women for the foreign field shall take the oversight of such regular publications as may be issued in connection with the work of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as the Board or Executive Committee may from time to time assign to him. 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 Board.

- (c) The Secretary, or the officer authorized to receive the moneys of the Board, shall give a bond in the sum of \$5,000 or such sum as the Board may fix, the expense thereof to be borne by the Board.
- Secretary or other financial officer all moneys paid to the Board, and shall deposit the same in the name and to the credit of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States in such bank or trust company as the Board shall designate; he shall sign all checks for the disbursement of the money of the Board and shall render a true report of the funds, exhibit his check-book, bank-book, vouchers, and securities, at any meeting of the Board or Executive Committee when the same shall be required.
- (b) He shall at all times be authorized to receive for the Board any and all legacies already or hereafter given by will of any person or persons to the Board for the sole use and benefit of the Board whenever payment of the same respectively can be procured; and in all such cases to give receipts or releases for the same under his hand as Treasurer with the corporate seal of the Board affixed thereto and attested by the Secretary.
- (c) Under the supervision of the Finance Committee, he shall have the custody of all notes, bonds, deeds and other evidences of property, and under their direction shall invest the permanent funds of the Board.
- (d) He shall, by and with the advice and written consent of the Finance Committee, be authorized at any time hereafter to procure from any person or persons, corporation or corporations, as he and the Finance Committee may deem best, by the promissory note of the Board, or other obligation or obligations, loans of money to said Board with or without interest, at such rates, and payable on demand or at such times and in such amounts as he and the committee may approve, and in such cases to deposit or transfer such.

bonds or securities as belong to the Board as collateral to the said loans, as he and the committee may deem best, and to affix his signature thereto as Treasurer of the Board, and also the corporate seal of the Board attested by the Secretary when so required. But all notes or other obligation or obligations which the Board or the Finance Committee shall authorize to be given for any purpose shall be countersigned by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary.

- (e) He shall make a complete statement of all receipts and disbursements and of all investments, and of the value of all properties of the missions, to the Board at every annual meeting, and also to the General Synod. At the close of his term of service he shall prepare an itemized statement of all moneys received and disbursed by him, which shall be audited by the Finance Committee and approved.
- (f) He shall give a bond in the sum of \$5,000, or such sum as the Board may fix, the expense thereof to be borne by the Board.

ARTICLE VI.

Committees.

Section 1. The Finance Committee shall consist of three members at least, two of whom shall be elders. The members of the Committee shall be counselors and advisors of the Treasurer in all questions of investment, legacies, negotiations of drafts and procuring of loans, and without their approval he shall not act in the same. They shall provide for the auditing of the books of the Secretary or other financial officer, and Treasurer; watch over the financial interests of the Board and report to the Board or the Executive Committee such matters as may require action. They shall examine all estimates for the annual appropriations of moneys to missions and missionaries and report their judgment regarding the same, and shall perform such other duties as are assigned to them in the section on duties of the Treasurer

Section 2. The Literature Committee shall consist of three members, including the Secretary of the Board. It shall supervise the publication and distribution of such literature as will meet the needs of the Church.

Section 3. The District Committees shall consist of as many members as the Board may agree on. They shall render such service as the Board or its Secretary shall from time to time direct, and report the results of their labors to the Board.

ARTICLE VII.

Meetings.

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held annually on the first Tuesday of March, at the headquarters of the Board.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the Secretary whenever the Executive Committee or the officers may deem it necessary, or on a written request signed by any three members of the Board.

Section 3. Two weeks' written notice of the regular or special meetings of the Board shall be given by the Secretary to all the members.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall hold monthly meetings, except in July and August, at such time and place as it may itself agree on. One week's notice of regular and special meetings shall be sent to each member by the Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.

Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod may appoint two official representatives to attend the meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee, who shall advise with the Board in the appointment of teachers for the Girls' Schools in our Missions.

ARTICLE IX.

Order of Business.

The order of business, both in the Board and in the Executive Committee, shall be as follows:

- 1. Prayer.
- 2. Reading of the minutes for information and report of the Executive Committee to the Board for approval.
 - 3. Statement of the Treasurer.
 - 4. Report of the Finance Committee.
 - 5. Communications and business of the Secretary.
 - 6. Reports of committees.
 - 7. Miscellaneous business.
 - 8. Reading and approval of minutes.
 - 9. Prayer.
 - 10. Adjournment.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments.

The Board may alter or amend the provisions of this Constitution at any meeting thereof, but such alteration or amendment must be proposed at a previous meeting and must be adopted by two-thirds of the members present oting for the same.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS IN TOTALS SHOWING DEFICITS AT THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF THE

TRIENNIUM AS PER THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Jan. 1, 1908.	Deficit	\$64,903.34
Dec. 31, 1908.	Receipts for 1908 97,806.59	
Dec. 31, 1909.	Receipts for 1909 106,743.72	
Dec. 31, 1910.	Receipts for 1910 90,465.03	
Dec. 31, 1908.	Disbursements for 1908	\$103,972.87
Dec. 31, 1909.	Disbursements for 1909	102,283.59
Dec. 31, 1910.	Disbursements for 1910	116,482.01
Dec. 31, 1910.	Deficit\$92,626.47	

\$387,641.81 \$387,641.81

Note.—The debt of the Board on May, 1, 1911, \$90,500.00. (See Exhibit No. 9.)

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

PECEIPTS

	Total, 1908-1910	\$135,513.57 80,017.05	52,658.83* 26,825.89	\$295,015.31	\$172,637.11 98,504.28 51,597.08	\$322,738.47	10 10 M
	1910.	\$49,821.06 31,632.14	2,645.36 6,366.47	\$90,465.03	\$61,097.18 38,855.69 16,529.14	\$116,482.01	\$26,016.98
DECEIFIS.	1909.	\$45,174,24 23,761,34	23,902.34 13,905.80	.59 \$106,743.72	DISBURSEMENTS. \$57,107.06 27,190.18 17,986.35	.87 \$102,283.59	\$4,460.13
	1908.	\$40,518.27 24,623.57	26,111.13 6,553.62	\$97,806.59	\$54,432.87 32,458.41 17,081.59	\$103,972.87	\$6,166.28
		Apportionment Specials.	Seventy-Thousand Thank-Offering Fund Miscellaneous	Totals	Japan Mission	Totals	Balance Deficit

Japan Mission Disbursements for 1908, 1909, 1910, sec The above Summary shows the totals of the receipts and disbursements for each of the years 1908, 1909 and 1910. For itemized statement of the different items refer to Exhibits as follows:

Net Deficit, 1908-1910

China Mission Disbursements for 1908, 1909, 1910, see Home Department for 1908, 1909 and 1910, see Ex-Exhibit No. 5. Exhibit No. 6. nibit No. 7. Receipts for the Seventy-Thousand Thank-Offering Fund, from October, 1907, to December, 1910, itemized separately according to Classes, see Exhibit No. 1. Receipts for 1908, see Exhibit No. 1. Receipts for 1909, see Exhibit No. 2. Receipts for 1910, see Exhibit No. 3. *See note under Exhibit No. 4.

EXHIBIT NO. 1.

RECEIPTS BY CLASSES FOR 1908.

	Apportion-		
EASTERN SYNOD-	ment.	Special.	Total.
East Pennsylvania	\$1,638.91	\$292.80	\$1,931.71
Lebanon	1,412.90	208.66	1,621.56
Philadelphia	2,071.53	918.14	2,989.67
Lancaster	1,278.52	293,60	1,572.12
East Susquehanna	1,044.92	233.59	1,278.51
West Susquehanna	1,629.08	79.44	1,708.52
Tohickon	1,423.47	109.95	1,533,42
Goshenhoppen	2,158.91	321.76	2,480.67
Lehigh	2,328.01	251,46	2,579.47
Schuvlkill	1,153.87	190.89	1,344.76
Wyoming	1,261.12	268.44	1,529.56
Reading	2,005.59	582.89	2,588.48
Miscellaneous		187.03	187.03
		22.000.05	222 217 12
Ohio Synop—	\$19,406.83	\$3,938.65	\$23,345.48
Miami	\$624,52	\$141,48	\$766.00
Lancaster	200.00	148.66	348.66
Tuscarawas	1,481.63	392.10	1,873.73
Tiffin	750.00	371.44	1,121.44
Eastern Ohio	696.00	119.62	815.62
St. Joseph	300.00	266.30	566.30
Miscellaneous		605.00	605.00
Miscenaneous			
	\$4,052,15	\$2,044.60	\$6,006.75
SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST-			
Zion	\$129.76	\$107.46	\$237,22
Sheboygan	101.46	56.24	157.70
Indiana	151.21	272.16	423.37
Milwaukee	70.20	229.16	299.36
Minnesota	143.53	69.60	213.13
Nebraska	173.43	348.66	522.09
Ursinus	180.75	93.50	274.25
Missouri	119.62	160.61	280.23
Chicago	46.52	56.25	102.77
South Dakota	121.58	37.42	159.00
Portland-Oregon	312.80	264,66	577.46
Manitoba	20.25	2.00	22.25
Kentucky	103.08	64,90	167.98
Miscellaneous		31.00	31.00
	\$1,674.19	\$1,793.62	\$3,467.81

PITTSBURG SYNOD	\$5,050.00	\$637.40	\$5,687.40
Westmoreland	80.00	86.28	166.28
Clarion		17.00	17.00
Somerset		32.19	32.19
Allegheny		75.67	75.67
Hungarian		1.50	1.50
	\$5,130.00	\$850.04	\$5,980.04
POTOMAC SYNOD—			
Zion's	\$794.87	\$223,31	\$1,018.18
Maryland	2,168.17	443.40	2,611.57
Mercersburg	796,65	1,599.49*	2,396.14
Virginia	675.00	97.28	772.28
North Carolina	612.87	72.89	685,76
Gettysburg	350.00	37.00	387.00
Carlisle	526.84	88.22	615.06
Juniata	1,381.74	692,17	2,073.91
	\$7,306.14	\$3,253.76	10,559.90
GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST—			
New York	\$171.40	\$54,66	\$226,06
West New York	39.96	412.46	452,42
German Philadelphia	333.40	231.63	565.03
German Maryland	95.50	49.00	144.50
	\$640.26	\$747.75	\$1,388.01
CENTRAL SYNOD-			
Erie	\$298.78	\$255,86	\$554.64
Heidelberg	800.57	1,673.88	2,474.45
St. John's	120.04	1,486.13	1,606.17
Cincinnati	86.20	186,53	272,73
Toledo	168.25	131.78	300.03
	\$1,473.84	\$3,734.18	\$5,208.02
SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR	\$834.86	\$105.00	\$939.86
Illinois		13.33	13.33
Iowa		45.12	45.12
Kansas		72.98	72.98
Lincoln		10.00	10.00
	\$834.86	\$246,43	\$1,081.29

^{*} Includes Mercersburg Academy, \$1,500.

GENERAL SYNOD— Woman's Missionary Society	\$8,014.54	\$8,014.54
Miscellaneous-		
Bequests	\$4,029.31	\$4,029,31
Interest on Invested Legacies	480.50	480.50
Literature	29.62	29.62
McCauley-Hoke Memorial Fund	500.00	500.00
Annuity Bonds	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interest on Bank Deposits	14.19	14,19
	\$6,553.62	\$6,553.62
\$70,000 Thank Offering Fund	. \$26,111.13	\$26,111.13
Recapitulation—		
Eastern Synod\$19,406.83	\$3,938.65	\$23,345.48
Ohio Synod 4,052.15	2,044.60	6,096,75
Synod of the Northwest 1,674.19	1,793.62	3,467.81
Pittsburg Synod 5,130.00	850.04	5,980.04
Potomac Synod	3,253,76	10,559.90
German Synod of the East 640.26	747.75	1,388,01
Central Synod	3,734.18	5,208.02
Synod of the Interior 834.86	246,43	1,081,29
W. M. S., General Synod	8,014,54	8,014.54
Miscellaneous	6,553,62	6,553.62
\$70,000 Thank Offering Fund	26,111.13	26,111.13
\$40,518,27	\$57,288.32	\$97,806.59

EXHIBIT NO. 2.

RECEIPTS BY CLASSES FOR 1909.

Apportion-

Eastern Synop—	ment.	Special,	Total.
East Pennsylvania	\$2,237.00	\$151.34	\$2,388,34
Lebanon	852,72	206.48	1,059,20
Philadelphia	1,867.08	1,010.83	2,877.91
Lancaster	2,050.88	492.85	2,543.73
East Susquehanna	1,716.00	392.38	2,108.38
West Susquehanna	1,529.03	192,92	1,721.95
Tohickon	1,663.10	125.02	1,788.12
Goshenhoppen	2,075.35	256.18	2,331.53
Lehigh	3,307,64	313.78	3,621.42
Schuylkill	1,155.98	99.61	1,255.59
Wyoming	1,559.08	561.20	2,120.28
Reading	2,361,26	362.14	2,723.40
Miscellaneous	2,001.20	68.84	68.84
Miscenaneous			
	\$22,375.12	\$4,233.57	\$26,608.69
Ohio Synod—			
Miami	\$960.49	\$248.07	\$1,208.56
Lancaster	164.00	392.61	556,61
Tuscarawas	2,135.26	674.33	2,809.59
Tiffin	1,075.00	336,92	1,411.92
Eastern Ohio	723.95	82,27	806.22
St. Joseph	550.00	119.14	669.14
Miscellaneous	24.00	100.54	124.54
SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST—	\$5,632.70	\$1,953.88	\$7,586.58
Zion	\$160.00	\$187.82	\$347.82
Sheboygan	108.55	73.97	182.52
Indiana	185.28	120,40	305.68
Milwaukee	52,22	149.20	201.42
Minnesota	63.00	64.25	127.25
Nebraska	206.05	132.39	338.44
Ursinus	86.66	115.45	202.11
Missouri	152,51	141.35	293.86
Chicago	13,25	524.00	537.25
South Dakota	133.04	46.54	179.58
Portland-Oregon	331,10	141.70	472.80
Manitoba	44.00	8.50	52.50
Kentucky	69.87	129.95	199.82
Miscellaneous		35.75	35.75
	\$1,605.53	\$1,871.27	\$3,476.80

PITTSBURG SYNOD	\$4,550.00	\$887.89	\$5,437.89
Westmoreland		251.40	251.40
Clarion		293.17	293.17
St. Paul		46.08	46.08
Allegheny		197.26	197.26
Hungarian		1.50	1.50
Trungarian			1.00
	\$4,550.00	\$1,677.30	\$6,227.30
POTOMAC SYNOD-			
Zion's	\$983,44	\$481.73	\$1,465.17
Maryland	2,284.11	319.01	2,603,12
Mercersburg	1,098.19	689.38*	1,787.57
Virginia	650.00	126.60	776.60
North Carolina	530.11	113.35	643,46
Gettysburg	650.00	22.00	672.00
Carlisle	771.55	134.58	906.13
Juniata	1,616.43	691,33	2,307.76
	\$8,583.83	\$2,577.98	\$11,161.81
GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST-			
New York	\$121.00	\$222.98	\$343.98
West New York	95,20	135.22	230.42
German Philadelphia	263.39	205.80	469.19
German Maryland	65.00	122.68	187.68
	\$544.59	\$686.68	\$1,231.27
Central Synod—			
Erie	\$107.73	\$290.91	\$398.64
Heidelberg	462.42	574.54	1,036.96
St. John's	258.83	402.40	661.23
Cincinnati	138.82	202.50	341.32
Toledo	146.25	274.35	420.60
Miscellaneous	18.31	10.50	28.81
	\$1,132.36	\$1,755.20	\$2,887.56
SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR	\$718.11	\$69.92	\$788.03
Illinois		75.36	75.36
Iowa		75.64	75.64
Kansas	10.00	144.67	154.67
Wichita		8.70	8.70
Lincoln	22.00	32.21	54,21
	\$750.11	\$406,50	\$1,156.61

^{*} Includes Mercersburg Academy \$400.

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General Synod— Woman's Missionary Society		\$8,598.96	\$8,598 .96
Miscellaneous—			
Bequests		\$12,866.50	\$12,866.50
Interest on Invested Legacies		507.00	507.00
Literature		149.98	149.98
For Special Objects		382,32	382,32
		\$13,905.80	\$13,905.80
\$70,000 Thank Offering Fund		\$23,902.34	\$23,902.34
RECAPITULATION—			
Eastern Synod\$	22,375.12	\$ 4,233.57	\$26,608.69
Ohio Synod	5,632.70	1,953.88	7,586.58
Synod of the Northwest	1,605.53	1,871.27	3,476.80
Pittsburg Synod	4,550.00	1,677.30	6,227.30
Potomac Synod	8,583.83	2,577.98	11,161.81
German Synod of the East	544.59	686.68	1,231.27
Central Synod	1,132.36	1,755.20	2,887.56
Synod of the Interior	750.11	406.50	1,156.61
W. M. S., General Synod		8,598.96	8,598.96
Miscellaneous		13,905.80	13,905.80
\$70,000 Thank Offering Fund		23,902.34	23,902.34
\$	45,174.24	\$61,569.48	\$106,743.72

EXHIBIT NO. 3.

RECEIPTS BY CLASSES FOR 1910.

	Apportion-		
Eastern Synod—	ment.	Special.	Total.
East Pennsylvania	\$2,198.00	\$379.39	\$2,577.39
Lebanon	1,785.82	265.82	2,051.64
Philadelphia	2,365.42	1,072.79	3,438.21
Lancaster	2,232,25	988.89	3,221.14
East Susquehanna	1,472.47	851.21	2,323.68
West Susquehanna	1,435.95	295.39	1,731.34
Tohickon	1,400.95	270.90	1,671.85
Goshenhoppen	1,921.58	229.16	2,150.74
Lehigh	2,172.00	222.60	2,394.60
Schuylkill	1,174.06	112.15	1,286.21
Wyoming	1,436.25	382.68	1,818.93-
Reading	3,566.89	1,793.40	5,360.29
Miscellaneous		616.10	616.10
	\$23,161.64	\$7,480.48	\$30,642.12

OHIO SYNOD-			
Miami	\$1,167.75	\$313.12	\$1,480.87
Lancaster	497.00	335.91	832,91
Tuscarawas	1,465.00	1,407.38	2,872.38
Tiffin	1,160.00	151.99	1,311.99
Eastern Ohio	1,126.50	179.47	1,305.97
St. Joseph	560.00	195.38	755.38
Miscellaneous		75.42	75.42
	\$5,976.25	\$2,658.67	\$8,634.92
SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST-			
Zion	\$382.73	\$203.37	\$586.10
Sheboygan	184.02	40.45	224.47
Indiana	290.97	126.37	417.34
Milwaukee	179.95	255.21	435.16
Minnesota	91.37	75.10	166,47
Nebraska	229.04	258.16	487.20
Ursinus	159.63	31.00	190.63
Missouri	274.85	172.70	447.55
Chicago	20.64	21.45	42.09
South Dakota	321.11	40.00	361.11
Portland-Oregon	474.51	182.88	657.39
Manitoba	33.50	12.80	46.30
Kentucky	151.34	160.00	311.34
Miscellaneous	66.58		66.58
	\$2,860.24	\$1,579.49	\$4,439.73
PITTSBURG SYNOD	\$5,229.34	\$1,677.50	\$6,906.84
Westmoreland		237.75	237.75
Clarion		226.97	226,97
St. Paul		45.00	45.00
Somerset		11.00	11.00
Allegheny		100.06	100.06
Hungarian		68.80	68.80
	\$5,229.34	\$2,367.08	\$7,596.42
POTOMAC SYNOD—	81 079 CO	£477 91	21 750 01
Zion's		\$477.31	\$1,750.91 2,949.49
Maryland		904,24	2,949.49
Mercersburg		1,313.52* 200.84	2,073.07 806.84
Virginia		178.66	755.95
North Carolina		52.50	617.50
Gettysburg			1,227.78
Carlisle		392,76 575,25	2,159.48
o umata ,		\$4,095.08	\$12,341.02
	\$8,245.94	\$4,095.08	512,541.02

^{*} Includes Mercersburg Academy, \$950.

GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST-			
New York	\$215.00	\$97.40	\$312.40
West New York	237.40	229.36	466.76
German Philadelphia	503,27	91.36	594.63
German Maryland	72.00	95.75	167.75
	\$1,027.67	\$513.87	\$1,541.54
CENTRAL SYNOD—			
Erie	\$404.32	\$299.31	\$703.63
Heidelberg	1,169.29	625.21	1,794.50
St. John's	436.63	609.54	1,046.17
Cincinnati	172.99	308.87	481.86
Toledo	277.48	180.65	458.13
	\$2,460.71	\$2,023.58	\$4,484.29
SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR	\$859.27	\$25.22	\$884.49
Illinois		111.10	111.10
Iowa		107.90	107.90
Kansas		268.53	268.53
Wichita		20.23	20.23
Lincoln		11.00	11.00
	\$859.27	\$543.98	\$1,403.25
General Synod— Woman's Missionary Society .		\$10,369.91	\$10,369.91
Miscellaneous-			
Bequests		\$3,612.26	\$3,612.26
Interest on Invested Legacies		495.79	495.79
Literature		224.89	224.89
Annuity Bonds		2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest on Bank Balance		33,53	33.53
		\$6,366.47	\$6,366.47
\$70,000 Thank Offering Fund		\$2,645.36	\$2,645.36
RECAPITULATION-			
Eastern Synod	\$23,161.64	\$7,480.48	\$30,642.12
Ohio Synod	5,976.25	2,658.67	8,634.92
Synod of the Northwest	2,860.24	1,579.49	4,439.73
Pittsburg Synod	5,229.34	2,367.08	7,596.42
Potomae Synod	8,245.94	4,095.08	12,341.02
German Synod of the East	1,027.67	513.87	1,541.54
Central Synod	2,460.71	2,023.58	4,484.29
Synod of the Interior	859.27	543.98	1,403.25
W. M. S., General Syncd		10,369.91	10,369.91
Miscellaneous		6,366.47	6,366.47
\$70,000 Thank Offering Fund	l	2,645.36	2,645.36
	\$49,821.06	\$40,643.97	\$90,465.03

EXHIBIT NO. 4.

RECEIPTS FOR THE SEVENTY THOUSAND THANK OFFERING FUND BY CLASSES, FROM OCTOBER, 1907, TO DECEMBER, 1910.

Eastern Synod—		
East Pennsylvania	\$2,479.09	
Lebanon	1,381.68	
Philadelphia	2,838.90	
Lancaster	2,199.44	
East Susquehanna	927.95	
West Susquehanna	1,697.93	
Tohickon	1,220.53	
Goshenhoppen	1,457.73	
Lehigh	1,034.90	
Schuylkill	385.00	
Wyoming	1,030.00	
Reading	2,588.03	
Miscellaneous	285.00	
		\$19,526.18
Ohio Synod—		
Miami	\$1,265.26	
Lancaster	659.85	
Tuscarawas	1,232.88	
Tiffin	771.37	
Eastern Ohio	808.63	
St. Joseph	457,55	
Miscellaneous	278.50	
		\$5,474.04
Synod of the Northwest—		
Zion's	\$443.67	
Sheboygan	228,57	
Indiana	491.50	
Milwaukee	872.75	
Minnesota	222.60	
Nebraska	707.81	
Ursinus	601.71	
Missouri	624.00	
Chicago	129.55	
South Dakota	308.00	
Portland-Oregon	397.00	
Manitoba	35,00	
Kentucky	171.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
		\$5,283.16

PITTSBURG SYNOD-		
Westmoreland	\$1,900.73	-
Clarion	586.72	1
St. Paul	354,25	1/1
Scmerset	450.00	KI.
Allegheny	580.82	
POTOMAC SYNOD—		\$3,872.52
Zion's	\$1,155.00	
Maryland	2,237.02	
Virginia	842.50	
Mercersburg	978.55	
North Carolina	540.28	
Gettysburg	399.00	
Carlisle	740.00	
Juniata	1,216.10	
GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST—		\$8,108.45
New York	\$1,025.00	
West New York	740.50	
German Philadelphia	983.00	
German Maryland	341.50	
CENTRAL SYNOD—		\$3,090.00
Erie	\$552.70	
Heidelberg	1,445.59	
St. John's	1,408.70	
Cincinnati	594.25	
Toledo	384.35	
Miscellaneous	79.35	
SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR—		\$4,464.94
Illinois	\$285.00	
Iowa	427.69	
Kansas	436.75	
Wichita	90.00	
Lincoln	81.00	
Unclassified—		\$1,320.44
W. M. S., General Synod	\$667.85	
Mercersburg Academy	700.00	
Bequest of Rev. B. Bausman, D. D	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	356.25	
		\$6,724.10

NOTE.—Comparing the above total, \$57,863.83, with the total amount for the \$70,000 Thank Offering Fund, as given in the Summary of Receipts for 1908, 1909 and 1910, it will be observed that there is a difference of \$5,205.00. This is explained as follows: Of this amount, \$205 was received during the year 1907, and the five-thousand-dollar bequest of Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., has been applied to the above fund, thus making the total amount \$57,863.83.

EXHIBIT NO. 5.

JAPAN MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

,			
	1908.	1909.	1910.
Missionaries' Salaries\$	14,811.97	\$13,688.00	\$13,959.75
Missionaries' Salaries paid while			
on furlough	5,109.68	6,281,16	6,363,62
North Japan College	8,011.50	7,863.25	8,065.00
Miyagi Girls' School	3,070.27	3,355.75	3,663,38
Evangelistic Fund	6,943.64	7,834.72	7,699.33
Bible Woman's Fund	1,630.17	1,814.98	1,901.68
Incidental and Chapel Fund	2,535.68	1,733.49	2,845,23
Taxes	811.43	750,26	618.96
Insurance	406.33	399.01	418.60
	400.00	999.01	413.00
Miscellaneous Incidentals:			
Personal Teachers	1,534.79	1,455.31	1,374.70
Medical Attendance, etc	493.18	966.79	402.21
House Repairs	1,163.83	882.14	676.71
Travel, etc.	1,202.90	854.53	851.53
Rent	710.00	56,25	150.00
Travel: To and from Japan	1,652.69	5,046.83	3,351,12
Mission Incorporation	120.85	137.97	145.37
Business Office	113.91	98.61	102.99
Kita Kaji Machi Property	2,104.36	195.64	
Fukushima Property	1,259.08	2,740.92	
Kita Nibancho House	400.00		1,750.00
Koishikawa Chapel		400.00	250.00
Wakamatsu Property			6,292,40
Outfit Expenses—New Mission-		• • • • •	0,202,10
aries		1,200.00	300.00
Loss on Exchange	244.39	377.08	
Miscellaneous Specials	125.00	47.27	275.00
Miscertaneous opeciais	125.00		
\$	54,455.65	\$58,179.96	\$61,457.58
Less miscellaneous amounts refund	led		
to the Mission Treasurer, in-			
cluding Profit on Exchange,			
Interest on Bank Balance,			
etc., which cannot be credited			
to any particular appropria-			
tion, but for which the Mission			
has received credit	22,78	1,072.90	260 10
nas received credit	22,18	1,072.90	360.40
8	54,432.87	\$57,107.06	\$61,097.18

EXHIBIT NO. 6.

CHINA MISSION DISBURSEMENTS.

YOCHOW STATION.

	1908.	1909.	1910.
Missionaries' Salaries	\$8,549.91	\$9,447.21	\$7,470.00
Missionaries' Salaries, paid while			
on furlough	975.00	1,010.00	2,600.02
Boys' School	2,070.63	1,720.75	2,068.75
Girls' School	759.02	641.50	945.39
Girls' School Building			6,733.22
Hoy Memorial Hospital	1,129.50	895.00	977.50
Evangelistic Work	730.00	1,100.00	1,150.00
Bible Woman's Fund	117.50	180.00	460.00
Personal Teachers	300.00	300.00	300.00
Insurance	262.50	200.00	200.00
Incidentals	162.50	150.00	150.00
Repairs—Lakeside Property	200.00	200.00	200.00
Repairs—Yochow Property	200.00	200.00	200.00
Travel	137.50	150.00	150.00
Gatekeeper	30.00	30.00	30.00
Travel: To and from China	2,740.31	248.00	1,986.50
Outfit Expenses	900.00		
Famine Fund		275.00	2,140.35
Loss on Exchange	546.04		
Miscellaneous Specials	50.00	100.75	140.00
:	\$19,860.41	\$16,848.21	\$27,901.73

SHENCHOWFU STATION.

	1908.	1909.	1910.
Missionaries' Salaries	\$5,895.98	\$3,816.00	\$3,366.66
Missionaries' Salaries paid while			
on furlough		1,404.00	1,500.00
Boys' School	500.00	712,50	387.50
Girls' School	637.50	420.00	350.00
Hośpital Maintenance	2,682.02	1,507.47	500.00
Evangelistic Work	247.50	300.00	350.00
Bible Woman's Fund	60.00	150.00	60.00
Personal Teachers	200.00	150.00	125.00
Insurance	237.50	400.00	350.00
Incidentals	137.50	150.00	125.00
Repairs	175.00	200.00	325.00
Travel	175.00	300.00	275.00
Gatekeeper	50.00	50.00	50.00
Travel: To and from China	1,600.00	400.00	1,939.80
Outfit Expenses		300.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Specials		82.00	250.00
Street Chapel			500.00
	\$12,598.00	\$10,341.97	\$10,953.96
RECAP	ITULATION.		
Yochow Station	\$19,860.41	\$16,848.21	\$27,901.73
Shenchowfu Station	12,598.00	10,341.97	10,953.96
	32,458.41	\$27,190.18	\$38,855.69

EXHIBIT NO. 7. HOME DEPARTMENT.

Administration:	1908.	1909.	1910.
Salaries of Officers	\$2,300.02	\$3,425.03	\$3,941.68
(Assistant Secretary since April 1,			
1909, and Field Secretary since December 1, 1910.)			
Office Expenses	2,656.20	2,580,24	2,381,95
(Including Stenographer, Account-			
ant, Postage, Rent, etc.)			
Expenses of Board and Executive Committee Meetings	463.54	574.39	333.06
Cablegrams	363,29	289.14	
Office Fixtures and Furniture	33.30	179.60	
	\$5,816.35	\$7,048,40	\$6,968,75
Educational:			
Traveling Expenses of Missionaries			
on Furlough, visiting Synods,			
Classes and Churches, Launching of Laymen's Missionary	1,763.22	1,522.61	1,270.78
Movement and Convention Har-			
risburg (part expense)		1,146.53	
Young People's Missionary Confer-			
ence at Mount Gretna (deficit)			27.84
Mission Study Department			36.55
Interest: Interest on Loans	4,065.16	3,927.97	4,587.19
Interest on Annuity Bonds	363.44	391.00	416.00
LITERATURE:			
Triennial Report (1908) and other			
Publications	2,357.26	456.72	574.29
Foreign Mission Day Service Outlook of Missions	1,813.82	1,977.90 1,093.92	1,494.44
		1,000.02	000.00
Miscellaneous: Contribution towards Anglo-Ameri-			
can Work		75.00	75.00
McCauley-Hoke Memorial Fund	500.00		
(See Invested Funds.)			
Mission Study Canvasser German Translator	200.00 50.00	150.00 50.00	150.00
Sundries	152.34	71.30	138.30
Medical Examiner		25.00	15.00
Administrator's Fee		50.00	
Miss Gertrude M. Cogan			175.00
	317,081.59	\$17,986.35	\$16,529,14

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EXHIBIT NO. 8.

GENERAL STATEMENT, BY SYNODS, SHOWING NUMBER OF COMMUNICANTS; AMOUNTS APPORTIONED, PAID AND UNPAID.

			Paid o	Paid on Apportionment.	ament.		
SYNODS.	Communi- cants.	Apportioned tioned 1908–1910.	1908.	1909.	1910.	Paid 1908–1910.	Paid Unpaid 1908–1910, 1908–1910.
Eastern	125,000	\$89,400.00		\$19,406.83 \$22,375.12 \$23,161.64	\$23,161.64	\$64,943.59	\$24,456.41
Ohio	30,110	21,750.00	4,052.15	5,632.70	5,976.25	15,661.10	6,088.90
Northwest	26,363	17,400.00	1,674.19	1,605.53	2,860.24		11,260.04
Pittsburg	23,666	18,900.00	5,130.00	4,550.00	5,229.34		3,990.66
Potomac	46,436	32,550.00	7,306.14	8,583.83	8,245.94	24,135.91	8,414.09
German East	17,487	12,300.00	640.26	544.59	1,027.67	2,212.52	10,087.48
Central	23,965	17,100.00	1,473.84	1,132.36	2,460.71	5,066.91	12,033.09
Interior	4,089	2,850.00	834.86	750.11	859.27	2,444.24	405.76
W. M. S. of General Synod							- 0
McCauley-Hoke Memorial Fund.							
Bequests							
Annuity Bonds	:						
Interest, Literature, etc							
\$70,000 Thank Offering Fund							:
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	297,116		\$40,518.27	\$45,174.24	\$49,821.06	212,250.00 \$40,518.27 \$45,174.24 \$49,821.06 1135,513.57 \$76,736.43	\$76,736.43

EXHIBIT NO. 8.—CONCLUDED.

		Specials.		Total	J.	Total Receipts.	ts.	
SYNODS.	1908.	1909.	1910.	Specials 1908–1910	1908.	1909.	1910.	Total 1908–1910
Eastern	\$3,938.65	\$4,233.57	\$7,480.48	87,480.48 \$15,652.70 \$23,345.48 \$26,608.69 \$30,642.12 \$80,596.29	\$23,345.48	\$26,608.69	\$30,642.12	\$80,596.29
Ohio	2,044.60	1,953.88	2,658.67	6,657.15	6,657.15 6,096.75	7,586.58	8,634.92	8,634.92 22,318.25
Northwest	1,793.62	1,871.27	1,579.49		3,467.81			11,384.34
Pittsburg	850.04	1,677.30	2,367.08	4,894.42	5,980.04	6,227.30		19,803.76
Potomac	3,253.76	2,577.98	4,095.08		10,559.90	11,161.81	12,341.02	34,062.73
German East	747.75	89.989	513.87	1,948.30	1,388.01	1,231.27	1,541.54	4,160.82
Central	3,734.18	1,755.20	2,023.58	7,512.96	5,208.02	2,887.56	4,484.29	12,579.87
Interior	246.43	406.50	543.98	1,196.91	1,081.29	1,156.61	1,403.25	3,641.15
W. M. S., General Synod		:			8,014.57	8,598.96	10,369.91	26,983.41
McCauley-Hoke Mem. Fund	:	:		:	500.00			500.00
Bequests	:	:			4,029.31	12,866.50	3,612.26	20,508.07
Annuity Bonds	:	:		:	1,500.00	:	2,000.00	3,500.00
Interest, Literature, etc	:	:			524.31	1,039.30	754.21	2,317.82
\$70,000 Thank Offering Fund	:	:		:	26,111.13	23,902.34	2,645.36	52,658.83

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EXHIBIT NO. 9.

OUR PRESENT LOANS.

Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due May 16, 1911	\$1,000.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due May 21, 1911	5,000.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due June 9, 1911	2,000.00
Note, at three months, payable at bank, due June 10, 1911	2,500.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due June 16, 1911	7,000.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due June 19, 1911	5,000.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due June 27, 1911	5,000.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due July 7, 1911	4,500.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due July 7, 1911	5,000.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due July 24, 1911	5,000.00
Note, at ninety days, payable at bank, due July 28, 1911	2,800.00
Note, at six months, payable at bank, due October 15, 1911.	25,000.00
Note, at six months, payable at bank, due October 27, 1911	1,500.00
Note, Individual, payable on demand	10,000.00
Note, Individual, payable on demand	1,500.00
Note, Individual, payable on demand	5,000.00
Note, Individual, payable on demand	1,000.00
Note, Individual, payable on demand	1,000.00
Note, Individual, payable on demand	500.00
Note, Individual, payable on demand	200.00

\$90,500.00

Note.—Two of the above notes, one of \$5,000.00 and the other of \$1,000.00, will be gifts to the Board at the death of the holders thereof.

EXHIBIT NO. 10. STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS BY MONTHS FROM 1900-1910.

	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
January	\$3,883.33	\$3,304.67	\$2,299.52	\$3,684.66	\$3,658.86
February	1,509.17	2,256.92	2,678.19	8,100.55	3,207.74
March	1,702.63	1,487.00	3,097.84	5,119.06	6,156.32
April	3,829.99	00.698,9	13,916.73	4,995.81	13,699.56
May	8,340.48	7,812.37	7,123.80	12,940.54	12,900.51
June	2,642.56	1,768.65	1,999.38	5,397.69	2,949.74
July	3,386.63	2,724.18	2,849.24	3,060.99	5,484.14
August	1,554.62	1,033.25	1,524.27	3,149.44	1,471.85
September	1,900.48	2,700.71	3,397.75	2,119.16	3,261.23
October	2,341.28	2,345.00	5,817.31	6,851.93	4,866.25
November	1,439.68	3,649.83	3,814.52	4,474.01	6,361.90
December	811.47	2,808.31	6,826.93	6,526.32	5,602.68
	\$33,342.32	\$38,759.89	\$55,345.48	\$66,420.16	\$69,620.78

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	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.
January	\$5,164.26	\$6,971.94	\$4,415.05	\$5,123.76	\$7,437.58	\$6,425.58
February	6,345.64	8,758.17	11,238.24	6,901.85	8,709.23	8,800.64
March	10,081.70	11,778.61	8,499.87	6,954.59	7,747.78	7,393.53
April	10,323.99	8,546.28	15,895.50	16,832.45	14,740.78	17,663.88
May	13,652.91	12,816.03	16,435.06	12,009.47	17,357.96	10,759.60
June	7,618.36	5,991.36	7,537.09	10,585,67	7,381.63	3,810.54
July	3,786.52	2,576.42	3,119.50	5,359.79	3,777.33	6,791.26
August	3,408.85	2,891.17	2,718.77	2,039.79	4,945.07	2,752.96
September	2,062.49	3,991.57	3,407.52	6,267.11	3,233.57	5,102.40
October	4,651.18	11,462.75	11,040.48	10,430.83	9,857.95	9,024.16
November	9,959.61	3,431.61	5,802.16	9,918.92	17,535.03	5,280.11
December	3,996.40	7,915.38	6,196.04	5,382.36	4,019.81	6,660.37
	\$81,051.91	\$87,131.29	\$96,305.28	\$97,806.59	\$106,743.72	\$90,465.03

RECORD OF BEQUESTS.

The following bequests were given without condition, and have been consumed in the work, viz:

Aug. 18, 1861.	Bequest of Geo. P. Cook	\$265.00
Feb. 27, 1865.	Bequest of Eliza Brownback	100.00
Nov. 19, 1885.	Bequest of Mrs. Amanda Dietzler	200.00
Sept. 11, 1886.	Bequest of John Henry Bookhold	150.00
Feb. 9, 1887.	Bequest of Mrs. Annie K. Uhler	950.00
Mar. 28, 1891.	Bequest of Daniel Eberhard	500.00
June 15, 1891.	Bequest of Elder Daniel Brosier	1,000.00
July 13, 1892.	Bequest of Elder Henry Wirt	1,000.00
Dec. 26, 1892.	Bequest of John Grossham	30.00
May 18, 1893.	Bequest of Sarah Gutelius	50.00
July 3, 1893.	Bequest of Jacob and John Kinsey	952.50
Oct. 6, 1893.	Bequest of "Bolender" Estate	400.00
Jan. 6, 1894.	Bequest of Miss Louise Benner	500.00
Mar. 31, 1894.	Bequest of Christian Spriny	100.00
Oct. 9, 1894.	Bequest of Jesse Gery	952.50
May 9, 1895.	Bequest of Otis and Catharine Barnet	300.00
Mar. 9, 1896.	Bequest of John D. Hottel	234.30
Jan. 7, 1897.	Legacy Andrew K. Swartz	1,000.00
Feb. 16, 1897.	Legacy Mrs. Catharine Erkhardt	100.00
June 19, 1897.	Legacy Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz	75.00
Dec. 14, 1897.	Legacy Mrs. Elizabeth Reidel, deathbed be-	
	quest	50.00
Feb. 10, 1898.	Legacy Jesse Oberly	4,125.00
July 25, 1898.	Legacy Agnes Shultz	50.00
April 15, 1899.	Legacy Otis Barnet	2,000.00
Sept. 29, 1899.	Legacy Nancy Crook	400.00
Oct. 27, 1899.	Donation Matilda Craig	500.00
Oct. 31, 1899.	Legacy Otis Barnet, in full	1,887.18
Jan. 9, 1900.	Legacy S. H. Bibighaus	1,756.61
April 16, 1900.	Legacy Malinda M. Acker	500.00
May 14, 1900.	Legacy Samuel H. Bibighaus	263.67
July 14, 1900.	Legacy Samuel H. Bibighaus	531.55
Aug. 31, 1900.	Legacy Sarah Musick	1,000.00
Sept. 29, 1900.	Legacy Lydia Hoy	210.50
Dec. 14, 1900.	Legacy Lydia Weaver, part	83.33
Feb. 19, 1901.	Legacy Henry Brown	869.66
Feb. 26, 1901.	Dying bequest, daughter of Elder C. W. Truxel	
April 6, 1901.	Legacy T. O. Hines	473.00 500.00
April 22, 1901.	Donation Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman, first.	120.00
June 29, 1901.	Legacy Annie Beamer	500.00
Sept. 16, 1901.	Donation Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman, second	
Nov. 16, 1901.	Legacy Samuel H. Bibighaus	2,445.75

Dec.	20, 1901.	Legacy Bernard Kohl	\$100.00
	8, 1902.	Legacy Frederick Storkmeier	250.00
	22, 1902.	Legacy Herman Osthoff	25.00
	27, 1902,	Legacy Lydia Weaver, in full	80.48
	21, 1902.	Legacy M. J. Brinker	1,498.50
	14, 1902.	Bequest of Mrs. Lizzie Hobson	10.00
	16, 1902.	Bequest of Fredericka Sunderman	941.40
	27, 1902.	Legacy Mary J. Brinker	149.99
	31, 1902.	Bequest of Frederick Boch, Jr	5.00
		Legacy of Annie Beamer	200.00
Jan.	16, 1903.	Legacy Henry Brown	95.00
	23, 1904.	Legacy Henry Brown	1,822.50
May	27, 1904.	Legacy John W. Oberly	100.00
Aug.	9, 1904.	Legacy Simon Stockmeier	25.00
Feb.	1, 1905.	Legacy Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D.	300.00
Mar.	17, 1905.	Legacy J. G. W. Heyman	25.00
May	12, 1905.	Bequest of Maj. Sidney M. Finger	500.00
June	6, 1905.	Bequest of George G. Heilman	500.00
June	26, 1905.	Bequest of John and Mary Luthi	25.00
Aug.	28, 1905.	Bequest of Joseph Warman	65.00
Nov.	24, 1905.	Bequest of Mrs. Rebecca G. Shoemaker	100.00
Nov.	28, 1905.	Bequest of Elder Philip Hocker	10.00
Mar.	1, 1906.	Bequest of Mrs. Ellen Hefright	1,448.16
Mar.	23, 1906.	Bequest of Elder Charles J. Schaeffer	250.00
Mar.	30, 1906.	Bequest of Mrs. Margaretta Lienkaemper	25.00
April	25, 1906.	Bequest of Mrs. Adelaide Dix	25.00
Oct.	8, 1906.	Bequest of N. B. Schmitt	7,000.00
Nov.	21, 1906.	Bequest of Louis F. Worthman	100.00
Jan.	16, 1907.	Bequest of Mrs. Anna C. Farnum	50.00
Jan.	17, 1907.	Bequest of Frederick J. Naly	703.79
Mar.	20, 1907.	Bequest of Morris Peterman	95.25
May	2, 1907.	Bequest of Samuel Stauffer	190.00
	10, 1907.	Bequest of Miss A. E. Meyers	25.00
June	3, 1907.	Bequest of Miss Rebecca Potts	54.8 0
June	8, 1907.	Bequest of Mrs. Susan Mowry	47.50
	24, 1907.	Legacy Mrs. Mary A. Gosler (in her life time)	50.00
	22, 1907.	Bequest of Rev. Herman Rust, D. D	500.00
July	31, 1907.	Bequest of Mrs. Henry Best	10.00
	9, 1907.	Bequest of Rev. Moses Peter	95.00
	11, 1907.	Bequest of Rev. L. K. Derr, D. D	100.00
	26, 1907.	Bequest of Mrs. Susan Waggoner	100.00
	7, 1908.	Bequest of Mrs, Amanda Heck	95.00
	17, 1908.	Bequest of Mrs. Susanna Burkholder	92.00
	17, 1908.	Bequest of Mrs. B. A. Hoffman	95.00
April	2, 1908.	Bequest of Miss Caroline Brockriede	100.00

July 7, 1908.	Bequest of W. K. Gresh	\$500.00
Aug. 26, 1908.	Bequest of Henry Smith	45.00
Sept. 29, 1908.	Bequest of Susan E. Dieffenbacher	500.00
Sept. 30, 1908.	Bequest of Isaac Bruce	1.03
Oct. 5, 1908.	Bequest of Fred. E. Pontius	2,789.31
Jan. 6, 1909.	Bequest of N. B. Schmidt (additional)	2,000.00
May 21, 1909.	Bequest of Henry G. Weinberger	1,006.50
Aug. 12, 1909.	Bequest of Catherine Hartman	50.00
Sept. 11, 1909.	Bequest of Miss Jane Rowe	50.00
Sept. 17, 1909.	Bequest of Jacob Fager	25.00
Nov. 6, 1909.	Bequest of Rev. B. Bausman, D. D	5,000.00
Nov. 11, 1909.	Bequest of Benjamin and Ann M. Kuhns	4,760.00
Jan. 4, 1910.	Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Baer	200.00
Feb. 15, 1910.	Bequest of Margaret Foucht	780.00
June 24, 1910.	Bequest of Elizabeth Krick	766.76
July 12, 1910.	Bequest of Samuel B. Wiest	95.25
Aug. 17, 1910.	Bequest of Mrs. Catherine Bromer	500.00
Dec. 3, 1910.	Bequest of Susannah Griffith	1,270.25

INVESTED FUNDS, LEGACIES, ETC., OF THE BOARD, TO

	MAY 1, 1911.	
rinker egacy.	Knoxville Gas Company preferred, 6 per cent	\$1,650.00
echant egacy.	Five per cent. first mortgage bond, Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Lebanon, Pa., "Dechant" legacy	100.00
ucher egacy.	Five per cent. first mortgage bond, Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Lebanon, Pa., "Bucher" legacy	500.00
ummy onation.	Coupon Bond, Lebanon Steam Laundry	100.00
ietz egacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon City real estate, securing the "Catharine Dietz" legacy	
	-	3,200.00
liviling egacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon real estate, securing the "Sarah A. Hiviling" legacy. \$2,887.50 *Part of Sarah Ziegler bequest. 112.50 Interest 6 per cent., payable semi-annually.	
		3,000.00
agner equest. *	Bequest of Jacob S. Wagner, dec'd, Pottstown, Pa., Mrs. Wagner assuming the responsibility of the interest annually	3,000.00
cCauley * und.	The "McCauley Memorial Building Fund" is invested in the Nibancho church property, Sendai, Japan	500.00
latilda raig onation.	Common bond, Report Publishing Company, Lebanon, Pa., 6 per cent., semi-annually	500.00
lalinda M. cker egacy.	Mortgage bond, Lebanon Steam Company, 5 per cent. semi-annually	500.00
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onation. irst China lission und for ducation f Native inisters.	United Telephone and Telegraph, 1st mortgage bond, 5 per cent. semi-annually	500.00
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iegler equest.	*Sarah Ziegler bequest	150.00
lcCauley- oke Mem- rial Fund.	City of Denver, Col., Bond, 5 per cent	500.00
undry equests	Real Estate Trust Co., Philadelphia	100.00
fillard egacy.	First mortgage bond, Lebanon, Pa	1,000.00
uhn's equest. *	Uninvested	4,760.00
ilbert * und onditional.	Two United Telephone and Telegraph bonds, 1st mortgage, 5 per cent. semi-annually	
See Note	p. 146. \$2	1,560.00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

PHILADELPHIA, PA, May 1, 1911.

We, the undersigned appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to examine and audit the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the same to be correct. We also examined the securities, and find the same to be as follows:

Brinker Legacy, Knoxville Gas preferred	\$1,650.00
Dechant Legacy, Edison Ill. Co. Bond	100.00
Bucher Legacy, Edison Ill. Co. Bond	500.00
Catherine Dietz Legacy, Mortgage	3,200.00
Hiviling Legacy, Mortgage	3,000.00
Melinda M. Acker Legacy, Mortgage	500.00
Matilda Craig Donation, Common Bond	500,00
George W. and Agnes Hoffman Donation, Telephone Bonds	1,000.00
Summy Donation	100.00
Geo. W. Williard Legacy	1,000.00
Sundry Small Bequests	100.00
City of Denver, Col., Bond	500.00
Real Estate Trust Co., Philadelphia, one share	100.00

\$12,250.00

JOHN K. BOWMAN, JOHN W. APPEL, ALBERT S. BROMER,

Finance Committee.

Note.—The Wagner Bequest of \$3,000, the McCauley Fund of \$500, the Gilbert Fund Conditional of \$1,000, and the Kuhns' Bequest of \$4,730 are not included in the above list of securities.

ESTIMATE FOR JAPAN MISSION FOR 1911.	
North Japan College—	
Current Expenses\$7,500	
Industrial Home	
Beneficiary Aid 500	
	\$8,500
Miyagi Girls' School	3,800
Evangelistic Fund	9,000
Bible Women's Fund	2,000
Insurance	500
Taxes	1,110
Incidental and Chapel Fund	1,500
Miss Mary E. Gerhard, salary	-,
Additional salary 50	
	\$650
Miss K. I. Hansen, salary\$600	
Additional salary 50	
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Miss Margaret Leader, salary\$600	
Additional salary 50	
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Miss L. A. Lindsey, salary\$600	
Additional salary 50	
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Miss Gertrude Schulz, salary\$600	
Additional salary 50	
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Miss S. L. Weidner, salary\$600	
Additional salary 50	
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Miss B. Catherine Pifer, salary\$600	
Additional salary 50	
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Rev. J. P. Moore, salary \$1200 Additional salary 50

Rev. D. B. Schneder, salary and two clildren \$1425 Additional salary 50

Rev. H. K. Miller, salary\$1200 Additional salary50

Rev. C. Noss, salary and five children\$1700
Additional salary 50

1,250

1,475

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1,750

Prof. P. L. Gerhard, salary and two children \$1400 Additional salary 50	
Rev. A. K. Faust, salary and one child\$1300	- 1,450
Additional salary 50	1,350
Rev. H. H. Cook, salary and four children\$1600 Additional salary 50	
·	1,650
Rev. J. F. Steiner, salary and one child\$1300 Additional salary	
Rev. W. G. Seiple, salary\$1200	1,350
Additional salary 50	
Rev. E. H. Zaugg, salary and one child\$1300	1,250
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Rev. H. H. Casselman, salary and one child\$1300	1,350
Additional salary 50	
	1,350
Rev. C. D. Kriete, salary \$1200 Additional salary 50	
	1,250
Miscellaneous— Helpers	\$ 1,960.00
Medical	
Travel	
House repairs	
Rent	
	\$54,010.00
ESTIMATE OF CHINA MISSION FOR 1911	١.
Yochow Station.	
Rev. Wm. A. Reimert, Salary and Four Children	\$1,600.00
Rev. Paul E. Keller, Salary and Three Children	
Rev. J. Frank Bucher, Salary and Three Children	,
Prof. Horace R. Lequear, Salary	
Rev. Wm. F. Adams, M.D., Salary and Three Children	
Rev. Wm. E. Hoy, Salary and Three Children	
Dr. D. J. Hetrick	
Miss S. Emma Ziemer, Salary	
Miss Anna C. Kanne, Salary	
Miss Alice E. Traub, Salary	. 600.00

Girls' School	\$450.00
Bible Woman	50.00
Evangelistic Fund	700.00
Hospital Maintenance	1,200.00
Lakeside Schools	1,500.00
Insurance	200.00
Personal Teachers	300.00
Yochow Property Repairs	200.00
Lakeside Property Repairs	200.00
Gatekeeper	30.00
Incidentals	150.00
Travel	150.00
Total	16,430.00
SHENCHOWFU STATION.	
Rev. Wm. Kelly, M. D., Salary and Three Children\$	1.500.00
Rev. Edwin A. Beck, Salary	1,200.00
Rev. F. K. Heinrichsohn, Salary	1,200.00
Rev. Ward Hartman, Salary	1,200.00
Miss Ruth E. Hahn, Salary	600.00
Miss Rebecca N. Messimer, Salary	600.00
Miss Meta Bridenbaugh, Salary	600.00
Boys' School	300.00
Bible Woman	60.00
Evangelistic Fund	400.00
Gatekeeper	50.00
Girls' School	300.00
Hospital Maintenance	1,000.00
Incidentals	100.00
Insurance	200.00
Personal Teachers	100.00
Repairs	350.00
Travel	350.00
Total	10,110.00
ESTIMATE OF HOME EXPENSES FOR 1911.	
Administration:	
Salary of Officers:	
Secretary	
Assistant Secretary	
Field Secretary	
Treasurer	
Miss Cogan (half salary and expenses) 500 00	

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Secretary\$2,000.	00
Assistant Secretary	00
Field Secretary	00
Treasurer	00
Miss Cogan (half salary and expenses) 500.	00
Office Expenses, Including Stenographer, Ac-	
countant, Postage, Rent, etc 2,500.	00

Expenses of Board and Executive Committee
Meetings \$500.00
Cablegrams
\$9,300.00
Traveling expenses of officers and missionaries
in Visiting Synods, Classes and Congregations 1,500.00
Interest on Loans and Annuities 5,000.00
Triennial Report, 1908-1911\$ 800.00
Foreign Mission Day Services 1,500.00
Outlook of Missions 600.00
German Translator 100.00
Literature
4,000.00
Total
RECAPITULATION.
Japan Mission
China Mission
Home Expenses
Outfit and Passage Money for Outgoing Missionaries 12,800.00
Total ,

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

JAPAN MISSION.

SENDAI:	
Seven Missionary Residences, including land	\$22,250.00
North Japan College—	
Theological Building, dormitory and land. \$20,000.00	
Middle School Building, dormitory and land 45,000.00	
Industrial Home	
·	75,000.00
Miyagi Girls' School—	
Recitation Hall, Dormitory and land \$28,000.00	
Business Office	
	28,800.00
Yamagata:	
Residence and Land	3,000.00
Wakamatsu:	
Residence and Land	
Additional Land	
	5,445.00
Twenty Churches and Chapels	33,000.00
	\$167,495.00
China Mission.	2207,200.00
Yochow Station:	
Mission Compound Yochow, including four	
missionary residences\$10,108.42	
Church	
Street Chapels	
Girls' School	
Hospital	
Lakeside Schools, including two missionary	
residences	
	\$49,543,55
SHENCHOWFU STATION:	,
Six and one-half acres of land, comprising the	
three compounds, four buildings, viz: Men's	
Hospital, Women's Hospital, Boys' School,	
Girls' School, together with Outbuildings \$25,000.00	
Evangelist's Residence	
Doctor's Residence	
Church 3,500.00	
Hospital Outfit	
Women's Guest-room and Gate-house 85.00	
Safe	
	35,700.00
TOTAL VALUATION OF PROPERTY.	\$85,243.55
Japan Mission	\$167,495.00
China Mission	
8	252,738.55

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC WORK OF THE JAPAN MISSION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN 11 S

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Address of Elder W. W. Anspach before General Synod, at Canton, O., on Wednesday Afternoon, May 17, 1911.

The Programme Committee and the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of our Church have asked me to represent the Movement to this honorable body; to assure you not only of our loyalty, but of our support as well. We confess that in the past we have not done all we should, but we have awakened, and we wish with you to take our part in the evangelization of the world. I come offering you all that the Movement has to give. We trust that the Movement has approved itself to you, and that the last two years have demonstrated that it is of very great value to the denomination.

We thank you, as General Synod, District Synods, Classes and congregations, for having given the Movement such hearty endorsement and encouragement; not only in formal resolutions, but also in active coöperation. We ask that this may continue. We believe that the General Synod will do well to take steps to have the methods of the Laymen's Missionary Movement embodied in our denominational life. I refer especially to the Congregational Missionary Committee, a program of prayer for missions, systematic missionary education, and sound principles of missionary finance.

It is the desire and purpose of the laymen of the Reformed Church to continue the Movement. This is the opinion, not only of the Executive Committee, but the sense of the General Convention, which is in session these two days. These men, in attendance here, have come from sixteen states, and represent forty-nine of the fifty-nine Classes of our Church. It would have pleased many members of the General Synod to have seen the large body of earnest men in the three-hour session this morning.

The Executive Committee feel that without the leadership of Dr. Lampe, our efficient Secretary, we would not have made anything like the progress which has been made, and any member of the General Synod who is at all familiar with the list of speakers we have, and have had, for this Convention, knows that they could never have been secured except by one who is a part of, and identified with, the largest and most progressive Christian life of America. We ask that you will encourage and support the Executive Committee, the General Committee, the Classical Committees and others who are trying to promote the Movement. The Executive Committee is endeavoring to secure Dr. Lampe's further services.

It might be interesting to you to know that since the Harrisburg Convention, March, 1909, we have expended about \$7,000. Most of this money was contributed by men who hold one or more shares of \$25 each in the Movement. Night before last the Executive Committee, half of whom were present, crowded into the drawing room of one of the sleepers and heard the report of the Treasurer and then and there raised about \$400.00 so that they might present a clean page to the Convention. And now, to continue this work, we should have a budget of not less than \$5,000. Many of the laymen realize that we should scatter more literature, and everyone knows that to continue the work requires money. Believing that there might be in this audience some who would be glad to share in this work, I would say that they will have an opportunity of making a pledge to some of the members of the Executive Committee, who will be at the door at the close of this session.

8: b Report of Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions submitted its report on the fifth day of the session, Saturday, May 20th. It was acted on item by item and finally adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Foreign Missions begs leave to make the following report:

There were referred to it the Eleventh Triennial Report of the Board of Foreign Missions; the Missionary Hymnal, item 14 of the Committee on Overtures, items 21, 22, 23 and 25 of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, item 5 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of English Classes, and the address of William W. Anspach, chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, to the General Synod.

Your committee will not attempt to give a synopsis of the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, inasmuch as the printed report has been extensively circulated, and will be incorporated in the report of the Minutes of General Synod.

Item 14 of the Committee on Overtures asks for a published annual detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 5 (d) of the report of the Committee on Minutes of English Classes refers to the same matter.

Item 21 of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod refers to the spirit and purpose of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and the promotion of its greater efficiency.

Item 22 of the report refers to the commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the Board's organization, and that the month of September, 1908, be set apart for special services in our churches and Sunday-schools.

Item 23 refers to the reinforcement of the work at the home base and in the foreign field.

Item 25 refers to the work among the Indians.

Elder Anspach's address pledges the loyalty and cooperation of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to the Church in the work of Foreign Missions, and urges the adoption of the methods of the Movement.

We recommend the following for your consideration:

1. We recognize with profound gratitude the favor of God through Jesus Christ in giving such abundant success to our missionary efforts and in honoring our Church in setting before us such a glorious number of open doors. The advance in giving and interest which have characterized the last decade or two justifies us in believing that we are getting ourselves in tune with the plans and purpose of the Great Head of the Church. In this we are but keeping step with the whole Christian world that by leaps and

bounds is being thrust by the Spirit of God into the dawn of that prophesied time when a nation is to be born in a day. All this calls for a season of special prayer predominated with ideas of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Resolved, That we now engage in such a season of prayer.

2. Resolved, That General Synod again record its appreciation of the splendid services and wise leadership of our efficient Secretary, Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, D. D., and his assistants and the entire Board and all our workers at home and in the foreign field.

3. Resolved, That we gratefully appreciate the splendid work of the Woman's Missionary Societies and the generous support they are giving to the cause of foreign missions.

- 4. Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the support and coöperation of the Sunday-schools and the Young People's Societies and that earnest efforts be made to induce each of these bodies to support their own missionary.
- 5. Resolved, That General Synod accepts the Foreign Missionary Policy of the Board and instructs pastors and people through the Classes and Synods to lend their best endeavors in attaining the goal—the evangelization of ten million of non-Christians and the raising of one million of dollars annually.
- 6. Resolved, That the Board be encouraged in strengthening the home force so that it be able to bring about the best results in the shortest time.
- 7. Resolved, That congregations, societies and individuals be commended for supporting foreign missionaries as well as out-stations in Japan and China.
- S. Resolved, That we rejoice in the enthusiasm and aggressiveness of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and that we accept the expression of loyalty and the generous offer of the Movement to assist in any advance movement in Foreign Missions that the General Synod may recommend.
- 9. Resolved, That the General Synod take steps to have the methods of the Laymen's Missionary Movement embodied in our denominational life and that we approve of the appointment of the Congregational Missionary Com-

mittee, of systematic missionary education, the promotion of prayer for missions, the every-member canvass, and the weekly offering, and that the attention of Classes and Synods be called to this matter.

- 10. Resolved, That in view of the generous offer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, the General Synod instruct the Board to take steps toward the opening of a mission in the Mohammedan world.
- 11. Resolved, That the General Synod give prayerful heed to the immediate larger needs of the Japan and China missions and especially to the necessity of providing foreignbuilt residences for the six out-going missionaries.
- 12. Resolved, That the General Synod carefully consider the urgent needs of the Miyagi Girls' School at Sendai, the establishing of a kindergarten and the Bible Woman's Training School in Japan.
- 13. Resolved, That the attention of pastors and people be called, through the Classes, to the benefits of the Summer Missionary Conferences and that Mission Study be urged in all our congregations.
- 14. Resolved, That we record our appreciation of the excellent periodical known as "The Outlook of Missions," and that all pastors and people be urged, through the Classes, to aid in a great increase of subscribers for this missionary organ of the Church.
- 15. Resolved, That the congregations be encouraged to regularly observe Foreign Mission Day and to direct that the offerings be sacredly applied to the objects specified in the services.
- 16. Resolved, That the General Synod commend the example of the pious dead for remembering the cause of foreign missions in their wills.
- 17. Resolved, That the Annuity Bond be brought anew to the attention of the people through Classes and Synods.
- 18. Resolved, That the General Synod authorize a separate column in the statistical blank for the contributions for Foreign Missions.

- 19. Resolved, That General Synod instruct the congregations, through the Synods and Classes, to remit all moneys for Foreign Missions direct from the treasurers of the congregations to the Board, and that duplicate receipts by the Board be sent to the treasurers of Classes.
- 20. Resolved, That in view of the request of Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, the Board be instructed to issue an annual financial statement of receipts and expenditures of its work for the information of the Church at the end of the Board's year.
- 21. Resolved, That the General Synod instruct the Classes to appoint a permanent committee of three—two ministers and one elder—to be known as the Missionary Committee of the Classis; of the members elected the first year, one shall serve for three years, one for two years and one for one year. This committee shall co-operate with the Board of Foreign Missions in its work. Among its duties shall be the promotion of education, prayer and giving.
- 22. Resolved, That the General Synod instruct the Board to do aggressive missionary work among the Indians.
- 23. Resolved, That the General Synod commend the erection of chapels in Japan and China by congregations and individuals and that Synods and Classes call the attention of the congregations to this matter.
 - 24. Resolved, That the Station Plan be encouraged.
- 25. Resolved, That since the Board needs and asks for \$250,000.00 annually, the General Synod send down to the district Synods an apportionment of fifty cents per communicant member and that the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed to secure additional funds from congregations, societies and individuals for the judicious enlargement of the work and the payment of the debt.
- 26. Resolved, That the General Synod elect three additional laymen as members of the Board, two of whom shall serve for six years and one for three years.
- 27. Resolved, That the General Synod hereby cautions all the pastors and consistories not to open their pulpits or

extend financial aid to any Orientals who do not come properly certified by the Boards of the Church.

28. Resolved, That the General Synod learns with pleasure of the publication of the Missionary Hymnal and commends it for use in the missionary societies of all our congregations.

29. Resolved, That the General Synod learns with regret of the death of Elder Benjamin Kuhns, Rev. John Bachman, D. D., Mrs. Annie M. Moore, and Rev. I. G. Boydstun, and records its appreciation of their faithful services and extends its sympathies to the bereft.

30. Resolved, That General Synod learns with pleasure of the visit to Japan and China, at his own expense, of Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, and feels assured that it will add to the efficiency of his services as Secretary of the Board.

31. We learn from the report of the Board that of \$212,-250.00 apportioned during the last triennium, \$133,513.57 were paid, leaving unpaid \$76,736.43, and that the indebtedness of the Board is at this time \$90,500.00. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board be urgently requested to use every effort to reduce the above indebtedness so as not to interfere with the efficiency of the work now being carried on.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. MOYER,

CONRAD CLEVER, H. C. NOTT,

H. M. HOUSEKEEPER, HENRY ECHELMEIER.

Addenda.—Prior to the adoption of the report as a whole, by special motion, it was resolved that the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized by General Synod to effect loans not to exceed, under any circumstances, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

Report of the Committee on Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

This committee was appointed according to the custom of General Synod in past years. There seems to be no provision for it made in the Order of Business as prescribed in the new Constitution and Forms. The report was presented on Wednesday morning, May 24, was acted upon seriatim and finally adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Benevolent and Religious Institutions beg leave to present the following report:

There have been referred to us the following:

(1) Catalogues and announcements of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster Pa.; Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O.; Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.; Mission House, Plymouth, Wis.; Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, Lancaster, Pa.; Central Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, Dayton, O.; College for Women, Allentown, Pa.; The Woman's College, Frederick, Md.; Interior Academy, Dakota, Ills.; North Japan College and the Miyagi Girls' School, Sendai, Japan.

(2) Items 2 and 3 of the report on the Minutes of the

Synod of the Interior.

(3) Items 15 and 46 of the report on Overtures.

A survey of the catalogues and announcements of these several institutions brings to us the cheering information that our schools are all enjoying splendid prosperity. They are well patronized by our young men and women, and are contributing to the entire Church a large measure of the success and prosperity which characterize the Reformed denomination. The catalogues of the three schools of the prophets show the attendance of 103 theological students the past year, not counting fourteen who are taking postgraduate work.

We recommend the following:

1. Resolved, That we commend all our denominational schools to the patronage of our Reformed people, at the same time giving thanks to God for the manifest guidance of His hand in the successful career of the several institutions.

Items 2 and 3 of the report on the minutes of the Synod

of the Interior and item 15 of the report on Overtures call the attention of General Synod to the expanding western section of our country as a desirable field for aggressive missionary work. These same papers speak of the need of an institution of learning in that section, with a special view of training a ministry to the "manor born." Request is made that the General Synod endorse such an educational project as a part of the missionary policy of the Reformed Church, and aid, in any practicable way, in providing an endowment of \$100.000 for such an institution.

We recommend the following:

- 2. Resolved, That the General Synod learns with pleasure that the prospects for Church expansion in the West are so bright, and bids God-speed to the brethren who are laboring so faithfully for the extension of the Reformed Church in that great section of the United States.
- 3. Resolved, That the General Synod gives its encouragement to the founding of an institution of learning in the West by the Synod of the Interior having confidence in the judgment of the said Synod of the Interior that such an institution is needed and asks from our people favorable consideration of the request for assistance in raising an endowment of \$100,000.

Resolved (by amendment), That the Board of Home Missions be asked to co-operate in this project as far as possible.

Item 46 of the report on Overtures brings to the General Synod information concerning the earnest effort that is being made to raise a Jubilee Fund of \$50,000 for new buildings for the Mission House at Plymouth, Wis., with the request that the committee having this matter in charge be granted the privilege of addressing the General Synod briefly in this interest.

We recommend the following:

4. Resolved, That the General Synod commends this worthy endeavor to all our people, and that permission is cheerfully given for a brief presentation of this cause on the floor of General Synod.

5. Resolved, That the General Synod, through its officers, sends greeting to the officials of the Mission House upon reaching the fiftieth anniversary of this important educational institution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

K. O. Spessard, Calvin H. Schneider, W. M. Mellinger, P. Wingard.

Report on Orphans' Homes.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Orphans' Homes respectfully present the following report, covering the last three years:

We now have five Homes, viz: Bethany, at Womelsdorf, Pa.; St. Paul's, at Greenville, Pa.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Hoffman Orphanage, Littlestown, Pa.; Nazareth, Crescent, North Carolina.

The officers of their respective Boards are:

Bethany: James T. Reber, President; Superintendent, Rev. Wilson F. More, Womelsdorf, Pa.; Treasurer, C. G. Gross, 879 North 41st street, Philadelphia, Pa.

St. Paul's: President, John E. Kunkel, Esq., Greensburg, Pa.; Superintendent, Rev. A. M. Kiefer, Greenville, Pa.; Treasurer, Rev. D. B. Lady, Duquesne, Pa.

Fort Wayne: President, Rev. P. S. Kohler, St. Mary's, Ohio; Superintendent. Rev. B. Ruf, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Bosch, 219 Washington Boulevard. Fort Wayne, Ind.

Hoffman Orphanage: President, Rev. T. J. Barkley, Gettysburg, Pa.; Superintendent, Rev. J. Stewart Hartman, Littlestown, Pa.; Treasurer, Rev. Calvin S. Slagle, Westminster, Md.

Nazareth: President, Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, Newton, N. C.; Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Bell, Crescent, N. C.

All the superintendents of these Homes have submitted a triennial report, which form the basis of this our general report. It is very gratifying to report that these five institutions have been greatly blessed by the Father of these homeless orphans.

Bethany Home.—The Superintendent of this Home gratefully acknowledges the favor of God in the giving of an abundant harvest and the largely increased contributions towards its maintenance. The Christmas offerings were larger than ever before. Though an epidemic of diphtheria prevailed, resulting in the death of two children, the Superintendent now reports that all are enjoying good health. By his weekly letters in our church papers, and in a widely circulated county paper, this Home is being kept before the public, and this helps to bring much assistance in the way of timely and liberal donations and contributions. present there are one hundred and seventy-three in the Home, the average during the last three years being one hundred and sixty-five. If a larger number of needy children are to be cared for, a larger income must be provided. The recent epidemic has also demonstrated the importance of having a hospital building, and the State Board of Health ordered that a sewerage plant be erected during the summer.

Electric lighting has been introduced, the laundry enlarged, cement walks made, an arch cellar for the use of the two cottages and many necessary repairs to the older buildings were made, all of which cost over nine thousand dollars

With gratitude, we also report that former inmates of the Home, together with the special friends of the sainted Thos. Yundt, for so many years the efficient superintendent of Bethany, have erected "The Yundt Memorial Gateway" at the entrance of the new road leading to the Home from the railroad station, at an expense of about one thousand and seven hundred dollars—a worthy tribute to a worthy man.

Another noble act is the erection of a home for the Superintendent and his family—a gift from Mrs. W. F. More, to be known as "Applegate Lodge," being a memorial to her sainted parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Applegate. By the removal of the Superintendent's family to

this Lodge, room will be made for twelve additional boys, and this, with other provision already made, will increase Bethany's capacity to about two hundred children.

This report would be incomplete if no mention were made of the great loss Bethany sustained in the death of Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman. The Superintendent says: "Bethany Orphans' Home suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Dr. Bausman, who died on May 9, 1909, after having served as President for forty-four years. He was one of the most devoted and influential friends that Bethany ever had. The Church at large, especially the eastern section of it, should unite in an effort to erect a memorial church at Bethany, thus at once recognizing his work, perpetuating his memory and supplying a need of the Home, which is making itself felt more and more with every increase in the number of children."

In view of all these statements, the Superintendent "prays the venerable Synod to continue to favor us with such help as our weakness needs, our work deserves and our Lord desires."

St. Paul's Orphans' Home.—This Home has been ably managed by a Board of Directors elected by the Pittsburg Synod. In February, 1909, it was removed to its new location, on a farm of three hundred acres near the town of Greenville, Pa. The buildings, six in number are after the "cottage plan," which makes it possible to give each child personal care, and the large farm provides employment for the children.

As at Bethany, so here, schools are in operation during ten months of the year, and their standard is equal to the best anywhere. Here also the moral and religious training is not neglected, the children attending regularly chapel services, and are trained and taught in the Sunday-school and catechetical class. During the past year more than one hundred children have received the comforts and privileges of the Home, but some of these are wholly or in part supported by their parents, guardians or friends. This magnificent and modern institution was built and equipped at a total cost of \$99,751.41—which was met from the proceeds of the sale of the old Home at Butler, and by contracting a debt of \$21,437.37—but this debt has been reduced to \$18,700 through the generosity of the members of the church. Good health has generally prevailed in the Home. The amount received by the treasurer about meets the obligations incurred, but "larger giving means an enlargement of our beneficence, and the appeals that come to us plead for such an enlargement," says its Superintendent, and, therefore, asks that General Synod commend this institution, through the Classes, to the liberality of the members of the churches.

Fort Wayne Home.—Rev. B. Ruf, who has this year entered upon the thirteenth year as Superintendent of this Home, reports that this institution was recently visited by a severe epidemic of scarlet fever, but that all the afflicted ones have recovered, though two were in the shadow of death for several days. Last month, however, one of the little boys was called away, after an operation for appendicitis. Good Gospel seed is planted into the hearts of the children, which will sprout forth in later life. The schools are in a splendid condition, and after completing the course, some go to high school, while some others study music. It is worthy of note that one of the boys has entered the Misssion House to prepare for the ministry.

The Board, in addition to the fruitful farms, has bought

Note.—The balance of this report was not returned to the Stated Clerk, and neither the Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., nor any member of the Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to which committee it was originally referred, felt themselves able to reproduce it.—J. R. S.

IX: 9-Report of the Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented its report on the eighth day of the session, Wednesday, May 24. The report was received and adopted; it reads as follows:

The Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to report as follows: One paper, the report of General Synod's Board of Orphans' Homes, has been referred to us. This is submitted for the information of Synod and for publication in the minutes.

The Reformed Church in the United States has now five Orphanages, through which she takes care of many destitute orphan children, and appeals to the liberality of her members for their support. The Hoffman Orphan's Home, located near Littlestown, Adams county, Pa., within the bounds of the Potomac Synod, has come into existence since the last meeting of the General Synod. In these Homes some four hundred children who have lost their natural protectors are being cared for and religiously educated for places of usefulness and honor in State and Church.

The committee suggests the tollowing action:

- (1) The Synod notes with gratitude to God and with praise to her constituency the increasing interest and liberality of the people in support of her Orphans' Homes.
- (2) The Synod recognizes the fact that with the growth of the Church a larger number of children need to be cared for every year, that it is right that they should be made more comfortable than was formerly necessary and that the cost of living and maintaining a family is much greater than it was, even ten years ago, and also that wealth among the people is increasing and that they are able to make larger contributions to every good cause with every passing triennium.
- (3) The Synod commends the cause of the orphans anew to the Classes and people under her jurisdiction, and asks that greater things be undertaken and executed in the line of this charity, for God's greater glory and His needy little ones' more ample support.
- (4) The Synod invokes the richest blessings of the heavenly Father upon the helpless and fatherless little ones of the Church, upon the Homes in which they are housed,

upon all employed in their care, and upon those who contribute liberally of their means for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. LADY, J. G. KERSCHNER, M. M. KALBACH. M. M. GILLAND.

Report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: We herewith submit for your information the report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and, as a part of the same, the financial statement of the Treasurer. The facts which are here presented have appeared from time to time in other reports or publications, but are now, at the expense of some repetition, gathered and given in this form for the information, not only of your reverend body, but for such portions of the Church as might not be able otherwise to command them.

From the organization of this Society in 1791, until 1865, limited by the terms of the charter, relief was given only to the widows and families of deceased ministers in straightened circumstances. By an act of the Pennsylvania Legislature, the powers of the Society were so increased and extended as to enable it to give relief to:

- (a) Disabled and superannuated ministers who are members of the Society.
- (b) Widows and families of deceased ministers, though not members of the Society.

By a recent change in the by-laws, provision has been made through which any minister in good standing can be helped to the extent of the Society's ability.

During the first ninety-four years of its history, 1791–1885, the Society had at times a mere existence. In 1832 it was reduced to four members. During these ninety-four years it accumulated a fund of \$16,618.00. Of this amount, however, only the sum of \$2,000 was productive in paying interest. On the remainder no interest was paid for many years, and it was apparently not collectable.

An attractive investment of \$8,750.00 was made in 1871 for which bonds to the amount of \$9,750.00 were given. While there have been paid into our treasury, from time to time, on the above investment, sums aggregating about \$14,000, yet for many years it was non-productive. The above is a short account of our financial condition until the year 1886.

Since January, 1886, the remainder of the \$16,618.00 above mentioned has been paid, together with a gain on North Pacific Railroad stock of over \$1,600.0.. The investment of \$9,750.00 made in 1871 is now paying a small interest, and it is not without protection, and we have reason to believe that in the near future the principal and interest will be paid.

In 1886, as stated above, the interest on the invested fund received was \$120.00. Since then the fund has increased to \$82,140,00 and the interest received is about \$3,500,00 per year. From collections in the churches and other sources, we receive about \$4,000.00. In the year 1909-1910 the Society paid to eighty-one annuitants (27 ministers and 54 widows), \$5,380.00, an average of \$67.25. In the present year (1910-1911) the annuitants are seventy-nine (26 ministers and 53 widows), to whom was paid \$5,721.50, which was an average of \$91.35 to ministers and \$63.14 to widows, or a general average of \$72.42. In the past twenty-five years the Society has paid to annuitants about \$75,000.00. These annuitants are found in all the Synods. East and West. German and English, and have been helped according to the ability that the Church has given the Society for their relief. The Society has also been used as an agent for the distribution of funds contributed by others to designated persons.

The Society has two classes of members, life members and annual, or contributing members. Life members are made such by the contribution of \$65.00, by Classes or individuals. The contributing Classes on the payment of \$65.00 can, and usually does, name one of its number as a life

member and the Society enrolls the same. The Society does not make life members by the appropriation of funds other than those designated for that purpose by the donors. Any minister may by the contribution of \$5.00 as an initiation fee, and \$3.00 as annual dues, become an annual or contributing member, and is entitled to all the benefits the Society confers. The membership of the Society at this date is 525.

The present year has, thus far, been the most successful in the history of the Society. The expense of the management of the affairs of the Society during the treasurership of the present incumbent, since 1886, has been less than five per cent. of the gross income.

The Charter Officers of the Society are at This Date Rev. J. David Miller, President Shepherdstown, W. Va.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. D. N. Dittmar, Secretary, Hyndman, Pa.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. L. McLean, Frederick, Md., and Rev. D. J. Wolf, Taneytown Md., Assessors.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., Potomac Synod, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Pittsburg Synod, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Rev. W. H. Tussing, Ohio Synod, Columbus O.; Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., Interior Synod, Lisbon, Iowa; Rev. Frederick Mayer, D. D. Central Synod, Youngstown, Ohio; Rev. Frank Grether, D. D., Synod of the Northwest, Plymouth, Wis., and Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D. D., German Synod of the East, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Treasurer has entered upon the twenty-sixth year of his official relation to the Society. A continuous service of twenty-five years is an event that cannot be passed by without special mention. The Treasurer was elected in December, 1885, and entered upon the duties of his office January, 1886. In 1890, after serving many years with little or no compensation, he was made a salaried officer

and since then has given his whole time to the work of the Society.

The facts set forth in this report are a sufficient tribute to his faithfulness and ability in the management of our finances. It is due to ourselves, however, to express, as we now do, our appreciation of the good judgment and care he has shown in the duties of his office, and of the large results which have attended his efforts. Knowing that he finds a better compensation than we have been able to give him in the consciousness that he is engaged in a work of love and in the many opportunities afforded him to cheer the hearts of God's faithful and suffering servants, we, nevertheless, avail ourselves of this unusual occasion to congratulate him on the completion of the first twenty-five years of his service, and to be peak for him from the brethren their continued help in the duties of his responsible position

It remains for us to appeal to the Church, through your reverend body, for an increased liberality towards this, the oldest and one of the most important institutions of the Church. We look to you for the kind offices you are able to use in our behalf, knowing that our labors are for those whose past services command your gratitude and esteem as their present necessities command your sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, President.

DAVID N. DITTMAR, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS FROM COLLECTIONS IN CHURCHES.

EASTERN SYNOD:

Martine Direct.	
Philadelphia Classis	\$1,110.18
Lehigh Classis	694.00
Lancaster Classis	544.35
Reading Classis	445.28
East Pennsylvania Classis	302.00
West Susquehanna Classis	274.67
Tohickon Classis	260.00
Wyoming Classis	255.50

Schuylkill Classis	\$221.18
East Susquehanna Classis	201.71
Goshenhoppen Classis	195,00
Lebanon Classis	179.00
	\$4,682.86
POTOMAC SYNOD:	
Maryland Classis	\$730.26
Gettysburg Classis	565.20
Virginia Classis	345.91
Carlisle Classis	271.86
Zion's Classis	228.65
Juniata Classis	223.92
Mercersburg Classis	142.71
North Carolina Classis	4.17
Pittsburg Synod:	\$2,522.68
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Somerset Classis	\$307.17
Westmoreland Classis.	278.02
Clarion Classis	261.93
Allegheny Classis	176.78
St. Paul's Classis	115.80
	\$1,139.70
CENTRAL SYNOD:	
Heidelberg Classis	\$239.04
Erie Classis	185.00
St. John's Classis	163.40
	130.00
Toledo Classis	
Toledo Classis Cincinnati Classis	75.00
Cincinnati Classis	
Cincinnati Classis	75.00 \$792.44
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Cincinnati Classis German Synod of the East: West New York Classis New York Classis German Maryland Classis German Philadelphia Classis	75.00 \$792.44 \$195.00 20.00 30.00 18.00 \$263.00

Tiffin Classis	\$21.50
Tuscarawas Classis	8.76
	\$229,82
SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST:	
Nebraska Classis	\$67.43
Missouri Classis	48.70
Zion's Classis	
Minnesota Classis	17.70
Sheboygan Classis	
Indiana Classis	
South Dakota Classis	
Milwaukee Classis	
Chicago Classis	4.17
Survey on must Luminose	\$199.95
Synod of the Interior:	
Iowa Classis	
Kansas Classis	
Lincoln Classis	28.57
Wichita Classis	6.70
Illinois Classis	4.90
	\$169.85
Summary of Receipts.	
Eastern Synod	\$4,682.86
Potomac Synod	2,522.68
Pittsburg Synod	1,139.70
Central Synod	792,44
German Synod of the East	263,00
Ohio Synod	229.82
Synod of the Northwest	199.95
Interior Synod	169.85
	\$10,000.30
Summary of Synod receipts	\$10,000.30
German Synod of the East, special	600.00
Interest on investments	9,506.45
Bequest of Rev. B. Bausman, D. D	1,000.00
Royalty on Church Hymnal	1,034.78
Royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal	284.40
Individual gifts	802.50
Bethany Orphans' Home	42.88
St. Paul's Orphans' Home	1.78

Loans paid	\$50,870.00 6,122.62
Total amount of receipts	
Expenditures.	
Paid to 90 annuitants (32 ministers and 58 widows) Loans re-invested New investment, life membership, bequests and donations Sundry expenses Cash in treasury, May 10, 1911	\$16,318.62 50,870.00 8,880.00 2,329.74 1,867.35
Invested Fund,	\$80,265.71
Bonds Mortgages Notes Bank deposit Pennsylvania Railroad stock	\$35,000.00- 25,550.00 18,200.00- 2,000.00 1,390.00-
Assets of the Society. Invested Funds	\$82,140.00 \$82,140.00 1,867.35 \$84,007,35

Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, 44 East Third Street, Frederick, Md.

May 10, 1911.

Second Triennial Report of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Board of Ministerial Relief begs leave to present the second triennial report of its labors in the blessed work of caring for the invalid and disabled ministers of the Reformed Church and the widows of deceased fellow laborers in the field of our denominational activity.

The regular meetings of this Board have been held annually as directed by your reverend body, and your servants are privileged to report that the attendance of members

upon these meetings, whilst not always complete, was large enough to evidence a really deep interest in this very important undertaking of our whole denomination.

The organization continued from year to year the same, and is as follows: Rev. Phillip Vollmer, D. D., President; Rev. James H. Steele, D. D., Vice-President; and Rev. John M. Schick, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer; and it has enjoyed a very cordial support of the Church, in its endeavor to carry out the desire of your reverend body and accord to such ministers in need, who continue in good standing in their respective Classes, and to the widows of deceased ministers, the relief they needed, without any reference to their relation to any other organization, in or out of the Church.

It has been a blessed service your Board has been able to render for the Church, and it has received many expressions of gratitude from needy ones who were pleased to record their appreciation of the ministering love of the congregations, shown them in the hour of their necessity. These were often deeply touching, and your Board was made to recognize the sensitive position of the brethren it was privileged to aid, and it constantly, and we hope successfully. tried to make these worthies understand that whatever assistance was given them came to them really as the recognition of their worth and of the sacrifices which they had made in the day of their work. There has been no grudging in the help extended by the Church, and, while the amount of relief given has not been adequate, or indeed what the members of the Board themselves would have wished to give, it has always been extended in such a spirit as saved the receivers from feeling humiliated by the help given, and your Board believes that this course has met the approval of the Church generally. The whole Church seems to realize that the servants who freely sacrificed themselves, in the day of their usefulness, deserve, in the day of disability, all the assistance possible to be given, and that this should be accorded to these faithful ones with the same cheerful devotion they also showed in the days of their service. No sense of any loss of self-respect should attend the receiving of this relief, but, on the contrary, every such beneficiary should be made to feel that the Church herself is honored in extending this aid in hearty recognition of services well done.

In this spirit your Board has been able to extend the relief of the Reformed Church, as an organization, during the past triennium, to seventeen disabled ministers and to ten widows of ministers, most of whom would not have been at all adequately supported if your reverend body had not entered upon this work, and you may have reason to thank God, who led you into it.

During the period covered by this report, six invalid ministers and one minister's widow were called out of their tribulations into that rest that remaineth for the people of God. It must be an agreeable reflection for every member of our Church to know that the Church itself had helped these worthies a little bit over the hard place in life, and that they realized that the Church, in which they had served God, had not neglected them in the day of adversity and infirmity.

It is encouraging to report that this Board was constantly supported by the Church in such manner as to enable it to give aid in every case as recommended by the informants in the Classes, except in a case or two where, if that amount had been given, it would have made the income to be out of all proportion with the incomes of other brethren whom we were also called upon to support.

Here the Board also desires to acknowledge the helpful assistance of the informants in the several Classes, as they have been interested in their invalid brethren. They have been alert to find and report cases of ministers and widows in need, and in general have truly been eyes and hands to the Board, and, by their service, have made the work of the Board very much more efficient than it could have been without the help of these co-workers in the Master's service. The Board hopes that you will continue to recommend their appointment until every Classis in the whole denomination shall be represented in the work by one of its members, whose special duty it shall be to find every needy and dis-

abled brother, wherever he may be, and help the Church to aid him as may be necessary. As a rule, we find that often the most needy will not seek the help which the Church actually wishes to give.

The support of this work for the triennium is as follows:

Contributed by Classes, churches and individuals	\$6,646.27
Received from legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Erwin	597.25
Royalties on Hymnal	1,034.77
Interest on investments	223.80
Balance on hand May 1, 1908.	. 1,417.64
	\$9,919.73
From this amount was paid to beneficiaries \$4,630.25	
For Board expenses	
For investment	
Balance on hand May 1, 1911 862.67	
	\$0.010.73

This balance on hand seems large, but this is due to the fact that much is paid into the treasury as the Classical meetings are being held.

The Treasurer's report was audited and found correct.

C. M. Hartzell, W. H. Wotring, E. A. Shellenberger.

It is the policy of the Board to invest the surplus as soon as possible in the hope that the time may come when the income from investments may cover the Board expenses, and leave the contributions of the Church to be given wholly for relief purposes.

Ministerial relief has been carried on in our Church by two other organizations, viz: The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, with more than five hundred life members, and the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Teachers of the Synod of the Northwest, with one hundred and forty-eight active members.

Your Board regrets that the former of these declined to report through your Board, even after a request had been made to the Secretary for one.

The Society under the direction of the Synod of the Northwest, continues its splendid work for the needy minister on a plan which that organization has found quite successful, and which this Board, by reference from your last meeting, has had under consideration, and on which a special report is made later in this report. During the period covered in this report, this Society has had six ministers and five widows of our Church receiving the aid which it gives according to a well wrought plan. During this late triennium it distributed \$4,167.50 to these needy members. This Society paid the largest amount for relief given by any of our organizations, viz., \$333.50, that is, in any one year. During the same time the Society received in dues and contributions \$5,627.89, and in the eleven years of its existence it has been able to accumulate \$8,604.87 as an endowment, without doing it at the expense of the needy. The increase of this endowment for the past three years was \$3,059.43, which shows that, besides paying the most liberal relief given in our Church, its method is safe enough to provide an endowment for a possible day of emergency.

Your Board earnestly considered the plan referred by the late meeting, and, after mature deliberation, presents for your adoption the following:

In response to your action, page 22, Minutes of the meeting at York, Pa., this Board presents the following: To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: After an experience of six years in the work of Ministerial Relief, your Board is convinced that the time has come for our Church to take a decided step forward in providing more adequate support for its indigent ministers and their widows and orphans. Manifestly, it is the scriptural duty of the Church to provide for her faithful servants of the Word retired by old age or physical infirmity, not merely to aid or extend a little ministerial relief, but to actually support them, so that they will be protected from want and distress. "For even so hath the Lord ordained, that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." 1 Cor. 9: 14.

Surely the Church ought not to be behind our civil gov-

ernment in its care for those who have spent the strength of their years in judicial, military and other civil service. If policemen, firemen and school teachers should be pensioned, as is already done in some cities and is being proposed in others, if college professors and teachers of theology should be provided for when incapable of further service by reason of old age or infirmities (as even our own Church Constitution recognizes, see Art. 31), ought not also our pastors, who are quite as worthy and for whose service the Church is quite as much indebted, and who, as a rule, have received a much smaller salary, at least be protected from want and distress in sickness and old age? Many ministers, during long and faithful pastorates, have not been able to lay aside anything for old age, ves, some have even sacrificed wholly, or at least in part, such property as was theirs by right of inheritance. Many of them, when they were still young, had business offers and opportunities which, if they had accepted, would have made them wealthy, or at least independent; but they declined them and were in duty bound to decline them as soon as they entered the service of the Church. Hence, if in sickness or old age they suffer want, it is not because they lacked the skill or failed to do the work that usually brings a material remuneration, but because they gave all their time, strength and talent to the service of the Church. There ore, it is the duty of the Church to provide for them when by reason of sickness, infirmity, or old age they must retire from their active duties. And this should not be considered charity any more than their salary which they formerly received was considered charity. They ought not to have alms doled out to them as if they were town paupers, but receive such support as is their rightful due. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" (1 Cor. 9: 11.)

Our arrangement for the support of invalid ministers and their widows and orphans should, therefore, not only consist, as at present, in a Board or a Treasurer for the collection and distribution of alms, but one that is in keeping with the dignity of the Church and the honor and respect in which she holds her faithful pastors. Now, what has our Church been doing in the past for this cause?

About 150 years ago, the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and Orphans was organized. It is, therefore, a venerable institution and has done noble work. Any minister can become a member by paying an annual fee of \$3.00, or a life member by paying \$65.00 at one time. But, although its membership consists of ministers of the Re'ormed Church, and it receives its revenues from Reformed Churches, it is really an independent institution, under no direct control of any of ecclesiastical judicatory. Besides, with a membership of 525 and an invested capital of \$80,000, it is giving to its seventy-nine annuitants an average of only about \$72.00 a year; a sum much too small for a family or even an individual.

Consequently about twenty-five or thirty years ago, when cases of destitution among ministers became more numerous, the sentiment began to grow in our Church that there was a crying need of some plan for a more adequate support of our invalid ministers which should be under the direct control of the Church. The German Synod of the Northwest and the Central Synod began communications with each other as to what might be done for this purpose. One of the fruits of these consultations was: "The Society for the Support of Indigent Ministers," which was organized by the Synod of the Northwest, and which is under full control of that Synod and accountable to it for all its doings.

Central Synod was not fully in accord with the Synod of the Northwest, so it developed a plan of its own, the socalled "Invalid Fund," for which only free will offerings were solicited. So that it was really only a treasury for the distribution of alms among the clergy. This fund was finally turned over to the General Synod's Board after this had been organized. Finally the matter of Ministerial Relief was taken in hand by the General Synod itself, and General Synod's "Board of Ministerial Relief" was organized six years ago, so that there might be an institution for this work over which the Church has direct control. The work of your Board has grown in a gratifying manner from its very inception, the sentiment for ministerial support under direct control of the Church is spreading throughout our congregations and the success of our Board warrants us in planning for greater things. For we are still lacking a systematic, well-ordered plan for carrying on this work. Until now we have also simply been an agency for collecting and distributing alms among our clergy and their widows and orphans. Something more than this, however, is evidently in the mind of the Church. For in the Art. 117 of the new Constitution she has laid down the following concerning this matter:

"The General Synod shall devise and maintain an efficient plan for the support of aged and infirm ministers who are without adequate means of self-support and are recommended for aid by the Classis to which they belong. This plan shall also include the needy widows of ministers."

Now the Synod of the Northwest has given a splendid object lesson to our whole Church in it support of indigent ministers and has demonstrated in a most convincing manner what can be accomplished by a well-ordered systematic plan in which congregations and ministers co-operate.

This work was definitely organized ten years ago. The following table from one of the annual reports indicates how it has developed and grown:

	Members.	Annual Fees of the Ministers.	Free Will Contri- butions of Minis- ters and Congre- gations.	Endowment Fund.	Annuities Paid.			
1900	34	\$169.08	\$84.98	\$254.06				
1901	45	169.20	101.25	1,324.51				
1902	71	220.18	272.13	1.916.82				
1903	85	316.58	399.58	2,810.27				
1904	99	378.62	424.77	3,600.00	8376.00			
1905	104	392.08	440.06	4,249.89	416.00			
1906	127	404.11	730.41	4,904.50	945.00			
1907	139	439.71	850.28	5,545.44	1,140.00			
1908	141	442.54	1,095.06	6,133.81	1,342.50			
1909	156	520.46	1,206.42	7,435.62	1,138.00			

Your Board has, therefore, carefully examined the plan so successfully operated by the Synod of the Northwest and finds that it is efficient, equitable, fraternal and honorable to congregations and ministers. But not only has this Synod carried on in this manner its own work of ministerial support, but it has besides this been among the most liberal supporters of the work of General Synod's Board. The fundamental principles of its plan are as follows:

1. The ministers in active service shall pay a certain percentage of their salaries as an annual fee towards the sup-

port of their needy brethren.

2. It is the duty of congregations, on their part, to make such annual contributions and free-will offerings that the ministers who have become invalid in the service of the Church may not suffer for want of the necessities of life.

3. If the income thus realized does not yield enough revenue to support all the annuitants, the Board is empowered to issue an extra call for voluntary contributions, if necessary, three times a year, and every minister and congregation is expected to contribute such a sum as their

heart may prompt and their means permit.

4. If a minister has some property, but his income is insufficient, he may receive enough aid so he will be supported from want and distress, but the aid he receives must eventually be paid back into the treasury of the Board. This property may, for instance, consist in land from which at the time he is unable to draw any revenue and yet this land may represent a great value. If the "Relief Fund" is not thus reimbursed, then the Church has, in many cases, virtually been supporting, not the invalid minister, but his heirs.

5. The support in each case is not left to the option of the Board, but is fixed by the Constitution once for all, so as to cover all cases, and is determined according to the financial circumstances of the person concerned, and the number of indigent members of his family.

Your Board has, therefore, embodied these fundamental features o, the plan of the Synod of the Northwest in the

following plan, which we hereby respectfully submit to the General Synod for its adoption as the future policy of her Board:

NAME AND PURPOSE OF THIS BOARD.

Name.

The Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Purpose.

The purpose of this Board is: To receive, hold and disburse such real and personal estate as may be given to it by the co-operative and cheerful benevolence of ministers and congregations for the support of indigent ministers and their widows and orphans.

1. Duties of Ministers and Congregations.

How shall these funds be provided?

Not according to the principle of utilitarian reciprocity, which usually forms the basis of secular relief societies, but as a Christian institution, this work is to be founded upon that brotherly love and Christian sense of duty which prompts us on seeing a brother in distress to render him material assistance and imparting to him of our substance. This is certainly first of all the duty to be expected of the ministers themselves. But that everything may be done according to an equitable and fraternal plan, the following rules and regulations shall be observed:

(a) Duties of the Ministers.—For a minister beginning to contribute regularly at the age of 20 to 25 years, the annual fee shall be one-half of one per cent. of his salary; 25 to 30 years, five-eighths of one per cent. of his salary; 30 to 35 years, three-fourths of one per cent. of his salary; 35 to 40 years, seven:eighths of one per cent. of his salary; 40 to 45 years, one per cent. of his salary; 45 to 50 years, one and one-eighth per cent. of his salary; 50 to 55 years, one and one-fourth per cent. of his salary; 55 to 60 years, one and three-eighths per cent. of his salary; 60 to 65 years,

one and one-half per cent. of his salary. This apportionment must be paid to the Treasurer of the Board during the month of January of each year.

- (b) Duties of the Congregation.—Every congregation should contribute to this cause according to its ability by a well ordered system of apportionment or by an annual collection and by free-will contributions of its societies and members. It is also to be hoped that many persons will remember the work of this Board in their last will and testament.
- (c) If the income of the Board from the annual fees of ministers and contributions of the congregations is insufficient at any time to meet the needs of the annuitants, the Board shall give notice to each minister, and through him to his congregation, and inform them of the amount needed to make up the deficiency for the current year; whereupon it shall be the duty of every minister to send in another contribution, the amount of which is to be optional. The contribution shall be accompanied by a statement specifying how much of it is a personal gift of the minister and how much he has received from the congregation or other individuals. But no such notice shall be served before a period of at least two months has elapsed after the notice previously given.
- (d) All moneys received (except those expressly designated as being given for the emergency fund) shall be used for the support of those who have a legitimate claim upon them according to the provisions of this Constitution, and all surplus over and above these claims shall constitute a fund which shall be known as the "Trust Fund" of which only the interest shall be used.
- (e) Contributions of individuals of \$25.00 or more and all legacies not otherwise designated, shall always flow into the Emergency Fund.
- (f) By the payment of \$100.00 at one time, a minister may become a life member and shall then be exempt for all time from paying his regular annual fee. This, however,

does not exempt him from sending in an additional gift when extra call for contribution must be sent out.

II. Who is Entitled to Support.

- (a) The following persons are entitled to support: All invalid, indigent ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, who have faithfully met the obligations prescribed in this Constitution.
- (b) All indigent widows and all indigent orphans under fourteen years of age of those ministers who fulfilled all obligations prescribed in this Constitution during their active ministry.
- (c) Except in extraordinary cases, no appropriations shall be made to the widow of a minister who has children able to support her.
- (d) Aid may be given to orphans of ministers who are under fourteen years of age, and in exceptional cases to orphans who have from early youth been chronic invalids and are unable to earn their own living.

III. Aid Apportionment.

Since the Board has no definite sum of money at its disposal, a great part of the income being derived from free-will contributions, the different sums specified in the following table show only the maximum amount of aid which it shall be the Board's endeavor to grant. If the income is sufficient, the sum specified will be paid in full; if not, the money at the disposal of the Board will be distributed proportionately to these sums. The amount of aid granted shall in every instance be fixed according to the degree of indigence. This makes it necessary to consider:

(a) The Number of Members in the Family.—

A single person should annually receive, \$200.00.

Husband and wife without children should annually receive, \$300.00.

Husband and wife with one child, under fourteen years of age, should annually receive, \$350.00.

Husband and wife, with two children under fourteen years of age, should annually receive, \$390.00.

Husband and wife with three children under fourteen years of age, should annually receive, \$420.00.

Husband and wife with four children under fourteen years of age, should annually receive, \$440.00.

Husband and wife with five children under fourteen years of age, should annually receive, \$450.00.

For every additional charge should annually receive \$10.00 more.

A father or mother with one child, should annually receive \$300.00.

A father or mother, with two children, should annually receive, \$340.00.

A father or mother with three children, should annually receive, \$370.00.

A father or mother with four children, should annually receive, \$390.00.

A father or mother with five children, should annually receive, \$400.00.

For every additional child, \$10.00 more.

(b) The Financial Circumstances.—If a minister's family has an annual income from interests or investments or from other sources equivalent to the sums in the above table, he shall not be entitled to any aid. If his income is smaller, the difference shall be made up by the Board. But in all cases after the decease of the individual, and provided there are no members of his family entitled to aid according to this plan, the Board shall, without computing any interest, be reimbursed as fully as possible from the property that he has left behind. The amount he has paid into the treasury of the Board during his active ministry shall, however, be deducted from this sum. A homestead up to the value of \$1,500.00 shall not be taken into consideration when fixing the amount of support to be granted and shall be exempt when the Board is reimbursed after the decease of the par-

ticipant. The Board shall in every case procure such security as is necessary to insure the reimbursement aforesaid.

If, however, an invalid minister, after having received aid for a short time, recovers and again becomes able to perform the functions of his office, the Board is empowered to excuse him, if it sees fit, from refunding the sum received as aid.

The money thus received shall flow into the "Trust Fund" of the Board, of which only the interest is to be applied to the purposes of the Board.

Application for aid or support should be made through the Classis to which the applicant belongs, and must be accompanied by an exact statement of the financial standing of the applicant, given under oath or solemn affirmation, and this statement must be certified to by the officers of the Classis.

The Board shall in every case make an estimate of the annual income according to the statement of the applicant, and grant aid accordingly.

IV. Participation.

(a) Every minister of the Reformed Church in the United States is *ipso facto* a participant in this institution unless he excludes himself by refusing to fulfill the obligations prescribed in this Constitution. No one, however, can become a participant who is already an invalid, except as provided for by the so-called Emergency Fund, in Art. V.

V. Emergency Fund.

In order to make it possible to aid those who are already invalids or who have neglected to fulfill the obligations prescribed in this Constitution, an Emergency Fund shall be created and maintained, into which such gifts and contributions shall flow that are expressly designated as being given for this special purpose.

VI. Forfeiture of Privilege.

(a) A minister forfeits all privileges and rights in this institution when suspended from office by any regular Church judicatory.

- (b) When he enters upon service in another denomination.
- (c) When he leaves the service of a church to pursue a secular calling, though still able to perform the duties of a minister.
- (d) When he fails to meet the obligations prescribed in this Constitution.
- (e) If, on account of any particular or extraordinary circumstances, a minister is unable to meet the obligations, and the Board has taken insight into the alleged circumstances and found sufficient cause, he shall be excused and not forfeit his privileges, but he shall resume his obligations as soon as he is able.
- (f) When a woman contracts marriage with a minister who is receiving aid from this Board, she shall not be entitled at his death to become a beneficiary of this Board.
- (g) The widow of a minister who remarries outside of the ministry, thereby relinquishes all claims upon this Board and should she again become a widow, would not be entitled to aid.

Resolved, That for all those ministers who begin to contribute within the next triennium of the General Synod, up to the year 1914, the annual fee in no case shall exceed the amount of \$5.00.

H. C. NOTT, J. W. MEMINGER, C. H. LEINBACH,

The requests of several Classes referred to your Board have received proper consideration, but it sees no way by which such consolidation can be affected until the organizations themselves are made ready and willing.

The only plan by which the consolidation can be made will be for all who wish it to heartily support the work of the General Synod, and this recommendation is submitted for their consideration.

Finally, attention is called to the vacancies in the Board which the reverend Synod is called upon to fill, and also the Synods from which the several members have been chosen, and from which their successors, according to your action, will be selected: Rev. Philip Vollmer, D. D., German Synod of the East; J. M. Schick, D. D., Potomac Synod; Rev. H. C. Nott, Synod of the Northwest; Rev. J. H. Steele, Synod of Ohio; Rev. Wotring and Elder C. H. Leinbach, Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP VOLLMER, President.

\$5.00

J. M. Schick, Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Your Board records with gratitude the receipt of the following during the past three years, May 1, 1908. to May 1, 1911:

From the Women's Missionary Society of General Synod....

A friend in the Philippine Islands	50.00
FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.	
East Pennsylvania Classis	208.25
First Reformed Church, Easton, Pa	13.75
Bethany Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa	4.00
Lebanon Classis	6.00
St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa	9.00
Rev. J. C. Fisher, Lebanon, Pa	2.00
Reformed Sunday-school, Meyerstown, Pa	10.00
Philadelphia Classis	43.00
First Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa	10,00
Trinity Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa	5.00
St. Luke's Reformed Church, North Wales, Pa	20.00
Boehm's Reformed Church, Blue Bell, Pa	10.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa	40,00
First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa	25.00
Faith Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa	4.80
Prof. T. G. Helm, Lancaster, Pa	1.00
Mr. Jacob E. Ranck, Lancaster, Pa	1.00
Zion's Reformed Church, New Providence, Pa	35.75
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Manheim, Pa	27.47
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thompson, Harrisburg, Pa	4.00
Mr. Henry Westerhoff, Ephrata, Pa	1.00
The Deep Creek Charge Reformed Church, Pa	33.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Lewisburg, Pa	16.05

The New Berlin Charge Reformed Church	\$11.75
The White Deer Charge, West Milton, Pa	10.00
The Aaronsburg Reformed Church, Aaronsburg, Pa	12.00
Rev. D. M. Wolff, D. D., Spring Mills, Pa	2.50
St. John's Reformed Church, Riegelsville, Pa	159.51
Mr. L. S. Clymer, Riegelsville, Pa	5.00
Dr. Henry Bobb, East Greenville, Pa	5.00
Mrs. Caroline Wieand, East Greenville, Pa	10.00
Mrs. Mahlon Hilegas, East Greenville, Pa	5.00
Mrs. C. Z. Weiser, East Greenville, Pa	5.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Slatington, Pa	7.00
Rev. W. L. Meckstroth, Mertztown, Pa	3.00
Rev. D. E. Schoedler, D. D., Allentown, Pa.	5.00
Rev. T. J. Bower, Frackville, Pa	2.00
Trinity Reformed Church, Shenandoah, Pa	6.92
St. John's Reformed Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa	22.56
First Reformed Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa	3.45
Rev. John K. Adams, Berwick, Pa	5.00
Reading Classis	20.00
In Memoriam, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. McCauley, D. D., by their	
children	10.00
Mr. E. J. Titlow, Reading, Pa	1.00
Mr. J. B. Fricker, Reading, Pa	10.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa	3,00
St. John's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa	5.00
Calvary Reformed Church, Reading, Pa	10,00
First Reformed Church, Hamburg, Pa	5.00
Trinity Reformed Church, Leesport, Pa	6.67
From the Ohio Synod.	
Miami Classis.	130.54
St. John's Reformed Church, Germantown, O	5.00
First Reformed Church, Miamisburg, O	10.00
Beaver Creek Charge, Reformed Church	17.61
Rev. R. F. Schultz, Dayton, O	5,00
Mr. F. P. Brown, Dayton, O.	5.00
Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio.	288.20
Mr. G. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, O.	5.00
Dr. C. A. Kefauver, Stoudtsville, O	5.00
Rev. G. H. Leonard, D. D., Basil, O., one share Rubber Stock—	0.00
Tuscarawas Classis	100.00
Classis	100.00
Reformed Church, Uniontown, O	3.26
Reformed Church, Millheim, O	2.03
Reformed Church, Suffield, O.	8.31
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First Reformed Church, Masillon, O	\$4.50
Trinity Reformed Church, Akron, O	8,63
Mr. C. W. Berry, Akron, O	5.00
Mrs. Mary S. Keller, Clinton, O., note	50.00
Tiffin Classis	175.00
Trinity Reformed Church, McCutcheonsville, O	2.28
First Reformed Church, Tiffin, O	13.47
In Memoriam, Mrs. Rachel Zieber, by the Ladies' Aid Society Bellevue, O	5,00
In Memoriam, Mrs. Nettie Smith, by the Ladies' Aid Society, Bellevue, O	5,00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Bellevue, O	
First Reformed Church, Fremont, O	17,84
Rev. C. W. Good, Fremont, O	5,00
Rev. J. H. Steele, Tiffin, O	5,00
Mr. R. G. Kleckner, Tiffin, O.	1.00
Anonymous, Tiffin, O	1.00
Mrs. G. A. Klahr, Sycamore, O	10.00
Eastern Ohio Classis	200,00
Rev. Cornelius Hange, Robertsville, O	5.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Youngstown, O	15.80
Mt. Olivet Reformed Church, North Lima, O	14.40
Paradise Reformed Charge, Calla, O	6.70
Bethel Reformed Charge, Alliance, O	15,00
St. Joseph's Classis	112,85
Rev. H. B. Dieffenbach, Bluffton, Ind	1.00
Reformed Church, Mulberry, Ind	2,00
From the Synod of the Northwest,	
St. Peter's Reformed Church, Huntington, Ind	10.00
Kreuz Reformed Church, Berne, Ind	20.00
St. Matthew's Reformed Church, Garrett, Ind	7.85
Emanuel Reformed Church, Greenwood, Wis	4.00
Reformed Church, Elmore, Wis	25
Mr. William Rauch, Elmore, Wis	75
Mrs. Ernestine Bohland, Elmore, Wis	1.00
Gottfried, Frederick, Fannie Fyhrer, Sheboygan, Wis	3,00
Zion's Reformed Church, Poland, Ind	46.26
Emanuel Reformed Church, Indianapolis, Ind	50.30
St. John's Reformed Church, Indianapolis, Ind	25.00
Mr. F. W. Hoff, Sr., Terre Haute, Ind	6.00
First Reformed Church, Milwaukee, Wis	20.00
Ladies' Aid Society, First Reformed Church, Milwaukee, Wis.	10.00
Mr. John Lenenberger, Milwaukee, Wis.	4.00
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First Reformed Church, Lowell, Wis	\$2.00
Rev. Carl Heyl and wife, Campbellsport, Wis	2.00
Mr. William Klocke, Campbellsport, Wis	1.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Waukegan, Wis	4.31
St. John's Reformed Church, Norwood, Minn	18.25
St. John's Reformed Church, Lacrosse, Wis	11,20
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Hamburg, Minn	30.00
Salem Reformed Church, Ludlow, Ia	31.37
St. John's Reformed Church, Humboldt, Neb	5.00
Hope Reformed Church, Harbine, Neb	9.20
Salem Reformed Church, Humboldt, Neb	10.00
St. Peter's Reformed Church, Yutan, Neb	10.00
Zion's Reformed Church, Harvard, Neb	5.00
Emanuel's Reformed Church, York, Neb	10.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Melbourne, Ia	22.60
Rev. J. Hauser, Melbourne, Ia	2.00
Mr. G. Biesnecker, Melbourne, Ia	1.00
Mr. O. Pull, Melbourne, Ia.	.50
Reformed Church, Monticello, Ia	7.00
Reformed Church, Wheatland, Ia	12.00
Zoar Reformed Church, Jasper Co., Ia	5.50
St. John's Reformed Church, Marengo, Ia	5.00
Rev. C. W. Deglow, Wathena, Kans	2.50
Salem Reformed Church, St. Louis, Mo	35.00
Hope Reformed Church, Cosby, Mo	74.00
Zion's Reformed Church, Potsdam, Mo	10.50
Anonymous, Potsdam, Mo	5.00
Hebron Reformed Church, Lowry City, Mo	37.00
Zoar Reformed Church, Rockville, Mo	13.00
Mt. Zion Reformed Church, Hillegas Prairie, Mo	5.54
Silver Creek Reformed Church, Ridott, Ill	5.00
Rev. F. P. Franke, Ridott, Ill.	5.00
Reformed Church, Goodrich, North Dakota	13.49
Friedens' Reformed Church, Upham, North Dakota	5.00
Sharon Mission, Glen Ullin, North Dakota	3.75
Mr. L. Rieben, Banks, Ore.	7.00
Mr. C. Rieben, Portland, Ore	5.00
First Reformed Church, Portland, Ore	113.50
Second Reformed Church, Portland, Ore	7.00
Rev. E. Lehrer, Hillsboro, Ore.	1.00
Mr. Simon Zwald, Milwaukee, Ore.	2.00
Mr. J. Doern, Mordon, Man.	1.00
Mr. Otto Spondier, Altona, Man.	2.00
Friends in Manitoba	4.00
Salem Reformed Church, Louisville, Ky	40.25
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Mrs. Dahn, Salem's Reformed Church, Louisville, Ky	\$1.00
Zion's Reformed Church, Louisville, Ky	31.55
Milton Ave. Reformed Church, Louisville, Ky	5.00
Reformed Church, South Louisville, Ky	4.00
Reformed Church, Hohenwald, Ky	1.50
Reformed Church, Gruenheim, Ky	16,90
Reformed Church, Ottenheim, Ky	3.23
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Sellersburg, Ind	12.00
First Reformed Church, Nashville, Tenn	11.52
First Reformed Church and Sunday-school, Bellvidere, Tenn	36.50
St. Luke's Reformed Church, Jeffersonville, Ind	5.00
New Middleton Charge, Reformed Church, Ind	4.30
Mrs. Mary Lahr, Huntington, Ind	1.00
Mrs. Margaret Treutman, Delphos, O	1.00
From the Pittsburg Synod.	
Christ's Reformed Church, Latrobe, Pa	140.00
First Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa	50.93
Second Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa	20.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Pleasant Unity, Pa	5.00
First Reformed Church, Vandergrift, Pa	5,00
First Reformed Church, Irwin, Pa	5.00
Reformed Church, Pine Run, Pa	9.05
Clarion Classis	50.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Beaver Charge	11.75
St. Mark's Reformed Church, Beaver Charge	7.36
St. John's Reformed Church, Emlenton Charge	3.64
Salem Reformed Church, Emlenton Charge	3.87
Nevin Memorial Reformed Church, Red Bank Charge	2.70
St. Peter's Reformed Church, Punxsutawney, Pa	2.50
St. Peter's Reformed Church, St. Petersburg, Pa	2.50
Paradise Trinity Reformed Church, Clarion Classis	1.05
Dr. J. H. Twitmyer, Sharpsville, Pa.	15.00
Rev. D. H. Leader, Greenville, Pa.	3.00
St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Greenville, Pa	1.78
Zion's Reformed Church, Greenville, Pa	5.75
Watson Run Reformed Charge, Meadville, Pa	8.00
Trinity Reformed Church, Stony Creek, Pa	4.64
Allegheny Classis	25.00
Mrs. B. Wolff, Jr., Pittsburg, Pa.	60.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Pittsburg, Pa	38.55
Reformed Church, Fairview, Pa	8.25
Reformed Church, Harmony, Pa	8.29
St. John's Reformed Church, Evans City, Pa	4.00
Immanuel Reformed Church Ellwood City Pa	4.00

FROM THE POTOMAC SYNOD.

M CIRC LOL 4 W L P	800.0*
Memorial Reformed Church, York, Pa	\$28.85
Heidelberg Reformed Church, York, Pa	44.80
Paradise Reformed Charge, York Co., Pa	5.00
Quickel's Reformed Charge, York Co., Pa	5.00
Locust Grove Reformed Charge, York Co., Pa	2.25
Mr. A. C. Wiest, York, Pa	10.00
Mr. Frederick B. Gerber, York, Pa	1.00
Miss Julia Spangler, York, Pa	5.00
Grace Reformed Church, Washington, D. C	182.35
St. Mary's Reformed Church, Silver Run, Md	15.70
Reformed Charge, Cavetown, Md	12.64
Reformed Charge, Mt. Pleasant, Md	6.18
Reformed Church of the Incarnation, Emmittsburg, Md	10.50
Reformed Charge, Jefferson, Md	14.85
Reformed Charge, Burkittsville, Md	4.14
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Westminster, Md	15.00
St. Mark's Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md	3.00
Mr. J. B. Hopkins, Baltimore, Md	10.00
Miss Mary C. Kunkel, Frederick, Md	20,00
Mrs. Mary Showers, Manchester, Md	2.00
Heidelberg Reformed Church, Marion, Pa	20.04
Reformed Charge, Waynesboro, Pa	18.00
Reformed Church, Fannettsburg, Pa	3.68
Reformed Church, Fort Loudon, Pa	2,32
Hon. A. R. Schnebly, Mercersburg, Pa	100.00
Mrs. A. R. Schnebly, Mercersburg, Pa	5.00
Prof. and Mrs. E. A. Ziegler, Mont Alto, Pa	1.00
Mr. C. Wicke, Chambersburg, Pa.	2.00
A friend of the Reformed Church, Chambersburg, Pa	1.00
Reformed Charge, Rockingham, Va	5.20
Reformed Charge, Lovettsville, Va	7.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Mt. Crawford, Va	8.50
Reformed Charge, Winchester, Va	6.75
Reformed Church, Falling Waters, Va	2.00
Reformed Charge, Timberville, Va.	7.05
Mr. B. F. Hoffman, Mt. Crawford, Va.	2.00
Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, N. C.	6.00
Reformed Church, New Gilead, N. C.	2,32
Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C.	13,45
Zion Reformed Mission, Lenoir, N. C.	11.00
Mr. J. C. Rapp, Lenoir, N. C.	2,50
Reformed Charge, West Rowan, N. C	13.43
Pilgrim Reformed Church, Upper Davidson Charge, N. C	7.74
Reformed Charge, West Manheim, Hanover, Pa	20,00

Emanuel's Reformed Church, Hanover, Pa	\$27.10
First Reformed Church and Sunday-school, Carlisle, Pa	20.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Bedford, Pa	10.00
Reformed Church, Roaring Springs, Pa	5.00
Reformed Church, Everett, Pa	10.00
Mr. S. B. Fluke, Woodberry, Pa	11.00
From the German Synod of the East.	
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Bronx, New York, N. Y	30.00
Rev. C. W. E. Bruecker, New York, N. Y	5.00
Martha Memorial Reformed Church, New York, N. Y	16.00
Christ's Reformed Church, Brooklyn, New York, N. Y	15.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Milltown, N. J	35.00
St. John's Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J	30.00
German Reformed Church, Bridgeport, Conn	6.00
German Reformed Church, Holyoke, Mass	5.00
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Buffalo, N. Y	6.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church and Sunday-school, Buffalo, N. Y.	19.00
Zoar Reformed Church, Buffalo, N. Y	5.00
Emanuel Reformed Sunday-school, Rochester, N. Y	5.00
Reformed Church, Ebenezer, N. Y	10.00
Bethlehem Reformed Church, Glassboro, N. J	5.00
Emanuel Reformed Sunday-school, Philadelphia, Pa	10.00
St. Luke's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa	5.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa	10.00
Salem Reformed Church, German, Philadelphia, Pa	25,00
Zion Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa	10.00
Bethany Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa	5.00
Rev. U. O. Silvius, Philadelphia, Pa	5.00
Rev. William G. Weiss, Philadelphia, Pa	2.00
Mr. C. G. Gross, Philadelphia, Pa	10.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Egg Harbor City, N. J	5.50
Filial Reformed Church, Folsom, N. J	4.50
Zion's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa	26.27
St. John's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa	11.00
The German Maryland Classis	25.00
First Reformed Church, German, Washington, D. C	41.75
Rev. J. D. Buhrer, Washington, D. C.	10.00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, German, Baltimore, Md	15.82
Frieden's Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md	2.50
Zions Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md	10.00
Immanuel's Reformed Sunday-school, Baltimore, Md	28.00
Mrs. Frederick Roes, Baltimore, Md	2.00
St. John's Reformed Church and Y. P. Society, Baltimore, Md.	26,00
Miss Martha Nordhoff, Baltimore, Md	2.50
Mr. O. L. Hamer, Baltimore, Md	5.00

FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

First Reformed Church and Sunday-school, Cleveland, O,	\$20.00
Third Reformed Church, Cleveland, O,	10.00
Fourth Reformed Church, Cleveland, O	32.00
Sixth Reformed Church, Cleveland, O	6.00
Seventh Reformed Church, Cleveland, O	18.50
Ninth Reformed Church, Cleveland, O	10.00
Collinswood Reformed Mission	2.50
Reformed Church, Vermillion, O	5.62
Reformed Church, Brownhelm, O	5.38
First Reformed Church, Sandusky, O	37.00
Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, O	5.00
Mr. W. C. Heyman, Huron, O	17.00
M. C. Bachman, Vermillion, O	5.00
Mr. Melchior Schlappi, Kenoza Lake, N. Y	2.00
Heidelberg Classis	60.00
First Reformed Church, Marion, O,	17.70
First Reformed Church, Galion, O	22.81
St. Paul's Reformed Church, St. Mary's, O	51.33
Caroline Reformed Charge, Carothers, O	27.09
Reformed Charge, Bluffton, O	31.20
St. John's Reformed Church, Whetstone Charge, O	21.15
Evangelical Reformed Church and Ladies' Society, Lima, O	40.00
Zion's Reformed Church, New Bremen, O	30.00
Anonymous, New Bremen, O	5.00
Mrs. Greiwe, New Bremen, O	.50
First Reformed Church and Ladies' Society, New Knoxville, O.	116.37
A friend, New Knoxville, O	10,00
First Reformed Church, Crestline, O	83.56
A friend, Crestline, O	2.00
Trinity Reformed Sunday-school, Upper Sandusky, O	5.35
Emanuel Reformed Church, Lorain, O	1.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Waldo, O	5.00
First Reformed Church, New Philadelphia, O	50.20
First Reformed Church, Canton, O	40.84
Zion's Reformed Church, Ragersville, O	39.20
Christ's Reformed Church, Alliance, O	7.27
Stony Creek Reformed Charge, New Philadelphia, O	1.00
Christ's Reformed Church, Orrville, O	22,82
Reformed Church, Shanesville, O	11.28
St. Stephen's, Wheeling, West Virginia.	7.50
St. John's Reformed Church, Walnut Creek, O	5.00
First Reformed Church and Sunday-school, Bellaire, O	30,00
Zion's Reformed Church, New Bedford, O	5.00
First Reformed Church, Akron, O	35,00

Reformed Church, Glenmort, O	\$10.50
Mr. Frederick Burkett, Bellaire, O	.50
Zion's Reformed Church, Norwood, O	10.00
Zion's Reformed Church, Piqua, O	29.23
First German Reformed Church, Cincinnati, O	30.00
Salem's Reformed Church, Cincinnati, O	10,00
Emanuel's Reformed Church, St. Bernard, Cincinnati, O	10.74
Rev. J. Heckman, Cincinnati, O	3.00
Mr. Louis Silber, Cincinnati, O	1,00
Rev. C. F. Hevl, Cincinnati, O.	3.00
First Reformed Church, Rising Sun, Ind	9.09
Second Reformed Church and Sunday-school, Dayton, O	45,00
Mrs, Lena Snyder, Dayton, O	15.00
Mrs. Wilhelmina Hirsekern, Dayton, O	1.00
Reformed Church and Ladies' Society, Covington, Ky	26.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Florence, Ind	6,00
St. John's Reformed Church, Ironton, O	10,00
Emanuel's Reformed Church, Haskins, O	18,00
Reformed Charge, Archbold, O	57.06
St. John's Reformed Church, Holgate, O	23.25
First Reformed Church, Toledo, O	40.75
Salem Reformed Church, Toledo, O	9.70
Zion's Reformed Church and Sunday-school, Detroit, Mich	10.00
Emanuel's Reformed Church, New Bayaria, O	15.00
St. John's Reformed Church, Elk Rapids, Mich	21.00
Zion's Reformed Church, Swanton, O	4.83
Zion's Reformed Church, Sherwood, O	8.50
Mr. William Huber, Sherwood, O	2.00
Mr. J. Sigg, Sherwood, O.	2,00
Mr. W. Rothhaar, Sherwood, O.	1.00
First Reformed Church, Bay City, Mich,	4.44
Reformed Church, Port Hope, Mich	2.50
Reformed Church, 1 of C 110pc, 31ch	2.00
From the Synod of the Interior.	
Illinois Classis	65.00
Mt. Zion Reformed Church	.42
Reformed Church, Stonington, Ill	2.45
Maple Ave, Reformed Church, St. Louis, Mo	4.00
Grace Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill	4.90
Mrs. P. M. Ziegler, Chieago, Ill	2,00
Mrs. Rebecca Beade, Tulsa, Okl	4.00
Iowa Classis.	14.65
Reformed Church, Wilton Junetion, Ia	9.00
Friend in Wilton Junction, Ia	3.12
Grace Reformed Church, Sioux City, Ia	13.00

First Reformed Church, Oskaloosa, Ia	\$1.25
Reformed Church Charge, Lone Tree, Ia	8.00
Reformed Church Charge, Tipton, Ia	4.03
Reformed Charge, Conesville, Ia	4.10
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lee, Lisbon, Ia	2.00
Mr. E. L. Frey, Leighton, Ia	3.00
Kansas Classis	7.35
Reformed Church and Sunday-school, New Basel, Kans	30.00
First Reformed Church, Denver, Colo	31.10
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Kansas City, Mo	5.00
Bethany Reformed Church, Hiawatha, Kans	2.85
Trinity Reformed Church, Cheny, Kans	2.50
First Reformed Church, Fairview, Kans	11.69
Legacy of Mrs. Elizabeth Erwin, Fairview, Kans. (part pay-	
ment)	597.25
Wiehita Classis	5.55
First Reformed Church, Omaha, Neb	5.00
Zion's Reformed Church, Dawson, Neb	30.79
Mr. C. W. Thomas, South Omaha, Neb	1.00
C. W. Thomas, Jr., for Synod of the Interior	2.50

John M. Schick, Treasurer.

Art. IX: 10-Report of the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief.

This report was presented to Synod on the eighth day of the sessions, Wednesday, May 24th, was acted upon item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. It reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Ministerial Relief begs leave to submit the following report to your reverend body:

Five documents have been referred to your committee for consideration, viz.:

- 1. The second triennial report of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Reformed Church in the United States.
- An overture from Reading Classis of Eastern Synod presenting a plan of sustentation of Ministerial Relief.
- 3. An overture from Wichita Classis of the Synod of the Interior, asking for the unification of our Ministerial Relief work.

- 4. An overture from Rev. Wm. Grether asking General Synod to take steps towards founding a home for consumptive ministers.
- 5. A report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. Also several items from reports of standing committees, all of which have been duly considered by your committee.

Your committee rejoices to learn that the interest in Ministerial Relief is steadily advancing in our beloved Zion. Surely this is as it should be, for many of our ministers, after having served the Church faithfully on a meagre salary, until old age and infirmity overtake them, find themselves in want for the necessaries of life. Many or all of them when still young and in the prime of life had or could have had business offers and opportunities which if they had accepted would have given them wealth and independence. But they were obedient to their Lord's command when He said "Go preach the gospel," regardless of the sacrifice it meant for them; surely the Lord hath ordained "that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. The Reformed Church is as truly responsible to do this noble work as she is responsible to be engaged in home and foreign missions, or any other benevolent work for the good of Christ's kingdom. Be it, therefore.

Resolved, 1. That General Synod rejoices to hear of the progress made and good work done by the three organizations engaged in this work, viz.: The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Teachers of the Synod of the Northwest and the Board for Ministerial Relief of General Synod.

Resolved, 2. That General Synod commends this worthy cause to the Synods and Classes for the hearty support of our ministers and the liberality of our congregations, and that we urge the taking of at least one annual offering in every congregation for this purpose.

Resolved, 3. That General Synod reiterates her action of

three years ago. viz.: that each Classis be requested to appoint an informant, who shall report needy ministers or their widows not already cared for to the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Resolved, 4. That General Synod requests that reports be made of all Ministerial Relief work done by individuals or societies to General Synod through our Board of Ministerial Relief.

Resolved, 5. That, in view of the strong sentiment throughout the Church for the unification and the strengthening of our present system of Ministerial Relief and of the merits of a plan proposed by General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief and of overtures coming from Wichita and Reading Classes and from Pittsburg Synod and the German Synod of the East, the proposed plan of the Board of Ministerial Relief be sent down to the Classes for examination and suggestion and that the action of the Classes be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board not later than after their spring meetings of 1913.

The following resolution on the subject of this item was likewise adopted by General Synod:

Resolved. That General Synod most cordially and urgently invite the Society of Relief of Ministers and their Widows and the Ministerial Relief Society of the Synod of the Northwest to unite with the Board of Ministerial Relief of General Synod.

Resolved, 6. That the overture from Rev. Wm. Grether with regard to a home for consumptives be referred to General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief for consideration, though we do not now see our way clear to recommend favorable action.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. Brong,
EDWARD G. KLOTZ, F. E. ZECHIEL,
SAMUEL EICHHORN, H. WILDASIN.

Art. IX: 11—Eighth Triennial Report of the Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: With gratitude to God for His manifest blessing upon the work of the triennium, covering the years beginning April 1, 1908, and ending March 31, 1911, the Sunday-school Board herewith submits its eighth triennial report.

A Brief Summary.

The work of the Board is so complex in character that it is necessary to divide our activities into four departments in the interest of efficiency.

Educational and Missionary Department.

The total receipts for the last three years were \$15,878.37 a gain of \$4,187.93 over the preceding period. \$2,500 of this amount was appropriated from the earnings of the Business Department. Large service was rendered to our Hungarian Brethren—\$2,488.64 being expended to assist in the circulation of the Hungarian weekly paper "Reformed Church Sentinel," and the monthly Sunday-school "Evangel" and weekly Picture Cards. A smaller number of missionaries were employed than usual because of the conditions confronting the Home Missionary work and by reason of lack of means. Several hundred schools were aided with grants of literature, many of which were enabled to start by reason of this timely help.

The Educational and Extension work of the Board is carried forward through the District Synodical Sundayschool Boards, Classical Committees, the holding of Sundayschool Conventions and Institutes, Conferences, addresses and leaflets.

The total Sunday-school membership of the Church for the year ending April 1, 1910, is 324,228; a gain of 75,236. A gratifying exhibit. 408 Home Departments, with a membership of 15,050. 584 Cradle Rolls, with a membership of 36,260. The number of Teacher Training Classes shows satisfactory increase, as well as the number of Organized Adult Classes. A standard for the Organized Adult Class and a Standard of Excellence for the school is suggested on pages 343 and 344.

Editorial Department.

The Editorial Department is preparing lesson helps and Sunday-school papers of high educational value. In addition to this, leaflets and books for the use of Sunday-school workers have been published. Particular reference should be made to the International Graded Lessons; a Two Years' Course for beginners and the first and second course for the primary and junior grades have been issued and the circulation has been beyond expectation. Supplemental Lessons have also been published and additional material is in preparation.

Treasured Hymns. A song book of popular character has been well received. The publications in commemoration of the four hundredth birthday of John Calvin had a large circulation and seemed to be greatly appreciated.

The largest gain in the circulation of any one periodical and one that spells large things in the influencing of youth was accorded the establishment of "The Way," an eightpage weekly for the young people and the home.

Our Sunday-school papers are now graded and adapted to the varying ages of the school.

"Sunshine," for the little folks; "Leaves of Light Weekly," for the Junior grade, with a monthly missionary number, and "The Way," for the young people and the adult department.

Business Department.

This department has been most prosperous. The hearty cooperation of the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, O., acting as the Western depository and agent of the Sunday-School Board, has helped greatly.

Publications.—According to the statement found on page 355, there have been published during the triennium 2,364,-345 copies of books, services, requisites, etc.; 16,280,901

copies of periodicals, which, together with 5,000 copies of the last Triennial Report, make an aggregate of 18,650,246 for the three years, representing a notable gain.

Sales.—The sales have increased year by year.

The sales for the first year were	\$76,201.64
The sales for the second year were	81,782.98
The sales for the third year, ending March 31, 1911, were	88,071.16

A gain of \$34,981.79 over the sales of the preceding triennium.

Net Profits.—The net profits of the triennium are \$18,-215.75. In addition there have been paid into the treasury of the Reformed Church Publication Board, on account of transfer of Sunday-school publications from the three Eastern Synods, a royalty amounting to \$2,250, and a royalty of \$215.17 has also been paid on the Sunday-school Hymnal to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Capital.—The capital at the beginning of the triennium, according to balance sheet of last report, was \$23,782.26. During this period \$7,200 have been withdrawn from the capital of the Business Department and paid on account of the Reformed Church Building. \$2,500 was appropriated to the Educational and Missionary Department. A reserve fund of \$3,228.52 has been set aside to cover possible depreciation in the Periodical Department.

The capital reported March 31, 1911, is \$32,298.01.

Real Estate Department.

An Advisory Board, to assist in the management of real estate, has been appointed. This Board is composed of experienced business men, members of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia. Every office in the building is rented. The Boards of Home and Foreign Missions receive office rent free, paying only for janitor service, heat and light. \$7,128 represents the value of the space set aside for Boards and Reformed Church purposes, based on the rentals received

from outside tenants. The building is more than self-supporting, a will be seen by reference to the report. \$5,496.35 have been applied from the earnings of the building to the reduction of indebtedness for the three years; the floating indebtedness has been paid off and the mortgage reduced to \$58,000

By action of the Board, property adjoining the building was purchased November 10, 1910, for the sum of \$100,000; this property extends 90 feet on Race street to Hicks street with a depth of 120 feet to Spring street; 20 feet front on Race street, however, having a depth of only 60 feet to the property purchased by the Board in 1908.

The rentals from the buildings in the new purchase, together with a certain proportion of the surplus earnings of the office building, are more than sufficient to carry the property.

property.

On April 10, 1911, the purchase money mortgage of \$85,000 was reduced to \$75,000.

The total cost of the real estate owned now by the Board, including the amount invested in the building on a rental basis by the Fairmount Savings Trust Company, exceeds \$280,000, with a mortgage indebtedness of \$133,000.

It is gratifying to report the receipt of gifts aggregating \$25,230.17 for the real estate during the three years. Of this amount \$13,100.00 represents gifts on which annuities are paid to the donors during their lifetime.

Religious Education.

A brief summary would be incomplete without reference to the need for educational work. All the leading denominations in the land are giving increasing attention to the moral and religious education of the young, furnishing larger means and placing greater responsibility upon their Sunday-school Boards. The time is at hand when the Church must provide a system of religious education. More time must be secured; more use must be made of the religious plant, as the local church and Sunday-school building may be called. The minister, as the head master of in-

struction and as bearing the responsibility for the teaching work of the local congregation, needs to be helped and ought to give a larger proportion of his time and thought in the nurture and instruction of the young. The primacy of the home must be reasserted and the Sunday-school must aid through parents' classes.

About one-quarter of the religious plant is used for child-hood. Ten to twenty per cent, of the minister's time is devoted to the children. The average expenditure per child per year for religious education, as represented in our schools and churches, is probably less than \$1.50. There is reported an average of less than fifty cents per member for school supplies. Is it enough? Something is being done in teacher training. A new awakening has come. Still, the ratio is less than one-tenth of teachers who are in training, to the total number of teachers.

We devote thirty minutes to religious instruction in our Sunday-schools. The public school gives mathematics alone actually over one thousand hours. Three hundred and sixty-four hours are given to writing. The State spends hundreds of thousands of dollars in supervision of the public school system. Evidently the Church at large must do more. There must be better teaching; the lesson period should be lengthened; the educational activities of the Church need to be increased and one or more sessions of the church school should be held on a week-day, while a two or three weeks' session of the religious week-day school needs to be established in sections where the long public school vacation makes it possible.

Unification of Publication Interests.

Attention is called to the several matters and recommendations and suggestions as given on pages 348 and 349, but in summarizing the report reference is herewith made to the proposal for the enlargement of the Board's activities by the consolidation of the Reformed Church Publication Board, owned by the Eastern Synod, the Potomac Synod and the Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church. The

Publication Board is located in the Reformed Church Building, Philadelphia, and its shipping department occupies room jointly with the Sunday-school Board. It publishes the "Reformed Church Messenger," the "Reformed Church Quarterly Review," catechisms, hymn books and church books and supplies.

The business of the Sunday-school Board and the Publication Board overlaps in the sale of books. In addition, the two Boards cover in the Eastern section of the Church, the same territory. In the interests of larger efficiency and greater economy and unity of purpose, it is proposed that the work of the Reformed Church Publication Board, with the approval of General Synod and the three District Synods involved, be consolidated with the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, in accordance with the plan given on page 347. Your Board commends this proposed plan of consolidation.

I. THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

The work of organizing, fostering and strengthening Sunday-schools is the work committed by the Church at large, through your reverend body and the constitution of this Board. This is a heavy responsibility. It calls upon the Sunday-school Board of General Synod to have general oversight of all Sunday-school interests of the Reformed Church and prepare and publish literature for the Sunday-school, young people and the home; to establish new schools and to aid needy and worthy schools at home and in the foreign mission fields of the Church; to educate the Church in all phases of Sunday-school work; to raise ideals and improve methods; to superintend Sunday-school instruction; to give impulse and direction to Bible study and to develop more fully the moral and religious educational agencies of the Church.

This comprehensive definition of the Board's work can only be put into action gradually. The past three years have been years of progress and prosperity looking toward this high aim.

1. The Educational and Missionary Department.

With a view to promoting the efficiency of our schools during the second year of the triennium, Miss Eliza K. Von Bergen was employed as Sunday-school Fieldworker in Eastern Pennsylvania. The results of the work were gratifying, leading to the better organization of numbers of schools, the circulation of good literature and an aroused interest in the religious training of the young. Miss Von Berger's labors were appreciated and the Board regrets that her health did not allow her to continue.

Mr. John B. Swartz, a member of the Reformed Church at Perkasie, Pa., who has had experience in general Sundayschool work through the Pennsylvania State Sabbath-School Association and work in Florida, has been employed to give his entire time as a Sunday-school Fieldworker and Missionary. He will canvass promising points, organize schools, promote the organization of Teacher Training Classes, Home Departments, Cradle Rolls and the standardizing of schools. His work will be generally in the rural districts, for it must be recognized that the problem of the so-called "Union" (Lutheran and Reformed) school is one resting with peculiar responsibility upon this Board. There are hundreds of such schools related to Reformed churches. The work of encouragement and the necessity of better methods, and the cultivation of the missionary spirit in these schools is very great. We believe the results of this fieldwork will be shown in increased activity, larger missionary giving and the growth of the Church. It is pleasant to note that during the past year, Daniel L. Evans, Esq., a member of the Board. gave considerable time, freely, in visiting a number of schools and congregations in the western part of the Church.

As usual, the Secretary of the Board has held conferences with boards and committees, and delivered lectures in theological seminaries. The office of the Secretary of the Board has been increasingly a Bureau of Information and a factor of helpfulness in stimulating the general Sunday-school work.

The number of schools reporting to the Board is 1,743, with a total membership of 324,228, a gain of 75,236 during the past three years and a gain of 68 new schools. Incomplete reports show that last year 8,766 scholars were received by the rite of confirmation into-full church membership.

From incomplete reports, the record in the five English Synods as to the membership of the Home Department is 15,050; Cradle Roll, 36,260. A considerable gain for the three years.

The reports from the three German Synods are too incomplete to be presented.

We have reports of more than 18,251 enrolled in Organized Adult Classes, the majority of these classes have been organized during the last three years. There has been a large increase in the number of Teacher Training Classes and of Mission Study Classes.

Five Synods are now upon the Honor Roll, having a larger Sunday-school membership than the church membership. These are Eastern, Ohio, Interior, Potomac and Pittsburg Synods. These figures include officers and teachers and Cradle Roll and Home Department.

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Other benevolences 32,898 For School Purposes 147,061

Sunday-School

	Membership.	Membership.
Eastern Synod	125,098	153,224
Ohio Synod	. 29,998	40,273
Interior Synod	4,089	6,367
Potomae Synod	46,436	51,459
Pittsburg Synod	23,666	24,098
The gifts to Home Missions by the	schools	\$14,072
Foreign Missions		11,263
Orphans' Homes		15,539
General Sunday-school	l Work	6,097

Sunday-School Missions.—But three Sunday-school missionaries were employed during the triennium, owing to a number of conditions confronting the Board and the work. Through these missionaries and by aid rendered to pastors

a number of new schools were organized. Since this work has been begun your Board has organized a total of some forty new schools, reorganized seven out of which twentynine congregations have been established through the Board of Home Missions. Arrangements have been made to place several Sunday-school missionaries during the coming year.

Grants of Literature.—These grants consist of lesson helps, periodicals, Bibles, hymnals, etc. Constant testimony is received as to their great value in Sunday-school extension. 272 grants have been made to 165 schools, whose membership exceeds 9,000. Many of these schools were enabled to start by means of these special grants. Many are connected with congregations under the Board of Home Missions and a large number of schools have been encouraged and otherwise aided. Opportunities to do this kind of work are constantly increasing. For a number of years the Business Department of the Board advanced a considerable amount of money for grants of literature furnished at cost prices.

During the past three years the Missionary Department liquidated this debt. Sunday-school Boards of other denominations furnish large aid annually by means of grants of literature. This is a real ministry to those destitute of spiritual privileges and magnifies the power of the printed page.

Our Foreign Missionary Work.—It may seem startling to use this phrase, but is not the opportunity to do foreign missionary work at home most remarkable? Every year brings one million or more of foreigners to our shores. Here is the foundation work for the Sunday-school Board, for the colporteur and Christian literature can reach these foreigners in a most effective manner. The most definite work accomplished has been the combined publication of the "Reformatusok Lapia" ("Reformed Sentinel"), an illustrated sixteen-page weekly paper. This paper is issued in coöperation with the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work. During the last year the "Oromhir" ("Evangel") Sunday-school monthly has been consolidated with the "Sentinel." Hungarian Picture Cards, similar to

the Heide berg Picture Cards, are issued to the number of thousands during the year. \$2,488.64 were expended in the publication of Hungarian literature. Our Bohemian Missions have also been aided and Sunday-school literature has been donated to our Foreign Mission field under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Children's Day and Rally Day and the Support of the General Sunday-School Work.—It is well to emphasize the fact that Children's Day and Rally Day sustain a vital relation to the development of our Sunday-school interests. gether they stand for ingathering and enlargement. schools more generally than ever observe Children's Day and Rally Day. There has been a gradual increase in the free-will offerings of the schools toward the support of the general Sunday-school work, but it is evident that there are still a large number of schools and congregations which do not contribute at all to this work and doubtless there is room for more liberal offerings from many of those who do con-The educational value of this free-will offering on the day which emphasizes the worth and work of and for the child, must not be overlooked. The individual school, by means of this offering, links itself with the Sunday-school work of the denomination and interests its membership in the benevolence of the Church and educates the membership to a sense of its corporate and individual responsibility for the instruction of the children of the non-religious in our land.

Our educational and missionary Sunday-school work is not what it ought to be because of the failure of so many of our schools to respond to this challenge of the Church.

Teacher Training.—The Board has in preparation an Advanced Standard Teacher Training Course. This is intended to cover a period of two years. Up to this time it has not been possible to elect a superintendent of Teacher Training, but plans are perfected by which a superintendent of Teacher Training will enter upon the work this year. It is hoped to give more attention than ever to this all important subject and within a short time to establish Correspond-

ence Teacher Training Courses as well as Summer Schools and Teacher Training work in cooperation with the educational institutions of the Church.

2. Editorial Department.

Our Reformed Lesson Helps have been increasingly appreciated. The number of periodicals published, including the new Graded Lessons, is eighteen—thirteen Lesson Helps, four illustrated papers and "The Church Festival Helper."

The total issue of these periodicals, weekly and monthly, and quarterly, not including the "Church Festival Helper," has increased from 290,872, April, 1908, to 308,994, April, 1911.

The "Heidelberg Teacher" has been enlarged to 56 and 64 pages per issue without additional cost to the subscribers but at a considerable expense to the Board. The International Uniform Lesson Helps still maintain their position. A notable event has been the issue of the "International Graded Lessons." The Board has published material bearing on these lessons in cooperation with other Boards. Seven courses of Graded Lessons have appeared, two each covering the Beginners and in part the Primary and Junior grades. The first series was published in October, 1909. The Board has accepted these series of lessons but the First Year Intermediate Course has not been given the imprint of the Board. In the fall, the Third Year of the Primary and Junior Course will be issued. So far as can be judged by the circulation and expression of opinion, it is evident that the Graded Lessons are proving helpful for the elementary grade of the Sunday-school. As to the courses for the Intermediate Grade, there is a decided difference of opinion.

The entire series of Graded Lessons represents sixteen distinct lessons. The editorial work of the Board has greatly enlarged and it is evident, to meet the needs of the Church, it will soon be necessary to elect an editor to give his entire time and to cooperate with the splendid corps of lesson editors whose work deserves the thanks and hearty co-operation of the Church.

The Sunday-school Hymnal is still in demand, one edition of 25,000 copies having been printed during the Triennium and a new edition of 15,000 copies will be issued this spring. Several editions of the Primary Sunday-School Hymnal were issued. In the last edition the name was changed to the "Primary and Junior Hymnal." In this last edition there has been published a complete series of Graded Supplemental Lessons for Beginners, Primary and Junior scholars.

It is most gratifying to report that a long cherished planof the Board to publish an illustrated Young People's weekly
was put into execution December 1, 1909, by the publication
of "The Way." The large circulation at once gave evidence
of the wisdom of the step. This paper has reached a paid
circulation of 19,000 copies weekly. Its success called for
the publication of a Sunday-school paper for the Juniors
and in December, 1910, the Board issued the "Leaves of
Light Weekly for Boys and Girls" with a monthly missionary number for schools not in a position to take the weekly
issue. All these papers, as well as the little children's paper,
"Sunshine," are well edited and compare favorably with the
best papers of their class issued by any denomination.

Mention should be made of the "Life of John Calvin," by Prof. Philip Vollmer, D. D., and "Life Pictures of Calvin," by James I. Good, D. D., and Geo. W. Richards, D. D. Both these books enjoyed a large circulation in our sister Presbyterian churches. "Outlines of the Life of Paul," by Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., has been used by a number of adult classes. "Famous Places of the Reformed Churches," by James I. Good, D. D., published last year, is in the famous series of books by this esteemed author.

The Board announces the publication of the "Why and How of the Organized Adult Class," by J. H. Bomberger, D. D., a timely hand-book to assist in the spread of this important work.

There have been issued 1,070,410 new publications; 32,648 imprints of former editions; 1,261,287 items of Sunday-school requisites and manufactured articles and material for the Sunday-school for the last three years. For detailed list see pages 350 and 355.

3. The Business Department.

The volume of business steadily grows larger but the large growth is in the manufacture and publication of lesson material and Sunday-school papers. There is room for much greater growth in the Book Department. Our schools generally patronize the Board; all kinds of Sunday-school supplies are furnished to aid the schools in their work. Considerable business is done with the sister Reformed Church of America and the Christian Reformed Church. Under the imprint of the Heidelberg Press the publications of the Board, especially the festival services, are sold to schools of many denominations.

During the Triennium the Board has become the Philadelphia depository of the United Presbyterian Board of Publication and also the Philadelphia depository for the tracts of the American Tract Society, New York. Gratifying cooperative arrangements have been made with a number of denominational publishing houses.

Officers of your Board, on invitation, attended several meetings and conferences of the Council of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system. It is evident that a ripe and proper field for desirable coöperation between these several communions is in publications and Sunday-school work. The preparation and publication of text-books for Bible study in academies and colleges, coöperative production and purchase of books and supplies are proposed.

Recommendations relating to this subject will be presented by the Council to your reverend body. The Board heartily approves of these resolutions and expresses the hope that favorable action may be taken by which definite cooperation can be secured.

It is a matter of profound regret to report the loss by death of several valued employees of the Board during the past year, one of whom was associated with the Board since its establishment.

In this connection t may be well to remind the Church

that the Board has faithful employees and that the amount of detail required in the Business Department is not usually appreciated. Hundreds of articles are sold, the prices ranging from a penny to one dollar, and yet each item demands as much care and attention as if the single sale amounted to many dollars. The business of the Board is a mail order business and with its growing list of periodicals, the correspondence and advertising and the records kept by the Board are rapidly increasing, and involves considerable additional expense each year.

In the summarized statement of the Board, on pages 328 and 329, as well as in the detailed statements found on pages 356, etc., there is given interesting information regarding the publications, sales and profits and capital of the Board in its Business Department. It may be well, however, to state that the sales in the Business Department are reported under three heads:

The total sales in the Periodical Department for three years are \$148,120.31; Sunday-school Supply Department, for three years, \$77,385.96; Book Department, for the three years, \$20.549.51.

Financial Condition.—The financial condition of the Business Department is safe and sound. By reference to the detailed report of assets and liabilities, it will be noticed that it is the rule of the Board to charge off one-third of the total cost of plates and cuts each year. One-tenth or more of cost of furniture and fixtures account and in the inventory of merchandise to deduct ten per cent. It should be observed, however, that to meet the peculiar conditions confronting the Board in the publication of the Graded Lessons which enter into competition with the circulation of the uniform lesson periodicals, it will require increasing capital.

The Graded Lessons, by reason of the comparatively small circulation of each series, must be published at a higher price and yet the percentage of profits by which to meet the fixed charge expense of the business is almost too small for safety. Expenses in the matter of paper, printing, salaries, etc., have a tendency to increase, in common with the business conditions over the country.

It is worthy of note that your Board has been furnishing to the Church the regular lesson quarterlies at lower prices than those fixed by other denominations.

4. Real Estate Department.

By reference to the financial statements on page 362, it will be noted that the finances of the Reformed Church Building are in a satisfactory condition. Not only has the floating indebtedness been paid off during the past three years and two thousand dollars on the mortgage, but the Board has also been fortunate enough to purchase the adjoining property. This gives the church a plot of ground 120 by 120 feet fronting on four streets within one square of what seems destined to be, in the future, the finest section of the city of Philadelphia, for the Parkway, running from City Hall to Fairmount Park, is located within one square of the building and is expected to transform the entire locality through the erection of numerous public buildings such as the Courts of Justice and public library, etc. It was not possible to purchase the small plot of ground adjoining the building in order to give the Board a frontage of fifty feet on Race street to correspond with its frontage in the rear on Spring street. The adjoining property could only be secured by making the larger purchase.

The mortgage of \$3,000 which was on the Spring street property was satisfied June 15, 1909, and the purchase money mortgage on the new property has been reduced from \$85,000 to \$75,000.

Grateful mention is made of the gift of a mail chute by the children of the late William M. Fox, of Reading, Pa., and Mrs. Martha E. McCauley Fox, now of Philadelphia. The Board, in behalf of the Church, has expressed its appreciation of the many liberal donors who have contributed to the erection of the building, and many of whom have arranged, after the annuities cease, to perpetuate their good deeds by the creation of a Sunday-school Fund, the income of which is to be used in the future for educational and missionary Sunday-school work.

As before stated, in order to give the best possible oversight and care in the management of the real estate of the Board, there was authorized by the Board, at its meeting in April, 1909, the appointment of an Advisory Board of Real Estate of seven business men. This Board is composed as follows:

Jas. M. Landis, chairman; Chas. H. Edmunds, Esq., Christian G. Gross, H. E. Hartman, Samuel Kreps, H. E. Paisley, Milton Warner. *Ex-officio*, C. Clever and Rufus W. Miller, Secretary.

II. HIGHER STANDARDS.

An adequate system of education demands higher standards and renewed emphasis upon the responsibility of the home as the first and fundamental agency of the Church for the right rearing and training of the race. The family is the real center of religious education. Undue emphasis upon the individual means the overlooking of the family as the unit in the plan of salvation; but if the family is to exercise the right influence upon the children, parents must be trained. The Sunday-school as the organized educational institution of the Church, can open the way and afford the opportunity for this training. The call for higher standards then must be, first, for the education of the parents in the duties of the home, the understanding of the child, and the teaching of the Word of God. In this connection we call attention to the resolutions of the Sunday-school Council of Evangelical Denominations. This Council, organized within the last year, at its first annual meeting, held at Nashville, Tennessee, January 25-26, 1911, represents over seventeen million Protestant communicant members of the Church. It is composed of the Sunday-school secretaries, editors and publishers of the several denominations and unanimously passed the following:

"Resolved, That the Council approves the incorporation of a plan in connection with the Sunday-school for the definite instruction of parents in their duties and obligations in the moral and religious training of their children."

To carry into effect this resolution, your Board proposes to challenge the schools of the Church to establish Parents' Classes and will offer courses of study suitable for such classes. We need to use the resources already at hand in the organization of the school and link more closely together the parent, the school and the child, to the life and activities of the Church. These agencies are based upon the covenant idea and educational religion. The Cradle Roll, with its recognition of the responsibility of the Church and the influence of the Christian teacher in personal contact with the parent of the child. The unworked possibilities of the Home Department demand the serious and thoughtful attention of every pastor and Sunday-school worker and ecclesiastical judicatory. Is it not possible through the Home Department, not only to reach church members but also the non-church-goer and to re-establish, by the definite visitations of the Home Department corps of visitors, the parish system of our Protestant churches? Week-day gatherings of the teacher and class, with the atmosphere of the home, have been greatly blessed and ought to be encouraged.

The pulpit has splendid opportunities to reinforce the obligations of the home and to secure the coöperation of parents with the teaching instruction of the Sunday-school.

The Organized Adult Class is a remarkable development of the last few years. It has given higher rating to the Sunday-school by the attendance of thousands of men and women. It has dignified the work of the school. It affords an opportunity for higher standards and we heartily concur in the standard of work for Organized Adult Classes recommended by the Sunday-school Council:

- 1. Increase the membership by fifty per cent. by January 1, 1912, or secure an equivalent increase through the organization of other classes.
 - 2. Bibles used in the classes.
 - 3. A definite contribution to missions.
 - 4. Personal evangelism.
 - 5. Other definite Christian work in the community.

6. Representation in Teacher Training, Mission Study Class, or Reading Course, with a view to larger service.

The following list of books for Adult Classes, the first five of which are recommended by the Sunday-school Council, deserve a large circulation throughout the Church:

- 1. "The Romance of the English Bible," by John T. Faris.
- 2. "The Church's One Foundation," by W. Robertson.
 - 3. "Aliens or Americans," by Howard B. Grose.
 - 4. "Taking Men Alive," by Charles Gallaudet Trumbull.
 - 5. "The Efficient Layman," by Henry F. Cope.
- 6. "The Why and How of the Organized Adult Class," by Dr. J. H. Bomberger.

To reach higher ideals and to secure better methods we recommend the following as a common standard of excellence for each individual school:

- 1. Cradle Roll.
- 2. Home Department.
- 3. Organized Adult Bible Class.
- 4. Teacher Training.
- 5. Graded Instruction.
- 6. Missionary Instruction and Offering.
- 7. Definite Decision for Christ through Pastor's Class and Confirmation.
 - 8. Offering for our Reformed Church Sunday-school Work.

This Standard of Excellence was also approved by the Sunday-school Council so that we are joining forces with every other denomination when our Reformed Church schools introduce these indispensable features of a good school. It should be understood by the fifth element—Graded Instruction—that the Board is of the conviction that this may be secured by the use of the Graded Supplemental Lessons for each department in connection with the International Uniform Lessons.

In order to offer a choice of subjects and to furnish material for week-day religious instruction in classes held in the Sunday-school room or given in the home, your Board has prepared and published in parts, inexpensive booklets containing supplemental studies for the Beginners, Primary and Junior and Intermediate Grades and it has in preparation a series of Graded Missionary Lessons.

Higher Standards for our schools means also systematic missionary instruction, definite plans and methods in giving to missions, the missionary library, the missionary superintendent or committee of the school and the observance of Missionary Days.

III. SPECIAL MATTERS

1. The term of service of the following members of the Board expires with this meeting of Synod: Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D., Rev. C. W. Levan, D. D., Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Rev. Henry Schmidt.

In accordance with the action of the last General Synod, your Board elected Mr. A. L. Kaub to constitute the twelfth member of the Board and to serve until the present meeting of Synod. His term also expires.

2. The Board records, with great regret, the death of Dr. E. B. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa., who was elected a member of the Board at the last meeting of Synod, representing the Eastern Synod. His death occurred February 7, 1909, and the funeral services took place February 10, 1909. The Board has placed on record, in appropriate resolutions, its recognition of his services. His estimate of the value of the General Sunday-school work is shown by the fact that, just before his death, he made a gift of one thousand dollars in the form of an annuity bond, to the Board and by will provided for a bequest of \$1,000, conditioned on the payment of an annuity to his aged mother during her lifetime.

Daniel L. Evans, Esq., Pottstown, Pa., was elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Smith. Your Board requests the approval of his election.

3. By previous actions of the General Synod, your Board has been directed to aid and stimulate young people's work. So far as it was possible, this has been done, but it is the conviction of the Board that the time is at hand when this work should be more definitely recognized and

coördinated with the other Boards of the General Synod. It suggests the establishment of a Young People's Department. This department to develop the activities of the Young People's Societies and to encourage and assist in the organization of Men's Societies. The Brotherhoods of the leading denominations of the land and the Y. M. C. A. are cooperating in what is known as "The Men and Religion Forward Movement," for the purpose of winning to Christ and the Church, the largest possible number of men and boys by May 1, 1912; to disseminate the most approved methods of religious work for men and boys: to gradually increase the enrollment of Bible classes; to stimulate the missionary enterprise of the Church at home and abroad: to better civic conditions; to exalt the spiritual power in public worship of God and to secure a Christian investment of time, personal talents and money on the part of men."

If the Reformed Church is to coöperate in this movement and to secure some of its blessings and to do its share for which it is responsible, it is evident that your reverend body should definitely authorize action through a special committee of your Sunday-school Board and other Boards, to enlist the men of the Reformed Church in this movement. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip is coöperating in the movement. We submit the question—Shall the Board undertake the work of assisting the formation of men's organizations such as the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip and is it the wish of General Synod that the Board should employ, in coöperation with the missionary Boards, a secretary to give his entire time to this important work?

4. At the suggestion of the several executive secretaries of all the Boards located in the Reformed Church Building, a conference of the Reformed Church Publication Board and the executive committee of the Sunday-school Board was held March 23, 1911, to discuss the question of consolidation of the Publication Board with the Sunday-school Board. The following plan of consolidation, after a thorough discussion of the subject, was unanimously approved. On the same date, the Publication Board, meeting in separ-

ate session, approved the "Plan" and, in accordance with the understanding, it is herewith submitted for the consideration and action of your reverend body:

Proposed Plan.

- 1. Complete consolidation of Reformed Church Publication Board of three Eastern Synods with the Sunday-school Board of General Synod.
- 2. Name of the Sunday-school Board to be changed by charter amendment (after approval of proposed action by the three Eastern Synods) to "The Publication and Sundayschool Board of the Reformed Church."
- 3. The Board to be increased from twelve to fifteen members on the following basis: Eastern Synod. 5; Potomac Synod. 2: Pittsburg. 2; Ohio. 2; Interior, 1; German Synod of the East, 1; Central Synod, 1; Northwest, 1. After action by the District Synods. 2 Eastern, 1 Pittsburg, 1 Potomac from present membership of the Publication Board, to be named by Publication Board, 2 for three years and 2 for six years; afterward nominated and elected as other members of Boards of General Synod.
 - 4. Ed tor of "Messenger" elected by three Eastern Synods.
- 5. Present Constitution and By-Laws of the Sundayschool Board remain in essentials the same. Additions to be made as may be necessary to meet changed conditions.
- 6. It is understood that in the event of favorable action by General Synod, the action, of course, is conditioned upon the approval, by the three Eastern Synods, either at special or their next regular meetings, in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the Reformed Church Publication Board, and further, in the event of an approval by a majority of the three Eastern Synods, your Sunday-school Board is to be given authority by you to arrange with the Reformed Church Publication Board for the transfer of its Business Department and other property and the management of the business, in accordance with the terms of the Proposed Plan.

Recommendations and Suggestions.

Your Board would recommend the following matters for your favorable consideration and for reference to the several Synods and Classes:

- 1. Request the District Synods to instruct their Advisory Sunday-school Boards and the several Classes, to give definite instructions to their classical committees on Sunday-school work to coöperate more fully with the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod in developing and advancing the General Sunday-school interests of the Church. Its several judicatories and their representatives are the responsible and proper parties through which instruction, guidance and help should be provided for all the Sunday-school workers within their bounds.
- 2. Reiteration of the action of General Synod, affectionately urging and requesting churches, schools, and individuals to make an annual free-will offering to the educational and missionary work of the Board, preferably on Children's Day.
- 3. The suggestion to Synods and Classes to approve of the Standard of Excellence for the school and the Organized Adult Class, the formation of Parents' Classes, Teacher Training Classes, Mission Study Classes, the use of Supplemental Lessons or Graded Lessons, larger home coöperation and moral and religious instruction in week-day classes.
- 4. Calling the attention of the Church, through the Synods, and Classes, to the importance of the evangelistic mission of the Sunday-school and the vital necessity of Sunday-school extension.
- 5. Approval of the Synod of the continued publication of the Hungarian literature on the part of the Board and instructions to the Board with reference to work among thealiens in our land.
- 6. Approval of the Board's purchase of real estate in Philadelphia, and authority be given to the Board to develop the property as it may seem expedient.

7. The Board suggests that the Synod pass an appropriate resolution of thanks in recognition of the liberal gifts made to the Board and also its approval of the Annuity Bond Plan by which to reduce the indebtedness upon the real estate.

8. In the event of favorable action as to the consolidation of the Reformed Church Publication Board, on the part of the three Eastern Synods, the Board to be given authority to amend its Charter and Constitution and By-laws and authority be given, also, to act upon further propositions for consolidation of publication interests which may be made by any of the District Synods.

In conclusion, your Board desires to place on record its renewed conviction of the growing importance of the Sundayschool as a moral and religious educational institution. The Church has the home, the school and the pastor as the divinely appointed guardians and guides of youth. To these instruments is given the responsibility of character building and spiritual nurture. We must magnify Sunday-school extension if we are to reach the millions of children in our land yet unreached by any Sunday-school. In the study of statistics we find an enrollment of fourteen millions in denominational Sunday-schools and over 650,000 in undenominational and Union Sunday-schools. We must recognize the fact that there is an unusually large proportion of union schools affiliated with the Reformed Church. Many of these schools are ephemeral for want of special care. Surely there is growing need for Sunday-school missionaries and field workers. In ten years eight million foreigners have come to our shores. Churches must redouble their efforts to reach the children of these foreigners who are needing the help we may give and who are so open to religious influences.

The school is in a strategic position of unusual opportunity by reason of its organization and membership, to influence the home and exalt the power of the home through the family relationship, prayer and parental example. The Sunday-school is the open door of opportunity for the pastor, both to teach the children and the young people and to rally the officers and teachers as the evangelistic force of the Church and to make the school itself the ripe harvest field of sane evangelistic and educational effort. We need to pray for the coming of God's kingdom on the earth but the logic of experience is teaching the truth that the kingdom of God will come on earth only through the gateway of childhood. The fate of the world is determined by the influences which prevail with the child from birth, to seven years of age. Certainly from birth to fourteen years of age. The practically unanimous judgment of living psychologists and the results of experience and observation confirm this statement. All our problems go back to the child. The Protestant Churches must place greater stress on the importance of definite, systematic, spiritual instruction of the children and must be definite and efficient in guarding the years of childhood and sowing the seeds of character if present conditions are to be changed. We need a new crusade by which the Church will concentrate her energies on the children. Better train the twig before it is bent than to allow the bent twig to stiffen into a crooked tree. Better purify the spring before it has become a rapid flowing stream. Better sow the seed on good soil before "the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the seed."

Let us begin at the beginning and reverently assist the spiritual unfolding of life. "First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear."

Respectfully submitted, C. Clever, *President*.

Rufus W. Miller, Secretary.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

Periodicals.—The following is a brief description of the character and purpose of the periodicals published by the Board:

The Heidelberg Teacher.—This is a monthly magazine for teachers and officers of the Sunday-school and adult Bible students. It contains full and varied expositions on the International Uniform Lessons, aids to Graded Lessons, Editorial Department and new and valuable material contributed by the best writers. In it are to be found, also, interesting facts and incidents relating to missionary work, Sunday-school news and book reviews. Octavo form, 56 to 64 pages. Price, single copy, 60c per year; school subscription, 50c per copy, per year.

The Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly and Adult Class Magazine is especially adapted to those who are unable to attend the regular sessions of the Sunday-school, and yet wish to study the lessons week by week. It is very essential to the success of adult classes. Issued quarterly. 64 pages. Price, single copy, 30c per year; school subscription, 25c per year. An abridged edition for the Home Department is published at 16c single copy; school subscription, 14c per year.

The Advanced Scholars' Quarterly.—In this magazine, issued especially for the older scholars, is to be found full information regarding the lesson work, with Order of Service, map, Bible dictionary, hymns and music, and most helpful and instructive material. Each number contains 40 pages and cover. Its large and increasing circulation gives proof of its popularity. The price is less than similar Quarterlies of other churches. School subscriptions, 10c per copy per year.

The Intermediate Scholars' Quarterly is designed for scholars between the ages of 13 and 16. Notes, questions and practical teachings, with full lesson texts, fill its pages. Order of Service, map and hymns are also to be found. 32 pages and cover. School subscription, 10c per year.

The Junior Scholars' Quarterly is published for scholars from 9 to 12 years of age. In it are words of hymns in other Quarterlies, Order of Service for main school, special Order of Service for Junior Department, map and all that goes to make a complete and interesting Quarterly for the juniors. 32 pages and cover. Increasing circulation. Price, school subscription, 10c per year.

The Advanced Scholars' Lesson Leaf. This is an abridged form of the Quarterly with lesson text, questions and references; also Order of Service. If desired, the leaves can be separated and distributed weekly to the scholars or to visitors. 32 pages. Price, school subscription, 6c per year.

The Heidelberg Picture Card is a brightly-colored lithographic picture illustrating the lessons of the day with lesson title, golden text, lesson story and questions. Adapted to the younger children and Primary Department. Price, school subscription, 10c per year.

The Heidelberg Lesson Roll. This provides a colored illustration for the lessons of every Sunday in the year. An artistic and true portrayal of Scripture times and customs. Price, 75c per quarter.

The Way. Our new eight-page illustrated weekly for the Sunday-school, the Young People's Society and the home. Its cordial reception and large circulation attest the value and need of this paper in which are to be found a constant variety of interesting information. The Editorial Page, Young People's Organizations, the Mission Page, Scientific Facts and always an interesting story make it a popular and much-sought-for paper. Single subscription price, 60c per copy per year. Club subscriptions, two or more copies to one address, 50c each per year or 12½c per quarter. Subscriptions not taken for less than three months.

Leaves of Light for Boys and Girls Weekly. Four pages. (Formerly "The Semi-Monthly Leaves of Light.") Especially published for the junior grade. It contains stories of heroism, stories of child life, scientific and mechanical inventions and discoveries, puzzles and other features, including Bible facts and lessons for meetings of juniors, which are presented from week to week. The first number of each month will be a special missionary number. Single copy, 50c per year. School subscriptions, 35c per year. Monthly edition (missionary number), 20c per year, single subscription; club subscription, 10c per year.

Sunshine. This is a four-page weekly paper for very

little people. It is finely illustrated, once a month, printed in colors. 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 per year.

The Church Festival Helper is a quarterly publication containing services for Christmas, Easter. Children's Day, Harvest Home and Rally Day; also other special occasions. The Children's Day Service is issued through the Helper, but copies continue to be given, free, to all schools making an offe ing for Sunday-school and missionary work. Each service is sold separately at the rate of \$4.00 per 100 copies, \$4.25 postpaid.

NEW BOOKS.

Drills and Dialognes for Christmas. 32 pages. Price, 15c per copy, postpaid.

Famous Places of the Reformed Churches. By Dr. J. I. Good. 455 pages. Price, \$1.50.

Life Ideals in Recut Gems. By Hiram King. Price, 15c, paper; cloth, 30c.

Lije of John Calvin. By Rev. Philip Vollmer, Ph. D., D. D. Price, 75c.
Life Pictures of John Calvin. By James I. Good, D. D., and Geo. W.
Richards, D. D. Price, 25c.

Memory and Hope at Christmastide. A Christmas Cantata. 32 pages. Price, 30c per copy, postpaid.

Opening and Closing Exercises for the Sunday-School. 32 pages. Price, 15c per copy.

Outlines of the Life of Paul, By Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D. Price, 50c, cloth.

Primary and Junior Hymnal (New Hymnal). 32c per copy, postpaid; 30c in quantities.

Santa Claus and Christmas Cheer. Christmas Cantata. 40 pages. 50c single copy; \$3.25 per dozen copies, postpaid.

Standard Selections for Children's Day. 20c per copy, postpaid. Standard Selections No. 2. 48 pages. Paper. Price, 15c per copy,

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Supplemental Lessons. By Rev. C. Hauser. Parts 1, 2, 3, 4. Price, 20c per copy; cloth, 50c.

Treasured Hymns (New Hymnal). 224 pages. Price, 25c single copy, postpaid; \$22.50 per 100 copies, not prepaid.

NEW BOOKS WITH OUR IMPRINT.

Teacher Training Lessons (Hurlbutt's). 144 pages. 30c, paper. Training the Teacher (Sunday School Times). 270 pages. 50c, cloth.

REPRINTS.

Forms and Hymns for Christmas. Price, 25c per copy.

Heidelberg Teacher Training Course (First Year). Price, 25c per copy, postpaid.

Memory and Hope at Christmastide. A Christmas Cantata.

Primary Hymnal, now known as Primary and Junior Hymnal. Price, 35c per copy, postpaid; 30c in quantities.

Santa Claus' Welcome. A Christmas Cantata. Price, 30c per copy, postpaid.

Sunday-School Hymnals. 145th edition. Price, \$25,00 per hundred. Treasured Hymns (cloth). Price, \$22,50 per hundred.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REQUISITES.

Acme Class Book.

Acme Collection Envelopes.

Acme Secretary's Record.

Adult Class Pins.

Angel and Child Pictures for Cradle Roll.

Birthday Cards and Folders.

Birthday Envelopes.

Bookmarks (celluloid).

Books of the Bible Cards.

Celluloid Adult Class Buttons.

Class Number Badges.

Class Tables.

Cradle Roll Membership Certificates.

Cradle Roll Birthday Certificates.

Collection Plates.

Collection Envelopes.

Easter Offering Envelopes.

Glass Pin Tray Paper Weights.

Gold Plate Adult Class Buttons.

Heidelberg Press Attendance Cards.

Heidelberg Press Class Envelopes,

Home Department Application Cards.

Home Department Offering Envelopes.

Home Department Explanatory Leaflets.

Home Department Quarterly Report Blanks.

Home Department Secretary's Record Books.

Home Department Membership Cards.

Home Department Visitor's Cards.

Home Department Certificate of Membership,

Home Department Report Cards. Form D.

Home Department Yellow Leaflets.

Hymn Boards.

Library Cards. Maltese Crosses (silver). Maltese Crosses (gold plate). Motion Songs for Children's Day. Motion Songs and Exercises. New No. 2 Lenten Daily. New No. 5 Easter Egg. New No. 6 Cheerful Giver. Our Aim and Our Motto (banners). Post Cards. Rally Day Collection Envelopes. Rally Day Buttons. Rally Day Telegrams. Rally Day Tags. Record Attendance Cards. Register Boards. Sets of Slides for Register Board, Sets of Slides for Hymn Boards. Sets of Hymn Board Numbers. Special Badges. Special Buttons. Sunday School Members' Visiting Cards, Vacation Blanks. Weekly Lenten Offering Envelopes. Publications for the Three Years. The Board has published under the several departments during this time: Extra Festival Services: Motion Songs, Calvin Day Program, Wonderful Infant Divine, Joyful Song, All Things Good and Beautiful, Angel Voices, The Lord of Life is Risen, The Bright the Morning Star, The Glorious Dawn 229,150 Church Festival Helper: An Ensign of the People, Praise the Lord, Children's King, The Opened Portal, School of the King, Child Devine, Blessed Morn, Faithful and True, Our Sunday School Crusade, The Christ Child Story, O! 788,089 5,000

in connection with Children's Day Services.

PERIODICALS—Number of Copies.

	Year Ending March, 1909.	Year Ending March, 1910.	Year Ending March, 1911.	Total.
The Way		*356,400	1,547,460	1,903,860
Leaves of Light, Weekly	644,750	*456,300	163,000	1,264,050
Leaves of Light, Semi-monthly	199,000	174,800	58,000	431,800
Leaves of Light, Monthly	42,900	39,800	168,000	250,700
Sunshine	1,280,900	1,285,200	1,171,100	3,737,200
Heidelberg Teacher	159,550	155,950	154,050	469,550
Home Department Quarterly	65,100	72,100	73,550	210,750
Advanced Quarterly	383,000	381,500	390,450	1,154,950
Lesson Leaf	38,800	37,800	36,250	112,850
Intermediate Quarterly	.107,500	108,500	104,000	319,000
Junior Quarterly	91,000	92,550	89,350	272,900
Picture Cards	327,000	2,661,100	1,888,796	4,876,896
Picture Rolls	4,335	4,019	3,341	11,695
Graded Lessons		273,400	991,300	1,264,700
	3,343,835	6,099,419	6.837,647	16,280,901

*Decembe	er, 1909.		
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April 1. 1911.	Balance on hand	\$121.15	
March 31.	Cash received:		
	1908-1909 \$3,913;45		
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Balance Sheet, Business Department, 1908-1909.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,

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Cash on hand and in bank		\$5,972.49
Periodicals as per inventory		1,212.26
Sunday-school supplies, as per inventory		
Less 10 per cent		
Less to per cent	00,100	7,263.50
20,000 #1		1,200.00
Books, as per inventory \$3,396.54		
Less 10 per cent		
		3,056.89
Sunday-school and Missionary Department		3,560.77
Accounts receivable		18,927.85
Furniture and fixtures		1,465.72
Cuts and electros		
Charged off one-third	375.10	750.21
Bills receivable		215.79
		\$42,425.48
Liabilities.		
Periodicals paid in advance	\$4,849.02	
Periodicals charged in advance	7,972.07	
	432.89	
Accounts payable		
Royalties unpaid	87.57	10011 77
		13,341.55
Net worth		\$29,083.93
Capital Account.		
Capital April 1, 1908	\$23,782.26	
Net gain for the year	5.301.67	
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Capital March 31, 1909		\$29,083,93
Business Department, 1909-	1910.	
ASSETS AND LIABILITIÉS.		

Assets.

Cash	\$8,281.18
Periodicals, as per inventory	1,575,68
Sunday-school Supplies, as per inventory \$9,209.54	

Book Department, as per inventory \$2,896.62	
Less 10 per cent	
	\$2,606.96
Sunday-school and Missionary Department	3,678.18
Accounts receivable	21,483.68
Furniture and fixtures	1,710.09
Cuts and electros.	578,36
Bills receivable	405.57
Real Estate Department	1,700.00
Total assets	\$50,308.28
Liabilities.	
Periodicals charged in advance \$9,235.73	
Periodicals paid in advance 5,492.22	
Accounts payable	
Royalties	
Total liabilities	15,374.92
Excess of assets over liabilities	\$34,933.36
Less reserve—20 per cent. profits	1,569.89
	\$33,363,47
Capital, April 1, 1909	\$33,363.47
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Less for real estate appropriation	33,363.47 \$9,428.00 3,680.64

Accounts receivable (less \$745.43)		\$21,145.72
Furniture and fixtures (charged off for three	years,	
\$379.55)		1,705.97
Cuts and electros (charged off for three years,		
\$1,055.71)		
One-third off	391.43	= :0.00
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Bills receivable		355.57
	-	\$49,736.78
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Liabilities,		
Periodicals paid in advance	\$5,660.77	
Periodicals charged in advance	8,031.06	
Accounts payable	440.29	
Royalty unpaid	78.13	
Reserve Fund account	1,569.89	
		\$15,780.14
Excess of assets over liabilities		\$33,956.64
Less reserve—20 per cent, profit		
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		\$32,298.01
Capital, April 1, 1910	\$33,363.47	
Less appropriation to Educational and		
Missionary Departments\$2,500,00		
Appropriated to real estate 5,200,00		
	7,700.00	
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	\$25,663.47	
Net profit for the year\$8,293.17		
Less for reserve	0.004.54	
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Financial Statement.		
Business Department—Cash Receipts and	d Ernenditu	res
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Cash on hand, March 31, 1908		\$1,664.20
Cash received from sale of periodicals, books,		
Sunday-school supplies (including Bd, of Pub.		
R. C. A. and Central Pub. House):	@PP 400 00	
From March 31, 1908, to March 31, 1909	\$77,409.28	

From March 31, 1909, to March 31, 1910. \$80,390.94

From March 31, 1910, to March 31, 1911		2 \$248,307.74
		\$249,971.94
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Periodical Department, paper, printing, etc	\$93,002.34	
Book Department	16,001.58	
Sunday-school supplies	49,057.11	
Miscellaneous, periodical, book and Sunday-		
school supplies and Sunday-school Missionary		
Department	5,566.60	
Rent, heat, light and telephone service	6,600.00	,
Salaries: General Secretary's salary, department		
heads, office clerks, shippers, etc	28,216.61	
Incidental expenses, postage, expressing, insur-		
ance, advertising, weight on periodicals	30,255.80	,
Furniture and fixtures	1,161.84	
Cuts and electros	1,016.89	
Royalty to Reformed Church Publication Board	2,250.00	j.
Royalty to Society for Relief of Ministers and		
their Widows on sale of S. S. Hymnals	215.17	Í
Appropriation toward Reformed Church Build-	- 200 00	
ing	7,200.00	0040 540 04
-		\$240,543.94
Balance, cash on hand March 31, 1911 Appropriated from earnings of Business Departr ministration expenses of Educational and Department	nent to ad- Missionary	
REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT, APRIL 1, 1908,	ro Marcu	21 1011
Cash Receipts.	IO MARCH	51, 1511.
Rent received		\$47,910.48
Cash from gifts, pledges and annuities		
Amount appropriated from Business Departmen	ıt	7,200.00
Interest received on bank balances		364.05
		\$70,404.70
Paid Out.		
Rents remitted to Board and Church use	\$7,128.00)
Interest, including annuities	14,516.46	,
Repairs and maintenance, corner 15th and Race	373.58	i i
Repairs and maintenance, Race St. property	76.14	

Operating expenses: light, heat, power, salaries,	
etc	
Taxes and insurance 4,35:	2.42 6.88
	3.55
Paid on real estate contracts, reduction of in-	200
debtedness	
	\$67,719.95
Cash balance, March 31, 1911	\$2,684.75
REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT, MARCH 31, 19	11.
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.	
Assets.	
*Real estate (15th and Race streets)	\$149.934.11
Real estate (Race St. addition)	100,184.25
Cash on hand and in bank	2,684.75
Fixtures	1,922.72
That Make	\$254,725.83
Liabilities.	
Accrued interest on mortgage Race St. not due \$1,652	
†Building Fund (S. S. fund and annuities)53,236	
Permanent loans	
Mortgage, corner 15th and Race 58,000	
Mortgage, Race St. addition 85,000	
	204,389.72
Net worth	950 996 11
Supplemental Statement for Month of April	*
April 10, 1911. Paid on account mortgage Race St. prop	
ties	\$10,000.00
From the following receipts:	
Appropriated from Real Estate Department \$1,500	
Loans from Business Department 3,500	
Wm. E. Smith S. S. Fund (Annuity Bond) . 1,000	
Georgiana Smith S. S. Fund (Annuity Bond) 1,000	
Annuity Bond, Levi D. Lutz, S. S. Fund 3,000	
	10,000.00

April 1, 1911, Dr. James I. Good Historical Publishing Fund on Annuity Plan \$5,000.00 (\$1,000.00) previously given April 22, 1908; balance unconverted real estate.

^{*}Permanent improvements to building by first floor tenant represent 30,000 additional cost.

[†]No liability as to principal, interest and annuity in part.

GIFTS, PLEDGES AND RECEIPTS TOWARD REFORMED CHURCH	Building,
April 1, 1908, to March 31, 1911.	
Gifts from Sunday-schools	\$418.24
Gifts from churches	132.07
Gift from a friend of Dr. Bausman, of Reading, Pa.,—note	
due June 1, 1911	1,000.00
Individual gifts	2,270,86
Amount paid on pledges by Sunday-schools	2,109.00
Appropriated from Business Department	7,200.00
Annuity bond, N. Z. Snyder, D. D. (real estate unconverted)	2,100.00
Annuity Bonds	11,000.00
·	\$26,230.17
Amount due on pledges by Sunday-schools, \$502.69.	
Annuity Bonds,	
Philip Daubenspeck	\$5,000.00
A friend from Philadelphia	1,200.00
Dr. E. B. Smith (bequest)	
Mary J. and Belle L. Emig	200.00
Rev. J. B. Shontz.	2,000.00
Mrs. H. O. McCauley Schnebly	600.00
N. Z. Snyder, D. D.	2,100.00
J. I. Good, D. D.	1,000.00
	\$13,100.00
Individual Gifts.	
Mrs. Matilda Chidsey	
Women's Social UnionPhiladelphia, Pa	50.00
Charles E. Fox and sisters	500,00
Rev. G. W. Kerstetter Freeport, Ill	5.00
Thomas Zeller	2.50
Thomas KernSlatington, Pa	
C. M. Wolf Hanover, Pa	
Dr. E. B. Smith	
Rev. H. S. Gekeler Indianapolis, Ind	20.00
C. C. Leader	
Isaac Roberts Swarthmore, Pa	
J. B. WhitemanChester, Pa	
G. W. Reeger	
E. A. Rice York, Pa	
J. R. Rodgers	
F. P. Hibshman Philadelphia, Pa	
N. D. Haner.	
Rev. W. C. Sykes Somerset, Pa	3.00

Miss E. E. Hewitt Philadelphia, Pa	\$5.00
F. W. Smith	9.00
Women's Night Committee (Mrs. J. L. Craig)	5.00
Dr. P. H. MillikenPhiladelphia, Pa	
A. W. Bomberger	10.00

\$2,270.86

Amount Paid on Pledges Toward the Reformed Church Building by Sunday-Schools,

Note. These schools pledged definite amounts of \$100, etc., and paid on account, as previously reported, 1908.

First Reformed Lebanon, Pa	\$25.00
Chas. F. McCauley Fund	209,26
Heidelberg Sunday-school York, Pa	25.00
Zion's Sunday-school York, Pa	30.00
First Reformed Bethlehem, Pa	25.00
St. Mark's Sunday-school Reading, Pa	20.75
St. John's Bellefonte, Pa	35.00
Trinity Sunday-school Altoona, Pa	17.86
St. Paul's Somerset, Pa	31,40
Christ	25.00
St. John's Shamokin, Pa	44.70
Heidelberg Schwenksville, Pa	15.00
Calvary Reading, Pa	25.00
Trinity	25.00
St. Stephen's	38.23
St. Paul's Sunday-school Waynesboro, Pa	14.35
Harbaugh Sunday-school	12.65
Heidelberg Sunday-school Philadelphia, Pa	11.67
St. John's Reading, Pa	30.04
Reformed Sunday-school Ashland, Pa	37,32
First Reformed Sunday-school Sunbury, Pa	35.00
Trinity Reformed	15.00
Dorothy C. Durbin S. S. Fund	50.00
First Reformed Sunday-school Easton, Pa	50.86
First Reformed Spring City, Pa	20,00
Reformed Church of AscensionNorristown, Pa	20.18
Christ Reformed Sunday-school Hagerstown, Md	34,00
Salem Reformed Sunday-school Allentown, Pa	50,00
Christ Reformed Sunday-school Middletown, Md	30.00
Calvary Reformed Sunday-school . Reading, Pa	25.00
David Reformed Sunday-school Canal Winchester, Pa	42.61
St. Thomas Sunday-school Reading, Pa	20.00

Oak Lane Reformed Sunday-school	.Philadelphia, Pa	\$8.13
Second Reformed Sunday-school	.Greensburg, Pa	50.00
M. O. Noll Fund	.Carlisle, Pa	34,00
Trinity	.Canton, Ohio	25.00
Reformed Sunday-school	. Huntingdon, Pa	35.34
Zion Reformed Sunday-school	.Allentown, Pa	15.00
First Reformed Sunday-school	.South Bethlehem, Pa.	25.00
Christ Sunday-school		25.00
First Reformed Sunday-school	.Lebanon, Pa	25.00
David Reformed		16.73
St. Paul's	. Waynesboro, Pa	13.00
First	.Greensburg, Pa	28.43
First Reformed	.Sunbury, Pa	20,00
Reformed Sunday-school	.Ashland, Pa	27.96
St. John's	.Shamokin, Pa	33.00
St. Thomas	.Reading, Pa	25.00
St. Stephen's	.Reading, Pa	32.07
Trinity	.Altoona, Pa	31.84
Reformed Church of Ascension	.Norristown, Pa	26.36
St. Mark's	.Reading, Pa	25.11
Oak Lane Reformed	.Philadelphia, Pa	12,43
Heidelberg Reformed	.Schwenksville, Pa	20,16
First Reformed	.Easton, Pa	30.05
St. Thomas'	.Reading, Pa	20.00
Second	.Greensburg, Pa	50.00
Emanuel Reformed	. West Philadelphia, Pa	10,00
Trinity Reformed Sunday-school	.Philadelphia, Pa	25.00
Trinity	Norristown, Pa	18.05
First Reformed	.Spring City, Pa	24.62
Zion's Reformed Sunday-school	.Allentown, Pa	17.65
First Reformed Sunday-school	.Easton, Pa	47.09
First Reformed Sunday-school	.Lebanon, Pa	25.00
First Reformed Sunday-school	.Spring City, Pa	17.04
Christ	.Bethlehem, Pa	25.00
St. Stephen's	Reading, Pa	45.74
Reformed Church of Ascension	. Norristown, Pa	20,56
Oak Lane Reformed		20,00
First Reformed	.Greensburg, Pa	18,02
St. John's		29.74
First Reformed	Sunbury, Pa	20.00

GIFTS FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

St. John's Union Sunday-school Gibraltar, Pa	\$3.00
Olivet Sunday-schoolReading, Pa	2.00
St. Peter's Sunday-school Easton, Pa	3.18
Tannersville Charge Bethlehem, Pa	6.31
Bible School, First ChurchTremont, Ohio	4.25
Trinity Sunday-school Allentown, Pa	5.79
Pleasant Valley Sunday-school Effort, Pa	9.00
Trinity Sunday-school Gettysburg, Pa	5.00
Reformed Sunday-school Summit Hill, Pa	5.00
Heidelberg Sunday-schoolSchwenksville, Pa	3.50
First Sunday-school	5.00
Zion's Sunday-school Baltimore, Md	5.00
Memorial Dayton, O	5.00
St. John's Elk Liek, Pa	5.00
Hickory Bottom Sunday-school Henrietta, Pa	3.81
East Homer Sunday-school Spencer, Ohio	9.39
Bethany Sunday-school Bethlehem, Pa	7.00
New Goshenhoppen East Greenville, Pa	35.00
Reformed Sunday-school Canton, Ohio	17.28
Lock Haven Boalsburg, Pa	33.53
Reformed Sunday-school Kittanning, Pa	10.00
Emanuel Reformed Sunday-school . Rochester, N. Y	25.00
First Reformed Sunday-school Greensburg, Pa	53.55
St. Mark's Pittsburg, Pa	50.00
St. John's Reformed Sunday-school Milton, Pa	31.65
Salem Reformed Allentown, Pa	50.00
Heidelberg Reformed York, Pa	25.00
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	\$418.24
GIFTS FROM CHURCHES,	
Heidelberg Church	\$73.40
Bethany Tabernacle Philadelphia, Pa	20.00
Christ Church	20.00
St. John's	4.22
St. Andrew's Philadelphia, Pa	2.35
Calvary Church	5.00
St. Mark's Church Philadelphia, Pa	2.10
German Reformed Church New Brunswick, Pa,	5.00
- Certain Reference Charles	3.00

SUMMARY SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICAL REPORT. YEAR 1910.

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	Foreign Missions.	88188	1320 00	9.	860 00	2220 00	229	158	2.14	11263
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	Home Missions.	86754	1706 00	106	1219 00	2051 00	1309 00	614	583	14072
	Scholars Confirmed.	3349	1951	326	651	1173	823	738	149	8766
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	Cradle Roll.	10277	2913	_	1589	2817	-	ñ	50.1	18170
	Home Department.	7775	2608	10	2218	1915	27	Ç.	534	15081
	Scholars.	620 11436 123116	30839	15199	18122	41659	12854	15767	4545	262101
	Officers and Teachers.	11436	3694	1709	2013	4737	1200	1617	727	27133
	Schools.	620	518	231	156	301	55	101	57	1743
	SYNODS.	Castern		est	ittsburg.	Potoniae	terman Synod of East	entral	Interior	

Officers and Members.

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A. L. Kaub, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Art. IX: 11-Report of Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools.

The report on Sunday-schools was presented on the fourth day of the session, considered separately item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The eighth triennial report of the Sunday-school Board of this Synod, submitted to your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, is a document of great interest and importance. It shows a measure of progress and fidelity in the prosecution of this work to which the Synod can point with genuine pride. The total Sunday-school membership reported to April 1, 1910, is 324,728, a gain of 75,236. In addition, there is reported a membership of 15,050 in the Home Department, and 36,260 in the Cradle Roll, Educational and Missionary Department. The receipts of the Board for the triennium were \$15,878.78, a gain of \$4,187.93 over the preceding period. In the business department, 18,650,246 books, services, etc., were published, representing a notable gain. The sales

amounted to \$246,055.78, a gain of \$34,981.79. The net profits of the triennium are \$18,215.75. The total capital reported March 31, 1911, is \$32,298.01. In the editorial department great progress has been made and the standard of excellence in our publications is constantly increasing. The indebtedness on the Reformed Church building has been decreased in a most gratifying way, and property adjoining the building, in size 90x120 feet, was purchased for \$100,000. The total cost of the real estate now owned by the Board exceeds \$280,000, with a mortgage indebtededness of \$133,000. Gifts aggregating \$25,230.17 for the real estate were received during the three years. Daniel L. Evans, Esq., was chosen to fill the unexpired term of the lamented Dr. E. B. Smith as a member of the Board. Mr. John B. Swartz has been employed as a Sunday-school field worker and missionary. The five English Synods now report a larger Sunday-school membership than the church membership. The new Young People's weekly, "The Way." has already a paid circulation of 19,000 copies weekly. The Board also presents and proposes a plan of consolidation of the Reformed Church Publication Board and Sunday-school Board. In every way the report shows a determination to raise the Sunday-school work of our Church to the highest standards and breathes a spirit of praise for the blessings of the past and hopefulness for the future.

Your committee would respectfully recommend the following action:

- 1. With reverence and gratitude we would record the many evidences of divine favor which have been vouchsafed during the past triennium to the Sunday-school work of the Reformed Church. God has indeed been gracious to us and we bow before Him with thankful hearts as we realize how He has led us as a Church to large things in this important department of our work.
- 2. We commend and congratulate our Sunday-school Board for their splendid management of the interests confided to their oversight and care. They have managed the varied and complex problems committed to them with not

only conscientiousness and zeal, but with a large degree of wisdom, sagacity and foresight, and we believe that the affairs of this department are in better condition than ever before.

- 3. We again record the conviction that the Sunday-school Board is the responsible and proper agency through whom instructions, guidance and help should be provided for all the Sunday-school workers within the bounds of our several judicatories and we, therefore, request the District Synods to instruct their advisory Sunday-school Boards and the several Classes to give definite instructions to their Classical Committees on Sunday-school Work, to coöperate more fully with the General Synod Board in developing and advancing the General Sunday-school interests of the Church.
- 4. We again urge the Synods, through the Classes, to request churches, schools and individuals to make an annual free-will offering to the educational and missionary work of the Board, preferably on Children's Day.
- 5. We affectionately recommend to Synods and Classes the approval of: First, the standard of excellence for Sundayschools; second, the formation of organized adult classes. and especially organized work for men; third, the use in schools and homes of the excellent periodicals published by our Board-"Leaves of Light Weekly," for juniors, and that admirable paper, "The Way," for all young people and the adult department; fourth, the formation of Teacher Training Classes, Mission Study Classes and Parents' Classes; fifth, the use of supplemental lessons or graded lessons; sixth, the encouragement of larger home cooperation and moral and religious instruction in week-day classes; seventh, the stressing of the evangelistic mission of the Sundayschool, through which we logically receive a large proportion to our churches and, therefore, the placing of proper emphasis upon the vital necessity of Sunday-school extension.
- 6. We approve of the continued publication of the Hungarian literature by our Sunday-school Board and instruct them to use their opportunity in connection with the Board

of Home Missions in ministering to the moral and religious welfare of the aliens in our land.

7. We approve of the election of Daniel L. Evans, Esq., as a member of the Board to represent the Eastern Synod and to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. E. B. Smith, and the appointment of John B. Swartz as a field worker and missionary.

8. We heartily approve of the Board's purchase of additional real estate adjoining the Reformed Church Building in Philadelphia, and hereby authorize the Board to develop the property as soon as they may deem it necessary. We rejoice that it is possible for the Board to give much valuable space in the Reformed Church Building rent free for the use of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

9. We recognize with gratitude the liberal gifts made to the Board and express, through the Synods and Classes, our approval of the annuity bond plan by which to reduce the indebtedness upon the real estate and further the work of the Board.

10. We authorize the Board to co-operate with the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions in developing the activities of Young People's Societies and in the formation of men's organizations, such as the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, and if deemed necessary, to employ a secretary to give his time to the development of the Young People's work of the Church.

PLAN OF CONSOLIDATION.

11. We submit, for the consideration and action of your reverend body, a proposed plan for the consolidation of the Reformed Church Publication Board of the Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomac Synods with the Sunday-schoo Board of the General Synod.

Item A. The name of the Sunday-school Board shall be changed by charter amendment (after approval of proposed action by the three Synods involved) to the Publication and Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church.

Item B. In order to effect this consolidation, it is submitted:

- (1) That the Publication Board transfer and assign to the General Synod all right, privileges, contracts, concessions and the like that it has received or enjoyed at the hands of the General Synod.
- (2) The General Synod shall then vest all right, privileges, contracts, concessions and the like, both as regards publications, Sunday-schools and all other departments of Church or Sunday-school work, co-extensive with the jurisdiction of General Synod and which are not enjoyed, owned and held by the said Publication Board, and by the Sunday-school Board.
- (3) The Publication Board shall transfer to the Publication and Sunday-school Board all of its assets of whatever kind, character or nature, including all funds invested for any particular purpose or purposes, the same to be held by the said Publication and Sunday-school Board in trust for the same purposes for which the same was originally given. The Publication and Sunday-school Board shall assume the current indebtedness of the Publication Board in consideration of said transfer.
- (4) The foregoing having been accomplished, completed and carried out, and the approval of the same having been secured on the part of the Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomac Synods, the said Publication Board shall then be legally dissolved.

Item C. The Board shall be increased from twelve to fifteen members, on the following basis: Eastern Synod, 5; Potomac Synod, 2; Pittsburg, Synod, 2; Ohio Synod, 2; Interior Synod, 1; German Synod of the East, 1; Central Synod, 1; Synod of the Northwest, 1. It being understood that after action by the district Synods, the Publication Board shall name from its membership two from the Eastern Synod, one from the Pittsburg Synod, and one from the Potomac Synod; two of these to serve for three years and two for six years, and that afterwards all the members of the Publication and Sunday-school Board shall be nominated and elected by the General Synod.

Item D. The editor of the "Messenger" shall be elected

by the Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomae Synods. The manner of said election and term of office to be determined by said Synods. In case of death, resignation, or inability to act, the Publication and Sunday-school Board shall have power to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of said Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomae Synods.

Item E. The Publication and Sunday-school Board shall adopt by-laws, essentially the same as those now adopted by the Sunday-school Board, except in such cases where it is necessary to change them to meet the changed conditions

Item F. The approval of the Eastern, Pittsburg, and Potomac Synods having been secured, the proposed consolidation shall become effective as soon thereafter as the two Boards concerned can arrange it.

Item G. The General Synod records its belief that such a consolidation will mean an increase both in economy and efficiency, which will greatly advance the interest of our Reformed Zion, and expresses the hope that the Synods will act favorably upon this very important matter.

Item H. We hereby authorize the Sunday-school Board to have its charter, constitution and by-laws amended in harmony with this plan and give the Board authority to act upon further propositions for consolidation of publication interests which may be made by any district Synods.

12. We most earnestly request every pastor, through the Synods and Classes, to emphasize the pre-eminence of the Sunday-school as a moral and religious educational institution. It is the Church of Christ at work studying and teaching the Word of God, and the teaching function of the Christian Church never needed greater emphasis nor called for greater devotion than in our time. It is indeed true that the Sunday-school is the open door of opportunity for the Christian pastor, for it should include within its bounds every member of the Church, from the youngest to the oldest. Let us pray for a double portion of God's Spirit that we neglect not our fundamental duty in the training of the child and the prosecution of real Christian nurture.

"The faith of the world is determined by the influences which prevail with the child." Let us remember always the words of Him who set a little child in the midst of His disciples and declared "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Respectfully submitted,

Paul S. Leinbach.

H. J. Christman, D. Burghalter, Emory L. Coblentz, E. S. Naly.

Art. IX: 12-Report of the Standing Committees on Societies.

The report of this committee was presented on Wednesday afternoon, May 24th. It was considered *seriatim* and finally adopted as a whole. On item 2, the following committee was appointed: Revs. E. S. Bromer, D. D., C. H. Ranck, R. M. Kern and Elders E. A. Shulenberger and H. S. Schartle. The report reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Young People's Societies begs to submit the following report:

We regret, as committees on Young People's Societies appointed by previous General Synods have regretted, that not sufficient data of Young People's Societies are available to form any very definite report as to the growth and activity of these organizations within the bounds of the Church. Judging, however, from the curtailed accounts we have been able to gather as to the progress and status of these societies, it is the opinion of the committee that they have increased in number and in their membership; that they have contributed much to the religious culture and training of a large number of our members; and that they have been efficient organizations of practical Christian service and benevolence; on which account General Synod should rejoice and give every encouragement to their organization and growth.

Your committee recommends the following for adoption:

1. That General Synod heartily commends to pastors and consistories the various Societies of Young People now existing within the bounds of the Church.

- 2. That General Synod appoint a Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies, composed of men in thorough sympathy with the aim and purpose of such societies.
- 3. That the Stated Clerk of General Synod be instructed to prepare Classical Statistical Blanks on Young People's Societies and furnish the same to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes; these statistics to be sent to General Synod's Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies.
- 4. That the General Synod make provision by a separate column in our church statistics, as printed in the minutes of General Synod, for the tabulation of at least the number of members enrolled in these Societies.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. REAGLE.

James Riley Bergey, E. M. Sands, B. D. Lickleiter, Luther E. Martin.

Art. IX: 13-Report of the Standing Committee on Nominations.

This report was presented on Saturday morning, May 20th, and after recommittal to make several changes and additions, was adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Nominations submits the following report: The committee has endeavored to make nominations that would be most acceptable to General Synod. The italic letters indicate synodical relation.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

(Vote for four.)

Term Six Years.—Rev. Paul S. Leinbach (E.), Rev. Chas. B. Schneder, D. D. (E.), Rev. E. R. Williard (O.), Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D. (I.), Rev. J. H. Mickley (Pgh.), Rev. D. N. Ditmar (Pgh.), Rev. G. D. Elliker (N. W.), Rev. Josiah Friedly (C.),

(Vote for two.)

Term Six Years.—Elder E. A. Rice (P.), Elder P. H. Bridenbaugh (P.), Elder Geo. W. Stein (E.), Elder W. H. Keller, Esq. (E.).

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(Vote for four.)

Term Six Years.—Rev. Jas. I. Good. D. D. (E.), Rev. F. C. Seitz, D. D. (E.), Rev. F. Mayer, D. D. (C.), Rev. Adolph Krampe (C.), Elder A. C. McCardell (P.), Rev. Irvin W. Hendricks, D. D. (P.), Rev. Albert S. Bromer (E.), Elder Elwood S. Snyder, M. D. (E.).

(Vote for four.)

Term Six Years.—Elder John W. Apple, Esq. (E.), Elder W. H. Orth (E.), Elder John K. Bowman (E.), Prof. Geo. L. Omwake (E.), Elder W. W. Anspach (E.), Elder Hon. Geo. W. Wagner (E.), Elder Murray G. Motter, M. D. (P.), Elder Samuel S. Brenner (P.).

(Vote for one.)

Term Three Years.—Hon. Horace Ankeny (O.), Elder L. W. Hills (O.).

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

(Vote for two.)

Term Six Years.—Rev. R. W. Miller. D. D. (E.), Rev. G. A. Schwedes, D. D. (E.), Elder A. L. Kaub (E.), Elder H. E. Hartman (E.).

(Vote for one.)

Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D. (O.), Rev. D. W. Loucks (O.).

 $({\rm Vote\ for\ one.})$

Rev. Lewis Robb, D. D. (*Pgh.*), Rev. B. B. Ferrer, D. D. (*Pgh.*).

(Vote for one.)

Elder Geo. A. Wood (P.), Rev. C. S. Slagle (P.).

(Vote for one.)

Rev. Henry Schmidt (C.), Rev. John Rettig (C.).

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

(Vote for six.)

Term Six Years.—Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D. (P.), Rev. M. J. Roth (P.), Rev. H. C. Nott (N. W.), Rev. Calvin H. Schneider (N. W.), Rev. Philip Vollmer, D. D. (O.), Rev. J. H. Steele, D. D. (O.), Rev. W. H. Wotring, D. D. (E.), Rev. J. L. Fluck, D. D. (E.), Rev. F. W. Berleman, D. D. (G. E.), Rev. J. D. Bueher (G. E.), Elder C. H. Leinbach (E.), Elder E. S. Fretz (E.).

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

1. Reformed Church in America.

(Vote for one.)

Rev. E. F. Wiest, D. D. (P.), Rev. Gustave R. Poetter (E.).

2. Presbyterian Church.

(Vote for one.)

Rev. James I. Good, D. D., (E.), Rev. L. Kryder Evans, D. D. (E.).

3. General Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church.

(Vote for one.)

Rev. D. Burghalter (C.), Rev. J. F. Moyer (E.).

4. Provincial Synod-Moravian Church.

(Vote for one.)

Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, D. D. (E.), Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, D. D. (E.).

5. United Presbyterian Church.

(Vote for one.)

Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D. (Pgh.), Rev. E. S. Bromer, D. D. (Pgh.).

6. German Evangelical Synod of North America.

(Vote for one.)

Rev. J. M. G. Darms, (G. E.), Rev. F. Aigner (C.).

7. Reformed Episcopal Church.

(Vote for one.)

Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D. (E.), Rev. Chas. B. Alspach (E.).

INTER-CHURCH FEDERATION.

(Vote for nine.)

Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D. (P.), Rev. S. P. Mauger (P.), Rev. F. A. Rupley (P.), Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D. (E.), Rev. Theo. F. Herman, D. D. (E.), Rev. Victor Dippell, Ph. D. (E.), Rev. J. W. Meminger, D. D. (E.), Rev. John F. Moyer (E.), Rev. Philip Vollmer, D. D. (O.), Rev. A. C. Shuman, D. D. (O.), Rev. Paul S. Leinbach (E.), Rev. E. D. Wettach, D. D. (O.), Rev. Geo. W. Richards, D. D. (E.), Rev. John H. Bomberger, D. D. (O.), Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D. (O.), Rev. E. A. Hofer, D. D. (G. E.), Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, D. D. (E.), Elder Paul A. Kunkel, Esq. (E.), Elder W. D. Oberlin (O.).

Delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches. (Vote for twenty-one.)

Rev. James I. Good, D. D. (E.), Rev. Henry H. Apple, D. D. (E.), Rev. Philip Vollmer, D. D. (O.), Rev. Thomas W. Dickert (E.), Rev. A. K. Zartman, D. D. (O.), Rev. Theo. F. Herman, D. D. (E.), Rev. Geo. S. Stibitz, D. D. (O.), Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D. (E.), Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, D. D., (E.), Rev. J. W. Meminger, D. D. (E.), Prof. Geo. W. Richards, D. D. (E.), Prof. H. J. Christman, D. D. (O.), Rev. Chas. E. Miller, D. D. (O.), Prof. Geo. L. Omwake, P. D. (E.), Rev. John S. Stahr, D. D. (E.), Prof. John C. Bowman, D. D. (Pgh.), Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D. (Pgh.), Rev. Thos. H. Leinbach, (E.), Elder Wm. R. Barnhart (Pgh.), Prof. Frank Grether (N. W.), Rev. J. M. G. Darms (G. E.), Rev. Paul S. Leinbach (E.), Rev. H. C. Nott (N. W.), Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D. (E.), Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D. D. (O.), Elder Walter Kuhns (O.), Elder Chas. H. Edmonds, Esq. (E.), Rev. J. C. Leonard, D. D., (P.), Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D. (E.), Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D. (Pgh.), Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, D. D. (E.), Rev. J. C. Horning (I.), Rev. D. H. Fouse (I.), Rev. Daniel Burghalter (C.), Rev. H. Nevin Kerst (O.), Elder B. F. Fackenthal, Jr. (E.), Elder F. Von Tacky (G. E.), Elder W. W. Tuechter (C.), Elder Emory L. Coblentz (P.), Elder G. J. P. Raub (E.), Elder M. Kirsch (N. W.), Elder Harry E. Paisley (E.).

Delegates to Council in 1912 of Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterian System.

(Vote for twelve.)

Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D. (Pgh.), Rev. Cyrus Cort, D. D. (Pgh.), Rev. E. S. Bromer, D. D. (Pgh.), Rev. Geo. S. Stibitz, D. D. (O.), Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D. D. (G. E.), Rev. John S. Stahr, D. D. (E.), Rev. George W. Richards, D. D. (E.), Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D. (E.), Rev. E. R. Williard (O.), Rev. C. E. Miller, D. D. (O.), Rev. A. S. Zerbe, D. D. (O.), Rev. David Van Horne, D. D. (O.), Rev. Frank Grether, D. D. (N. W.), Rev. B. B. Ferrer, D. D. (P.), Elder P. W. Siebert (Pgh.), Elder Chas. H. Edmunds (E.), Rev. Henry H. Apple, D. D. (E.), Elder C. W. Truxal (Pgh.), Elder D. Irving Prugh (O.), Elder Ewalt Haaser (N. W.), Elder H. H. Shirer (O.), Elder John W. Bickel, Esq. (E.), Hon. Horace Ankeny (O.), Rev. C. Clever, D. D. (P.).

Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes.

(Vote for one.)

Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach (E.), Elder H. M. Housekeeper (E.).

PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

(Vote for three.)

Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, D. D. (E.), Rev. J. C. Leonard, D. D. (P.), Rev. Jos. L. Murphy, D. D. (P.), Rev. Carl F. Kriete, D. D. (N. W.), Gen. John E. Roller (P.), Rev. Thos. J. Hacker, D. D. (P.).

Place of Meeting of General Synod in 1914.

(Vote for one.)

- 1. Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 2. First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.
- 3. Atlantic City, N. J.

1908

Your committee recommends:

- 1. That its report, like the reports of other Standing Committees, be published in full in the printed minutes of General Synod.
- 2. That the chairman of this committee be instructed to have the ballot printed for the use of the Synod.
- 3. That the election be made the order of the day on Monday, May 22d, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Rufus C. Zartman,	Ambrose M. Schmidt,
CALVIN M. DELONG,	H. NEVIN KERST,
C. T. Nuss,	Lewis Robb,
A. E. Dahlman,	A. G. Lohman,
WILSON B. HAUCK,	Andrew R. Brodbeck.

Art. VIII.-Report of the Treasurer.

1. Synopsis of Treasurer's Report. Receipts

2000.				
May 19.	Balance in hands of Treasure	r		\$959.02
1908-191	1. Received from the various	Synods:		
		Amount	Amount	Arrear-
		Apportione	d. Paid.	age.
East	ern	\$2,130.00	\$2,011.58	\$118,42
Ohio)	518.00	518.00	
Nort	thwest	414.00	414.00	
Pitts	sburg	450.00	405.00	45.00 •
Pote	omac	775.00	775.00	
Gerr	nan (East)	293.00	293.00	
Cent	ral	407.00	407.00	
Inte	rior	68.00	68.00	

1909. March 1. Borrowed \$500.00	
1909. Nov. 1. Borrowed	
	\$2,000.00
1908. May 26. Ohio Synod (balance for 1905–1908)	356.00
1910. Jan. 12. Received from Dr. Hoffheins, royalty	4.50
Total receipts	80 911 10
•	\$5,211.10
Expenditures.	
Correction, preceding report (three checks not included) One-half railway fare twenty-nine delegates to meeting of	\$41.85
Synod	671.02
H. H. Apple, rent for church, for meeting at York, Pa	75.00
Stated Clerk and Assistant, salaries and expenses	432.25
Dr. W. H. Roberts, three years' dues, Alliance Reformed	
Church	1,260.00
.Dr. A. R. Kimball, three years' dues, Federal Council	500.00
Expenses of delegates to meetings of Federal Council	283.90
Expenses of delegates to meetings of Closer Union	150.00
Expenses delegates to other Interdenominational Meetings.	242.20
Printing German and English Minutes, stationery, etc	1,763.60
Paid money borrowed, \$2,000; interest, \$170; total	2,170.00
Paid Treasurer's salary, three years	50.00 145.68
Incidental expenses	145.03
Total expenditures	\$7,785.50
Receipts	
Expenditures	
Balance in treasury \$425.60	
2. Account of W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer General S	YNOD, FOR
Years 1908-1911.	
1908. Receipts.	
May 19. Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$959.02
" 26. Received, F. P. Brown, Ohio Synod \$356.00	\$555.02
July 21. Received, Rev. W. F. Curtis, Interior	
Synod	
June 16. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern	
Synod 4.58	
Nov. 9. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern	
Synod	
Dec. 15. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern	
Symod	
·	438.58

1909.			
Mar. 1.	Borrowed from W. R. Barnhart	\$500,00	
April 22.	Received, C. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod	30.61	
May 5.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
·	Synod	50.00	
" 12.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg		
	Synod	135.00	
" 15.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
	Synod	55.00	
June 3.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
	Synod	106.00	
Sept. 20.	Received, F. W. Hoff, Northwestern		
	Synod	100,00	
" 29.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
	Synod	167.00	
Oct. 7.	Received, C. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod.	300,00	
" 11.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
	Synod	14.00	
Nov. 1.	Borrowed from W. R. Barnhart	1,500.00	
" 19.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
	Synod	144.00	
4040			\$3,101.61
1910. Jan. 12.			
	Received, Rev. Dr. Hoffheins, royalty.	4.50	
Feb. 11.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg		
Feb. 11.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg Synod	4.50 67.50	
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Feb. 11. " 18.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg Synod Received, Rev. F. W. Berleman, German Synod	67.50 143.00	
Feb. 11. " 18. Mar. 22.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg Synod	67.50 143.00 518.00	
Feb. 11. " 18. Mar. 22. " 25.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg Synod Received, Rev. F. W. Berleman, German Synod Received, F. P. Brown, Ohio Synod Received, C. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod.	67.50 143.00	
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Feb. 11. " 18. Mar. 22. " 25.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg Synod. Received, Rev. F. W. Berleman, German Synod. Received, F. P. Brown, Ohio Synod. Received, C. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern Synod. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern	67.50 143.00 518.00 300.00 46.00	
Feb. 11. " 18. Mar. 22. " 25. April 23. May 16.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg Synod. Received, Rev. F. W. Berleman, German Synod. Received, F. P. Brown, Ohio Synod Received, C. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern Synod. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern Synod.	67.50 143.00 518.00 300.00	
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Feb. 11. " 18. Mar. 22. " 25. April 23. May 16. June 2. Aug. 8.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg Synod. Received, Rev. F. W. Berleman, German Synod. Received, F. P. Brown, Ohio Synod Received, C. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern Synod. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern Synod. Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg Synod. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern Synod. Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern Synod.	67.50 143.00 518.00 300.00 46.00 114.00 65.50	
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19	11			
Jan.		Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
0 11,71.		Synod.	\$76.00	
66	25.	Received, Rev. F. W. Berleman, Ger-		
		man Synod	150,00	
44	25.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg		
		Syuod	111.00	
66	27.	Received, Rev. G. A. Dreibelbies, Cen-		
		tral Synod	307.00	
6.6	28.	Received, Rev. W. C. Sykes, Pittsburg		
		Synod	26.00	
Feb.	28.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
		Synod	81.00	
Mar.	17.	Received, Rev. G. A. Dreibelbies, Cen-		
		tral Synod	100.00	
- 66	21.	Received, C. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod.	19.93	
April	5.	Received, F. W. Hoff, Northwestern		
	_	Synod	179.00	
	7.	Received, Rev. C. W. Thomas, Interior	40.00	
	20	Synod	43.00	
	28.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern Synod	20.00	
May	5.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern	30.00	
may	Э.	Synod	56.00	
	9.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern	,,0,,00	
	3.	Synod	135.00	
44	10.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern	100.00	
		Synod.	314.00	
66	13.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
		Synod	117.00	
4.6	15.	Received, R. M. Hoffman, Eastern		
		Synod	116,00	
44	13.	Received, C. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod.	24.46	
				\$1,885.39
	,	Total Receipts		\$8,211.10
		Expenditures.		
19	08.			
May	19.	Paid three checks to Drs. Cort, Prugh,		
		and Dahlman, forgotten in former		
		report	\$41.85	
"	23.	Paid Dr. Cort, as R. R. agent	16.00	
"	25.	Paid Rev. T. F. Stauffer, one-half rail-		
			00.00	

-66	25.	Paid Rev. J. L. Murphy, one-half rail-	
"	25.	road fare	\$13.00
		road fare	11.50
- 66	25.	Paid Rev. J. D. Andrews, one-half rail-	
44	25.	road fare	8.58
	20.	road fare	11.78
-66	25.	Paid Rev. G. D. Elliker, one-half rail-	11.00
		road fare	25.00
66	25.	Paid Rev. F. M. Lemke, one-half rail-	
-46	25.	road fare	24.85
	20.	road fare	25.00
"	25.	Paid Elder J. Witt, one-half railroad fare	25.46
-66	25.	Paid Rev. A. Bolliger, one-half railroad	
		fare	28.00
46	25.	Paid Rev. G. W. Kerstetter, one-half	
66	25.	railroad fare	19.18
	ώŪ.	railroad fare	17.25
-44	25.	Paid Elder J. P. Heister, one-half rail-	11,20
		road fare	17.25
46	25.	Paid Elder A. R. Korf, one-half railroad	
-66	0.5	fare	19.14
	25.	Paid Rev. J. Stucke, one-half railroad fare	25.00
46	25.	Paid Elder W. M. Klump, one-half rail-	20,00
		road fare	18.41
"	25.	Paid Elder J. Hunsicker, one-half rail-	
44		road fare	20.00
••	25.	Paid Rev. A. S. Bromer, one-half rail- road fare	99.90
44	25.	Paid Rev. B. A. Black, one-half rail-	23.80
		road fare	25.00
66	25.	Paid Rev. L. L. Harsupfluy, one-half	
66		railroad fare	31.55
6.6	25.	Paid Rev. J. A. Hunsicker, one-half	00.00
"	25.	railroad fare	30.00
	20.	road fare	28,00
44	25.	Paid Elder C. E. Friend, one-half rail-	
		road fare	31.55
-66	25.	Paid Rev. L. C. Harnish, one-half rail-	
		road fare	27.90

44	25.	Paid Elder S. R. Neiman, one-half rail-		
44		road fare	. 26.00	
	25.	Paid Elder C. W. Thomas, one-half rail- road fare	32,65	
44	25.	Paid Rev. H. C. Nott, one-half railroad	52,00	
		fare	17.60	
66	25.	Paid Rev. C. Heyl, one-half railroad		
"	0*	fare	21.00	
	25.	road fare	17.60	
44	25.	Paid Calvin Fisher, telegram	.70	
June	2.	Paid Rev. Dr. L. K. Evans, Com. Exp.	1.50	
46	2.	Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, Roll Clerk, etc	24.02	
44	2.	Paid York Printing Company	27.50	
66	2.	Paid Rev. Dr. H. H. Apple, for church.	75.00	
66	16. 16.	Paid A. R. Kimball, Federal Council Paid Rev. Dr. J. P. Stein, salary Stated	200.00	
	10.	Clerk	250,00	
Dec.	15.	Paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, Council Exp	5,10	
66	15.	Paid Rev. C. Cort, Council Exp	6.10	
44	15.	Paid Rev. A. E. Dahlman, Council Exp.	10.00	
June		Paid Rev. V. W. Dippel, Local Option.	7.93	
Aug.	3.	Paid Central Publishing House, forms.	52.85	
44	3. 13.	Paid Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, expenses Paid Rev. J. Bachman, salary and ex-	4.50	
	10.	penses	182.25	
Sept.	14.	Paid Rev. J. P. Stein, bills of Synod	34.41	
Dec.		Paid Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, Confer-		
		ence	2.50	
***				1,597.23
190 Jan.	9. 20.	Paid Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Conference	\$4.00	
Feb.	3.	Paid Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen, Com	2,40	
44	3.	Paid Rev. Dr. J. H. Prugh, Com. Exp.	14.90	
6.6	9.	Paid Albert Ankeney, Com	30.00	
Mar.	2.	Paid Central Pub. House, German		
66		Minutes	539.41	
44	2. 2.	Paid Rev. Dr. J. I. Good, Com. of Coun. Paid Rev. A. S. Zerbe, Com. of Coun.	12.60	
April	-	Paid Rev. Frank Grether, Com. of Coun.	27.80 49.00	
"	27.	Paid Rev. W. H. Roberts, Alliance	420.00	
May	29.	Paid Rev. Dr. Vollmer, expenses	34.25	
June	1.	Paid Ed. Pengelly & Bro., printing	82.50	
4.6	4.	Paid Rev. Dr. Evemeyer, Del. U. P. Ch.		
		Exp	24.50	

44	12.	Paid Rev. Dr. Crawford, Del. to Denver	114.00	
Oct.	4.	Paid Rev. A. E. Dahlman, Del. to U.		
		V. C	37.00	
Nov.	1.	Paid Publication Board, Minutes of		
		Synod	1,061.34	
"	10.	Paid Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, Closer		
		Union	6.50	
"	14.	Paid Rev. Dr. J. S. Keiffer, Closer Union	7.40	
Dec.	10.	Paid Rev. J. Rauch Stein, expenses	36.67	
"	21.	Paid Rev. Dr. C. Cort, Federal Council	28.50	
				2,532.77
191	10.			
Jan.	17.	Paid A. R. Kimball, Federal Council	\$100.00	
44	26.	Paid Rev. Dr. A. S. Zerbe, Del. Exp	8.00	
Feb.	7.	Paid Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, Closer		
		Union	8.15	
"	11.	Paid Rev. Dr. J. S. Keiffer, Closer Union	7.65	
"	22.	Paid Rev. Dr. Roberts, Alliance	420,00	
Mar.	7.	Paid Rev. J. R. Stein, postage, etc	9.26	
66	26.	Paid Rev. Dr. J. H. Prugh, Del. to St. L.	30.85	
"	26.	Paid Rev. Dr. C. Cort, Del. to St. L	31.50	
44	26.	Paid Rev. Dr. Frank Grether, Del. to		
		St. L	22.00	
44	26.	Paid Rev. Dr. Dahlman, Del. to St. L	35.00	
April		Paid Rev. Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Closer Union	5.15	
44	1.	Paid Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, Closer		
		Union	4.75	
44	19.	Paid A. R. Kimball, Federal Council	200.00	
Dec.	26.	Paid Mrs. M. E. Bachman, back pay	4.27	
				886.58
191				
Jan.	14.	Paid Rev. Dr. J. S. Keiffer, Com. Exp	\$7.25	
"	14.	Paid W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer's Salary	50.00	
Feb.	1.	Paid W. R. Barnhart, borrowed money.	2,000.00	
"	1.	Paid W. R. Barnhart, interest on money	170,00	
"	20.	Paid Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, Del. Exp.	25.73	
"	20.	Paid Rev. Dr. A. S. Weber, expenses	4.50	
"	20.	Paid Rev. Dr. J. S. Kieffer, expenses	7.35	
Mar.	6.	Paid Rev. Dr. J. H. Prugh, expenses	18.25	
	20.	Paid Rev. Dr. Roberts, Alliance	420.00	
April		Paid Rev. Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Closer Union	10.34	
66	4.	Paid Rev. Dr. A. E. Dahlman, Closer		
"		Union	26.50	
**	4.	Paid Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, Closer	10.60	
		Union	13.00	

"	4. Paid new Treasurer's book	
Jan. 2	8. Paid Rev. Dr. C. Cort, Federal C	Council 1.75
May 1	1. Paid Dr. G. W. Richards, Close	r Union. 13.65
		\$2,768.92
	Total expenditures	\$7,785.50
	Total receipts	\$8,211.10
	Total expenditures	7,785.50
	Balance in treasury	\$425.60

Art. IX: 14-Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

This report was presented on Wednesday morning, May 24th. The several items were separately considered, item 3 was amended to make the salary of the Assistant Stated Clerk \$250 for the triennium ending in May, 1914. Following the adoption of item 5, the following special action was taken:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay twothirds of the salaries of the Stated Clerk after the printing of the Minutes of General Synod and the remaining onethird shortly before the triennial meeting; that the Stated Clerk be paid for services rendered prior to the present session of General Synod on the pro rata basis.

The report of the committee, which was finally adopted as a whole, is as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Finance begs leave to subm t the following report: There was placed in our hands for consideration: (a) the report of the Treasurer of the General Synod; (b) items of expense incurred by Synod; (c) the amounts apportioned for the work of the Home and Foreign Missionary Boards; (d) the action of the Synod paying one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegates from the territory embraced in the Western Passenger Association and of those from North Carolina.

1. The Treasurer's report has been audited and found correct. Balance in treasury, 1908, \$959.02; total amount

received, \$4,891.58, in addition to which there was received \$4.50 as royalty. During this period of time, in order to cover necessary expenses for which funds were not in hand, the Treasurer was compelled to borrow the sum of \$2,000. The total receipts were, therefore. \$8,211.10. The total expenditures, including interest on borrowed money, were \$7,785.50. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is, therefore, \$425.60.

We note the following with reference to the Contingent Fund: All the Synods have paid in full their apportionment for this object, with the exception of the Eastern Synod, which is in arrears to the extent of \$118.42. From the minutes and from the Treasurer's report there seems to be an arrearage of \$170 from the Potomac Synod for the triennium 1905–08.

- 1. The Treasurer's salary was fixed at \$50 per triennium, which amount he has allowed himself in his report. It is the judgment of your committee that this amount is insufficient, and, therefore, in the schedule of expenses his salary is fixed at \$150.
- 2. Your committee has apportioned \$5,900 for Contingent expenses on the several District Synods for the next triennium, as follows: Eastern Synod. \$2,500; Ohio Synod, \$596; Synod of the Northwest, \$528; Pittsburg Synod, \$432; Potomac Synod, \$938; German Synod of the East, \$348; Central Synod, \$478; Interior Synod, \$80.

We would recommend that the Treasurers of the several Synods promptly remit the amounts due from their respective Synods on this fund each year at the close of their annual session, so that the Treasurer of General Synod may not be compelled to borrow funds to maintain the credit of General Synod.

3. As a guide to your Treasurer, we suggest the following as the schedule of expenses for the next triennium: Salary of Treasurer, \$150; Stated Clerk, \$250; Assistant Stated Clerk, \$175; Roll Clerk, \$20; use of the church, \$75; Alliance of Reformed Churches, \$1,260; Council of Re-

formed Churches, \$249; Federal Council of Churches, \$888; Printing of Minutes and Stationery, \$1.800; expense of delegates to General Synod, \$600.

- 4. There was referred to us for apportionment upon the five English Synods the sum of \$120,000 for Home Missions, the sum of \$8,000 for German-English Missions, the sum of \$12,000 for Church Building. There was referred for apportionment upon all the Synods the sum of \$15,000 for Hungarian. Bohemian, Harbor Missions and work among the colored people and the sum of fifty cents per member for Foreign Missions. These amounts are found in the attached table.
- 5. Resolved, That General Synod directs all persons who represent her on Boards, on Commissions or as delegates, to have proper regard for the expenses which they incur in the performance of their duties.
- 6. Resolved, That all bills be certified to by the Stated Cerk of General Synod before payment by the Treasurer.

Annual Apportionment for Next Triennium.

	Home Missions.	German-English Missions.	Church Building.	Hungarian, Harbor, Bohemian, Work for Colored People.	Foreign Missions.
Eastern	\$66,250	\$4,416	\$6,625	\$6,300	\$62,544
Ohio	15,900	1,060	1,590	1,525	14,999
Potomac	24,380	1,638	2,438	2,400	23,228
Pittsburg	12,190	812	1,219	1,200	11,302
Interior	2,120	141	212	225	2,044
Synod of the Northwest				1,350	13,233
Ger. Synod of the East				900	8,743
Central				1,200	11,982

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. S. ISENBERG,

T. H. LEINBACH, R. F. SCHULTZ, R. M. HOFFMAN, M. M. GILLAND.

Art. IX: 15-Report of the Standing Committee on Press.

This committee presented its report on Wednesday afternoon, May 24. It was adopted as a whole, as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Press respectfully report that we have performed this duty to the best of our ability. The committee arranged for the report of the acts and proceedings of this Synod to the local papers through reporters, also to outside papers and to the church periodicals, both English and German, through representatives at Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. SHUMAN, Chairman.

Art. IX: 16-Report of the Standing Committee on Advisory Members.

The report of this committee was made from time to time in part. It was finally adopted as a whole and is found in connection with Article II, page 8.

ARTICLE X.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None reported.

ARTICLE XI.

COMPLAINTS.

In accordance with the provisions of Art. 184 of the Constitution, a complaint of the Lebanon Classis against the German Philadelphia Classis—see item 37, Report of Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod (p. 22), and also item 11, Report of Standing Committee on Minutes of German Classes (p. 36)—was referred to the Judicial Committee and action finally taken as reported on page 36. Following this action, the report of the Judicial Committee of the Synod of York was adopted, as follows:

Report of Judicial Committee, 1908.

CANTON, OHIO, MAY 16, 1911.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Judicial Committee, appointed by the General Synod at its sessions at York, Pa., in May, 1908, offers the following report:

The petition and complaint of Lebanon Classis against the action of the German Philadelphia Classis in the Old Klopp's Church case was referred to your committee for adjudication (see Minutes of Synod, p. 266); but the reference was made in the closing hours of the sessions of the Synod, late at night, when it was impossible to convene the committee before adjournment of the Synod. The chairman of your committee, accordingly, at once opened correspondence with the officers of Lebanon Classis, offering to call the committee in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. In due course of time he received the reply that, under the circumstances, the Classis did not wish to prosecute its complaint any further. The chairman of your committee felt that there was nothing further for him to do in the premises, and the matter was dropped.

No other case claimed the attention of your committee during the triennium.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER,

A. S. Zerbe, H. C. Nott, C. M. Dechant, Cyrus Cort, Jacob E. Ranck, P. W. Siebert.

To the Judicial Committee of the present Synod were referred items concerning complaints as follows:

From the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures items 21, 38, 44 and 51.

From the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Synod of Pittsburg, items 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13.

On these references the Judicial Committee made report at the eighth session, as follows:

Report of the Judicial Committee, 1911.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your committee to whom a number of complaints were referred, submits the following:

We have carefully examined the several documents which were placed in our hands. We find:

1. The complaint of the Hungarian congregation of Cleveland, Ohio, against an action of the Pittsburg Synod.

Inasmuch as the constitutional requirement regarding the giving of notice of the complaint, Article 164, was not complied with, the complaint is not brought in a proper manner before the General Synod and cannot, therefore, be considered.

2. A request of the Rev. C. H. Schoepfle, asking an amendment to the constitution.

The committee does not see its way clear to recommend the suggested amendment.

3. A complaint of the Portland-Oregon Classis against a certain action of the Synod of the Northwest.

The complaint was withdrawn.

4. A complaint of Dr. Cyrus Cort against an action of Pittsburg Synod.

Your committee heard the arguments presented by complainant, Dr. C. Cort, and the defendant, Rev. L. D. Steckel, and after careful consideration, were unanimous in finding:

First specification was sustained.

Second specification was sustained.

Third specification was sustained.

Fourth specification, inasmuch as the correction of the record referred to has been made, this specification is not sustained.

5. Complaint of Elder P. W. Siebert against an action of Pittsburg Synod.

The complaint was presented by Elder P. W. Siebert. Pittsburg Synod was defended by Rev. E. R. Deatrick. The time for argument was limited to ten minutes for each party.

The complaint was sustained on the ground of Article 108 of the Constitution. On the ground of this article, a similar complaint of the Rev. Dr. C. Cort against an action of the Pittsburg Synod was sustained by the General Synod at its regular session at York, Pa., May, 1908. On the basis of this action of General Synod, Elder P. W. Siebert withdrew a complaint at said General Synod which was substantially of the same character as the one before us.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. DAHLMAN,

H. J. Christman,
Charles B. Weaver,
Henry P. Frey,
Daniel K. Miller,
U. David Miller,
F. S. Zaugg,
Emanuel Bailey,
W. H. Mantz.

The Rev. Paul Ebinger Case.

Items 3 and 4 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures were referred to a special committee, which was not appointed.

Items 4 and 5 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest, bearing on the same subject, were referred to the Judicial Committee. At the sixth session, Rev. A. G. Gekeler raised a point of order, that the constitutional requirements in appeal cases had not been observed, whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the Judicial Committee be made a Special Committee on Appeals; that we instruct the Stated Clerk to read all the papers as required in Art. 174 of the Constitution, and that the Special Committee on Appeals be requested to report immediately after the noon recess. The Stated Clerk reported that all the documents bearing on the case were already in the hands of the Judicial Committee. On motion, the record of the district Synod and of the Classis, offered by the counsel for the defendant, were received by General Synod as provided for in the Constitution. The charges and decision of the Portland-Oregon Classis were read by Assistant Stated Clerk of General Synod. The

action of the Classis was read from the official records of said Classis and the decision of the Synod of the Northwest. The case was then referred to the Special Committee of General Synod on Appeals, as provided for in the above resolution.

This committee later, through the chairman, the Rev. Dr. A. E. Dahlman, reported as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Appeals, after examining the documents, finds that there are difficulties in deciding whether what is called an appeal is a complaint or an appeal; yet in order to give justice to all parties concerned, it recommends to General Synod the hearing of the case.

We further recommend: 1. That the case be heard on Tuesday, the 23d of May, at ten o'clock a. m. 2. That all the necessary documents referring to the case be read. 3. That the counsel for the complainant be given twenty minutes to present his case; that the defendant be allowed thirty minutes to answer and that the complainant be given ten minutes more to close; and 4. That the case be then acted on without debate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Dahlman, Chairman.

On motion, the case of the Rev. Paul Ebinger was ordered to be entered on the records of General Synod as a complaint and the report of the Special Committee was adopted.

The complaint was taken up at the hour appointed. Item 4 of the report of the Special Committee was amended to conform with items 3 and 4 of Article 180 of the Constitution; one minute was fixed for each member of the Judicatory complained of and the same time for each member of the higher Judicatory to be heard.

The following papers were read:

1. The testimony of Rev. Paul Ebinger, furnished by Rev. A. G. Gekeler.

- Argument against the suppression of Specification II, in charges against the Rev. Paul Ebinger.
- The testimony of certain witnesses, from the Minutes of Portland-Oregon Classis, read by the Assistant Stated Clerk of General Synod.

The argument for the complainant was presented by Rev. A. G. Gekeler.

The argument for the defendant was presented by Rev. Frank H. Diehm and Chas. H. Riedesel.

The counsel for the complainant closed the argument. Members of the Synod of the Northwest were given each one minute in which to be heard. Members of the General Synod were likewise each accorded one minute. The specification was read by the Assistant Stated Clerk from the Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest. The President ruled that no member of the Synod of the Northwest was entitled to vote and explained that to vote "Aye" meant the exoneration of the Rev. Paul Ebinger and that to vote "Nay" meant to sustain the action of the Synod of the Northwest. The roll was called, the vote taken and the result announced: 79 yea, 70 nay, 2 non-liquet, 1 excused. The vote is recorded in the Synodical Roll of 1911.

The following Special Committee was appointed to define the meaning of the action of General Synod. The committee consisted of Revs. J. H. Mickley, P. A. DeLong, and Elder E. L. Coblentz, Esq. The report of the committee was presented and adopted, as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee appointed to define the action of your reverend body in the matter of the complaint of the Rev. Paul Ebinger, in regard to the action of the Synod of the Northwest, as provided for in Article 180 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, begs leave to submit the following report:

By its action in said case of complaint, this Synod adheres to the rule and measure of Christian faith and doctrine as set forth and defined in Article 180 of the Church Constitution and records its belief and judgment that while the statements of the accused, as shown by the record of the proceedings complained of, were unwise and in a measure censurable, yet there was no sufficient evidence upon which the accused could be found guilty of the charge of being out of harmony with Article 180 of the Constitution; and this Synod, therefore, releases him from the implied censure contained in the judgment of the Synod of the Northwest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Harvey Mickley,
Preston A. DeLong. Emory L. Coblentz.

ARTICLE XII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, on the sixth day of the session, presented its report on nominations, which was approved. The tickets were printed and the election was held during the afternoon of the same day. At the arrival of the hour, the President appointed the following tellers, namely: Revs. Charles F. Freeman, J. Riley Bergey, Jacob Schmidt, Geo. W. Kerschner, Benjamin K. Hay, David S. Fouse, Elders Samuel S. Brenner, J. Edgar Shertz, Esq., F. A. Brown, H. Nevin Kerst, Geo. Willis Hartman, M. D., James Buchanan and Henry Burdorf, who distributed the ballots and at the call of the roll received the same and reported the results of the election to the President, who announced the results to Synod, as follows:

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Term Six Years—Revs. Paul S. Leinbach (E), E. R. Williard (O.), J. H. Mickley (Pgh.), G. D. Elliker (N. W.), Elder George W. Stein (E.).

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

Term Six Years—Revs, James I. Good, D. D. (E.), F. Mayer (C.), Irwin W. Hendricks, D. D. (P.), Albert S. Bromer (E.), Elders John W.

Apple, Esq. (E.), John K. Bowman (E.), Murray G. Motter, M. D. (P.), W. W. Anspach, (E.), Hon. Horace Ankeny (O.).

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Term Six Years,—Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D. (E.), John H. Bomberger, D. D. (O.), Lewis Robb, D. D. (Pgh.), Henry Schmidt (C.), Elders A. L. Kaub (E.), George A. Wood (P.).

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Term Six Years—Revs, John M. Schick, D. D. (P.), Henry C. Nott (N. W.), Philip Vollmer, D. D. (O.), W. H. Wotring, D. D. (E.), F. W. Berleman, D. D. (G. E.), Elder C. H. Leinbach, (E.).

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

- 1. Reformed Church in America,—Rev. Edward F. Wiest, D. D. (P.), primarius; Rev. Gustave R. Poetter (E.), secundus.
- 2. Presbyterian Church—Rev. James I. Good, D. D., primarius; Rev. L. Kreider Evans, D. D. (E.), secundus.
- 3. General Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church,—Rev. Daniel Burghalter (C.), primarius; Rev. John F. Moyer (E.), secundus.
- 4. Provincial Synod, Moravian Church.—Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, D. D. (E.), primarius; Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, D. D. (E.), secundus.
- 5. United Presbyterian Church.—Rev. Edwin S. Bromer, D. D. (Pah.), primarius; Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D. (Pah.), secundus,
- 6. German Evangelical Synod of North America.—Rev. J. M. G. Darms (G. E.), primarius; Rev. Fr. Aigner, (C.), secundus.
- 7. Reformed Episcopal Church,—Rev. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D. D. (E.), primarius; Rev. Charles B. Alspach (E.), secundus.

Delegates to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Revs. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D. (P.), Rufus W. Miller, D. D. (E.), Theodore F. Herman, D. D. (E.), A. C. Shuman, D. D. (O.), Paul S. Leinbach (E.), Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D. (E.), George W. Richards, D. D. (E.), John H. Bomberger, D. D. (O.), E. D. Wettach, D. D. (O.).

Delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches at Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1913.

Revs. James I. Good, D. D. (E.), Henry H. Apple, D. D. (E.), Philip Vollmer, D. D. (O.), Thomas W. Dickert (E.), A. K. Zartman, D. D. (O.), Theodore F. Herman, D. D. (E.), Paul S. Leinbach (E.), H. C. Nott (N. W.), C. J. Musser, D. D. (E.), J. H. Bomberger, D. D. (O.), George S. Stibitz, D. D. (O.), Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D. (E.), William C. Schaeffer, D. D. (E.), J. W. Meminger, D. D. (E.), George W. Richards, D. D. (E.), H. J. Christman, D. D. (O.), Charles E. Miller, D. D.

(O.), John S. Stahr, D. D. (E.), Prof. George Leslie Omwake (E.), Elder Walter Kuhns (O.), Elder Charles H. Edmunds (E.).

Delegates to the Council in 1912 of Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterial System,

Revs. George W. Richards, D. D. (E.), A. E. Dahlman, D. D. $(G.\ E.)$, George S. Stibitz, D. D. (O.), E. S. Bromer, D. D. (Pgh.), Charles E. Miller, D. D. (O.), E. R. Williard (O.), James I. Good, D. (E.), John H. Prugh, D. D. (Pgh.), John S. Stahr, D. D. (E.), David Van Horne, D. D. (O.), A. S. Zerbe, D. D. (O.), Henry H. Apple, D. D. (E.).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHANS' HOMES,

Elder H. M. Housekeeper (E.).

PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE,

Revs, Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D. (E.), Joseph L. Murphy, D. D. (P.), J. C. Leonard, D. D. (P.).

PLACE OF MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD IN 1914, First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.

At the second session, in completing the organization, successive elections were held for filling the offices of Stated. Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk.

Rev. J. Rauch Stein, Bethlehem, Pa., and Rev. Benjamin S. Stern, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., were nominated. The President appointed Revs. E. R. Dietrich, C. A. Alspach, Carl G. Petri, and Elders Geo. A. Scheer and John G. Cobler as tellers. The ballots were distributed and the roll called. Three hundred and thirty-seven votes were cast, resulting in the election of Rev. J. Rauch Stein as Stated Clerk.

Revs. F. W. Leich and Benj. S. Stern, D. D., were nominated for the office of Assistant Stated Clerk. The sametellers were appointed to serve as in the previous election. The ballot was cast and the roll called. Two hundred and twenty-five votes were cast, resulting in the election of the Rev. F. W. Leich, of Akron, Ohio, as Assistant Stated. Clerk.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

1. Incorporation of Manitoba Classis.

In compliance with an action of the General Synod of 1908, at York, p. 272, the Special Committee on the Incorporation of Manitoba Classis was continued. Said committee presented its report, which was adopted, and reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: The undersigned committee on the legal questions involved in the incorporation of the Manitoba Classis begs leave to report that no further service on the part of your committee was necessary and, therefore, requests to be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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C. M. BAUSH, BENJ. S. STERN.

2. Articles of Agreement Approved.

In response to item 6, report of Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, the report of the Acting Stated Clerk was read on the vote of the several Classes upon the "Articles of Agreement," as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Stated Clerks of every Classis (59) in the Reformed Church of the United States have sent an official report to the acting Stated Clerk of General Synod. The vote is as follows:

In favor of adoption, the following Classes:

Eastern Synod: East Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, East Susquehanna, Wyoming, Reading.

Pittsburg Synod: Allegheny, Hungarian.

Ohio Synod: Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph's, Miami.

Synod of the Northwest: Zion's, Sheboygan, Indiana, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Ursinus, Missouri, Portland, Oregon, Manitoba, Kentucky.

Potomac Synod: Zion's, North Carolina, Carlisle, Gettysburg.

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

Central Synod: Heidelberg, St. John's, Cincinnati, Toledo. Interior Synod: Illinois Classis, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita, and Lincoln Classes.

Total Classes voting in favor of adoption, 40.

The following Classes voted in the negative, refusing to adopt the Articles:

Eastern Synod: Lebanon, Lancaster, West Susquehanna, Tohickon, Goshenhoppen, Lehigh, Schuylkill.

Pittsburg Synod: Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset.

Ohio Synod: None.

Synod of the Northwest: Chicago, South Dakota.

Potomac Synod: Maryland, Mercersburg.

Voting against the adoption, 16.

Synod of the Northwest—Nebraska laid the item on the table.

Potomac Synod: Virginia Classis laid the item on the table for next year.

RECAPITULATION.

Voting on the proposed Articles, 59 Classes; voting in the affirmative, 40; voting in the negative, 16; voting to lay on the table, 3; total, 59.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bachmann,

Oct. 8, 1909.

Acting Stated Clerk.

Whereupon the following action was taken by General Synod:

Whereas it appears from the reports received by the Acting Stated Clerk of General Synod that two-thirds of the Classes have formally approved of the "Articles of Agreement" for the Council of Reformed Churches, therefore, be it

Resolved, That General Synod hereby declares the said Articles of Agreement formally adopted, thus making the Reformed Church in the United States in proper constitutional manner a member of the Council of Reformed Churches in America Holding the Presbyterial System.

3. Form for Organ Dedication Approved.

In response to item 46, of the Report of the Standing Committee of Minutes of General Synod, the reports of the Standing Committees on Minutes of the English and the German Classes state that the Form for Organ Dedication was approved by all the English Classes excepting Illinois and Lincoln; and by all the German Classes excepting Indiana, Sheboygan and Milwaukee. The form having therefore been approved by the requisite number of Classes was officially declared adopted.

Status of Members Baptized or Confirmed by a Suspended Minister. Canton, Ohio, May 16, 1911.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your committee appointed three years ago (See Minutes of General Synod, pp. 265, 266), at York, Pa., to formulate an answer to a certain overture from Lebanon Classis would respectfully offer the following report:

The overture requests the General Synod to give a deliverance on the status of members who were baptized and confirmed by a suspended minister. It is the judgment of your committee that the answer to the overture must proceed on the well-known principle that the grace and efficacy of the sacraments depends, not on the worthiness of the minister who administers them, but solely on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and on the faith of the recipient. This principle has found explicit expression in several of the historic confessions of Reformed Churches Thus the Westminster Confession says, "The grace which is exhibited in or by the sacraments, rightly used, is not conferred by any power in them; neither doth the efficacy of a sacrament depend upon the piety or intention of him that doth administer it, but upon the work of the spirit, and the work of institution, which contains, together with a precent authorizing the use thereof, a promise of benefit to worthy

receivers" (Chapter XXVII, Art. III). The Thirty-nine Articles of the Church of England have a similar declaration, as follows: "Although in the visible Church the evil be ever mingled with the good, and sometimes the evil have chief authority in the Ministration of the Word and Sacraments. vet forasmuch as they do not the same in their own name. but in Christ's, and do minister by his commission and authority, we may use their Ministry, both in hearing the Word of God, and in receiving the Sacraments. Neither is the effect of Christ's ordinance taken away by their wickedness, nor the grace of God's gifts diminished from such as by faith, and rightly, do receive the Sacraments ministered unto them; which be effectual, because of Christ's institution and promise, although they be ministered by evil men" (Art. XXVI). Although there is no explicit statement on the subject in the Heidelberg Catechism, we believe that its entire teaching on the sacraments is in harmony with these two statements.

Now, while persons who seek the ministrations of a suspended minister may be deluded and misguided individuals, and while they may often share in the contumacy of the minister who, in spite of his suspension, presumes to continue in the exercise of the functions of the ministry; yet we have no right to question the sincerity of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, much less the fulfilment to them of God's promises in connection with the use of the sacraments. must always go on the assumption that, in using the sacraments, they are seeking the blessing of Almighty God; and their baptism should be accepted as valid, even though in their ignorance or folly they have received it at the hands of a minister who, at the time, is under discipline. And if this holds true of Baptism, it must surely hold true also of Confirmation, which is not a sacrament, but simply an honored and sacred rite, appointed, not by Christ, but by the Church herself

Respectfully submitted,
WM. C. Schaeffer,
Frederick C. Seitz, John M. Evans.

Status of Persons Enrolled, but Not Longer in Good and Regular Standing.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: Your committee to whom was referred the overture from the Reading Classis of the Eastern Synod, asking General Synod to define the status of those persons who are not in good and regular standing, but whose names have not yet been erased from the Church Register, begs leave to submit the following report: We have examined the Constitution and find in Articles 129 and 130, that every member continues in good and regular standing unless, after due process, he shall have been suspended, or notified, by the Spiritual Council, that he is no longer in good and regular standing. If after such judicial process, there be no amendment, he continues to be a member of the Church, though irregular. Furthermore, he remains such until his case is finally acted upon by the Spiritual Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. WHITMORE, E. R. DEATRICK, D. R. RAISER. GEO. F. KERCHNER.

ARTICLE XIV.

APPOINTMENT OF A JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

On Thursday afternoon the order of business for General Synod was moved forward and, according to the constitutional requirement, the President appointed the following Judicial Committee for 1911, to which committee a number of items bearing on Complaints and Appeals were immediately referred. The committee is constituted as follows:

Revs. A. E. Dahlman, D. D., C. B. Weaver, H. J. Christman, D. D., J. D. Miller, F. S. Zaugg, Elders Henry P. Frey, Emanuel Bailey, Daniel K. Miller and W. H. Mantz.

ARTICLE XV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

A volume entitled "Jubilé de Calvin à Genève, Juillet, 1909, Allocutions, Addresses, Lettres et Documents," was presented General Synod by the English National Protestants of Geneva and ordered placed in the archives.

The following resolution relative to the archives was adopted at the eighth session of Synod:

Resolved, That the General Synod herewith establishes a permanent archive in the Reformed Church Building, Fifteenth and Race streets, Philadelphia, Pa., the documents to be in a fire-proof vault, the books in the fire-proof building. This archive to be under the exclusive care and control of the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

In consideration of this action, Dr. James I. Good offered to donate and place into the Archives of General Synod his original records of Coetus and Correspondences. General Synod expressed its appreciation by a rising vote of thanks

ARTICLE XVI.

PUBLICATION.

In response to instructions on page 282, Minutes of General Synod of 1908, at York, Pa.. to have a certain number of copies printed in the English and German language for distribution, the following report was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

On Printing the Minutes of General Synod.

The undersigned, in accordance with instructions given at the Synod at York, Pa., three years ago, had printed by Reformed Church Publication Board, at Philadelphia, Pa., 7,000 copies of the Minutes in the English language; containing 301 pages of the Acts and Proceedings; 63 pages of statistical tables; and 4 pages of general index, making a

total of 368 pages, at an expense of \$1,061.34, excluding the cost of boxing and shipment. The German edition, of 1,500 copies, was published by the Central Publishing Board, at Cleveland, O., containing 262 pages of the Acts and Proceedings, and 3 pages of the general index in German, 62 pages of the statistical tables, making a total of 327 pages, at an expense of \$539.41, not including boxing and cartage.

The distribution of the Minutes was made to the several District Synods according to the ratio of contingent apportionment received from these Synods, and the distribution made to the several Classes according to the ratio furnished by the Stated Clerks of the District Synods, that each Classis might receive its quota as soon as the Minutes were published.

Respectfully submitted,

John Philip Stein, Stated Clerk.

Instructions were given that the Stated Clerk have printed 7,500 copies in the English and 1,500 copies in the German language; that the Stated Clerk confer with the officers of the several Boards to ascertain what matter shall be omitted from the printed report of said Board, and that distribution be made among the District Synods according to the ratio of the apportionments for contingent expenses laid upon the several Synods.

On the evening of the seventh session the action of General Synod, instructing the Stated Clerk to secure competitive bids for publishing the minutes, was reconsidered, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to give the contract for the printing of the English Minutes to the Reformed Church Publication Board at Philadelphia, and the printing of the German Minutes to the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio.

Zwingli Publications.

In response to action taken at the Synod of York, in 1908, p. 283, Minutes of General Synod, a special committee then appointed with instructions presented the following report:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on the Publication of the Latin Works of Zwingli whose translations were offered at the last General Synod by Rev. Prof. Samuel Macauley Jackson, D. D., would respectfully report that they have made diligent efforts to carry out the wish of the General Synod. They decided that the best method of publishing these translations would be in two volumes, selling at \$2.50 apiece. Through the publication house of the Putnam's, of New York City, they had circulars for subscriptions sent to the ministry of our Church and also of other denominations, and to public and theological libraries. They succeeded in getting about one hundred subscribers. Fourfifths of the expense of this appeal was borne by four of the members of the committee, leaving a balance of about twenty-five dollars to be paid, as given below. They then made attempts to secure private subscriptions to the work and secured \$1,100, of which Rev. Dr. Jackson, who offered the translations, offered to give \$500. Of this amount \$350 has been paid in, but more than \$250 is ready to be paid when needed.

Your committee then made a second attempt to get sufficient subscribers to warrant going forward. This time they made the effort through the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, who sent a second appeal to the ministers of our own Church, stating that if the work was to be published more subscribers were necessary. About forty more subscriptions came in, making about one hundred and forty in all. The committee, however, received no money on either of these appeals for book-subscriptions, and their circular stated that the money was to be sent only when the projected publication was assured.

After these two attempts at subscriptions, your committee d'd not feel like proceeding any farther with the work, as they would still need about a thousand dollars for the publication, to say nothing of the additional expense of postage or expressage and commissions for book sales. So the publication of the Latin works of Zwingli in that

form was given up. They have, however, made an arrangement with Rev. Prof. Jackson by which he will, on his own responsibility, and at his own risk, publish the unpublished works of Zwingli and in addition the letters of Zwingli. This he will do in a cheaper form—they will appear like the book of "Zwingli Translations," issued by the University of Pennsylvania some years ago. He will publish them gradually, volume by volume, expecting that they will make about seven volumes. He desires that the committee will loan him the money they have in hand, hoping by the appearance of each volume to sell enough to recoup, so as to proceed with the publication of the next volume. As Dr. Jackson will not be in a position to begin the publication of this series of works until next year, your committee suggests that they be continued or that another committee be appointed.

They would report that their bills were as follows:

To Putnam's, for the publication and mailing of the first set	
of circulars	\$135.23
To Putnam's, for additional circulars	8.00
To the Reformed Church Publication Board, for the sending	
of the second set of circulars and also printing	37.34
Total	\$180.57

Of this one hundred dollars was donated as above mentioned, leaving a ba ance of \$\$0.57, which amount has been paid out of the amount in hand, \$350, leaving a balance in hand of \$269.43. This amount will be held to be used as desired by Rev. Dr. Jackson, together with as much as will be necessary of the unpaid subscriptions.

JAMES I. GOOD, GEO. W. RICHARDS, GEO. A. WOOD,

ISRAEL LOUCKS, P. W. SIEBERT.

Report on Church Hymnal and Directory.

In response to item 43, page 284, Minutes of General Synod of York, 1905, the following report was presented, approved, and the same division of royalty ordered for the next triennium—namely, an equal division between the

Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Brethen: The committee having in charge the publication of the Church Hymnal and the Directory of Worship, would report that they have had, during the past triennium, due regard to the matter of their appointment. The contracts with the several publication houses of the Church continue in force.

The Hymnal still commends itself to the favor of the Church, and the sales are quite satisfactory. The royalty on these sales is a large item in the furtherance of the work of Ministerial Relief, both to the aged and needy who, because of their infirmities have been constrained to quit the active work of the pastorate, as well as to deceased ministers' widows.

The sales reported by the Central Publishing House during the three years, from July 31, 1907, to August 1, 1910, are:

Hymnals, music edition, sold	3035—royalty, \$303.50
Hymnals, word edition, sold	1195-royalty, 119.50
Directory of Worship sold	56—royalty, 14.00
Directory of Worship Forms sold	253—royalty, 20.15

Total copies sold...... 4539—royalty, \$457.15

Sales reported by the Publishing Board, Philadelphia, Pa., are:

Hymnals, music and word editions, sold149	40—royalty, \$1494.00
Hymnals, small edition sold 25	94—royalty, 129.70

17534—royalty, \$1623.70

The total of all sales since your committee last reported is: Copies of Hymnals sold, 22,073; royalty, \$2,080.85. Copies of Directory of Worship sold, 309; royalty, \$34.15.

As directed by General Synod three years ago, the money received was equally divided between the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, and the Board of Ministerial Relief of this Synod, through their respective treasurers, Rev. S. S. Miller and Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. HOFFHEINS, J. M. SCHICK.

The Book, "Four Score and More."

In response to a request made by General Synod, page 283, Minutes of 1905, to its Sunday-School Board to readjust its contract, the Board presented a report which was adopted, as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: With reference to instructions of Synod relative to the book "Four Score and More," your Board begs to report that the Business Department under the trade name Heidelberg Press made a contract to print the book at the owner's expense and executed an agency contract to sell the book. Three conferences were held with the present owner with the result that the contract was readjusted. The imprint Heidelberg Press was removed from the title page and the agency arrangement was modified so that the Board now acts simply as a distributing centre, sending out books on the owner's order, and advertising for the owner. Only a few copies of the book have been sold.

Your Board would call attention to the fact that the action of Synod three years ago was unprecedented in the history of Synod. No official copy of the book was before Synod. No examination of the book was made by anyone officially representing Synod. We respectfully call the attention of Synod to the unusual and grave position in which Synod placed itself, both legally, morally and by way of precedent for the future in thus censoring a book written by a minister of the Church in good standing. Such action would open the way for condemning doctrinal statements, the theological, philosophical or sociological positions of professors and writers in church papers, reviews,

etc., and lead to endless confusion in the law, peace and welfare of the Church.

Your Board would, therefore, recommend that the action of General Synod of 1908 be and is hereby rescinded.

C. Clever, President. Rufus W. Miller, Secretary.

ARTICLE XVII.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS.

Greetings from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The following telegrams were received during the sessions of General Synod:

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., MAY 20, 1911.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States: Canton, Ohio:

We rejoice in your fraternal salutations. We are one in faith, in hope, in love and in work. God bless you.

JOHN F. CARSON, Moderator.
WM. H. ROBERTS, Stated Clerk.

Louisville, Ky., May 22, 1911.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in session at Canton, Ohio:

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States appreciates your telegram of greeting. God bless your work. 1 Thessalonians v. 23.

Russell Cecil, Moderator. John H. Law, Stated Clerk.

CONVENTION HALL, STEEL PIER,

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., MAY 22.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, Canton, O.:

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has adopted unanimously the plan of Union with your Church and exactly as reported.

JOHN F. CARSON, Moderator. WM. H. ROBERTS, Stated Clerk. Similar greetings were transmitted in return by the corresponding secretary.

Evangelistic Commission.

In response to item 1, page 29, report on Minutes of General Synod, 1908, the following report was presented and adopted, and the bill of expenses referred to the Treasurer with instructions to pay the same.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: Your committee to whom was referred a request that Synod create an evangelistic commission beg to report:

The action of Synod states that several papers were referred to this committee, but only one document reached us Without any disposition to ignore the request of any Synod or Classis that may have been presented to General Synod, we are limited to the consideration of that which came before us, since by a careful examination of the Minutes of General Synod we found no other reference to papers on this subject. The Minutes of Iowa Classis, 1907, page 16, contains the action referred to our consideration and closes with the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Iowa Classis overture the General Synod at its next meeting in Akron, Ohio, to create an evangelistic commission, whose duty it shall be to organize and plan the evangelistic work of the Church."

The aim of the above resolution is the general introduction of gospel services when every day the word is faithfully preached, prayers offered, songs sung, tender and forceful appeals made, all for the purpose of helping men to make the great decision; and to awaken the Church to greater zeal and activity in the work and worship of God. It looks to the employment of men who may give evidence of special gifts for such work, and who, in the pursuit of their vocation, may use methods and means which cannot be safely used by the regular pastor. Such men, popularly called "evangelists," whose work is distinct from that of the minister of the Word, and who labor in fields over which

they have no pastoral oversight, are usually answerable to no one but themselves, or to a body which employs them, and which has organized itself into a bureau for the prosecution of such work among the churches.

That the activities of the evangelists, held in view by the above resolution, may be regulated by the due restraint of law and counsel, and that the work, favorably looked upon in some portions of the Church, may be introduced and fostered in all parts of the Church, it is proposed to create an evangelistic commission which, by and under the authority of General Synod, shall plan and organize the work for the whole Church; shall call, commission and employ evangelists, and shall direct as to the time, manner and place of their labors, so as to secure the best possible results. It is the judgment of your committee that it does not lie within. the province of this Synod to create such a commission. We recommend the following action:

Resolved, That General Synod respectfully declines tocreate an evangelistic commission and refers the work of evangelism to the respective Classes.

The expenses of your committee amounted to \$72.35.

Respectfully submitted, Ellis N. Kremer.

E. D. Wettach.

E. BRUCE LYTTLE. HERMAN KNIERIM. Jacob H. Kuhns.

Report on "Calvin Memorial Day."

In response to item 10, report on Minutes of General Synod of 1905, page 58, the following report was presented and approved:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your committee appointed by the General Synod at York, Pa., for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the Church at large the action of General Synod relative to a fitting celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, would respectfully report:

(1) That it has attended to its duty by means of sending.

out a circular letter and by publishing articles in the various

church papers.

(2) That John Calvin's birthday was perhaps more generally observed in our own Church than by any other of the Reformed and Presbyterian denominations. Almost all our congregations and Sunday-schools, as well as our educational institutions and the various conferences of ministers and laymen, have observed a "Calvin Memorial Day" in some form or another, by preaching suitable sermons and giving instructive lectures as well as by the distribution of literature furnished by our Boards of Publication in the form of books, pamphlets and programs.

(3) There is no doubt that much good has resulted from the study of the life and work of this great Father of our Church and of the times in which he lived and worked.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP VOLLMER, Chairman. JOHN S. STAHR.

Commission on Moral and Religious Education.

In response to item 31, page 225, report on Minutes of General Synod, the report of the Commission was presented and approved. The action respecting "Educational Day" was ordered to be sent down through the several Classes to the congregations of the Church and the present Commission was continued. The report reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Commission on Moral and Religious Education begs leave to report that two meetings were held during the triennium. Careful consideration has been given to ways and means of increasing the efficiency of all the educational agencies and institutions of the Church, and also to the importance of relating and coördinating these various activities.

Our investigations convince us that the purpose and work of this Commission are not only in harmony with the spirit of our times, but also in full accord with the genius and claims of an educational faith. Too much emphasis cannot be given to the importance of the teaching function of the Church and the consequent responsibility that rests upon the home and school in view of the vital and necessary relation which exists between training and service.

At the suggestion of this Commission, the Sunday-school-Board has arranged to employ a pedagogical expert, who will, with the approval of the faculties of the theological-seminaries, deliver courses of lectures from time to time to the students in said seminaries. Plans are being arranged also by the Sunday-school Board which will provide teacher training classes whose study will be supplemented by lectures to be given by theological and college professors. It is planned further to arrange for correspondence courses, the completion of which will receive proper recognition in a certificate or diploma.

We recommend for your consideration the following items:

- 1. That Educational Day be observed annually the third Sunday in January for the purpose of recalling the blessings of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, and of emphasizing both the cause of moral and religious education in the home. Sunday-school, catechetical class, academies, colleges and theological seminaries, and the necessity of supporting these institutions by the prayers, gifts and united efforts of congregations, schools and individuals.
- 2. That academies, colleges and seminaries of our Church be commended or the time which they are devoting to courses in English Bible and Pedagogy.
- 3. That this Commission prepare or coöperate with the Council of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System, in preparing suitable text-books for use in Bible instruction.
- 4. That this Commission be authorized to issue tracts on the subject of moral and religious education.
- 5. That the value of summer schools for teacher training and Bible study be recognized and their establishment by the Sunday-school Board at the educational centers of our Church be approved.

All the expenses of the Commission have been paid by the Sunday-school Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MILLER,

JOHN S. STAHR, GEO. W. RICHARDS, HENRY J. CHRISTMAN, G. L. OMWAKE, J. H. APPLE, WM. F. CURTIS,

C. Clever, Rufus W. Miller.

Report on Railroad Transportation.

In response to item 45, page 289, report on Minutes of General Synod, the following report was presented and approved. The Treasurer was instructed to pay the bill of expenses. The Stated Clerk was instructed to make the necessary railroad arrangements for the next triennial session. This action was later reconsidered, and the Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort was continued as the railroad agent of General Synod. The report reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: In obedience to the directions of General Synod at York, Pa., I entered into negotiations with the railroad authorities early in March to secure reduced rates of travel to Canton.

The Trunk Line Association, having charge of the territory between New York and Pittsburg, was willing to grant our request for reduced rates by the certificate plan on the old guarantee basis of one hundred certificates, but claimed that, according to their compact with other Associations, the primary right of initiating negotiations belonged to the Central Passenger Association, which has jurisdiction between Pittsburg and Chicago.

F. C. Donald, the Commissioner of the Central Passenger Association, insisted that I must guarantee the presence of at least one thousand persons in order to secure reduced rates on the certificate plan. This condition I could not comply with. He justified his position by claiming that the two-cent-a-mile rate, as maximum fare, enacted by the states within that territory, made it impossible to grant

reductions on the old one hundred guarantee basis. It is the opinion of railroad men, with whom I have consulted, that before General Synod meets again, three years hence, the conditions for reduced rates will, in all probability, be modified and that reductions can be secured for meetings east of Pittsburg at least, on the old one hundred basis. It will be advisable for General Synod to appoint some one to attend to this matter for the next meeting of General Synod.

Three hundred and seventy names have been recorded in General Synod's book of railroad registration as in attendance in connection with the present meeting in Canton. Others were present who failed to comply with Synod's directions in this respect.

My expenses in conducting negotiations with railroad officials and in attending this meeting of General Synod amount to fourteen dollars (\$14.00).

I do not want any pay for services generously granted in times past by the General Synod when I was successful in securing reduced rates on the certificate plan.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT

On Temperance.

Several items on this subject from the Committee on Overtures were referred to a special committee. This committee reported at the eighth session. The report was approved and reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee to which were referred, first, a communication from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, overturing this body to take action which will place the General Synod on record against the licensed saloon and in favor of voting it out of existence, and second, a communication from the National Inter-Church Temperance Federation, requesting General Synod to consider the propriety of establishing a Permanent Committee, begs leave to remind the General Synod that its

consideration and action, taken at York, Pa., in 1908, page 289, and following, is, in our judgment, a sufficient answer to the overture of Tiffin Classis.

With reference to the communication from the committee of the Federal Council of Churches and the National Inter-Church Temperance Federation, inasmuch as both of these bodies are properly constituted by duly appointed representatives of the supreme judicatories of the several churches, and in one of which this Synod is represented, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod commends the work of the National Inter-Church Temperance Federation working under the direction of the Federal Council, and that this Synod authorizes its representatives of the Federal Council to act as the Temperance Commission of the General Synod in coöperation with the Federal Council and its several committees.

Respectfully submitted, C. E. STONER.

J. M. MENGEL, MURRAY GALT MOTTER, CHAS. A. BUSHONG, W. D. OBERLIN.

The Use of the Bible in Public Schools.

An item on this subject from the Standing Committee on Overtures was referred to a special committee. The following report was read and approved at the eighth session and the permanent committee therein provided for appointed as follows: Revs. Lewis Robb, Conrad Clever and J. O. Riegel, Elders August Schoenenberger and Martin R. Berkheimer.

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The matter referred to this committee consists of overtures from Philadelphia and Reading Classes asking General Synod for an expression respecting the use of the Bible in the public schools, and also a reference to item 3 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, an overture urging General Synod to seek the co-operation of General Synods and conferences of other denominations in an effort to bring

to the attention of public school authorities the need of fundamental moral instruction.

The committee submits the following:

Whereas, the question of the use of the Bible and moral instruction in the public schools is made an issue in some localities, resulting in adverse legislation and adverse decision of courts, thus fortifying opposition to moral instruction in the schools, and

Whereas, the Bible is a non-sectarian book and is held to be such by many decisions of the Courts of our land, and

Whereas, it is the greatest text-book in existence on the truths and knowledge of God and the right relation of man to man, being the only infallible rule of faith and life, hence most important from the standpoint of morals and the effect of example, therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States express its profound conviction of the vital importance of the use of the Bible and fundamental moral instruction in the public schools.

Resolved, That a permanent committee be appointed on the Bible and Moral Instruction in the Public Schools, whose duty shall be to seek the cooperation of other Evangelical Christian bodies in an effort to bring to the attention of public school authorities the supreme importance and need of this work, and to call the attention of all district Synods and Classes to this important matter, urging pastors and people to exercise their influence in order to preserve the use of the Bible and of moral instruction in the schools.

> Respectfully submitted, GEO. W. WOOD, C. M. Rohrbaugh.

E. T. RHODES.

Appendix to Reformed Church Hymnal.

... Several items in the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures were referred to a special committee on the above subject. The report was presented on the eighth day, and reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Three items, 17, 18 and 48 of report of Committee on Overtures were referred to our committee, they are:

- 1. An overture from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, asking that an appendix, containing a limited number of hymns, be added to the Reformed Church Hymnal, said appendix to contain:
- (a) Hymns connected with the history of our Reformed Church.
 - (b) Hymns for festival and special occasions.
- (c) New hymns of recognized excellence that have appeared since the publication of the Church Hymnal.
- 2. An overture from Tuscarawas Classis, Ohio Synod, asking for the preparation of suitable "Responsive Scripture Readings," for use in the public service of the Reformed Church.
- 3. An overture from St. John's Classis, Central Synod, asking for alterations or additions to be made to the liturgical forms of the Church, viz:
- (a) Additions to the burial service for non-church members, with special reference to added Scripture passages.
 - (b) A short form for the reception of members by letter.
 - (c) Additional prayers for special occasions.

In response to these several items, we offer the following report:

In the opinion of your committee, it would be unsatisfactory to prepare an appendix to our Church Hymnal. On the other hand, we believe that the time has come when initial steps should be taken looking forward to the preparation of a new Church Hymnal, with a satisfactory Psalter or collection of responsive Scripture readings.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That a committee be appointed to whom this whole matter shall be referred, with the authority to prepare a manuscript copy of "Hymnal and Psalter" and present it to our next General Synod for examination, approval, amendment or rejection.

2. In the opinion of your committee, it would be unwise at this time to order any additions or alterations in the "Liturgical Forms" now authorized by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Ambrose M. Schmidt, Chas. B. Alspach. G. W. Welsh.

Leslie W. Hills, Fred. Isely.

The following action was taken on the above report:

Item 1 was adopted after amendment, as follows:

(a) That the committee consist of seven members.

(b) That General Synod requests the Classes, through the Synods, to appoint a Committee on Hymnology, whose privilege it shall be to submit a selection of favored and suitable church hymns to the General Synod's Committee on a New Hymnal.

On separate motions, Dr. James I. Good was made chairman and Rev. Henry C. Nott a member of said committee. The president appointed the following additional members: Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D., Rev. E. P. Skyles, Prof. Joseph H. Apple, Emory L. Coblentz, Esq., and Prof. E. C. Zartman.

Item 2 was adopted as read, and the report finally adopted as a whole.

The Socialist Question.

In response to item 47, page 295, of the report on Minutes of General Synod, the accompanying report was presented, amended and adopted, as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: Your committee appointed three years ago has had peculiar difficulties to encounter in the performance of its work. We were widely separated from each other geographically. An attempt was made to do the work by correspondence. Then the chairman was commissioned to Japan to strengthen the missionary forces there. It has only been in the past few days that a majority of our committee has been able to confer together.

The specific work committed to us was the preparation of "a carefully prepared and comprehensive report" on Socialism, with particular reference to "the many dangers and misconceptions of it, especially in its relation to the Church."

With all due deference to General Synod, we beg leave to raise the question as to whether it is wise to attempt such a task as this, however much some ministers whose zeal for Socialism has become the chief ambition of their lives may desire that General Synod shall join them in their propoganda for the spread of Socialism. We do not believe such a work to be our duty or province. It surely was well that General Synod declined either to receive the delegate or to appoint any delegation to the Christian Socialist Fellowship.

Amid the confusion of ideas among Socialists themselves, who can tell with definite authority and distinctness what Socialism really is, except as it is interpreted as one of the political movements of our day? To teach and preach it of itself and by itself would mean to subordinate to a secondary place the great spiritual truths and saving faith of the Gospel of Christ. The reckless criticism of the Church and her ministry, in which so many Socialist agitators often indulge, is also to be deeply deplored.

In view of the liberty of thought and the freedom of conscientious convictions for which the Reformed Church has always stood, your committee feels that this whole question ought to be left to the intelligent study and thought of the individual citizen.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Christman,

E. R. WILLIARD, G. J. P. RAUB.

Correction of Errors in Minutes of 1908.

In response to items 3, 4 and 5 of the report on Minutes of Pittsburg Synod, the following report was presented, approved and the corrections legalized:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The committee to whom was referred the matter of correcting certain errors in the Minutes of the General Synod of 1908, would report the following list of ascertained errors, and of the corrections needing to be made:

1. The list of secundi delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches in 1909, given on pages 37 and 38, should be omitted, and instead of it should be given the preamble and resolutions, so requiring, printed on page 55.

2. The Tentative Committee, given on page 55, should be placed at the bottom of page 9; and, vice versa, the committee there named should be given, without the prefix

"Tentative," on page 55.

3. The yeas and nays on the vote on the complaint of Rev. C. Cort. D. D., should be recorded on page 265, as required by the Constitution; and instead of 68 yeas and 62 nays, as incorrectly reported in the Minutes, the vote should be given as 62 yeas and 28 navs.

4. The name of Elder Jacob C. Ranck is omitted from the list of members of the Judicial Committee, on page 273: and the committee itself is incorrectly named "Judicial

Commission" there and on page 267.

As regards the error of the Minutes failing to record the names of those not present at the close of the sessions, and the times at which they were excused, there is no way known to the committee of recovering this information, nor is the possession of it of vital importance. It may best be corrected by taking pains to prevent its recurrence.

It is recommended that the Synod authorize the making and placing on record of the corrections herein indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Spangler Keiffer.

M. S. HERMAN. P. A. DeLong. S. P. Brown. GEO. W. STEIN.

Family Altar League.

Item 52, Report on Cvertures, authorized the appointment of a special committee on the above subject. The committee presented its report on the eighth day. The report was approved and reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your special committee on the Family Altar League begs leave to make the following report:

The literature of the Family Altar League placed into the hands of your committee sets forth the purpose, plan and progress of the League, said literature explaining its operation can be procured by addressing "The Family Altar League," 602 Lakeside Building, Chicago, Illinois.

The Family Altar League is an organization promoting the Christian religion in the home

Your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That General Synod endorses the Family Altar League, approves its laudable purpose, and urges upon all pastors. through their respective Classes, to give it their hearty moral and financial support.

J. O. LINDAMAN,
I. IHLE, L. B. ERDMAN.

Resolution on Peace Movement.

General Synod, at the eighth session, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, By the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Canton, Ohio, May, 1911, that we heartily approve of the efforts of our national authorities in behalf of the settlement of all international disputes by arbitration, without resort to the terrible arbitrament of war.

Resolved, That to this end we favor the establishment of a permanent Court of Arbitral Justice at The Hague and a reduction of armaments in the interests of peace and Christian civilization.

Faith and Order.

The report of the special committee to whom was referred item 1 of the Report on Overtures was presented on the eighth day, and approved, as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee to whom was referred item one of the report of the Committee on Overtures beg leave to report as follows:

The following papers were placed in our hands:

- 1. The report of the Joint Commission appointed by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, held in the city of Cincinnati. Ohio, 1910, arranging for a World's Conference on Faith and Order.
- 2. An invitation signed by Robert H. Gardner, Secretary of this World's Conference, inviting this Synod to appoint a Commission to attend such conference.

We recommend the following:

Resolved, 1. That we hereby most respectfully acknowledge the receipt of the invitation.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod hereby appoint such a Commission, consisting of the President of the Synod, the Rev. Dr. James I. Good, and the Rev. Professor Geo. W. Richards, as delegates primarii, and the Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., and A. E. Dahlman, D. D., delegates secundi.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY.

James Crawford, B. S. Stern, H. W. Vogt, G. J. P. Raub.

Church Finance.

The following report was presented by a special committee to whom were referred several items in the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The following papers were referred to this committee for consideration and action:

- 1. An overture from Philadelphia Classis asking for the appointment of a Commission on Church Finance.
- 2. An overture from Reading Classis asking General Synod to so change the columns of the parochial statistical blank marked "Benevolent Purposes" as to make two columns, the heading of the first to read "Benevolent Purposes through Congregational Channels," and the second, "Benevolent Purposes by Individuals of the Congregation."
 - 3. A similar overture from Tohickon Classis, asking for

changes in the statistical blanks which will dispense with useless columns.

4. Item 18 in the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, asking for a separate column in the statistical blank to report the offerings of each church for Foreign Missions was adopted and referred to this committee for suggestions on the amendment of statistical blanks.

Your committee would respectfully recommend the following:

- 1. The President of General Synod shall be authorized and instructed to appoint a Commission on Church Finance, consisting of three ministers and four laymen, who shall, after careful study of the subjects, report to the next General Synod recommendations for the better financial management of the Reformed Church and the proper coordination of our benevolent operations. The Boards of Home and Foreign Missions shall be represented on this Commission.
- 2. In view of the difficulty of securing accurate statistics in the matter of contributions by individuals, your committee cannot see its way clear to recommend the granting of the request of Reading Classis.
- 3. In order to make our parochial statistical reports more reliable, uniform and useful, and at the same time keep them within proper limits, so as not to increase the size of the printed pages. General Synod hereby directs that the statistical blanks shall hereafter omit the columns marked (1) "Minutes Wanted." (2) "Excommunicated," (3) "Marriages," (4) "Burials," and that the column marked "Contributions for Benevolent Purposes" be subdivided thus: (1) For Home Missions, (2) For Foreign Missions, (3) For Education, (4) For Other Benevolences. It is further directed that "excommunications" shall be recorded in a foot-note on the statistical blanks, and that the number of minutes wanted shall be noted, for the information of the Stated Clerks. The statistical blanks shall also contain an explanatory note indicating that in the column

of "Contributions for Education" all g fts to the Theological Seminaries, Colleges and Academies in our Church, as well as all contributions for beneficiary education, shall be included

Respectfully submitted.

PAUL S. LEINBACH,

H. H. Wiant, J. M. S. Isenberg, C. W. Thomas, B. D. Lecklider.

The following was the action of General Synod on this report:

Item 1 was adopted and a Commission on Church Finance appointed, composed of the following: Revs. R. W. Miller, D. D., A. S. Bromer, B. S. Stern, D. D., Elders F. C. Brunhouse, B. D. Lecklider, H. S. Paisley, E. S. Fretz.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was amended to combine the two columns on "received by certificate," and adopted as amended. The report was finally adopted as a whole,

The Commission on Finance was further instructed to prepare an additional Statistical Table, so as to arrange for the fullest statistics possible.

Report of the Special Committee on Reformed Church Colors.

In response to item 44 of the report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, the Special Committee, appointed at the Synod of York, made partial report and was continued with instructions (see p. 24). The report, as far as approved, reads as follows:

To the Reverend General Synod:

Dear Brethren: Your committee on the Reformed Church Colors appointed at the last General Synod would make the following report: The chairman and only remaining member of the committee makes the report with sadness, for since the last General Synod the other two members of the committee, Rev. Prof. J. H. Dubbs, D. D., and Rev. G. M. Zacharias, have been called away by death. It was at your chairman's suggestion that they were appointed, because they were more familiar with the subject of the Reformed Church colors than any others in the church. He never had an opportunity to confer with Brother Zacha-

rias, but he had an informal conference with Prof. Dubbs, who expressed himself as not so much interested in the colors of the Church as in providing a suitable escutcheon or historic coat of arms for our Church, such as the Dutch Reformed Church of this country has.

Because of the loss of the other members of the committee, the chairman makes his report with some hesitation. He feels, however, that it would be of interest to the General Synod to make some statement in regard to the colors of our Church. The present colors, red, orange and black, were the happy suggestion of Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., at the time of the organization of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, about 1888. At that time the German and Dutch Reformed were together in the organization of that Brotherhood. He sought for colors that would be fit symbols for both churches and took the black and red from the German flag for the German Reformed and the orange for the Dutch Reformed. The rapidity with which these colors gained popularity proved that there was a desire on the part of our Church for something of the kind.

The difficulty with the present colors is that they were put together without much reference to their significance, especially as far as the German Reformed were concerned. The black and the red were taken from the German flag. The German flag is made up of black and white, which were the colors of Prussia; and when Prussia became the head of Germany, she simply added the red. Where she got it from is not known, perhaps from Hesse. But Prussia, though her ruling family was Reformed, was mainly Lutheran in her population, so that the black would not be especially significant of the Reformed. And the red. if taken from Hesse, would not be significant to us, as Hesse included large sections of Lutherans, as in Hesse Darmstadt.

We feel that the colors of our Church should be sought elsewhere, at the centers of the Reformed Church. Of these there were two, Zurich and Heidelberg, and perhaps also the colors of Switzerland, whose Protestants are virtually all Reformed. The colors of these Reformed centers are as follows: The colors of Zurich are blue and white; the colors of the Palatinate are also blue and white, of which also the color of the lion was yellow. The colors of Switzerland are red and white, her flag being a white cross in a red field. There is, however, another source of colors, namely, from Zwingli. The colors of the Zwingli family were black and old gold. Such are the historic colors connected with our Church.

Again, the colors at present in use in our Church are not only not historical, but they are no longer distinctive. They have become the colors of other organizations and institutions. Several colleges have appropriated them. We believe, however, that the colors of our Church should be distinctive and therefore suggest that the General Synod take measures to have suitable colors selected as the official colors of our Church.

If the General Synod desires new colors that are historical, we would suggest some combination of the colors of Zwingli, Zurich, Switzerland and the Palatinate. We would suggest two combinations: black, old gold or yellow, and blue; or, red, old gold or yellow and blue. In the first (black and old gold), the coat of arms of Zwingli are made the basis, with the blue of Zurich and the Palatinate added. In the second, the red would represent Switzerland, the old gold would represent Zwingli, as one of his colors, and also the color of the Palatinate lion, and the blue would represent Zurich and the Palatinate.

The chairman cannot close this report without making a suggestion on a kindred subject, although it does not come directly into the province of this committee, namely, the subject of a coat of arms for our Church. He makes this suggestion with the greater earnestness because it was in a measure a dying suggestion of the late Rev. Prof. J. H. Dubbs, D. D. In our last conversation with this beloved brother he suggested to your chairman that our Church cought to have a coat of arms or escutcheon. The Dutch Reformed Church has adopted a beautiful, artistic design containing in it in each quarter a coat of arms of historic

significance. Our German Church has an abundance of material for the composition of a beautiful coat of arms, which, if designed by a first-class artist, would be a credit to our Church. The sense of the artistic has grown in our Church and we believe that such a design would meet a felt want. Your chairman would suggest, therefore, to your reverend body that it appoint persons on a committee on coat of arms or escutcheon who are familiar with the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

James I. Good.

350th Anniversary of the Heidelberg Catechism.

In response to item 19 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, the following report was presented and adopted, at the eighth session.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Fathers and Brethren: Your committee to whom was referred the overture of West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, in reference to the 350th anniversary of the Heidelberg Catechism, begs to report the following:

Resolved, That the attention of Synods, Classes and congregations be called to the 350th anniversary of the Heidelberg Catechism in the year 1913.

Resolved, That we commend to their favorable consideration the advisability of celebrating this occasion and suggest that this will afford the Church a splendid opportunity of emphasizing the great value of the catechetical instruction.

Resolved, That the character of such a celebration be left to the judgment of each judicatory.

Respectfully submitted.

VICTOR WM. DIPPELL,
J. THOMAS FOX, L. J. ROHRBAUGH.

Various Special Resolutions.

The following special resolutions were adopted by General Synod during the closing session:

- 1. Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk of General Synod to prepare in advance each triennium a report covering the items to be incorporated in the report known as the Minutes of the General Synod.
- 2. Resolved, That General Synod requests the several district Synods to make it the duty of the Stated Clerk of each district Synod to furnish the Stated Clerk of General Synod a complete report of such items as should appear in the report of each respective Synod. Said report to be read and known as said District Synod's report.
- 3. Resolved, That the President of this General Synod and of future General Synods shall appoint, before adjournment, a Chairman of the Committee on Minutes of English Classes and a Chairman of the Committee on Minutes of German Classes, to whom shall be sent the abstracts of the Minutes of their respective Classes. These chairmen shall prepare in advance their several reports and present them to the next General Synod at its next following triennial meetings.
- 4. Resolved, That the Financial Commission be appointed a Special Committee to arrange for the process of business at the next General Synod.
- 5. Resolved, That the several Boards be requested to have their reports printed by the Publication and Sunday-School Board and sent to the delegates to the next General Synod ten days in advance of the next triennial sessions.
- 6. Resolved, That each Board appoint some one to represent it on the floor of General Synod in the consideration of its report.

Election of Treasurer.

Following the adoption of the report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Elder William R. Barnhart was nominated and re-elected Treasurer; the Stated Clerk was authorized to cast the ballot for General Synod.

Time and Place of Meeting of Next General Synod.

Several invitations to General Synod having been received, an election was held, as noted in Article XII, Elec-

tion, and the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., selected and the time fixed for the next triennial session, viz: May 12, 1914, at 7:30 p. m.

Leave of Absence.

At the second session, the President appointed a committee on Leave of Absence. The committee at the close of the session presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Leave of Absence begs to report that at this hour it has received one hundred and twenty-nine requests from ministers and elders of this Synod to be excused, either from all or several sessions.

The reason in each instance seemed good and sufficient to excuse them, and we, therefore, recommend that these requests be granted.

Your committee begs leave further to suggest the advisability of having a list of the delegates to the General Synod prepared and ready for use by the Committee on Leave of Absence. Such a list is now prepared for the Stated Clerk and President of the Synod, and if also prepared for the above named committee, would greatly simplify its work.

GEO. U. BROWN,

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. MECKSTROTH, HENRY OTTE, J. B. BLOOM,

B. S. Fouse.

Sunod. Classis. Name. Session. Eastern East Penn'a Elder T. J. Kichline 6th on. Elder C. S. Messenger 6th on. Elder E. O. Hoffman7th on. Elder A. P. ZellnerSth on. Lebanon Rev. M. N. George Final roll call. Rev. Wm. F. DeLong .. Final roll call. Philadelphia Elder H. M. Housekeeper 8th on. Elder Jas, Buchanan 8th on. Lancaster Rev. J. H. Pannebecker 7th on. Elder Geo, W. Hartman 7th on. Elder N. Dyson......7th on.

Synod.	Classis,	Name.	Session.
Eastern	Lancaster	Rev. John P. Dieffenderfer	8th on.
		Rev. J. W. Ault	
		Elder H. Edgar Sherts	8th on.
		Elder Geo. A. Hollinger	
		Elder J. G. P. Raub	6th on.
	E. Susquehanna.	· Elder Geo. M. Conrad	8th on.
		Elder A. S. Shoenenberger	6th on.
	W. Susquehanna	. Rev. K. Otis Spessard. Final	roll call.
		Rev. E. T. Rhodes	.6th on.
		Prof. Henry F. Bittner	8th on.
		Elder Alfred Sassaman	.6th on.
	Tohickon	Rev. J. O. Lindaman	.7th on.
		Elder A. M. Geisinger	7th on.
		Elder C. B. Weaver	
	Goshenhoppen	.Rev. Geo. W. Roth	.Sth on.
		Rev. Calvin M. DeLong	.6th on.
		Elder David H. G. Kuser	
	Lehigh	.Rev. R. M. Kern	
		Rev. W. L. Meckstroth First	
		Rev. Charles F. Freeman	
		Rev. George P. Stem	
		Elder Wm. H. Mantz	
		Elder Samuel A. Knaus	
		Elder Lewis B. Erdman	
		Elder Harry J. Lerch	
	~ 1	Rev. Jesse M. Mengel Final	
	Schuylkill	. Elder I. W. Tyson	
		Elder F. A. Brown	
		Rev. J. G. KerschnerFinal	
	W	Rev. W. D. StoyerFinal	
	wyoming	Rev. S. E. Stofflet	
		Rev. A. M. Masonheimer Elder W. H. Orth	
		Elder W. P. DeLong	
		Rev. P. A. DeLongFinal	
	Dooding	Rev. Thos. H. Leinbach	
	rreading	Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh	
Ohio	Miami	Rev. H. N. Kerst	
Omo		Elder C. C. Davidson	
		Elder John Blum	
		Elder Benj. D. Lecklider	
	Lancaster	Rev. S. L. Runkle	
		Elder John Yost	
		Elder H. W. Vogt	
		Rev. W. H. Tussing Final	

Synod.	Classis.	Name. Session.
Ohio	.Tuscarawas	. Elder W. M. MellingerTues, M.
	Tiffin	.Rev. A. C. Shuman 6th on.
		Rev. G. W. GoodTues. M.
		Elder George A. Klahr7th on.
		Elder Henry P. Frey4th on.
		Elder J. L. Luce7th on.
		Rev. Chas. E. Miller8th on.
	Eastern Ohio	.Rev. J. L. Rohrbaugh. Final roll call.
	St. Joseph	. Elder Leslie W. Hills,6th on.
		Elder Samuel W. Rarick8th on
Northwest .	.Zion	Rev. E. A. Kielsmeier. Final roll call.
		Elder Wm. Sellemeyer. Final roll call.
	Sheboygan	. Rev. O. Muehlmeier All sessions.
		Rev. D. W. Vriesen All sessions.
	Indiana.	
		. Elder John Luenberger 6th on.
	Minnesota	Rev. Edward Vornholt8th on.
		Elder Henry Kiesau8th on.
	Nebraska	. Elder Heinrich Duerrlaum 8th on.
	** .	Rev. Conrad Iffert Final roll call.
		.Rev. Elias E. Gruenstein8th on.
	Missouri	
	Chicago	
	South Dakota Portland-Oregon	
	Manitoba	
		. Rev. Benjamin F. Leinkemper.5th on.
Pittshurg		Elder R. K. Gumbert Final roll call.
titisbing	estinoreiana	Elder E. S. Naly
		Elder J. A. Kifer 8th on.
		Elder W. R. Barnhart8th on.
		Rev. C. W. SumneyFinal roll call,
	Clarion	. Elder W. G. King7th on.
	St. Paul.	
	Somerset.	
	Allegheny	.Rev D. B. Lady8th on.
	-8 7	Elder P. W. SeibertSth on.
		Rev. J. Prugh Final roll call.
	Hungarian	. All delegates excused by General Synod
		on the third day of the sessions.
Potomac	.Zion	.Elder J. L. Gerber6th on.
		Elder Israel Laucks8th on.
		.Elder Emory L. Coblentz8th on.
	Mercersburg	.Elder M. M. GillandFinal roll call.

	Classis.	Name,	Session.
Potomac	Virginia	Elder Robert L. Gray	.8th on-
	0	Elder Walter C. Switzer	
	North Carolina	Rev. J. L. Murphy	.Sth on-
		Rev. T. J. Barkley	
		Elder Andrew R. Brodbeck	
		Elder E. M. Bailey	
		Rev. S. P. Mauger Final	roll call.
	Carlisle:	. Elder Samuel S. Brenner	.8th on.
		Elder R. S. Eby	.7th on.
		Rev. J. Thos. FoxFinal	roll call
	Juniata Classis	Rev. Charles W. Warlick	. Sth on.
		Elder P. H. Bridenbaugh	
		Elder Geo. K. Meyers, 5th to	
		Elder B. S. FouseFinal	roll call.
		Rev. J. R. Bergey Final	roll call.
	New York	.Rev. Jacob Schmitt	Sth on.
	West New York.		
	Ger. Philadelphia	. Elder Charles Cast	6th on.
		.Rev. L. D. Benner	
		Elder Charles Zies	
Central	. Erie	. Elder Gottlieb Weber	6th on.
		Elder A. H. Knippenburg	
	Heidelberg	.Rev. F. A. Zechiel	
		Elder Ernest Hoelscher	Sth on.
		Elder M. Auck Fina	l roll call.
	St. John's	. Elder L. J. Bahler	Sth on.
	Cincinnati	.Rev. J. Gaenge	Sth on.
		Elder H. W. Tuechter	7th on.
	Toledo	.Rev. Henry Otte Fina	l roll call.
		Elder F. J. BrandFina	l roll call.
Interior	. Illinois	. Elder George U. Brown	7th on.
		Elder P. S. Schieb Fina	
		Rev. C. M. Rohrbaugh Fina	l roll call.
	Iowa	.Rev. Benjamin K. Hay	8th on.
		Elder Ambrose Tandy	
		Elder Henry Wildasin	
	Kansas	. Rev. W. A. Rex	
		Rev. John B. Blum	
		Elder Fred. Isely Fina	
	Wichita	. Rev. S. B. Yockey Fina	l roll call.
	Lincoln.		

ARTICLE XVIII.

NECROLOGY.

The report of the Stated Clerk on this subject is found in connection with the report of the Standing Committee on the State of the Church, see page 82.

ARTICLE XIX.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Rev. Samuel H. Stein, roll clerk, announced at the opening of each daily session, and at the close of Synod, that a quorum was present. The minutes were read and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of the Synod.

Resolution of Thanks.

A special committee, appointed to prepare resolutions of thanks, offered the following report, which was adopted:

Appreciating most heartily the cordial hospitality with which this General Synod has been entertained in the beautiful city of Canton, O., be it, therefore, resolved that we hereby tender our thanks to

- (1) The pastors of the three Reformed churches of this city—Trinity, First and Grace Reformed churches—and to their members and friends for the royal entertainment which we have so richly enjoyed.
- (2) The public-spirited citizens of Canton, for the delightful automobile trip through the city on Saturday afternoon.
- (3) The young ladies who so courteously managed the post office in the church, and to the young men who, as pages, so faithfully served this Synod.
- (4) The Bel Telephone Company for the use of their telephone, which they gratuitously installed in Trinity Reformed Church.
- (5) The Blickenderfer Typewriter Company of Cleveland. Ohio, for the type-writing machines and the stenographer they kindly furnished us.

(6) The "Evening Repository" and "The News-Democrat" for the liberal space which they gave in their columns n reporting the sessions of this Synod.

Further, be it

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary is hereby asked to furnish a copy of this action to the two daily newspapers of this city, with the request that it be published and thereby receive the largest possible circulation among our Cantonian hosts, who have so graciously entertained this General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. WILLIARD.

M. L. FIROR, H. F. TEXTER,

CARL G. PETRI, GEO. W. STEIN.

Note.—General Synod at a previous session, by special resolution, authorized the payment of \$100 to the Reformed churches of Canton entertaining the Synod,

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

Following the final roll call and immediately preceding adjournment, Rev. Dr. E. P. Herbruck, D. D., briefly addressed General Synod in parting words.

General Synod adjourned finally on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing the doxology and receiving the Apostolic Benediction by the President. It will meet in seventeenth triennial sessions at Lancaster, Pa., in the First Reformed church, on Tuesday, May 12, 1914, at 7:30 p. m.

James I. Good, President.

James Rauch Stein, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from original minutes.

JAMES RAUCH STEIN, Stated Clerk.

CONDENSED TRIENNIAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

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STATISTICAL REPORTS-The Synods and Classes for 1911

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		MINISTERS.	1. EAST PENNSYLA	d. E. Smith, D. D Bath, Pa.	F. W. Smith	S. F. Laury	W. H. Wotring, D. D., Nazareth, Pa., J. F. DeLong, D. D., Bethlehem, Pa. F. L. Keinp, Sc. D., East Stroudsbur	A. G. Rupp.	Wm. U. Helffrich	H. H. Frantz	M. N. George

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	MIMISTERS.	O. H. E. Rauch	II. II. Long	II. J. Ehret	David Scheirer	P. E. Heimer. R. F. Reed. A. P. Frantz, B.D.	G. W. Royer.	Edwin W. Lentz	C. A. Billion.	J. M. Shellenberger	Irwin H.DeLong, Ph.D. Lancaster, Pa. Titus C. Strock. Bethlehem, Pa. W. F. Ginder. Weissport, Pa.

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*Rev. Chas. W. Levan, D. D., received from Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, June 26, 1911; installed pastor of Water Street Charge July 23, 1911.

#Liventiate Robert Miles Stahl received from Somerset Classis, Pittsburg Synod; ordained and installed pastor of Salem congregation of East End. Altoona, July 21, 1911. +Licentiate D. James Ely received from Tohickon Classis, Eastern Synod, and call of McConnellstown Charge confirmed.

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ptisms, Infants, given year	13,758	13,816	13,457	13,803	14.353	13.732
ptisms, Infants, in three years	43,075	42,357	40,641	41,116	42,606	.40,945
ptisms, Adults, in given year	1,966			2,021	2,349	2.369
ptisms, Adults, in three years	5,480	5,782	5.269	5,534	6, 197	7.252
nfirmed, given year	11,792			12,368		12,686
nfirmed, in three years	33, 646	34,775	34.787	35,260		37,413
tificate, given year	7,267	7,360	8,504	9,368	9,641	9.578
tificate, in three years	22,619	22,472	24,621	27,116		24.718
mmuned, given year	182,435	194,921		212,590		230, 460
smissed, given year	3,483		4.391	4,628	5,237	5, 18
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ased, given year	4,950	5,194	5,489	5,225		8,78
ased, in three years	13,289	15,877	16,487	16,407		22,749
aths, given year	5,693	5,142	6,258	6,010		6,49
aths, in three years	16,166			14,614		18,688
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icers and Teachers, given year	20,096					27,930
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