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FOURTEENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS

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

Synod convened agreeably to adjournment in the First Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., in the month of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

The Sessions began May 20th with an evening session, and continued until May 28th to midnight.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in First Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday evening, May 20, A. D. 1902, at 8 o'clock. The services at the altar were conducted by the pastor loci, Rev. Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., and Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach.

The sermon was preached by the President of Synod, Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D., from the text recorded in the Acts of the Apostles 6:5, "And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost."

After the delivery of the sermon, the business session was formally opened with prayer. The pastor, in a brief address, tendered to the members of General Synod a generous welcome in the name of the fourteen Reformed churches in Baltimore, which was followed by a similar address from the Mayor, Mr. Hayes, who courteously tendered the hospitality of the city.

The Assistant Clerk, Dr. Jacob Dahlman, being absent on account of illness, the President appointed Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D.D., assistant clerk *pro tem*.

The Synodical Roll prepared from certified credentials was duly called, and a quorum was present. Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected President.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Eastern Synod.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Henry M. Kieffer, D.D., Wilson F. More, J. E. Smith, John F. DeLong, D.D. *Elders*: Jacob Rader, Martin Maus, William H. Rudolph.

LEBANON CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: I. Calvin Fisher, Samuel A. Leinbach, Wilson D. Donat. *Elders*: Jacob K. Funck, J. B. Conrad, J. L. J. Stoudt.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: John H. Sechler, D.D., David U. Wolff, D.D., Henry T. Spangler, D.D., Rufus C. Zartman, D.D., Charles H. Coon, D.D. *Elders*: Hiram C. Hoover, Jacob S. Sechler, Freeland G. Hobson, A. D. Simpson, John E. Bossert.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: E. V. Gerhart, D.D., J. S. Stahr, D.D., D. W. Gerhard, E. N. Kremer, D.D., J. P. Moore, D.D. *Elders*: J. J. Nissley, J. W. Apple, Jacob E. Ranck, H. F. Bitner, E. H. Burkholder.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Robert O'Boyle, Isaac M. Schaeffer, A. Thos. G. Apple. *Elders*: George Hill, Tobias H. Paul.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: James M. Runkle, R. Leighton Gerhard, D.D. *Elder*: Joseph Naegley.

TOHICKON CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Charles B. Weaver, Jacob Kehm. *Elders*: Milton J. Hess, Abel A. Stover.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: L. Kryder Evans, D.D., Joseph E. Freeman. *Elders*: Hiram B. Feather, Henry Bobb, M.D.

LEHIGH CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: J. W. Knappenberger, Thomas J. Hacker, Allen R. Bartholomew, D.D., George W. Richards. *Elders*: M. S. Richard, M.D., Louis P. Hecker, Charles L. Hottenstein, David Scheirer.

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Oliver H. Strunk, Samuel L. Whitmore. *Elders*: Jas. L. Kirkpatrick, Charles Christ.

WYOMING CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Sefellen E. Stofflet, A. M. Masonheimer, Marion L. Firor. *Elders*: J. A. Daubert, J. W. Balliet, Silas Kishbach.

READING CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Henry Mosser, D.D., Benjamin Bausman, D.D., Rufus W. Miller. *Elders*: Benjamin Y. Shearer, Jacob H. Stein, Abner G. Herbein.

Ohio Synod.

MIAMI CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: R. F. Shultz, S. U. Snyder, H. N. Kerst, H. M. Herman, D.D. *Elders*: O. C. Wilson, D. J. Prugh, Jno. Heilman.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Samuel B. Yockey, D.D., Charles M. Rohrbaugh. *Elders*: James M. Bowling, William Pool.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: John H. Bomberger, D.D., S. Ezra Neikirk, Oliver P. Foust. *Elders*: F. D. Hoover, Peter Ault.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Albert C. Shuman, Edward D. Wettach, D.D., Albert H. Zechiel. *Elders*: Nelson L. Brewer, George A. Klahr, Harvey H. Shirer.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: John M. Kendig, D.D., George W. Henning, John J. Gruber. *Elders*: J. H. Rodgers, M.D., Peter Echerman.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Maurice Samson, H. S. Nicholson. *Elder*: Dr. A. M. Yundt.

Synod of the Northwest.

ZION'S CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Bechtold Ruf, John H. Bosh. *Elders*: Heinrich Seelig, Frederick Reppert.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.—*Minister*: W. A. Arpke. *Elder*: Wm. Reinech.

INDIANA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Theo. F. Herman, H. W. Vitz, H. Achterman. *Elders*: J. C. Schmid, J. W. Brown, D. Wenning.

MILWAUKEE CLASSIS.—*Minister*: Heinrich C. Nott. *Elder*: John Wentzel.

MINNESOTA CLASSIS.—*Minister*: Jacob Hauser.

NEBRASKA CLASSIS.—

URSINUS CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: E. E. Gruenstein, John Link.

MISSOURI CLASSIS.—*Minister*: W. F. Horstmeier.

CHICAGO CLASSIS.—*Minister*: Carl Heyl.

SOUTH DAKOTA CLASSIS.—None.

PORTLAND, OREGON, CLASSIS.—*Minister*: Gottlieb Hafner.

MANITOBA CLASSIS.—None.

Pittsburgh Synod.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Cyrus M. Hartzell, David A. Souders, Wm. H. Tussing. *Elders*: Wm. R. Barnhart, J. Frank Whitesell, Jacob H. Kuhns.

CLARION CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Robert C. Bowling, U. O. H. Kerschner. *Elders*: Jacob Stahlman, Wm. K. Smith.

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Samuel T. Wagner, Frank L. Kerr. *Elders*: W. W. Deichman, John Reimold.

SOMERSET CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Eugene P. Skylés, Albert E. Truxal, D.D. *Elders*: Norman D. Hay, Andrew Lapp.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: John H. Prugh, D.D., Chas. F. Althouse, T. R. Dietz. *Elders*: A. H. List, Wm. H. Shoemaker, A. O. Eberhart.

Synod of the Potomac.

ZION'S CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Aaron Spangler, George Stibitz, Ph.D. *Elders*: Edward A. Rice, Walter A. Drumgold.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., John W. Pontius, John M. Schiek, D.D., T. Frank Hoffmeier. *Elders*: J. Taylor Motter, Jacob H. Cost, John Gassman, W. Scott Kefauver, Prof. Henry Meier.

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Wm. C. Schaeffer, D.D., Isaac N. Peightel. *Elders*: Isaac H. Keefer, A. H. Strickler, M.D.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Ellis S. Hay, Lewis T. Lampe. *Elder*: John H. Bausman.

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: J. M. Ruther Lyerly, Joseph L. Murphy.

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Peter E. Heimer, Marsby J. Roth, *Elders*: Andrew R. Brodbeck, Dr. Charles P. Gettier.

CARLISLE CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Miles O. Noll, Samuel H. Stein. *Elders*: Dr. E. A. Shulenberger, Elias A. Leiby.

JUNIATA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Calvin B. Heller, Irvin W. Hendricks. *Elders*: Jonas C. Imler, P. H. Bridenbaugh.

German Synod of the East.

NEW YORK CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Paul H. Schnatz, Paul Sommerlatte. *Elders*: Heinrich Heinking, Jacob Peterson.

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: A. Emil Dahlman, D.D., Adolph Krampe. *Elders*: F. V. Tacky, W. Gottwald.

GERMAN PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: E. A. Hofer, G. A. Scheer, J. B. Forster.

GERMAN MARYLAND CLASSIS.—*Minister*: Herman Weimer.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.—*Minister*: Heinrich Holliger. *Elder*: C. Wilhelm Seibert.

Central Synod.

ERIE CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Frederick Mayer, M. Vitz, J. H. Stepler, D.D. *Elders*: H. W. Beckmann, John Roeck.

HEIDELBERG CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Conrad Hassel, John W. Belsler, Peter S. Kohler. *Elders*: John S. Zimmerman, Michael Auch, O. C. Stutz.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Louis M. Weiss, Will Grether. *Elder*: Jacob Reitz.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Fred. H. Diehm, John Heckman. *Elders*: George F. Wendel, Henry W. Tuechter.

TOLEDO CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Heinrich M. Gersman. *Elder*: Fred J. Brand.

Synod of the Interior.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Benjamin B. Royer, Henry C. Blosser. *Elders*: August F. Korf, John Zollinger.

IOWA CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: E. E. Emhoff, G. C. Baumgartel. *Elders*: Thomas J. Klotz, J. M. Lee.

KANSAS CLASSIS.—*Ministers*: Amos O. Reiter, D. H. Fouse.

WICHITA CLASSIS.—*Minister*: Bruce Griffith. *Elder*: Daniel M. Jones.

LINCOLN CLASSIS.—*Minister*: Franklin H. Fisher. *Elder*: Wm. A. Kifer.

Rev. S. P. Mauger, secundus, occupied the seat of Wilson F. More from fifth day to the close of the sessions.

Rev. Aaron Noll, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. Chas. H. Coon, D.D., from the opening to the fourth day of the sessions.

Rev. Thos. S. Land, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D., from the fifth day to the close of the sessions.

Rev. Simon P. Brown, secundus, occupied the seat of A. Thos. G. Apple from the sixth day to the close of the sessions.

Rev. Dr. Jas. I. Good, secundus, occupied the seat of Dr. B. Bausman from the seventh day to the close of the sessions.

Rev. Edgar S. Hassler, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. Eugene P. Skyles from the sixth day to the close of the sessions.

Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz, secundus, occupied the seat of John W. Pontius from the sixth day to the close of the sessions.

Rev. John H. Hoffheins, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. Lewis T. Lampe on several occasions.

Elder Christian W. Pfarrer, secundus, occupied the seat of Jacob Paterson from the sixth day to the close of the sessions.

Rev. Lewis Reiter, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. Robert C. Bowling during a part of the sessions.

Rev. Henry S. Gekeler, delegate secundus of Miami Classis, takes the place of the primarius, Rev. Shultz, from the fourth day to close of sessions.

Advisory Members Present.

EASTERN SYNOD.

Lebanon Classis—Revs. E. S. Bromer, J. L. Fluck, D. E. Klopp, D.D., T. M. Yundt; Elders Geo. W. Stine, Jos. L. Lemberger.

Reading Classis—Revs. James I. Good, D.D., H. H. Rauck, C. S. Gerhard, D.D., C. E. Schaeffer, Geo. W. Gerhard; Elders Daniel W. Miller, James T. Reber.

Philadelphia Classis—Revs. Thos. L. Biekel, Parley E. Zartman, David N. Dittmar, J. M. S. Isenberg, C. J. Musser, Aaron Noll.

Tohickon Classis—Revs. James R. Bergey, N. Z. Snyder, D.D.

Wyoming Classis—Rev. William Toennis.

High Classis—Revs. Geo. P. Stem, Thos. W. Dickert, Thos. N. Reber, W. A. Reimert.

West Susquehanna Classis—Revs. Warren J. Johnson, Ambrose M. Schmidt.

East Susquehanna Classis—Revs. C. B. Schneder, S. P. Brown, L. M. Fetterolf, L. D. Steckel.

East Pennsylvania Classis—Rev. S. P. Mauger.

Lancaster Classis—Revs. A. C. Whitmer, J. W. Meminger, Thos. S. Land, John M. Souder, Licentiate Paul Gerhard, L. C. Harnish.

Goshenhoppen Classis—Licentiate J. F. Dechant.

Schuylkill Classis—Rev. Z. A. Yearick.

POTOMAC SYNOD.

Maryland Classis—Revs. J. T. Rossiter, D.D., G. L. Staley, D.D., Conrad Clever, D.D., Lloyd E. Coblentz, E. R. Deatrick, A. S. Weber, D.D., G. R. Poetter, C. W. Levan, Robert J. Pilgram, James M. Mullan, Simon S. Miller, J. Stewart Hartman, C. S. Slagle, Atville Conner, F. W. Bald, G. A. Whitmore, S. H. Roeder, Jos. H. Apple, Licentiate J. H. Smith, Rev. I. M. Motter; Elder Goldsboro Griffith.

Virginia Classis—Rev. John A. Hoffheins, D.D.

Juniata Classis—Revs. A. F. Nace, S. U. Waugaman, A. H. Ginder, Lewis M. Robb.

Carlisle Classis—Revs. S. N. Callender, D.D., E. E. Weaver, J. D. Miller; Elders Thos. J. Clark, G. C. Goehenaucr.

Zion Classis—Revs. H. M. J. Klein, H. H. Apple, E. Bruce Lyttle, Geo. S. Sorber, F. C. Yost, D.D.; Elders Peter Wiest, Israel Laucks.

Mercersburg Classis—Revs. Geo. B. Russell, D.D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

Gettysburg Classis—Revs. J. M. Stick, W. E. Krebs, D.D., T. J. Barkley, D.D., Licentiate Robert L. Bair.

North Carolina Classis—Rev. W. B. Duttera, Ph.D.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Allegheny Classis—Revs. Paul S. Leinbach, Peter C. Prugh, D.D., A. C. Dieffenbach, A. B. Bauman, A. K. Kline.

St. Paul's Classis—Revs. H. H. Wiant, J. L. Barnhart; Elder C. M. Bousch.

Westmoreland Classis—Revs. J. N. Bauman, J. H. Mickley, C. Cort, D.D., Licentiate Clarence Zimmerman.

Somerset Classis—Revs. A. S. Glessner, A. Lahr, W. C. Sykes, C. A. Hauser.

Clarion Classis—Revs. R. F. Main, Lewis Reiter, R. F. Gass.

OHIO SYNOD.

Miami Classis—Revs. H. S. Gekeler, D. L. Burghalter, J. W. Bechtel.

Eastern Ohio Classis—Rev. H. E. Kilmer.

Tiffin Classis—Revs. A. E. Baichly, D.D., Jesse H. String.

Eastern Ohio Classis—Rev. Fred Cromer.

Lancaster Classis—Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D.

SYNOD OF INTERIOR.

Lincoln Classis—Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Iowa Classis—Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.

Kansas Classis—Revs. W. F. Curtis, J. W. Love, D.D.

CENTRAL SYNOD.

Erie Classis—Rev. J. H. Roentgen, D.D.

Indiana Classis—Rev. J. G. Steinert.

GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

German Philadelphia Classis—Revs. Prof. W. J. Hinke, U. O. Silvius, Phil. Vollmer, Ph.D., F. W. Berleman, D.D., P. H. Dipple, D.D.

New York Classis—Rev. C. W. Bruekner.

German Maryland Classis—Revs. H. C. Schlueter, D.D., Paul Wienand, M. Bachman, D.D., John M. Sommerlatte, Herman Weimer.

SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.

Chicago Classis—Rev. F. Kalbfleisch.

Visiting Brethren.

Rev. G. D. Mathews, London, Secretary of the Eastern Section of Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Rev. W. D. Irons, of the Presbytery of Monongahela.

Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D.D., of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Presbyterian Church, Baltimore.

Rev. E. Hoover, delegate from Evangelical Synod of North America.

Rev. Edmund Delk, of Philadelphia, Cor. delegate of General Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members are the officers of General Synod for the current triennial term:

President, REV. JOHN H. PRUGH, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Vice-President, REV. HENRY C. NOTT, Milwaukee, Wis.

Vice-President, ELDER FREELAND G. HOBSON, Esq., Collegeville, Pa.

Stated Clerk, JOHN PH. STEIN, D.D., Reading, Pa.

Assistant Clerk, pro tem., REV. A. E. DAHLMAN, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.

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

Reading Clerk, REV. CALVIN B. HELLER, Everett, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order declared adopted by General Synod in 1887 for the government of its several judicatories in the Reformed Church in the United States were duly observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to extend to the pillars supporting the gallery.

The following are the hours determined for opening and closing the daily sessions, to wit:

On motion it was resolved, That the daily sessions of Synod open at 9 A. M. and close at 4.30 P. M., with a recess from 11.30 A. M. to 2 P. M. The evening sessions began at 7.30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

1. *On Religious Services*—Revs. Drs. E. R. Eschbach, J. Spangler Kieffer, Isaac N. Peightel, and Elders Prof. Henry Meier, J. T. Motter.

2. *On Minutes of General Synod*—Revs. Drs. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Samuel A. Leinbach, David U. Wolff, and Elders Wm. R. Barnhart and H. W. Tuechter.

3. *On Minutes of Eastern Synod*—Revs. Dr. E. V. Gerhart, J. W. Knappenberger, Robert O'Boyle, Elders Jacob Raber and John J. Nissley.

4. *On Minutes of Ohio Synod*—Revs. Dr. John A. Bomberger, H. N. Kerst and S. Ezra Neikirk, Elders Dr. A. M. Yundt and Dr. J. H. Rogers.

5. *Minutes of Synod of Northwest*—Revs. C. F. Kriete, H. W. Vitz and A. Ackerman, Elders John Wentzel and J. C. Schmidt.

6. *Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod*—Revs. Dr. A. E. Truxal, Robert C. Bowling and F. L. Kerr, Elders J. H. Kuhns, Jacob Stahlman.

7. *Minutes of Synod of Potomac*—Revs. Dr. John M. Schick, Calvin B. Heller, Joseph L. Murphy, Elders Jacob H. Cost and John H. Bausman.

8. *Minutes of German Synod of the East*—Revs. Dr. A. E. Dahlman, Paul Sommerlatte, Henry H. Holliger, Elders P. Wm. Siebert and Henry Heinking.

9. *Minutes of the Central Synod*—Revs. Conrad Hassel, Heinrich M. Gersman and Wm. Grether, Elders John S. Zimmerman and Fred. J. Brand.

10. *Minutes of Synod of the Interior*—Revs. B. B. Royer, Amos O. Reiter and Bruce Griffith, Elders John Zollinger and Daniel M. Jones.

11. *Minutes of English Classes*—Revs. Dr. R. C. Zartman, O. H. Strunck and M. L. Firor, Elder B. F. Shearer.

12. *Minutes of German Classes*—Revs. Dr. J. H. Stepler, Carl Heyl, and Jacob Hauser, Elders Michael Auck, Wm. Gottwald.

13. *On Overtures*—Revs. Drs. E. N. Kremer, Rufus C. Zartman and Samuel L. Whitmore, Elders Louis P. Hecker, Abel S. Stover.

14. *On Correspondence with Sister Churches*—Revs. Dr. B. Bausman, Samuel B. Yockey and D. A. Sonders, Elders Norman D. Hay, Isaac H. Keefer.

15. *On State of the Church*—Revs. D. W. Gerhard, Albert C. Shuman, Frederick Mayer, Elders Daniel M. Jones, J. B. Conrad.

16. *On Home Missions*—Revs. T. J. Haeker, Dr. Henry T. Spangler and Rev. David H. Fouse, Elders Prof. A. N. List, August F. Korf.

17. *On Foreign Missions*—Rev. Geo. Richards, Dr. B. Bausman and W. F. More, Elders John E. Bossert, Geo. F. Wendel.

18. *On Orphan Homes*—Revs. Dr. Henry M. Kieffer, C. M. Hartzel, B. Ruf, Elders A. V. Eberhard, John Reimold.

19. *On Sunday-schools*—Revs. Dr. J. S. Stahr, Rufus W. Miller, M. O. Noll, Elders F. G. Hobson, P. H. Bridenbaugh.

20. *On Nominations*—Revs. Drs. John M. Kendig, J. H. Sechler, Henry Mosser, W. H. Horstmeier, B. Ruf, A. E. Dahlman, John Heckman, C. Hassel, U. O. H. Kerschner, Aaron Spangler, Elders Jacob Stein, Dr. A. H. Strickler, August F. Korf.

21. *On Finance*—Revs. R. F. Schultz, E. D. Wettach, John W. Pontius, Elders F. Von Tackey, M. S. Richard, M.D.

22. *On Societies*—Revs. Drs. R. Leighton Gerhart, S. H. Isenberg, J. J. Gruber, Elders J. F. Whitesell, Wm. Pool.

23. *On Advisory Members*—Revs. I. Calvin Fisher, Samuel H. Stein, Dr. H. M. Herman, H. W. Vitz and Elder Wm. A. Kifer.

ARTICLE VI.

DOCUMENTS 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 sessions of General Synod, were received from the respective Stated Clerks, and referred to the Standing Committees of the several District Synods.

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

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

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

III. *Synod of the Northwest*: Sheboygan, Minnesota, Zion's, Indiana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Chicago, Milwaukee, Missouri, Ursinus.

IV. *Pittsburgh Synod*: Clarion, Somerset, Allegheny and St. Paul.

V. *Potomac Synod*: Zion, Mercersburg, Virginia, Carlisle, Maryland, Gettysburg, Juniata and North Carolina.

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

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

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

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

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

6. The report of the Sunday-school Board was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools.

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

8. The report of the Treasurer, Elder Wm. R. Barnhart, was read and referred with vouchers to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Sundry communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The General Synod during its sessions observed the following religious services: The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with religious service and the Holy Communion was celebrated during the Sunday morning service in the First Reformed Church where the daily sessions were held.

The report of the Standing Committee on Religious Services was read at intervals and finally adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services would respectfully report as follows:

First Church.—Wednesday 8 P. M. Topic: Laymen in Church Activity. Presiding officer, Rev. Chas W. Levan, Baltimore, Md. Addresses: Ways and Means to Secure Greater Activity on the Part of Our Laymen and Church Officers in the Official Work of the Congregation, Rev. Jos. L. Murphy, Hickory, N. C.; Ways and Means to Secure Greater Activity on the Part of Our Laymen and Church Officers in the Official Work of the Classis and Synod, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading, Pa.

Academy of Music.—Thursday, 8 P. M. Denominational Mass Meeting. Presiding officer, Rev. John M. Schick, D.D., Washington, D. C. Addresses: The Mission of the Reformed Church of this Age, Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.; The Relation of the Denominational College to the Public School System, Hon. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., LL.D.

First Church.—Friday 8 P. M. Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. Presiding officer, Mrs. R. Ellen Hahn, Vice-President, Reading, Pa. Addresses: Home Missions Christianity's Object Lesson, Mrs. Samuel B. Yoekey, Columbus, Ohio; Deaconess Work, Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, Alliance, Ohio.

Fords' Opera House.—Sunday 3 P. M. Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies. Presiding officer, Rev. Dr. John H. Prugh, President of Synod. Addresses: The Sunday-school Teacher an Inspiring Personality, Rev. Prof. Geo. W. Richards, Lancaster, Pa.; The Last Words of Our Saviour, Miss Elenor S. Lutes, Philadelphia, Pa.; The Relation of the Sunday-school to the Benevolent Work of the Church, Rev. Theo. F. Herman, Lafayette, Ind.; From the Child's Standpoint, Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D.D., Cleveland, Ohio; The Relation of the Young People's Society to the Missionary Work of the Church, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., Allentown, Pa.

First Church.—Saturday 3 P. M. Sermon, Rev. B. Bausman, D.D.; altar service, Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Rev. Frank L. Kerr. Sunday 11

A. M. Sermon by Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D.; altar service, Rev. Bruce Griffith, Rev. Dr. Cyrus J. Musser. 8 P. M. Addresses by Miss Lena Zurfluh, Rev. B. B. Royer; altar service, Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.

Third Church.—11 A. M., Rev. B. Bausman, D.D.; 8 P. M., Rev. A. S. Casselman and Rev. Fred. Cromer.

St. Paul's (English).—10.30 A. M., Rev. Marion L. Firor; 8 P. M., Rev. Prof. Geo. W. Richards.

Trinity.—11 A. M., Miss Lena Zurfluh; 7.30 P. M., Rev. Marion L. Firor and Rev. David B. Lady.

Christ's.—11 A. M. Rev. Paul S. Leinbach; 8 P. M., Rev. J. P. Moore, D.D.

Faith Church.—11 A. M., Rev. A. C. Whitmer and Rev. David A. Souders; 8 P. M., Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., and Rev. J. L. Murphy.

St. Stephen's.—11 A. M., Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D.D.; 8 P. M., Rev. A. O. Reiter and Rev. J. F. DeLong, D.D.

Grace Church.—11 A. M., Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; 8 P. M., Rev. W. F. Curtis and Rev. W. A. Reimert.

St. Mark's.—11 A. M., Rev. A. O. Reiter; 8 P. M., Paul L. Gerhard and Rev. Ellis S. Hay.

Maryland Penitentiary.—3 P. M., Rev. John Ph. Stein, D.D., Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, Rev. D. H. Fouse.

Grace Reformed Church, Washington, D. C.—Sunday 11 A. M., Rev. Harry M. Kieffer, D.D.; 8 P. M., Rev. John W. Love, D.D.

Evan. Reformed Church, Frederick, Md.—10.15 A. M. and 7.30 P. M., Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D.D.

Grace English Lutheran, Broadway and Gough St.—11 A. M., Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D.; 8 P. M., Rev. George Stibitz, Ph.D.

St. Paul's Lutheran, Druid Hill Ave and McMechen St.—11 A. M., Ellis N. Kremer, D.D.; 8 P. M., Rev. L. Kryder Evans, D.D.

First English Lutheran Church, Laurale and Fremont Ave.—8 P. M., Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D.

Second Lutheran Church, Lombard near Penn St.—11 A. M., Rev. I. N. Peightel.

Third English Lutheran, Monument near Gay St.—11 A. M. Rev. T. J. Haeker.

Central Presbyterian Church, Eutaw Place and Dolphin St.—11 A. M., Rev. John H. Bomberger, D.D.; 8 P. M., Rev. Miles O. Noll.

Light St. Presbyterian Church.—8 P. M., Rev. S. L. Whitmore.

Faith Presbyterian Church, Cor. Broadway and Gay St.—11 A. M., Rev. John H. Sechler, D.D.; 8 P. M., Rev. H. S. Gekeler.

Maryland Ave. Presbyterian Church.—11 A. M., Rev. O. H. Strunck; 8 P. M., Rev. John S. Stahr, D.D.

United Presbyterian Church, North Ave. and Payson St.—Rev. R. L. Gerhart, D.D., Rev. Bruce Griffith.

Appold M. E. Church.—Rev. Albert E. Truxal, D.D.

North Ave. M. E. Church, North Ave. and Caroline St.—8 P. M., Louis B. C. Lahr, D.D.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, corner Fayette and Green Sts.—11 A. M., Rev. H. N. Kerst; 8 P. M., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.

Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Bond St. and N. Ave.—11 A. M., Rev. Samuel H. Stein.

GERMAN CHURCHES.

Fourth Reformed, St. John.—Sunday 10.30 A. M. Opening by Rev. J. Heckman, Sermon by Rev. Dr. J. H. C. Roentgen, address by Rev. E. Saure; 7.30 P. M., Forty-fifth Anniversary of the Choir, address by Rev. M. Vitz.

Fifth Reformed, St. Paul.—Sunday 10.30 A. M., sermon by Rev. W. F. Horstmeier; 7.30 P. M., sermon by Rev. B. Ruf.

Reformed Immanuel.—Sunday 10.30 A. M., sermon by Rev. J. H. Bosh; 7.30 P. M., addresses by Revs. Drs. J. H. Stepler and J. H. C. Roentgen.

Reformed Zion.—Sunday 10.30 A. M., sermon by Rev. P. Sommerlatte; 7.30 P. M., Addresses by Revs. C. H. Heyl and H. Holliger.

Reformed Frieden.—Sunday 10.30 A. M., sermon by Rev. H. W. Vitz; 7.45 P. M., by Rev. H. M. Gersman.

First Reformed, Washington.—Sunday 10.30 A. M., sermon by Rev. G. A. Scheer.

United Evangelical, St. Matthew.—Sunday 10.30 A. M., sermon by Rev. E. A. Hofer.

United Evangelical, St. John.—Sunday 10.30 A. M., sermon by Rev. H. C. Nott.

North Baltimore German Methodist.—Sunday 7.45 P. M., Sermon by Rev. H. Aehterman.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod submitted its report on Wednesday during the afternoon session. It was disposed of item by item and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod begs to present the following items, claiming your attention, namely:

Item I., p. 43. The appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 2, p. 46. The appointment of delegates to the Reformed Alliance at Washington, D. C.

Item 3, p. 51. The appointment of delegates to Reformed Alliance of Germany.

Item 4, p. 58. Necrological report by the Stated Clerk.

Item 5, p. 85. Classes and Synods directed to pay apportionments for German work to Treasurer of General Synod's Mission Board through the Treasurers of the District Synods.

Item 6, p. 86. That attention of United States Government be directed by Mission Board to the need of a building at the port of New York for religious services.

Item 7, p. 86. Instructions given to forward a copy of this action to Superintendent of Immigration, Washington, D. C.

Item 8, p. 90. The appointment of a committee to aid the Twentieth Century Movement.

Item 9, p. 108 and 127. The appointment of delegates to Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions.

Item 10, p. 108-130. Expiration of terms of office on Foreign Mission Board.

Item 11, p. 128. The appointment of a committee to formulate a plan for increase of benevolence.

Item 12, p. 186. Stated Clerk of General Synod to provide and keep a registry of Licensures and Ordinations, etc.

Item 13, p. 186. The appointment of a committee to aid Stated Clerk of General Synod in securing a complete list of licensures and ordinations, etc., to present date.

Item 14, p. 191. Amendment to Article 46 of Constitution in regard to organizing Classes in languages other than English or German.

Item 15, p. 193. An amendment to Constitution Article 83, namely, that to General Synod shall also belong the management of the general Sunday-school work of the Church.

Item 16, p. 194. The formation of a Constitutional Commission.

Item 17, p. 203. Printing Minutes of General Synod.

Item 18, p. 204. Distribution of Statistical Blanks.

Item 19, p. 213. The publication of a Digest of General Synod's decisions.

Item 20, p. 220. Appointment of Dr. C. Cort to secure reduced rates to General Synod 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHLAEFFER, *Chairman.*

The action taken by Synod on this report is as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, reported as having been attended to, see Art. XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches. Item 4, attended to, see Art. XII, State of Church. Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, reported as having been attended to, see Art. XIII, Missions. Item 10, referred to Committee on Nominations. Item 11, a report received and referred to Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. Items 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, Reports received, see Art. XVIII, Government. On Items 17, 18, 19, see Art. XXI, Publication. On Item 20, see Art. XXIII, Miscellaneous.

I. Minutes of District Synods.

I. MINUTES OF EASTERN SYNOD.

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

The committee to whom was referred for inquiry the Acts and Proceedings of the Eastern Synod for the years 1899, 1900 and 1901 report that they have carefully gone over these records and find that in the Minutes of the year 1900 there are two appeals:

1. One is the appeal of Rev. H. F. Hartzell, per the Rev. L. D. Steckel, from the action of East Susquehanna Classis.

2. The other concerns the complaint of Klopp's congregation against Lebanon Classis. Both are recorded on pp. 75-77, Minutes of 1900.

3. The recommendations and instructions of the General Synod of 1899 were accepted by the Eastern Synod and duly executed.

Respectfully submitted,

EML. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod on this report is as follows: On items 1 and 2, see Art. XVI, Appeals. On item 3, see Art. XVIII, Church Government.

II. OHIO SYNOD.

Your Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, having carefully examined those Minutes for 1899, 1900 and 1901, begs leave to call your attention to the following items claiming consideration:

Item 1. The Ohio Synod accepts all of the recommendations and apportionments of General Synod (1899, p. 11).

Item 2. (1899, p. 74) N. A. Ernst appeals from the decision of the Ohio Synod, and this Synod appoints as a committee to defend its action Rev. Dr. J. A. Peters and Elder N. L. Brewer (1901, p. 93). The Synod appoints Rev. Dr. A. E. Baichly to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. J. A. Peters.

Item 3. (1901, p. 91) The Ohio Synod petitions General Synod (a) To establish a Young People's Denominational Reading Course. (b) To adopt a statistical table for Young People's Societies similar to the one adopted by the Ohio Synod, which accompanies this report.

Item 4. (1901, p. 34) An overture to General Synod requesting that the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to appoint an assistant secretary.

J. H. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod on this report on the sixth day of its sessions, is as follows: Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was referred to a special committee, see Art. XVI, Appeals and References. Item 3, with sub-items a, b, adopted and referred to Standing Committee on Sunday-schools: Item 4 was referred to Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

III. SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod of Northwest presented the following report:

Item 1, p. 16, 1900. Synod resolves to earnestly endeavor to do its share for the work of Home Missions by free-will contributions.

Item 2, p. 16, 1900. Synod adopts the deliverance of General Synod on the proper observation of the Fourth Commandment and embodies that deliverance into its Minutes.

Item 3, p. 16, 1901. The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Article 52 of the Constitution of our Church prescribes, that no minister shall accept a call before the same is confirmed by the Classis or Synod. Furthermore no minister shall leave his field without permission of Classis. Since the verbal execution of this injunction would often put a man in the predicament to be without a field of labor for a long time and consequently without bread—this point of the Constitution is often set aside. Not only is the permission of Classis not asked, but it is even not considered needful to notify the officers of Classis of this change—so finally nothing remains for the Classis except to agree to the accomplished fact, or to protest against such action.

Therefore General Synod is requested to take such steps, that a definite rule be laid down, which may be carried out and shall be binding for all cases.

General Synod is urged very earnestly to grant this request.

Item 4, p. 21, 1901. A new Classis was organized under the direction and approval of Synod with the name Manitoba Classis.

Item 5, p. 118, 1901. The attention of General Synod is directed to the fact, that a fire insurance company has been formed within the Synod of the Northwest for the insurance of churches, parsonages and ministers' library and household goods, open for all congregations and pastors of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. KRIETE, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod on this report is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted. On item 3 a special committee was appointed whose report was adopted, see Art. XVIII, Church Government. Item 4 was adopted. On item 5 the following action was taken: *Resolved*, That General Synod does not deem it expedient to take action in the way of approval or disapproval of a Fire Insurance Company, especially as it has no knowledge of the financial condition of the company recognized by the Synod of Northwest.

IV. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

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

The Committee on the Minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod have examined the same and find the following for consideration:

1. The Pittsburgh Synod cheerfully accepted and apportioned the sums asked of it by the General Synod for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Harbor Missions. See Minutes of 1899, p. 63; 1900, pp. 40 and 61; 1901, pp. 40 and 63.

2. Pittsburgh Synod, because of the greatness of the demand for mission work within its own bounds felt constrained to decline with regret the apportionment for mission work among the Germans. See Minutes of 1899, p. 63.

3. Pittsburgh Synod overtures the General Synod to grant the several District Synods representation on the Boards of the General Synod, as follows:

(a) That each District Synod be allowed one representative on each Board.

(b) That each District Synod be allowed to nominate two candidates for each Board, one of whom is to be elected by the General Synod.

(c) That the remaining members of the Boards be elected by General Synod as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,
 REV. A. E. TRUXAL, D.D.,
 REV. R. C. BOWLING,
 REV. F. L. KERR,
 ELDER J. H. KUHNS,
 ELDER JACOB STAHLMAN.

The action taken by General Synod on the sixth day of its sessions is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 with sub-items a, b, and c, were referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions, vide Art. XIII, Missions.

V. THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

The report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Potomac Synod was received, acted on item by item, and finally adopted.

The minutes of the Synod of the Potomac for the past three years have been examined by your committee and there is nothing in them claiming the attention of your reverend body

further than the fact that all the recommendations of the General Synod were adopted by Potomac Synod.

The action of the several Classes on the proposed amendment to the Constitution was not recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SCHICK.

VI. GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

Your committee respectfully reports the following items which claim the attention of General Synod:

Item 1. The Classis of New York complains of the German translation of the Minutes of General Synod as being misleading (p. 14, 1900).

—Item 2. The amendment to Article 46 of the Constitution was adopted by all the Classes of this Synod (p. 14, 1900).

Item 3. The amendment to Article 83 of the Constitution was rejected by the New York Classis and adopted by the other Classes (p. 14, 1900).

Item 4. Synod does not assume the whole apportionment for Foreign Missions because of the very pressing needs of the home work within its bounds. It commends the foreign work however to the liberal and loyal support of all its Classes (p. 30, 1900).

Item 5. It is the opinion of Synod that we as a Church are not prepared as yet to undertake the work in China (p. 30, 1900).

Item 6. All other recommendations of General Synod having reference to the District Synods were adopted and referred to the Classes.

Item 7. Dr. Philip Vollmer complains against an action of Synod sanctioning the crasure of the name of Rev. J. Wirz by the New York Classis from its list of ministers. Rev. P. H. Schnatz is appointed to defend Synod's action before the General Synod (p. 16, 1900, and p. 11, 1901).

Item 8. C. E. W. Beyer appeals from the action of Synod excommunicating him from the ministry and membership of the Church (p. 77, 1901).

The Rev. Drs. Ph. Vollmer and A. E. Dahlman were appointed to defend Synod's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. DAHLMAN, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod on this report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted. Items 2 and 3 were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. R. W. Miller, S. T. Wagner, I. N. Peightel, Elders Drs. Bobb and J. H. Stein, see report, Art. XVIII, Government. Items 4 and 5 were referred to Committee on Missions. Item 6 was adopted. Item 7 was referred to a special committee, see report, Art. XVII, Complaint, and item 8 was referred to a special committee, see report, Art. XVI, Appeal and References.

VII. CENTRAL SYNOD.

The following report was presented, and considered item by item, with the following results:

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Central Synod begs leave to submit the following report:

Item 1. We have examined the Minutes of said Synod for the years 1899, 1900 and 1901.

Item 2, p. 12, Minutes of 1899. The Central Synod takes favorable action on all the recommendations of the General Synod.

Item 3, p. 9, Minutes of 1900. Erie and Heidelberg Classes reject the amendment of Article 83 of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

CONRAD HASSEL, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod on this report is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 was adopted and referred to a special committee for tabulation, see Art. XVIII, Government.

VIII. SYNOD OF INTERIOR.

Your Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Interior begs to report the following items for consideration:

Item 1, pp. 13 and 14 of Minutes of 1899. Synod accepts all the apportionments of General Synod.

Item 2, p. 30, Minutes of 1899. Synod apports five cents per member additional to General Synod's apportionment for Foreign Missions, and twenty-five cents per member additional to General Synod's apportionment for Home Missions.

Item 3, pp. 10 to 13, Minutes of 1899. Synod accepts all other recommendations of General Synod and complies with the same.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. ROYER, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod on this report is that the various items were severally adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

I. English Classes.

The Standing Committee on the English Minutes of Classes submitted its report on the sixth day of the sessions during the afternoon. It was disposed of item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit:

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

There were referred to your Committee minutes from the following Classes: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, E. Susquehanna, W. Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming, Reading, Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset, Allegheny, Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln.

Westmoreland is the only English Classis which failed to transmit a report of its proceedings.

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

I. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

1. The following Classes took favorable action on all instructions and recommendations referred to them by General Synod: E. Pennsylvania, Lebanon, E. Susquehanna, W. Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Lehigh, Wyoming, Miami, Lancaster (Ohio Synod), Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset, Allegheny, Zion's, Mary-

land, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Illinois Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln.

2. Lancaster Classis (Eastern Synod) and Mercersburg Classis do not see their way clear to appoint a financial agent to co-operate with the Field Secretary in gathering funds for Home Missions.

3. The amendment to the amendment to Art. 46 of the Constitution was acted upon as follows:

(a) Approved by East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming, Reading, Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset, Allegheny, Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Illinois, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln Classes—31.

(b) Rejected by Philadelphia Classis.

(c) Tiffin, Westmoreland and Iowa Classes report no action.

4. The amendment to Art. 83 of the Constitution was acted upon as follows:

(a) Approved by E. Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Lehigh, Wyoming, Reading, Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, Clarion, St. Paul, Somerset, Allegheny, Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Illinois, Kansas, and Lincoln Classes—29.

(b) Rejected by Tohickon Classis.

(c) Schuylkill, St. Joseph, Iowa, and Wichita Classes report no action.

5. Schuylkill, Virginia, Kansas and Lincoln Classes approve of an amendment to Art. 77 of the Constitution, which was not referred to the Classes for consideration.

II. APPEALS.

6. Tuscarawas Classis cites attention to the appeal of Rev. N. A. Ernest.

III. OVERTURES FROM THE CLASSES.

7. East Pennsylvania, Reading and Lehigh Classes overture the General Synod to direct the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions to establish office headquarters at a location which, as far as possible, may be considered a denominational center, the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod to locate an office at the same place.

8. East Pennsylvania, Reading and Lehigh Classes overture General Synod to take into consideration the advisability of changing the membership of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions so as to secure a sufficient number of members of each Board living near to office headquarters, and thus to make it possible to have more frequent meetings of the Board with a minimum amount of expense.

9. East Pennsylvania, Reading and Lehigh Classes overture General Synod, in the event of such an arrangement, to have office headquarters, to assign such duties to the officers of the Board of Home Missions as will permit of a more definite supervision and enlargement of Church-building Funds, and as will enable the Board of Home Missions as well as the Board of Foreign Missions to place at the disposal of their officers and, through the officers of the Board, for the information of Synods, Classes and Classical Missionary Committees facts pertaining to the missionary contributions from the several sections of the Church.

10. Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, overtures General Synod to define what is to be understood as constituting the literature to be handled by the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church, with special reference to the supplies and literature of the Young People's Societies.

11. Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, overtures General Synod to arrange with the publishers of the Directory of Worship, that the Directory may be published separately in small-sized and attractive pocket form.

12. Schuylkill Classis overtures General Synod to appoint a committee to whom shall be referred the subject of the Revision or Amendment of the Heidelberg Catechism.

13. Reading Classis overtures General Synod to take measures to establish quarterly missionary days in the Sunday-school for the purpose of mission training and giving of mission offerings.

14. Tuscarawas Classis overtures General Synod to order a column for the "Home Department" in our statistical blanks for Sunday-school reports.

15. Eastern Ohio Classis overtures General Synod to publish the latest available statistics obtainable from the Stated Clerks of the various Classes.

16. Allegheny Classis overtures General Synod to call the attention of the Home Mission Board to the advisability of the Missionary Superintendents living within the bounds of the Synods which are considered their special missionary fields.

17. Allegheny Classis overtures General Synod to define the meaning of "Church Papers" in the statistical table prepared for pastoral reports.

18. Illinois Classis overtures General Synod to authorize the making of a suitable exhibit of the Reformed Church in the United States at the Exposition to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, in the year 1904, to appoint a committee to collect, to arrange and care for such exhibit, and to provide for the necessary expense incurred by the same.

19. Inasmuch as the abstracts from the minutes of a few Classes are too much abridged to be explicit and intelligible, and whereas a few other Classes have transmitted their entire minutes in printed form, we recommend that the attention of Stated Clerks of Classes be and hereby is directed to the requirements of the Constitution as set forth in Article 81 and its amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS C. ZARTMAN, *Chairman.*

The report on Minutes of English Classes was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 14, 15 and 19 were adopted. Items 3, (a, b, c), 4 (a, b, c), adopted and referred to Committee on Tabulation, vide report, Art. XVIII, Church Government. Item 5. This subject was not referred to Classes for consideration.

II. Appeal. Item 6, vide report, Art. XVI, Appeals and References. Items 7, 13, 16, referred to Standing Committee on Home Missions.

Items 8 and 9, referred to special committee consisting of Revs. Drs. W. C. Schaeffer, A. E. Truxal, L. H. Coon, Jno. W. Apple and J. Taylor Motter, to report three years hence. Item 10, vide Art. XIV, Benevolent and Religious Institutions. Item 11, referred to Permanent Committee on Church Hymnal. Item 12, proposition declined. Item 17, vide report, Art. XXI, Publication. Item 18, vide report, Art. XXIII, Miscellaneous.

II. German Classes.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of German Classes submitted its report on Wednesday during the morning session. It was disposed of item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The following is the report, to wit:

The Committee on the Minutes of the German Classes respectfully reports as follows:

We have received extracts from all the German Classes excepting from the Classes of Toledo, Manitoba and Portland, Oregon.

I. The matters referred to the Classes we note as follows:

All the Classes have adopted the various apportionments made by General Synod, with the following exceptions:

1. Heidelberg Classis says concerning item 2, p. 85 (Eng. Min.) that it collected some money for the purpose named—but it retains the money until General Synod decides more definitely regarding the matter.

2. German Maryland Classis appreciates the kind intention of General Synod, but is of the opinion that work among the Germans can be best done by their German Mission Board.

3. In regard to item 14, p. 89, the Classes are willing to participate in raising a Church-building fund, but not in the form of an apportionment.

II. Favorable action was taken by nearly all Classes on the following recommendations:

Sermons to awaken more interest in mission work.

Missionary Societies are favored by all. (However, S. Dakota Classis states that it has no such societies.)

The work of our Orphans Homes.

Deaconess work.

Society for the relief of Ministers and their Widows. (In regard to this we note that the West New York Classis constitutes each year one minister a life member.)

Home Department of Sunday-school work is commended.

Of Sunday-school statistics—excepting Milwaukee Classis, which says: “We report in accordance with the direction of our Synod.” South Dakota does not concur in General Synod’s action. New York Classis thinks that the regular statistics for Sunday-schools are sufficient. Erie Classis explains that its statistics of Sunday-schools are incomplete because the wish of General Synod was not complied with by all.

Foreign Mission and Home Mission recommendations. All these matters were acted upon favorably.

III. The action of General Synod concerning the Twentieth Century Movement was tabled by Zion’s, Milwaukee, Missouri, Chicago, German Maryland Classes.

It was not favored by Minnesota and Nebraska Classes. Sheboygan Classis creates (as its twentieth century movement) a Classical missionary treasury. New York Classis favors holding such conventions, but has fears that the plan will hardly be feasible.

IV. The amendment to Art. 46 of the Constitution has been adopted by all the Classes as follows: New York, West New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, West Pennsylvania of the German Synod of the East, Erie, St. John’s, Cincinnati; Heidelberg, of Central Synod, Zion’s, Indiana, Chicago, Milwaukee, Sheboygan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ursinus, Nebraska and South Dakota, of the Synod of Northwest.

V. The amendment to Art. 83 of the Constitution was adopted by Zion’s, Indiana, Maryland, St. John’s, German Maryland, German Philadelphia and West New York Classes. West Pennsylvania Classis does so conditionally.

It is rejected by Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ursinus, Chicago, New York, Erie and Heidelberg Classes.

VI. The recommendation to appoint a financial agent was rejected by Missouri Classis. German Philadelphia has a method of its own; German Maryland Classis has the same intention, as also West New York and West Pennsylvania Classes.

VII. Recommendations of Sunday-school literature were

adopted by Zion's, Indiana, Chicago, Milwaukee, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, West Pennsylvania, West New York, Erie and New York Classes. Conditionally also by Ursinus Classis. Minnesota Classis takes note of General Synod's action.

VIII. P. 186, Sec. 1, concerning reports for the recording of licensures, etc., adopted by all the Classes. Also action concerning the Sabbath, adopted by all. Same is true of Harbor Mission work and the work of Central Publishing House.

IX. Of Requests, etc., we notice the following:

1. Missouri Classis requests General Synod urgently to take such steps as will induce all our ministers to become members of the Ministerial Relief Society.

2. New York Classis complains of the German translation of the Minutes of General Synod.

3. German Maryland Classis requests General Synod to decide whether the action of the Synod of the Northwest of 1900, p. 102, item 4, is legal and permissible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEPLER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: I. Matters referred to Classes, items 1, 2, 3, adopted. In connection with first item Heidelberg Classis be instructed by its Synod to pay what money it has on hand for German-English work to the Treasurer of General Synod's Board to be applied to the adopted new plan.

II. Under the head of recommendations items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, were adopted. Amendments to Constitution adopted and referred to Committee on Tabulation. Item 1 under head of Requests, vide Art. XIV, Benevolent and Religious Institutions. Item 2 under head of Requests, adopted, and attention of Assistant Clerk called to instructions in Minutes of General Synod at Tiffin, 1899, page 203, English edition. Item 3 referred to a special committee, vide Art. XVI, Appeals and References.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

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

To the Reverend General Synod:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following papers have been referred to it:

Item 1. An overture from the Board of Home Missions asking Synod to define its action with regard to German-English work; and recommending action designed to advance the interests of missions.

Item 2. Communication from Rev. J. Muellhaupt suggesting that Synod take such action as will lead all active ministers to become members of the Society for Relief.

Item 3. Overture from the Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod, requesting Synod to express its judgment in the adjudication of a controversy existing in said Classis.

Item 4. The annual report of the Reformed Deaconess and Hospital Association of Alliance, Ohio, and a request that the institution be commended to the churches.

Item 5. The report of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

Item 6. Report of a convocation of the pastors of the National Protestant Churches of Geneva on the occasion of the beginning of the twentieth century.

Item 7. The annual report of the Friends' Press Association of Baltimore, Md., calling attention to its efforts to suppress the circulation of demoralizing literature.

Item 8. An appeal from the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that Synod use its influence against the omission of the quarterly temperance lesson from Sunday-school lesson papers.

Item 9. The constitution of the Anti-Saloon League and a request that Synod appoint delegates to its seventh National Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., December 9-11, 1902.

Item 10. A communication from Rev. H. M. Herman, D.D., calling attention to the fact that Rev. John Kercher, of Lacon, Ill., now living in his 90th year, is the oldest living minister of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 11. From the Central Publishing House, a copy of *Missionary Gleanings*, a periodical in the interest of missions.

Item 12. A communication from Rev. John H. Oerter, corresponding delegate of the Reformed Church in America, conveying the greetings of said religious body.

Item 13. A communication from the National Reform Association recommending that the second Sunday in September in each year be observed in Christian homes and churches as a day for special and united prayer in behalf of public and private schools.

Item 14. A communication from the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Ministers' Widows, with its action in response to the action of General Synod, Tiffin, Ohio, May, 1899.

Item 15. An overture from Iowa Classis suggesting to Synod to consider the feasibility and propriety of adopting some action looking to a scheme for receiving and appropriating moneys to pension all ministers who have faithfully served the Church for a series of ten years or more.

Item 16. An overture from Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, asking General Synod to reduce the number of Home Missionary superintendents to two or one, to limit his duties to directing the work of missions, and to recommend the appointment of Classical missionary superintendents.

Item 17. An overture from Westmoreland Classis requesting the General Synod to take steps to strike out the last clause of the answer to the eightieth question of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Item 18. A communication from the Joint Committee of American and Canadian churches for preparing a uniform version of the Psalms in meter, asking Synod to co-operate in their work, and to contribute \$15 toward the expense.

Item 19. History of the Heidelberg Catechism, by Rev. Alexander Smellie, presented by the Reformed Church Publication Board.

Item 20. Report of the Society of Relief, etc.

Item 21. An appeal for help for the Reformed Church in Pozsony, Hungary.

~~Item 22.~~ An overture from Rev. Jacob Hauser.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Chairman.*

The several items in the foregoing report were disposed of as follows: For action on items 1, 10, 11, 16, see Art. XIII, Missions. On items 4, 14, 15, 20, see Art. XIV, Benevolent and Religious Institutions. On items 2, 5, 6, 12, 21, see Art. XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches. On Item 7, the following action was taken: *Resolved*, That the request be granted. On items 8, 13, see Art. XV, Sunday-schools. On items 9, 10, 19, see Art. XXIII, Miscellaneous. On items 17, 18, the following action was separately adopted. *Resolved*, That General Synod does not see its way clear to comply with either of these requests. On items 3, 22, see Art. XVIII, Government.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. Reports from Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

The delegates elected by the last General Synod in 1899 at Tiffin, Ohio, to corresponding bodies presented their reports which were received and adopted.

These several reports as respectively presented are as follows:

I. THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

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

DEAR BRETHREN: As your corresponding delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church of North America, I attended the annual sessions of said body at Asbury Park, June, 1900, and conveyed the fraternal greetings of our Synod, accompanying my address with a copy of the Minutes of our Triennial Sessions of 1899. I was kindly received, and requested to convey the fraternal greetings of that body to this Synod.

My bill of expense was \$3.66, which was duly honored by our treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. SECHLER.

Baltimore, Md., May 21, 1902.

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN UNITED STATES.

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

As your chosen delegate to convey the fraternal greetings of this body to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian

Church, I attended the sessions of that body held in Philadelphia May, 1901. On account of the extended debate on the question of the revision of the Westminster Confession, the secretary, just before adjournment, stated with regret that no time has been found for the reception of delegates from sister churches.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS J. MUSSER.

3. THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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

DEAR BRETHREN: Having been appointed fraternal delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran church, I discharged the duties involved in that appointment by attending the sessions of that body at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 29th and 30th of May, 1901. The Synod showed its appreciation of the visit by devoting twenty minutes of its valuable time to hearing words of greeting from our church. The President, Rev. Dr. W. S. Freas, responded in a few earnest and cordial remarks and requested me to convey to our Synod their Christian greeting and sincere well-wishes for our success.

The Synod gave further evidence of cordiality by appointing a fraternal delegate to this body.

E. P. HERBRUCK.

Canton, Ohio, May 10, 1902.

4. THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

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

As delegate secundus to the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America, I attended to that duty September, 1901. I was cordially received by the said Synod and in response to my brief address was requested by the Synod through its presiding officer to convey to your reverend body their fraternal greeting. My traveling expenses were \$18.50.

Very respectfully,

JOHN HENRY STEPLER.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 28, 1902.

5. TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH.

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

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In the discharge of the duties assigned me by your reverend body three years ago, I attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church which convened in the city of Chicago on the 23d to the 30th of May, 1900. Having submitted my credentials I was most cordially received by the officers and members of said body. It was my pleasure to spend two days in attendance upon their sessions. At an hour fixed to suit my convenience I was introduced to the Assembly by the Moderator, Dr. J. P. Sankey, and invited to address it. In doing so I assured the members of their body of the brotherly feeling cherished by your body towards them, and of your wish and prayer that abundant success might attend their labors and efforts in the cause of our common Lord and Master.

The Moderator, in the name of the body over which he presided responded very heartily to my greeting and expressed most fervent words of praise for the past history and present position of our church, and bade me bring to your body their heartiest Christian greetings and brotherly love, together with their prayer that the blessing of heaven might rest upon our labors in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL.

II. Election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

1. To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America: Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., primarius; Rev. Jas. I. Good, secundus.

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

3. To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D., primarius; Rev. A. S. Zerbe, D.D., secundus.

4. The Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian

Church: Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., primarius; Rev. A. Zimmerman, secundus.

5. German Evangelical Synod of North America: Rev. B. Ruff, primarius; Rev. L. K. Kerr, D.D., secundus.

6. General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church: Rev. John H. Bomberger, D.D., primarius; Rev. C. L. Alspach, secundus.

III. Delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

The following delegates from Corresponding Bodies appeared in Synod, and being officially recognized took their seats as corresponding members:

1. During the morning session of the second day of the sessions, Rev. W. D. Irons, D.D., of the Presbytery of Monongahela, a delegate from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, appeared in Synod, presented his credentials and took his seat as a corresponding member. Soon thereafter he addressed Synod in a very cordial manner, conveying the Christian greetings of the body he had the honor to represent to this Synod, referring with manifest pleasure to the growing tendency of greater unity of spirit and sentiment among Protestant denominations.

The presiding officer, Rev. Dr. John H. Prugh, responded in an appropriate manner to his address, and requested him to bear the fraternal greetings of General Synod to the General Assembly he represented.

2. During the afternoon of the fourth day of the sessions, Rev. Edmund Delk, of Philadelphia, corresponding delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, appeared in Synod, presented his credentials and took his seat as a corresponding member. During the session the courtesy of Synod was granted to him and in a brief address he delivered the fraternal greetings of the Church which he had the honor to represent, referring with pleasure to the similar historic origin of both denominations and of their peculiar work in the sphere of truth and righteousness, expressing the hope of a closer bond in faith and unity in withstanding the common foe of man and the opposer of Christ's kingdom.

The President of Synod responded cordially to these fraternal greetings, commending the tendency of increased unity among the churches, and requested the delegate to bear in return the greetings of Synod to the body he represented.

3. On the eighth day of the sessions during the forenoon Rev. E. Hoover, a corresponding delegate from the German Evangelical Synod of North America appeared and, after presenting his credentials briefly addressed Synod in regard to the origin and progress of the body he had the honor to represent. He referred to the great similarity in cultus and doctrine of these two churches, and extended in a most cordial manner the fraternal greetings of the body he represented.

The Vice-President, Rev. H. C. Nott, who was an early friend and companion of the corresponding delegate to this body, responded in a pathetic manner returning in behalf of Synod the fraternal greetings to the body he had the honor to represent, with Synod's benediction upon their God-given work.

4. A letter was received from Rev. John H. Oerter, of New York City, a delegate appointed by General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, regretting that circumstances beyond his control prevented him from delivering his greetings in person. In his letter he referred to the bonds that hold together these sister churches, grounded in the redemptive acts revealed by the love of God in the person of His Son. He expressed his special gratification that in these perilous times of universal doubt and uncertainty these sister churches are holding fast to the time-honored motto of the Reformed branch of the Church universal, "The Word, the entire Word and nothing but the Word; Grace, the entire Grace and nothing but Grace; Christ, the entire Christ and nothing but Christ." He closed his letter by invoking the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon our deliberations.

5. On the second day of the sessions during the afternoon, the General Secretary of the Reformed Alliance, Rev. George D. Mathews, D.D., of London, was introduced to Synod, and received as a corresponding member. During the day he briefly addressed Synod upon the nature and character of

the work of the Alliance as carried forward on the continent. In his address he directed special attention to the Stundists in Russia, enlisting the sympathy of the Synod in behalf of those brethren who are made to feel the rigor of Russian oppression. In his closing remarks he invoked God's special blessing upon Synod's deliberations.

The President responded in behalf of Synod, assuring him of the sympathy and prayers in the work carried forward by the Reformed Alliance, for the honor of Christ's kingdom.

6. The Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches had commissioned Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., as a delegate to bear the greetings of that body to this Synod. When the communication of the Commission was read on the second day of the sessions, the delegate in a fitting address described the nature and character of the work accomplished by the Alliance in fostering unity and harmony among the churches.

IV. Correspondence with Continental Churches.

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

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: YOUR Committee of Correspondence with ecclesiastical bodies in Germany, takes pleasure to report that such correspondence was done and that we have sent the Minutes of General Synod to the different officers of the "Reformirte Bund," the "Reformirte Kreissynode," the "Deutsche Hugenotten-Verein," and other members of the Reformed Church at Germany. We also sent to these different bodies the greetings of our General Synod, wishing them the blessings of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.

The moderator of the "Reformirte Bund," Dr. Brandes; the moderator of the "Deutsche Hugenotten-Verein," Dr. Tollin, and Dr. Goebel, the moderator of the "Reformirte Kreissynode," have sent their minutes and their brotherly greetings, and wishes your reverend body success and blessings on the foundation of our faith and creed, Christ our only comfort in life and death.

The Board of the Hugenotten-Verein renders thanks for the gift of \$25, which was sent to them for the benefit of poor

Huguenot congregations and invite your reverend body to meet them at their annual meeting at Cassel on the 22d of September.

The Reformirte Bund has under its care a school for theological students at Halle, who receive a course of study to enter the ministry of the Reformed Church. The school is in a flourishing condition.

During the last three years the "Evangelische Bund," for the protection of the German Protestant interests, has organized an institution for converted Roman priests. These converted priests are the offspring of the "Free-from-Rome" movement, and are natives of Bohemia. Their period of study in said institutions is at the same time a probation to prove their steadfastness in the belief of justification by faith, after which the "Evangelische Bund" recommends them to the congregations. The future of these men is not a bright and hopeful one. They are forbidden to return to their native land. The Bohemian language is not used in Germany, and these converts are not able to preach satisfactorily in the German language. The Evangelical Bund calls the attention of our Church to these brethren who are willing to preach the Gospel to their native people in this country, and we respectfully invite the attention of the Board of Home Missions to remember the wishes of the Evangelical Bund. When the fathers of the Reformation withdrew from the Roman Church, their work was a blessing to the Church of Christ, let us therefore not be afraid when these brethren are recommended by said Board, to give them an opportunity to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their countrymen in America.

It affords us pleasure to report to General Synod that Rev. G. Wienand, of Baltimore, visited the meeting of the Reformirte Bund at Elberfeld in 1901, and was kindly received by that reverend body.

Respectfully,

J. H. C. ROENTGEN.

I. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONTINENTAL CHURCHES.

Your committee would also report that they have received a communication from the Swiss Evangelical Union, through its president, Rev. Prof. Orelli, together with the Minutes of

the last three annual sessions of that body. Prof. Orelli sends a hearty greeting and says: "May our common Lord and Master guide and richly bless your deliberations." He also speaks of their gratitude for the gift from our General Synod of 1896 of \$25 which they devoted to the building of a church at Bellinzona, in the Catholic canton of Ticino.

We would also report that the Reformed church of Holland has opened communications with us. It is very gratifying for us to come again into correspondence with the mother church which so kindly founded and nurtured our church in the eighteenth century for so many years by her liberal gifts of money, her interest and her prayers. After the separation of our church from her in 1793 there was no official communication until Rev. Mr. Reily went abroad in 1825, and the Synod of South Holland commended his effort to raise funds for the theological Seminary at Mercersburg. The Holland church then gave liberally to that cause. A hope was then expressed in Rev. Mr. Reily's report that correspondence with our church might be continued but it was not done. Not until 1893, when our General Synod observed the centennial of the founding of the Eastern Synod in 1793, did it again enter into correspondence with the Dutch Church by sending to the General Synod of the National Church of Holland its greeting, expressing its great appreciation of kindness of the Dutch Church in the eighteenth century and praying God's blessing upon it, that General Synod replied cordially to the communication. But since then there has been no correspondence. The truth is that General Synod is really a mere official body in caring for the general interests of the State church, and it takes little if any action on the general interests of the church. But the Classes of Amsterdam is a more practical body and therefore better able to correspond with other churches. Besides, this Classis was the first Dutch ecclesiastical organization which corresponded with our Pennsylvania churches in the eighteenth century when our church was born. It also raised a large part of the money given to our church when under the Dutch and even after our Church separated from Holland it continued to raise funds for Pennsylvania. It is therefore quite significant that

such a body as the Classis of Amsterdam should desire to enter into correspondence with us and very proper that we should respond favorably to their desire. The Classis of Amsterdam is a large body representing perhaps 8,000 or 10,000 communicants in and around that large city, and is one of the most active in good works, its diaconate especially being wonderful in its efficiency. We give herewith the letter of the Classis.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 13, 1900.

DEAR BRETHREN: It has given us pleasure to receive a copy of the Acts and Proceedings of your General Synod held at Tiffin, Ohio, in May last, and to note that you would be glad to enter into correspondence with the Classis of Amsterdam. Your proposal has met with our consent and full approval, and the Committee of Classis on Correspondence with other Reformed Churches will be glad to further this correspondence as best it can.

We send you, our brethren of the Reformed Church in the United States, our warmest greetings and pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your Church and her various agencies at home and abroad. We recall the many and close connections that have bound us together in the past, and are glad to feel our union still in working for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, and the downfall of the bulwarks of Satan in our respective fatherlands.

We send along with this the year-book of the Netherlands Reformed congregation at Amsterdam—prepared by two of our ministers—from which you can see details of the work carried on by our Church in this city.

We are glad to report that the Reformed Church of the Netherlands continues to prosecute her work with increasing earnestness, and that there is a visible increase of evangelical life among her ministers and people, and a deepening interest in missionary work at home and abroad.

In name of the Committee on Correspondence with other Reformed Churches.

W. Vos, *President*.

W. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

We suggest that the committee be given authority to enter into correspondence with them and send to them the greetings of this body, together with a copy of our Minutes.

We are hoping to enter into correspondence with the Reformed Church of Hungary. This is a church with which it is eminently proper that our church should be in close association because of our work among the Hungarians in this country. We need to get ministers from them, to gain advice from them

so that we may labor most successfully with the Hungarians here. And the Hungarian church also needs in return our sympathy and association. Oppressed as she is by an overshadowing Romanism, weakened to some extent by rationalism within herself, the evangelical elements of that church greatly need our sympathy and prayers. We hope by the next General Synod to be able to report progress in correspondence with this church.

The request of the Reformed church at Pozsony, Hungary, has been forwarded to us. The beautiful appeal of this church has touched our hearts just as we believe it touched a sympathetic cord in the heart of the General Synod when read. This church of the martyrs deserves our sympathy and help and we suggest that the General Synod give a grant of fifty dollars toward their church building.

Your committee would suggest to General Synod that it continue this committee since there seems to be work for it to do and since there is a hope of greater usefulness to our Church in the future. A Church like ours, which sprang from the continent should always feel a deep sympathy for and be in close association with the continental churches.

We suggest that Rev. Dr. Horstmeier be appointed a delegate to the Reformed Alliance of Germany and other Reformed bodies of Europe.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. I. GOOD.

II. REPORT ON REFORMIRTE BUND, ELBERFELD, GERMANY.

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

DEAR BRETHREN: It was my pleasure to attend the meeting of the "Reformirte Bund," which was held in Elberfeld, Germany, August 27-29, 1901. Your delegate, after forwarding his credentials and fraternal greetings of the Reformed Church in the United States was cordially received by that reverend body and most pleasantly entertained by its members. Your representative was requested to bear to your reverend body the fraternal feelings and good wishes, with the benediction on our work in return. In the address of welcome the desire was

expressed, that a closer union of all the Reformed Synods and churches everywhere may become a fact in the near future, whereby we may become a united power, wherever the banner of our beloved Reformed Zion is unfurled.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL WIENAND.

Item 6 in Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. E. A. Hofer, G. Hafner and B. Ruf, who presented the following report which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the communication of the Ministerial Association of the National Protestant Church of Geneva and also a report of a conference of ministers held in that city respectfully submit a translation of the communication received from said Ministerial Association and an abstract of their proceedings.

We recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That we receive with pleasure the greetings of the Geneva church and the report of their interesting conference.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Correspondence with Continental Churches be instructed to respond to the communication received, and that the Synod herewith extends to the Ministerial Association its hearty greetings and sincerely invokes the blessing of God upon the Protestant Church of Geneva.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. HOFER, *Chairman*.

TRANSLATION.

The Moderator of the "Ministerial Association" to the President, the Ministers and Elders of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

GENEVA, January 30, 1901.

DEAR SIRS AND HONORED BRETHREN: From olden times, and especially since the jubilee of the Reformation, A. D. 1835, the Church of Geneva has had the privilege to exchange fraternal communications with the churches emanating like herself from the Protestant Reformation.

At the dawn of a new century allow us, sirs and esteemed

brethren, to remind you of these souvenirs and permit us to present to you our greetings and our wishes.

In these days which make us feel the flight of time and the uncertainty of our terrestrial destination, in a peculiar manner, we are constrained to renew our covenant with the Lord our God, and to re-affirm and re-assert the bond that exists between you and us in our common Christian evangelical and Protestant faith.

We feel the necessity of being admonished by you, and to admonish you on our part, to persevere in the faith in God our Father, in Jesus Christ our Saviour, and in the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

We feel the necessity of humbling ourselves before God and before our brethren on account of our weaknesses and past short-comings.

We come to ask for your prayers and for your love, in order that we may grow in faith, in hope, in charity.

Finally we are constrained at the beginning of a new era to repeat the prayer, which is at the same time the rallying and triumphant cry: O Father, thy kingdom come!

May this kingdom of peace propagate itself more and more in the whole world. May it there, where it has come already, be rooted deeper in the hearts, in the churches, in the entire society, that all may hunger and thirst for the bread of life and the water that satisfieth in eternity.

With the purpose of affirming these sentiments and essentials of a Christian life, the Ministerial Union has had the privilege of uniting lately the ministers of all Protestant denominations that are in Geneva at a solemn assembly, the acts and proceedings of which we take the liberty of presenting to you enclosed.

In the same spirit we greet you with the words of the Apostle Paul: That the peace of God, that passeth all understanding, preserve your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, and we pray, honored brethren, to accept the assurance of our sincere and cordial devotion.

In the name of the Ministerial Union,

[Signed] D. DELETRA, *Moderator.*

PROTESTANT NATIONAL CHURCH OF GENEVA.

The Ministerial Association of the Protestant National Church of Geneva invited all the Protestant ministers of Geneva to a solemn convocation on January 4, 1901, for the purpose of beginning the new century with greater unanimity for the furtherance of God's kingdom. This meeting was held in the historic building where John Calvin presided at the weekly ministerial assemblies, which have continued since the days of the Reformation. Seventy-six ministerial delegates were present. In the opening address the Moderator laid stress on unity in prayer and on the confession of faith in God the Father, in Jesus Christ the Saviour, and in the efficient power of the Spirit of God to the Salvation of men. Stress was laid on the real unity of the *membra disjecta* of Protestantism. Two points were especially mentioned as binding all Protestants together on the threshold of the new century: 1st. The unique and common attitude of the hope and faith in the face of conditions and outlooks that cause many thinking men to become pessimists. 2d. There is at present a convergent evolution in the manner to conceive the real end of the evangelical ministry and the religious work in general, which end is not only to give men correct theological notions, but to induce them to lead correct Christ-lives.

In the following addresses many great and inspiring thoughts were expressed, regarding the Church of Christ. Firmly established on the Rock, Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, the Church of God will be victorious in the coming battles. As the tents of Israel were encamped around the tabernacle of the Lord, so the different denominations are gathered around Christ, the only temple of God. In this new century we need more than ever Christ with us. Christ, our divine Master, has called us as His servants to come to the relief of the wounded so that miserable and ignorant humanity may believe in the love of God and in His salvation.

The unique banner of Christians must be the ever living person of Jesus Christ. Christ has been presented to men as teacher, Saviour, liberator and friend, but a synthesis of all these makes a perfect picture of Him, God manifested in flesh,

Christ the King. We need the whole Christ, and we need Him for the whole man. Christ wants to save the whole man, his body and his soul. Every man needs Christ. We must preach the Gospel to every creature.

In the great changes that are taking place in the scientific and social realms we need not fear for Christianity, but rather work to permeate all with the spirit of Christ.

V. Report of Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, on the eighth day of the sessions, presented the following report which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

The only items referred to your committee were papers read by Drs. Good and Roentgen, members of the Continental Committee, from which we gather the following items and herewith present the same for your consideration:

1st. That this General Synod is gratified to be in correspondence with the Reformed Church of Germany and Switzerland, and to learn of the progress of God's kingdom through them, and to assure them of our sympathy and prayers.

2d. That the Board of Home Missions for its work among the Bohemians in this country consider the recommendation of the Evangelical Bund of Germany about the institution for converted priests of Halle, and correspond with Rev. Prof. S. Goebel, of Bonn, when they need additional Bohemian ministers.

3d. That this General Synod expresses its joy at the request of the Classis of Amsterdam to enter into fraternal relations and orders its Continental Committee to enter into regular correspondence with them.

4th. That this committee be requested to write to the Hungarian Reformed congregation at Pozsony (Pressburg), Hungary, and express to them the sympathy and interest of the General Synod and that the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to send them fifty dollars.

5th. That Rev. Dr. W. F. Horstmeier be appointed the

delegate of this body to the Reformed Alliance of Germany or to any other Reformed Synod or conference of the Reformed Church on the continent.

6th. That the Rev. G. Wienand be appointed on the committee in place of Rev. Dr. J. Kuelling.

7th. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay \$4.10 to Rev. Dr. Roentgen for mailing and express expenses.

8th. That the Board of Home Missions is respectfully overtured to enter into correspondence with the Boards of the different denominations whenever feasible with the view of securing co-operation in our mission work.

REV. S. B. YOCKEY,
 REV. RUFUS C. ZARTMAN,
 REV. D. A. SOUDERS,
 ELDER NORMAN D. HAY,
 ELDER ISAAC H. KEEFER.

VI. Report of the Executive Commission

OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES THROUGHOUT
 THE WORLD HOLDING THE PRESBYTERIAN SYSTEM.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 9, 1902.

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

DEAR BRETHREN: The Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system, Western or American section, presents to your venerable body its annual report, greeting you as brethren beloved in the Lord, and fellow-laborers unto the kingdom of God.

The Commission has held two meetings during the year, one on October 24th, 1901, at Montreal, Canada; and the other at Pittsburg, Pa., on April 16th and 17th, 1902. The members of the Western Section received most cordial welcome in both cities and popular meetings were held in Pittsburg in the interest of the Alliance. There was also a reception on the evening of October 24, 1901, at the Presbyterian College, Montreal; and at Pittsburg, Pa., on the evening of April 17th a banquet was given in honor of the Commission by the United Presby-

terian Social Union of that city. These meetings and social functions are of great value in the nurture and maintenance of that fraternal sympathy which more than any other influence cultivates the spiritual unity of our Churches.

The Commission has appointed Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., as a delegate to bear to your venerable body brotherly greetings.

It is respectfully requested that provision be made for the apportionment of the expenses of the Alliance due from your venerable body for the present year, which amounts to the sum of \$390. Remittance may be made to the American Treasurer of the Alliance, F. K. Hipple, Esq., LL.D., President of the Real Estate Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

We regret to report the death of the Chairman of the Western Section, George Junkin, LL.D., a distinguished ruling elder connected with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. Dr. Junkin was present at the First Council of the Alliance at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1877, and was a member of the Commission from its establishment. He was chairman of the Business Committee of the second council held at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1880, and contributed materially to the success of that great gathering. For a long period he served as treasurer, and in September 1899, in recognition of his high character and distinguished services, he was unanimously chosen chairman. His death took place on April 10, 1902, and the Section has entered upon its records an appropriate Minute setting forth its appreciation of his life and work. The Rev. R. P. Kerr, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Richmond, Virginia, one of the vice-chairmen of the Section, was chosen as his successor.

Attention is specially drawn to the fact that the Eighth General Council of the Alliance will meet in Liverpool, England, either in June or July, 1904. The basis of representation in the Council is as follows: for each one hundred congregations or less, two delegates, up to one thousand congregations; above one thousand congregations, one delegate for each additional one hundred up to two thousand; above two thousand, one delegate for each additional two hundred and fifty congregations. It is respectfully requested that an early report be

made both to the General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. George D. Mathews, and to the American Secretary, in the matter of the persons named as your delegates.

The Commission begs leave to draw attention to the work accomplished by it during the year, as set forth in part by the Minutes for the meeting of April, 1902, copies of which have been forwarded to you for distribution. In particular is it asked that you give consideration to the reports on "Moral Conditions in the New Territories," on "Religious Liberty" in said Territories, and on the need for "Mission Work Among the European and American Residents in Foreign Seaports."

In relation to work on the European continent in aid of the Reformed Churches located there, the Commission respectfully requests that a committee be appointed by your body to be known as a Committee of Correspondence on Work on the European Continent, and that said committee be directed to co-operate with the similar committee of this Commission, of which the Rev. James I. Good, D.D., of Reading, Pa., is chairman. There is present need of assistance to these European Churches. At this very time there is a decided movement away from the Roman Catholic Church in several European countries, and the hold of the papacy appears to be loosened upon large populations. The expression of sympathy and the tendering of aid at this critical juncture would prove of very great value to the cause of true religion.

The Commission also requests that special attention be given to the following resolutions upon Home Missions:

"WHEREAS, The relation which the United States and Canada sustain to both Europe and Asia gives to them a position of great power, and the advancement of the kingdom of God requires that their influence should be in the highest degree Christian; and whereas, God has brought to our door a great multitude who sadly need the quickening and saving influence of evangelical truth; and whereas, He has greatly blessed the Churches in their Home Mission work; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the supreme judicatories of the several Churches in the Western Section of the Commission to hold a special service of thanksgiving and praise

for His grace, and of prayer for His continued blessing on the Home Mission work, and to take steps to keep this work before the members of all the congregations in all its importance and pressing urgency.

2. That special attention be called to the necessity for the adaptation of the Home Mission work to the changing conditions of our population, and for more systematic efforts to reach all classes and all communities with the Gospel of divine love.

It is further respectfully requested that the second Sabbath of September be set apart as a day of prayer for private and public schools and for preaching on education. It is at this period of the year that the schools begin their work, and the interests involved are the largest and most important of those connected with educational interests. The secularism which is abroad is one of the great dangers of the country, and has seriously affected popular education, both in spirit and in the personnel of the teaching force. We believe that the general observance of a day of prayer as requested, would be highly conducive to the moral and religious interests of the millions of our children and youth.

In closing we emphasize the influence of the Alliance in relation to Christian unity as illustrated by the movements towards union in the Mission Churches of the Presbyterian faith and order found in China and India. In India, where a Presbyterian Alliance exists, the proposals for a united Church have been duly submitted to the ecclesiastical authorities interested, and a name has been agreed upon, viz: "The Church of Christ in India, Presbyterian." The new Church, if the movement for union succeeds, will begin its work with not less than fifty thousand church members. Details of the progress of the union in China, and of the condition of the Church of Christ in Japan, will be found in the Minutes (above referred to) of the last meeting of the Western Section of the Alliance.

We draw with especial pleasure your attention to the fact that the General Secretary of the Alliance, Rev. George D. Mathews, D.D., is on a visit to the Churches on the American continent in behalf of the general interests of the Alliance. It is the expectation that he will be able to visit you at your pres-

ent meeting. We invoke for him a cordial reception by you and the blessing of God upon his visit.

Map the God of all grace bless you in your labors abundantly and bestow upon you success in all your undertakings for the welfare of man and the extension of the kingdom of Christ in the earth.

For the Alliance,
 ROBERT P. KERR, *Chairman*.
 WM. HENRY ROBERTS, *American Sec'y*.

VII. The Alliance of Reformed Churches.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod on Wednesday during the afternoon session reported in item 2 the election of delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches and the instructions given in regard to filling vacancies in said delegation.

The following report was presented and adopted:

I. REPORT OF THE DELEGATES.

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

The undersigned would respectfully report that the following delegates were present at the meeting of the Alliance in Washington, D. C., September 27, to October 8, 1899, from the Reformed Church in the United States:

Rev. John A. Peters, D.D.....	Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Eml. V. Gerhart, D.D., LL.D.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Rev. James I. Good, D.D.....	Reading, Pa.
Rev. A. S. Weber.....	Baltimore, Md.
Rev. Henry M. Kieffer, D.D.....	Easton, Pa.
Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D.....	Sabillasville, Md.
Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D.....	Baltimore, Md.
Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.....	Frederick, Md.
Rev. Benj. S. Stern.....	New Bremen, Ohio.
Rev. William I. Stewart.....	Baltimore, Md.
Rev. David Van Horne, D.D.....	Tiffin, Ohio.
Rev. Ph. Vollmer, Ph.D., D.D.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D.....	Pittsburg, Pa.
Rev. Joel T. Rossiter, D.D.....	Baltimore, Md.
Rev. Dr. William Rupp.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Rev. Rufus W. Miller.....	Reading, Pa.
Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D.....	Lancaster, Pa.

Rev. John Ph. Stein, D.D.	Reading, Pa.
Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D.D.	Zullinger, Pa.
Rev. Gus. Facius	Washington, D. C.
Rev. Alex. Kalassay	Bridgeport, Conn.
John B. Kieffer, Esq.	Lancaster, Pa.
Geo. F. Baer, Esq.	Reading, Pa.
John W. Apple, Esq.	Lancaster, Pa.
Jas. T. Reber	Reading, Pa.
Jacob H. Stein	Reading, Pa.
Jacob Rader	Easton, Pa.

Of the delegates primarii elected at the General Synod at Tiffin, Ohio, seven of that number had duly informed the undersigned of their inability to be present. Three of these vacancies were filled by alternates who on application were furnished with the necessary credentials. The other vacancies were filled by visiting brethren who were recognized as part of the delegation.

JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

VIII. Election of Delegates to Alliance of Reformed Churches in 1904.

The attention of General Synod was directed by the Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches to the official notification that the eighth General Council of the Alliance will be held June, 1904, Liverpool, England, whereupon twenty-seven delegates were elected to represent the General Synod in Said Alliance. The following are the names of the persons elected:

Rev. Geo. W. Richards.	Rev. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.
Rev. John M. Schick, D.D.	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.
Rev. John S. Stahr, D.D.	Rev. John A. Swander, D.D.
Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D.	Elder P. Kiel.
Elder Geo. F. Baer, LL.D.	Rev. Chas. E. Miller, D.D.
Elder F. G. Hobson, Esq.	Elder E. A. Shulenberger, D.D.S.
Rev. H. M. Herman, D.D.	Rev. Benj. S. Stern.
Elder Wm. R. Barnhart.	Rev. David B. Lady, D.D.
Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D.	Rev. Abner S. Dechant.
Rev. Gustave H. Schwedes.	Rev. Henry T. Spangler, D.D.
Rev. Rufus W. Miller.	Rev. John H. Bomberger, D.D.
Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D.	Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.
Rev. W. A. Hale, D.D.	Elder H. Ankenny.
Rev. John H. Sechler, D.D.	

ALTERNATES.

Rev. E. A. Souders.	Elder P. W. Seibert.
Elder A. L. Rauch.	Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D.D.
Rev. Jas. I. Good, D.D.	Rev. R. C. Zartman, D.D.
Rev. John P. Stein, D.D.	Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D.
Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D.	Elder Daniel Miller.
Rev. Henry M. Kieffer, D.D.	Rev. C. E. Wagner.
Elder John W. Apple, Esq.	Rev. F. Meyer.
Elder Geo. W. Stein.	Rev. A. V. Casselman.
Rev. Chas. H. Coon, D.D.	Elder P. T. Wiest.
Rev. J. H. Steele, D.D.	Rev. S. B. Yockey.
Rev. J. W. Knappenberger.	Elder J. F. Zimmerman.
Elder Jas. T. Reber.	Rev. B. Burghalter.
Rev. A. C. Shuman.	

The following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the President and Stated Clerk be and hereby are duly authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in our representation in the Eighth General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches to be held at Liverpool, England, in 1904.

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church submitted its report on Wednesday during the evening session, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit :

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

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The eyes of the Reformed people of this land are upon this the first meeting of the General Synod in this the dawn of the twentieth century. From every side comes the question,

Watchman! tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are.

The devout people of our Church throughout the land expect this Synod to interpret God's purpose as applicable to our own day, and days to come, at least in the immediate future. We must not make the mistake either of overstating or under-

estimating our opportunities and responsibilities. We must look conditions squarely in the face, read aright God's dealings with us in the history we have made, and interpret intelligently the indications of His providence in the open door before us, and the people of our Church will not fail to measure up to the responsibilities laid upon them.

It will then not be particularly encouraging to find from some of the reports as they come up from different parts of the Church that in some instances infant baptisms are growing less, that there is a falling off in confirmations, that Christian training is neglected by some, that traditional customs are not carefully observed, and that in some sections catechization in its old form is passing away.

We are not surprised that complaint is made of worldliness as a result of indifference to God's Word, and we are prepared to understand why it is charged that falsehood is accepted rather than truth, and why it is felt important to warn against the spirit of some so-called Christian circles. Conditions like these help us to understand how it is possible in some instances for more than one-quarter of the members to remain away from the communion, and how, as reported by one Classis, it is true that only a fraction over one-half of the members commune.

Additional statements of a similar character might easily be added if it were necessary, but let these suffice. And what do we learn from statements like these? Mainly two lessons: First, that a condition prevails that is evidence, as one of the reports says, of satiety, sickness and dying, but secondly, what is of more importance to the Church, is that the brethren understand the difficulty, that they are grappling with it, and that better things may be expected in days that are to come. One of the reports well says that in some instances the "tide of worldliness and sin is so strong that we have cause for thankfulness if there is no retrogression. To stand firm against the wiles of the devil and the seductions of sin requires much grace. To overcome them and make progress requires more grace." A careful review of the history of our Church properly covered by this report shows very clearly that not only has grace been

abounding, but that we have had the "more grace." For our Church has made undoubted progress. The discouraging features already referred to are not the leading characteristics of our recent past. They do exist, however, and are of sufficient importance to challenge our attention, and to call for greater earnestness along the whole line.

Then, too, it is proper to note that in some instances where it is said that traditional customs are not observed and catechization in its old form is passing away, even here the life of the Church is simply adapting itself to new conditions, and developing new forms and customs made necessary by peculiar surroundings. We are still known as the Church of the Heidelberg Catechism, and so far as we are true to this time-honored symbol of our faith, do we often receive the endorsement of others who are under the molding influence of less substantial customs and doctrines.

Although the list may not be a long one, yet the congregations in which every member communed during the year are on the list. In large sections of the Church infant baptism is the rule and catechization is honored by faithful observance. Indeed so general is the observance of the time-honored customs of the Church that branches of the same excite special attention and in this way are prevented from gaining general acceptance.

In the legitimate prosecution of our work, a goodly number of the twentieth century conventions have been held; Sunday-school and Missionary conventions also have been held. Tracts have been published and distributed, books published, notably Sunday-school Hymnals of a very high order as compared with many of those until recently in use, and have been introduced on a large scale, church periodicals have been increasing their circulation and the result is our people have been better informed in reference to our history, and our present activities and the needs of the Church. We are told the past has been a year of unusual activity. There has been an increase in membership, in benevolent contributions and in Sunday-school membership, and as to the future never was the outlook quite so bright and helpful. From another report we learn that God has signally blessed His work, the membership

has increased, a larger proportion of the members have continued, and the benevolent offerings have been doubled over former years. Then, too, it is worthy of note that there has been unusual activity in the renovating and remodeling of old churches, and the erection of many new and beautiful houses of public worship. Additional indications of a like character might easily be cited as indicative of the trend of our history in the immediate past, and as fixing the conditions under which we are now assembled, and are about to face the immediate future. But it is not necessary. The indications of divine Providence are evident in what has been cited. God has given us an important work to do; He has blessed us in our work and expects us to enlarge our various enterprises for the extension of His kingdom. His blessing is always certain, and our people can be relied upon.

Statistics, unfortunately, are not always reliable, and there is a loud call for greater accuracy in making out our reports, but so far as figures are given, they are all of a favorable character. All along the line there is an increase over three years ago. This is notably the fact in our financial operations. For benevolent purposes there is an increase of \$64,000 and for congregational expenses of \$303,449. The number of ministers has increased from 1,046 to 1,112, and the membership of the Church has increased from 238,644 to almost 250,000.

But mere statistics, however favorable they may appear, cannot give us a complete exhibit of the work accomplished during the past three years. This has been in a very marked degree, a season of seed sowing. The harvest is sure to follow. No one can tell what good results will follow the publication and gratuitous distribution of 60,000 copies of the thirteen tracts on different phases of home missionary work. A significant fact of far-reaching importance we have in the substantial gain reported in the number of church-building funds. Three years ago the Bi-Synodic Board reported thirty-seven, now there are forty-three; then the General Board had forty-nine, now it has seventy-eight, a net gain of thirty-five, and besides these many others are in process of completion. Well may the triennial report claim it as a noteworthy fact that these two

Boards now have one hundred and twenty of these funds on record and at work, nearly 70,000, all gathered since April, 1896. The German Synods, too, have been making commendable progress along the same line of work.

It may also be added as another noteworthy fact that all this money, and much more, is needed to meet the demands for mission churches, many of them in our larger towns and cities. In the providence of God special prominence is given to our historic Church in the fact that the chief executive of the nation is a parishioner of Grace Church, Washington, D. C. Not only do others outside of our communion have occasion to learn something of our origin and history, but many of our own people are coming to a clearer consciousness of the significance and importance of the historical movement in which our Church has always been an important factor. It is well to heed the language of the triennial report already quoted where it says: "Never in the history of our Church have there been such opportunities as now, and never a time when liberal giving promised such large results."

In closing this part of our report it will be perfectly proper to make at least a passing reference to the good work being accomplished by the Woman's Missionary Societies, and we take pleasure in once more quoting the triennial report where it says: "This Board congratulates the women upon the excellent work they are doing, and is thankful for the help received."

If we turn now for a few moments to our Foreign Missionary work we find favorable indications all along the line. A substantial beginning has been made by Rev. W. E. Hoy and family in China, and other workers will soon be in the field to render assistance. The work in Japan has been considerably strengthened during the past three years, and is growing almost beyond our expectations. We can best realize the state of affairs in that field by giving heed to a recent communication from Rev. Dr. D. B. Schneder when he says: "After nearly a quarter of a century of work, and the expenditure of many thousands of dollars of the Church's offerings, the outlook has become exceedingly hopeful. Our evangelistic work is promising; our Girls' School is growing in size and favor; the Tohoku

Gakuin had 190 applicants at the beginning of the present term, of whom only 80 could be taken, and the school has before it a splendid career of usefulness for the kingdom of Christ in North Japan. What is needed is new buildings for the Girls' school, additional buildings for the Tohoku Gakuin, and several new missionaries, now—that is, within this year and next. Let the Church give us forty thousand dollars for the two schools, and we shall get along for many years, our schools will do much more towards self-support, many young men and women will become instilled with Christian principles, we shall be able to raise up an efficient native ministry, and the Lord's work will, with His continued blessing, prosper."

When such conditions prevail it is very evident that the Lord has been answering our prayers, and blessing our work, and that He is calling aloud to us not to make retrograde movements, nor even to stand still, but to move onward and forward in our missionary enterprises. The power of our young people for good in the work of the Church is gaining more general recognition, and an efficiency is being developed that is very promising for the future of our Church.

The Sunday-school work of the Church has received considerable attention and has made commendable progress. It is a pleasure to note that the membership of our schools has made a decided gain, although the period under review has been characterized as a time of trial and loss to the Sunday-schools of the land. The Sunday-school membership in several large denominations has decreased.

Brethren, a careful view of our past history brings to light many things that should make us humble ourselves before Almighty God on account of our short-comings, but we also realize that a rich heritage has come into our possession, and that in the maintenance of a pure Gospel, and in the extension of the kingdom of God we are given an honorable and an important part. We record devout gratitude to the Giver of all good for the manifold favors which have been bestowed upon us.

In the necrological statistics accompanying this report, Glase Gerhard, aged 29 years and 5 days, and Chas. H. Knight, aged 30 years, are the youngest while Rudolph Duenger, aged

94 years, 1 month and 16 days, and John Naille, aged 100 years, 6 months and 10 days were the oldest ministers enrolled on our list. Others, at various ages between these extremes, laid down their shepherd's staffs, but it is well to note that of the entire number nineteen attained to more than the threescore years and ten allotted to human life by the Psalmist. These brethren are no longer on earth to be actively engaged with us in the ministry of reconciliation, they were ripened for something better. They have gone on before, but in the communion of saints they are still one with us. They have drawn many of us much nearer to that Saviour by whose love they were prepared for usefulness here and for glory and immortality hereafter. While we mourn their departure from us, we rejoice in the triumphs to which they attained, and in the heritage left us in the memory of their names. And now in conclusion in the language of St. Paul, we say, Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. D. W. GERHARD,

REV. A. C. SHUMAN,

REV. FRED'K MAYER,

ELDER JOSEPH B. CONRAD,

ELDER DANIEL M. JONES.

Necrology.

As an additional record of facts supplementary to the preceding report in the State of the Church, it is here reported that the following named ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, arranged in alphabetical order, have died during the triennial interim extending from June 1, 1899, to May 22, 1902.

JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Names.	Licensed.	Ordnained.	Residence.	Time of Death.	Age.		
					yrs.	mo.	da.
Anderson, Dexter B.	1859	1859	Marshalltown, Iowa.....	June 17, 1899.....	71,	8,	24
Apple, D.D., Jos. Henry	1853	1856	Saegerstown, Pa.....	May 22, 1902.....	77,		
Berkey, Alfred G.	1886	1886	Massillon, Ohio.....	Oct. 16, 1899.....	43,	11,	10
Bleiler, Frank Nelson	1894	1894	Brownback, Pa.....	Feb. 27, 1900.....	35,	1,	18
Clayton, Lewis B.	1883	1883	Boundary, Ind.....	Sept. 10, 1901.....			
Dearick, D.D., Wm. R. II	1860	1860	New Bloomfield, Pa.....	May 2, 1900.....	65,	10,	4
Dearick, D.D., Wm. Miller	1853	1853	Bedford, Pa.....	May 6, 1901.....	79,		
Dechant, Augustus L.	1851	1851	Pennsburg, Pa.....	Mar. 25, 1901.....	79,		
Dieffenderfer, Moses Henry.....	1876	1877	Allentown, Pa.....	Feb. 27, 1901.....	55,		
Duenger, Rudolph.....	1834	1834	Ashland, Pa.....	Mar. 15, 1902.....	94,	1,	16
Fulcason, D. K.	1873	1873	Warren, Ohio.....	June 5, 1899.....	54,	11,	21
Fritzingler, Jared.....	1851	1851	Allentown, Pa.....	Sept. 25, 1900.....	79,		
Frantz, Daniel N.....	1859	1859	Fairview, Kansas.....	Oct. 24, 1901.....	39,	10,	2
Gerhard, Glase.....	1897	1897	Reading, Pa.....	July 22, 1901.....	29,		
Harrington, Simon Peter.....	1859	1859	Kansas City, Mo.....	Jan. 14, 1901.....	74,		
Hassler, D.D., Jacob.....	1851	1851	Fort Loudon, Pa.....	Feb. 5, 1900.....	76,		
Hahn, Frederick B.	1878	1878	Reading, Pa.....	May 16, 1901.....	54,		
Hiestler, D.D., Jonathan E.....	1852	1852	Annyville, Pa.....	Jan. 7, 1901.....	75,		
Hofford, D.D., Wm. R.	1858	1863	Allentown, Pa.....	Jan. 31, 1901.....	68,		
Kessler, Tobias.....	1880	1881	Allentown, Pa.....	Dec. 23, 1901.....	60,	3,	11
Knight, Chas. H.....	1890	1890	Bethlehem, Pa.....	Feb. 4, 1901.....	30,		
Kohler, Calvin O.....	1898	1898	Findlay, Ohio.....	Mar. 26, 1900.....	31,	9,	14
Klein, Dr. J. II	1854	1851	Louisville, Ky.....	Apr. 5, 1902.....	75,	2,	22
Landis, Wm. M.....	1864	1864	Rebersburg, Pa.....	July 19, 1899.....	63,		
Leinbach, J. Calvin.....	1877	1877	Lykens, Pa.....	Apr. 24, 1901.....	56,		
Limberg, Carl August.....	1854	1854	Butler, Pa.....	June 13, 1900.....	75,	5,	18
Lisberger, Robt.....	1863	1863	Bath, Pa.....	June 27, 1900.....	70,		3
Mabry, James W.....	1879	1880	Cherryville, Pa.....	May 16, 1900.....	16,	10,	2
Naille, John.....	1841	1841	Trappe, Pa.....	Aug. 28, 1901.....	100,	6,	10
Nerger, L. P.....	1896	1896	New York City.....	Feb. 19, 1899.....	38,	6,	
Peters, D.D., Jno. A.....	1862	1864	Tiffin, Ohio.....	Sept. 28, 1901.....	69,	8,	3
Porter, D.D., Conrad Thos.....	1843	1843	Easton, Pa.....	Apr. 27, 1901.....	79,		
Reichard, Richard Bittle.....	1871	1874	Dayton, Ohio.....	June 23, 1900.....	52,	5,	17
Besser, George Besore.....	1881	1887	Hanover, Pa.....	Apr. 16, 1901.....	45,		
Rinker, Henry St. John.....	1842	1844	Mauertown, Va.....	Jan. 31, 1900.....	80,	11,	3
Rusterholtz, H.....	1872	1872	Elk Rapids, Mich.....	Aug. 18, 1901.....			
Shenkle, Alfred B.....	1848	1848	Millersville, Pa.....	Apr. 22, 1900.....	86,		
Super, D.D., LL.D., Henry W.....	1851	1851	Trappe, Mont. Co., Pa.....	Nov. 26, 1897.....	72,	10,	25
Straemker, Elias D.....	1860	1860	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Feb. 27, 1902.....	72,	5,	28
Thoeman, Henry H.....	1862	1863	Cleveland, Ohio.....	Oct. 29, 1898.....	79,		
Weber, Gerry.....	1865	1896	Salisbury, N. C.....	Nov. 19, 1900.....	33,		
Weiss, Benjamin.....	1871	1872	Lenhartsville, Pa.....	Apr. 12, 1901.....	52,		
Willard, D.D., LL.D., Geo. W.....	1840	1840	Dayton, Ohio.....	Sept. 17, 1900.....	82,	3,	
Wohlbad, John.....	1868	1868	Catasauqua, Pa.....	Jan. 28, 1901.....	65,		
Zacharias, Geo. R.....	1860	1861	Upper Strasburg, Pa.....	Aug. 24, 1900.....	76,		

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The reports on the subject of Missions herein presented received the attention of General Synod at intervals during its sessions.

I. Triennial Report of the Board of Home Missions

OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THREE YEARS PRECEDING MAY 1, 1902.

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

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In presenting this triennial report your Board of Home Missions desires:

1. To acknowledge with devout gratitude the continuous mercy and grace of the Great Head of the Church, shown to the officers and members of this Board and to the missionaries and their families in preserving, with but few exceptions, their lives and health, and in permitting them to continue their high calling under favorable circumstances.

2. To place on record its sense of appreciation of the helpfulness and co-operation of the auxiliary Synodical Boards and Classical committees, in the assistance given in establishing missions in their territory and in bringing the needs of the Board to their several churches.

3. To express its thankfulness to the several pastors, congregations and many interested and generous friends for their words of sympathy and encouragement, for their prayers and timely financial aid.

That this Synod may have a clear conception of the condition and needs of the work as administered by your Board during the past three years, we invite your careful attention to the various items herewith presented.

OBITUARY.*

It is fitting that we should here record the death of Rev. John A. Peters, D.D., which took place at his home in Tiffin, Ohio, September 21, 1901.

He had been continuously for seventeen years a member, and for twelve years the President of this Board. We hold in

loving remembrance his genial, Christian personality, his soundness in judgment and his faithfulness and efficiency in every duty he assumed. We mourn his loss, while we rejoice in his reward.

The only one of our missionaries who fell at his post was Rev. Gerney Weber, pastor at Salisbury, N. C. He took charge of this mission in October, 1899, and in July, 1900, was stricken with typhoid fever, and after lingering four months died, greatly lamented, leaving a young widow to mourn his loss.

REORGANIZATION.

At Tiffin, Ohio, on May 27, 1899, the Board was reorganized as follows: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., president; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., vice-president; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., secretary; Elder Geo. W. Stein, treasurer, and Elder C. M. Boush, treasurer of church-building fund and attorney of the Board. The Executive Committee: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Rev. John A. Peters, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D. After the death of Dr. Peters, Elder C. M. Boush was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., is General Superintendent, who, in connection with the general oversight of the work, gives personal attention to the missions in the Ohio and Pittsburgh Synods. Rev. A. C. Whitmer is Superintendent in the Eastern and the Potomac Synods, and Rev. A. S. Dechant in the Synod of the Interior.

The office of Field Secretary, authorized by the last General Synod, was soon thereafter constituted by this Board. Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, of Huntingdon, Pa., was called to the office. He entered upon the work September 1, 1899, and continued in service for one year. Rev. Dr. David N. Dittmar, of Fort Washington, Pa., was then called. He entered upon the duties of the office February 1, 1901, and has since then been actively at work.

The members of the Board have freely given their best efforts to the cause entrusted to them. To know the conditions, wisely to discriminate and systematically to arrange for the vital needs of the several missions, demands the highest and

most consecrated service. Our Superintendents and Field Secretary are men of large experience, of good judgment, of untiring energy and consecrated zeal. They are filling delicate, difficult, responsible and wearing positions. Our missionaries, as a class, are faithful, aggressive and efficient. Many of them are enduring hardships and doing heroic service without much apparent appreciation on the part of the Church.

Our missions are well organized and well conducted. They have not increased so much in numbers, but their location and character have somewhat changed. We are going mainly into centers of population. The best men are required as missionaries. There has been an increase in the cost of the permanent location and maintenance of such missions.

The average contribution of our missions per member is far above that of the established and self-supporting congregations of the Church. A substantial and broad foundation is being laid for the future, and it is being done in the face of many hindrances. Our missions were never in a more hopeful and prosperous condition.

The Board requires that proper insurance be secured by all the missions on their church property.

WORK OF THE GERMAN SYNODS.

The two Boards of the German Synods have steadily and with commendable zeal prosecuted the work in their several fields, strengthening the missions in hand, and extending their operations. The missions of the German Synod of the East are mainly in large cities, where there is a teeming population that needs the gospel as we present it. Its missions are doing well. It asks for more generous offerings, that larger work may be undertaken.' By reference to the statistical summary, it will be seen that their work is in an encouraging condition and deserves the continued confidence and help of the Church.

The Board of the Synod of the Northwest and the Central Synod reports a steady and successful prosecution of its work. Some of its missions are becoming English, and the time is approaching when they should be transferred to the English Board.

New settlements are being formed by immigrants of the

farmer class, who are largely members of the Reformed Church. The effort is to organize these into congregations and to provide for them the regular means of grace. The Board asks for larger offerings that it may occupy these new fields and so care for our brethren in the common faith. The Eastern Board has now \$385, and the Western Board \$35,439 of church-building funds invested in their work. A much larger sum could be wisely and effectively used. The Church dare not abate her zeal and effort in her care for the German immigrants.

THE HARBOR MISSION.

The Harbor Mission, at the Port of New York, which is the only one thus far maintained by our Church, is under the efficient management of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte. On December 31, 1901, he completed eleven years of continuous service in this position.

Three years ago immigrants were landed at the Barge Office in New York, because the buildings formerly used were destroyed by fire in 1897. New and better buildings now occupy the site of the burned ones. Ellis Island, which is a small island in the Bay of New York, is used exclusively for the immigration service.

Changes may possibly be made in the immigration laws, but they will not be likely to affect the work of our mission, because nine-tenths of the immigrants recommended to us are of the farmer class, and are welcomed by the authorities. They come with their families with the intention of settling on farms and becoming permanent citizens. This is not usually the case with the Chinese, Italians, Slovaks, Polaks and others.

The greater number of these farmer families come from the overcrowded German settlements in Russia, are of the Reformed faith and are bound for the West. The Dakotas, Oregon, Nebraska, and Oklahoma welcome and need them to help cultivate their soil. The Harbor missionary meets these people on their arrival, protects their interests and speeds them on their journey. He notifies neighboring pastors and the Mission Board of their landing and destination, and thus seeks to bring them in touch with each other. Without this agency, which is

the necessary connecting link, many of these people would be lost to the Church.

On an average from five hundred to six hundred persons per year are directed to the care of our Harbor missionary and are assisted by him. Hundreds of others receive assistance, advice and information during their landing. An average of 1,160 letters are received and 1,246 mailed per year in the prosecution of this work. About 800 copies of the *Kirchenzeitung*, 1,000 almanacs and 3,000 tracts were annually distributed during the past three years.

The work done by the missionary, with the assistance of only an office boy, is proof of indefatigable energy and careful economy. This mission we believe to be an efficient factor in the extension of the Church. We regret to report that of the \$1,150 per year apportioned, making \$3,450 for the three years, only \$2,379.62 have been received. In order properly to sustain this mission, the apportionment must be fully paid.

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

This feature of our work continues to be interesting and prosperous. The Board has taken the necessary steps to be assured of the proper church relation of all Hungarian pastors, and also that only such methods and practices as are in full harmony with the Church in this country shall be observed among them. These missionaries are to accept the same ratio of yearly reduction in their support from the Board as other missionaries.

Three new congregations have been organized: one at Johnstown, Pa., one at East Toledo, Ohio, and the other at Phoenixville, Pa. Still other points are ready for organization, with the prospect of vigorous congregations in a comparatively short time.

Rev. Stephen Virag, who was brought from Hungary to serve as traveling missionary, was commissioned July 22, 1899. After serving in this capacity for a time, he was located at Trenton, N. J., and Rev. Francis Csanfordi became the traveling missionary in his stead January 1st, 1900. He resigned that position in September, 1900, in order to take charge of the

newly constituted mission at Johnstown, Pa., which he served until October 1st, 1901, when he returned to his native land. We today need three additional pastors to take charge of vacant congregations, the position of traveling missionary being still unfilled.

We are in process of bringing three pastors from Hungary whose arrival we expect in the near future. In the present condition of our treasury we have not ventured to do more. We present the facts for your consideration and direction.

The Hungarian people are grateful for the sympathy and help given them. They strive to help themselves and to strengthen their brethren, so as to become a blessing to the land of their adoption. No feature of our work gives greater promise of speedy results.

Of the \$8,000 per year apportioned for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, making \$24,000 for the three years, only \$10,233.99 have been received.

BOHEMIAN MISSIONS.

There is a large Bohemian population in the United States. In Chicago alone there are said to be 89,000. There we have had a struggling mission since August, 1897. In the face of unusual difficulties it has held together and is pushing itself into recognition. Rev. Chas. V. Molnar retired from the mission May 1st, 1900. Rev. James Dudycha, a native Bohemian with some pastoral experience in this country, was commissioned, taking charge there in January, 1901. This is a hard field to cultivate, but for this reason the need for its proper and efficient care is the greater. The Board owns a desirably located lot, and we are now investigating the cost of the erection of a suitable chapel. This mission will not be properly equipped for work until it has its own house of worship.

The Bohemian congregation of Cleveland, Ohio, organized by the Erie Classis, has come under the care and control of this Board. A lot was purchased, and a church was dedicated November 5th, 1899, at the cost of \$4,800.

Cleveland is said to contain about 45,000 Bohemians. As a nation they are an enterprising people and have an inspiring

history. As a denomination we owe much to the Reformed Church of Bohemia. These people now in our midst both need and deserve our help. The material is abundant, but the work is difficult because of the venom of rationalism. However by persistent effort we hope for a large ingathering of souls.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONARY.

In accordance with a definite arrangement with the Sunday-school Board, by which it has a voice in the selection of the missionary and the field of labor, that Board assumes one-half of the support of such missionary, but in the discharge of his missionary work he is under the direction of this Board.

Rev. J. C. Horning filled this position for some years. He commenced work in St. Louis, Mo., in October, 1898. In 1900 he was released as Sunday-school Missionary and commissioned to take permanent charge of the St. Louis mission, where he still labors.

The office of Sunday-school Missionary remained vacant until September 1, 1901, when Rev. A. C. Dieffenbach was commissioned and was assigned to Allegheny, Pa., where he is expected to continue his labors until this Board can take up the mission and sustain it.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

The twentieth century movement of home missions, as approved by the last General Synod, was duly inaugurated, and as far as this Board could do so was emphasized and helped forward. The special committee created by General Synod to which the scope and details of the movement were committed, performed the duty assigned it. For details see report of said committee.

The scheme, in addition to creating and circulating special literature, comprehended a Day of Prayer, a series of Church Work and Missionary Conventions in the several Classes, including special prayers, sermons, addresses and offerings, whereby the people were to be encouraged to give themselves and their possessions unreservedly to the Lord and his sacred cause. To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest. The design of the movement

was to give the facts to the people, and to show not only how they could be brought but also kept there, and thereby greatly interest them in the work.

A series of thirteen tracts on different phases of home missionary work was published, and 60,000 copies of each were sent to pastors for gratuitous distribution among their people. We cannot estimate the results of this movement. Its effects are recognized and we hope for an ever widening influence.

MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Your Board felt warranted in bringing to the special attention of the Church the peculiar and imperative needs of Grace Reformed mission at Washington, D. C. This mission has outgrown its present modest chapel and is unable without material aid to improve its condition. If it is to become a vigorous and self-supporting congregation, the Church at large must provide the means to erect a new and suitable edifice. The time is peculiarly opportune.

We have asked that in addition to the regular apportionment for home missions a sum of not less than \$30,000 be provided to erect a memorial church. The appeal has been before all the District Synods, and has received such consideration as will in a short time, we trust, make that sum available. The work of erecting the new church is under way, and its completion is hoped for during the coming autumn.

Your Board felt that not only the needs of Grace Reformed mission, but also the interests and honor of the Reformed Church in the United States justified the appeal. The design was to secure cordial co-operation and liberal support from the whole Church for this object.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.

The Reformed Church Tidings, published conjointly by the Board of Foreign Missions, the Sunday-school Board and this Board, was discontinued at the end of the first quarter of 1900 by the mutual consent of the three Boards interested, for the two-fold reason, that the income from the subscription list fell far below the cost of publication, and that the benefits derived were no proper compensation for the amount of money we were

obliged to divert from our treasury to pay for the continued publication of the paper.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

We have received valuable assistance from the Woman's Missionary Societies, for which we here make due acknowledgment. The Society of General Synod has transmitted to the treasury of our Board the following sums during this triennium: For general work, \$8,184.97; for church-building, \$1,388.57; total, \$9,573.54.

These figures probably do not indicate the full extent of their help. Sums may have been contributed for local and even general work, by Synodical and Classical Societies, that are not included in the above statement.

This Board congratulates the women upon the excellent work they are doing, and is thankful for the help received. May we not, however, express the hope, that in the future they may be disposed to make a more nearly equitable distribution of their funds between the Home Board and the Foreign Board.

LEGACIES RECEIVED.

From this source we have received during the last three years \$2,807.05. The names of these stewards of Christ, who recognized the claims of His kingdom on their earthly possessions, and made provision for its use when they had entered into rest, are:

Lewis Schreiber, Tiffin, Ohio.....	\$1,532 05
Mrs. Sarah Musick, Greensburg, Pa.....	500 00
T. O. Heins, Anamosa, Ia.....	475 00
Rev. Geo. R. Zacharias, Upper Strasburg, Pa.....	50 00
Frederick Stroekmeier, Timothy, Wis.....	250 00

Total.....	\$2,807 05

CHURCH-BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

This department is prosperous, has made encouraging progress and is an important and effective feature of our work.

We have under supervision and control, in lots and church-buildings, property which at a fair valuation amounts to \$282,545. We have invested in these lots and church buildings

\$119,075.93. Of this amount \$65,700 is borrowed money, loaned to our missions at a lower rate of interest than they could secure, and in many cases where by reason of circumstances the mission could not borrow at all. Every dollar is secured by valid real estate.

Properly to locate lots, to acquire clear titles, to supervise building plans for mission churches, to aid in caring for and managing these several properties requires careful and painstaking supervision, with the assistance and advice of our attorney, and causes a considerable percentage of the expense of the Board. We handle and direct about \$90,000 per annum in the prosecution of our work. As a matter of fact we are warranted in saying that no missionary Board of any Church in the land is doing the same amount of work at a less per cent. of expense. It has been our policy in every department to adhere to a wise and judicious economy in the management of all matters coming under our supervision.

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

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

These Funds are loaned to the missions on first mortgage, so as to insure safety, and must come back within a reasonable time and so repeat their former work again. This loan-plan has the unqualified approval of all our Synods, and is now in operation throughout the whole Church. In 1886 the English Board in the East adopted it, and a few years later the General Board adopted it. It is a noteworthy fact that these two Boards now have one hundred and twenty of these Funds on record and at work, nearly \$70,000, all gathered since April, 1886.

This sum, however, does not meet the need for help in establishing mission churches. This need is an indication of growth and prosperity. God is blessing our work. The young life of the Church is going into the cities, hence we must establish missions there. The Church at large must help to provide

the homes for such missions. To secure a proper lot and erect even a modest church building costs more than the mission can undertake to provide in its infancy. We must have funds in hand so as to take advantage of opportunities, and thereby save the Church from losses and the occasional sad experiences of the past. Never in the history of our Church have there been such opportunities as now, and never a time when liberal giving promised such large results. Here is a vital point at which people of means may help God's cause, and at the same time create an abiding memorial for themselves, or for some friend living or dead, that will be a blessing to unborn generations.

The last triennial report contains a full description of the Funds in hand at that time.

As it will be a great satisfaction to those who have given Church-building Funds since that time to know where their money has been used, and as the same information will be a matter of interest to all earnest minded people, we herewith give a statement of the Funds received by each Board between April 1, 1899, and April 1, 1902, including the name of the Fund, the name of the giver, the date of giving, and the place and the time of use. When the name of a place is given, of course the mission there located is meant.

I. THOSE OF THE BI-SYNODIC BOARD.

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

38. The John H. and Anna M. Girvin Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by will of Elder James M. Girvin, of Baltimore, Md., October, 1899. Loaned to Burlington, N. C.

39. The William Calvin Blessing Church-building Fund, \$500. Given September, 1900, by Mrs. George P. Blessing, of Martinsburg, W. Va. Loaned to Messiah mission, Philadelphia, Pa.

40. The Henry and Elizabeth Gable Church-building Fund, \$500. Given April, 1901, by Elder Henry Gable, of Larue, Pa. Loaned to St. Mark's mission, Baltimore, Md.

41. The Catechumen Church-building Fund, No. 1, \$500. Begun in 1893 (see statement of 1899) and completed in May, 1899. Loaned in several places.

42. The John Frederick and Frederick Ephraim Pontius Church-building Fund, \$5,000. Given by will of Miss Susan M. Pontius, of Mifflinburg, Pa. Payment completed in 1899. Loaned to Bridgeport, Conn., Trenton, N. J., St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa., and the General Board of Home Missions.

43. The John M. Gerhard Church-building Fund, \$500. Given September, 1901, by will of John M. Gerhard, of Reading, Pa. In the treasury.

PARTIAL FUND.

The Catherine Trone and Richard Bernard Schmidt Church-building Fund. Given by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, of Bellefonte, Pa. Begun October, 1899. Amount paid, \$320. Loaned to St. John's, Harrisburg, Pa., \$100, and to St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md., \$220.

THOSE OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

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

50. The Philip Daubenspeck Church-building Fund, No. 2, \$500. Contributed by him May 2, 1899. Invested in Conneville, Pa.

51. The Christian Endeavor Society of Ohio Synod Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed May 17, 1901. Invested in Toledo, Ohio.

52. The Martha M. Simmons Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed September 13, 1899, by her sister, Mrs. Catharine S. Jacobs, Mrs. Georgiana A. Simmons, Miss Elizabeth G. Houck, Miss Emma B. Houck and Miss Ella V. Houck, of Frederick, Md. Invested in Cleveland, Ohio.

53. The A. J. Brumbach Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed January 3, 1900, by Mr. A. J. Brumbach, Reading, Pa. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

54. The Woman's Missionary Society of Lebanon Classis Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed by said society, July, 1899. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

55. The Woman's Missionary Society of Mercersburg Classis Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by said society, January 12, 1900. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

56. The Westmoreland Classis Church-building Fund, No. 2, \$500. Contributed by said Classis March 26, 1900. Invested in Vandergrift, Pa.

57. The Charles and Christiana Hillegass Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Mahlon and Sallie W. Hillegass, of East Greenville, Pa., May 15, 1900. Invested in Vandergrift, Pa.

58. The Daniel and Mary S. Eberhart Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Mahlon and Sallie W. Hillegass, of East Greenville, Pa., May 15, 1900. Invested in Vandergrift, Pa.

59. The Georgiana Houck Simmons Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Mrs. Georgiana Houck Simmons, Frederick, Md., May 25, 1900. Invested in Vandergrift, Pa.

60. The St. Paul's, Reading, Sunday-school Memorial Thank-offering Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by St. Paul's Reformed Sunday-school, Reading, Pa. Completed August 1, 1900. Invested in St. Louis, Mo.

61. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Interior

Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed June, 1900. Invested in Chicago, Illinois.

62. The Woman's Missionary Society of Allegheny Classis Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed in June, 1900. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

63. The Roney Church-building Fund, \$250. Contributed by Miss Lizzie Roney, of Dayton, Ohio, June 17, 1900. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

64. The Imler Congregation Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by the Imler congregation, near St. Clairsville, Pa., June, 1900. Invested in Altoona, Pa.

65. The Blanche Harnish Church-building Fund, \$500. Bequest of Miss Blanche Harnish, of Water Street charge, Huntingdon county, Pa. Received August 25, 1900. Invested in Turtle Creek, Pa.

66. The Gettysburg Classis Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed September 25, 1901. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

67. The Sarah H. Super Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Mrs. Sarah H. Super, of Colledgeville, Pa., January 16, 1901. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

68. The Anna B. Hahn Memorial Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Mrs. Sarah H. Super, of Colledgeville, Pa., January 16, 1901. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

69. The Chambersburg Zion's Missionary Society Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Elder Geo. A. Wood, Chambersburg, Pa., January 18, 1901. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

70. The J. R. Hilbish and Family Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Elder J. R. Hilbish, wife and daughters, Mary and Lydia, of Mahanoy, Pa., January 30, 1901. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

71. The John H. Shook Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Mr. John H. Shook, Greencastle, Pa., February 14, 1901. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

72. The Sunday-school Church-building Fund, No. 2, \$500. Contributed by the Sunday-school Board April 1, 1899. Invested in St. Louis, Mo.

73. The Henry and Elizabeth Gable Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Henry Gable, Larue, Pa., April 10, 1901. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

74. The Joseph and Mary Keefer Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Mr. Joseph Keefer, Egypt, Pa., March 22, 1901. Invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

75. The Josiah and Julia A. Kern Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Mrs. Julia A. Kern and Miss M. Anna Kern, of Saegers-town, Pa., and Mrs. M. Susie McGill, of Newcastle, Pa., April 10, 1901. Invested in Toledo, Ohio.

76. The William C. Leader Church-building Fund, \$500. Contributed by Elder C. C. Leader, of Shamokin, Pa., August 29, 1901. Invested in Mt. Carmel, Pa.

77. The Orallo Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed February 8, 1902. Invested in Johnstown, Pa.

78. The Northern Illinois Woman's Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed March 11, 1902. Invested in Toledo, Ohio.

PARTIAL FUNDS.

Although details are not given, it is a matter of interest to know that in addition to the above many Church-building Funds are in process of completion, as follows: By the congregation at Fort Washington, Pa.; by Trinity church, York, Pa.; by Trinity church, Philadelphia, Pa.; by Miss Susanna Correll, Belvidere, N. J.; by the Catechumens, Fund No. 2; by the Mission Bands; by the Woman's Missionary Society of Reading Classis; by the Woman's Missionary Society of Tohickon Classis; and by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed churches of Lancaster, Pa.

THE PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS.

At the last meeting of General Synod the statement was made that this Board was out of debt. It was true as the result of special efforts, made during the preceding months. After that effort but little money reached our treasury for some time. When therefore we met in July of that year there was a deficiency of about \$11,000, nearly the full amount of the quarterage. We had then to borrow that amount, and have carried it ever since. We were practically instructed to be aggressive, and have adjusted our work on the basis of reasonable expectations from the apportionments. Our work has at no time reached \$50,000 per annum, while the apportionment made was \$65,000 per annum. The comparative quarterly statement in the Treasurer's report, found on another page, will show the receipts for the several objects apportioned.

When we were about to enter upon the last quarter of the third year we faced an accumulated debt of \$25,000. That meant that we must have by May 1st \$35,000, to put our work practically on a cash basis. The Board has thus far borrowed money and promptly paid our missionaries. This, however, involves the payment of too much interest. A frank statement of the facts was made and an appeal issued to the Church for \$35,000. We have to report that the sum of \$19,618.17 has reached our treasury, leaving an existing debt of about \$15,000.

It was the earnest desire of many hearts that the close of the nineteenth and the opening of the twentieth century should

be marked by a great impulse and progress in all the elements of our religious life. There has been business prosperity, and special century appeals have been made, and yet the increase of missionary activity has not been marked over preceding years. The general tone of our twentieth century celebrations and conventions has been cheering almost to boasting, but the revival and awakening hoped for have not come. No great spiritual influence has been apparent; and for lack of that, other interests have not gone ahead as was expected. Do we realize this condition and feel the need of a deeper awakening? Do we wrestle in prayer with God for it? Such a feeling on the part of the Church and such wrestling would, we believe, be its sure beginning.

SELF-SUPPORT.

Missions usually begin in extreme weakness, and naturally expect help through the agencies that organize them. The tendency is to depend upon such help, and sometimes they are loth to relinquish it, even when they might do so. A proper ambition will stimulate a mission to grow into self-support as soon as possible, and where this is not the case it is living below its privilege. During this triennium ten of our missions have reached self-support. We here record this "roll of honor."

Name.	Location.	Synod.	Pastor.	Date of Self-support.
Zions,	Nebraska,	Interior,	Christian Rufener,	May 15, 1899.
Duncannon,	Duncannon, Pa.,	Potomac,	J. David Miller,	April 1, 1901.
Maquoketa,	Maquoketa, Ia.,	Interior,	D. F. Boomershine,	April 1, 1901.
Columbus,	Columbus, O.,	Ohio.	S. W. Seeman,	April 1, 1901.
St. Thomas,	Reading, Pa.,	Eastern,	John P. Stein, D.D.,	April 1, 1901.
Royersford,	Royersford, Pa.,	Eastern,	E. W. Lentz,	April 1, 1901.
Tower City,	Lykens, Pa.,	Eastern,	M. M. Fryer,	April 1, 1901.
Johnstown,	Johnstown, Pa.,	Pittsburgh,	J. Harvey Miekley,	April 1, 1902.
Cheney,	Cheney, Kans.,	Interior,	Jas. R. Lewis,	April 1, 1902.
Edenburg,	Edenburg, Ill.,	Interior,	Geo. S. Gill,	April 1, 1902.

NEW MISSIONS.

When in July, 1899, the Board was necessitated to borrow money, and face a possible growing debt, it was a question whether it should take up new work and so answer the demands of the Church and what seemed also the indications of Providence. If we had declined to assume new work until the funds were in sight, there would be no debt, but there would also be far less work to report. Urgent appeals to enter new fields came to us through the auxiliary Boards, the Classes and representative men of the Church. The progress made by some

of the older missions toward self-support and the response made in answer to special appeals encouraged us to go forward cautiously with faith in God and with the hope that the Church would raise the apportionment assumed. A list of the new missions is herewith submitted for your information.

Name.	Location.	Synod.	Pastor.	Date.
Duquesne,	Duquesne, Pa.,	Pittsburgh,	J. R. Adams,	July 1, 1899.
*Grace,	Abilene, Kans.,	Interior,	Chas. D. Shaffer,	July 1, 1899.
St. Mark's,	Baltimore, Md.,	Potomac,	Jas. M. Mullan,	Oct. 1, 1899.
Vandergrift,	Vandergrift, Pa.,	Pittsburgh.	D. S. Stephan,	Oct. 1, 1899.
Alliance,	Alliance, O.,	Ohio,	H. E. Kilmer,	Oct. 1, 1899.
Des Moines,	Des Moines, Ia.,	Interior,	E. E. Emhoff,	Oct. 1, 1899.
Punxsutawney,	Punxsutawney, Pa.,	Pittsburgh,	Lewis Reiter,	Oct. 1, 1899.
Palatinate,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	Eastern,	Harry E. Jones,	Oct. 1, 1899.
St. John's,	Harrisburg, Pa.,	Eastern,	J. R. Stein,	Oct. 1, 1899.
Packerton	Packerton, Pa.,	Eastern,	W. S. Hartzell,	Oct. 1, 1899.
Buffalo,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	German Eastern,	W. G. Lienkaemper,	Oct. 1, 1899.
Toledo,	Toledo, O.,	Ohio,	E. D. Wettach, D.D.,	Apr. 1, 1900
Pitcairn,	Pitcairn, Pa.,	Pittsburgh,	A. B. Bauman,	Jan. 1, 1900
Lexington,	Lexington, N. C.,	Potomac,	J. C. Leonard,	July 1, 1900.
Ohmer Park,	Dayton, O.,	Ohio,	S. E. Snepp,	July 1, 1900.
Mt. Carmel,	Mt. Carmel, Pa.,	Eastern,	A. Gonser,	July 1, 1900
Johnstown, (Hungarian),	Johnstown, Pa.,	Pittsburgh,	Francis Csanfordi,	Oct. 1, 1900.
Memorial,	Easton, Pa.,	Eastern,	J. W. Gilds,	Apr. 1, 1901.
Phoenixville (Hungarian),	Phoenixville, Pa.,	Eastern,	Supplied,	Apr. 1, 1901.
Paulding,	Paulding, O.,	Ohio,	Fred. S. Zaugg.	Oct. 1, 1901.
Conesville,	Conesville, Ia.,	Interior,	W. W. Shriver,	Oct. 1, 1901.
Allegheny,	Allegheny, Pa.,	Pittsburgh.	A. C. Dieffenbach,	Oct. 1, 1901.

*Re-enrolled.

THE WORK IN HAND.

By a reference to the enrollment list it will be seen that the present number of missions is ninety-eight, including three just become self-supporting and one transferred. Adding two enrolled at the late annual meeting, the new roll will number ninety-six.

In addition to these there are before the Board a number of urgent appeals from different sections of the Church, urging the prompt occupation of certain fields of rich promise and great importance. It is however impossible to undertake any considerable part of this new work with our present income. If the entire apportionment made by the last General Synod were paid us, it might be adequate for present demands.

THE EXTENT AND NEEDS OF THE FIELD.

The growing frontier settlements of the West are not the only missionary ground in our present horizon. Some of the older and densely populated districts of the East and South are equally in need of our help. The weakness and obscurity of our Church in many of the great cities, and our lack of influ-

ence and power there, are the result of having neglected them in the past.

The greatest as well as the most promising field for missionary effort is in the larger towns and cities of our country. We have entered some of these strategic points with gratifying results. The call coming from these centres is more imperative than ever before. For the welfare of the nation and for the success of the Church they should be promptly met with a favorable response.

Unless this Synod recognizes its opportunities and takes vigorous action to meet the needs of our large Reformed population, and that of the unchurched masses in our large cities, the sad story of the past will have to be repeated by coming generations.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Our work ought to be put on a practically cash basis. There are two ways of doing this. The first and easier way would be to cut down our work to our income. The other way would be to stimulate the benevolence of the Church, so as to meet growing demands.

Shall it be the future policy of this Board to mark out a schedule of operations based upon the average receipts of the past three years? Would any well organized business house proceed in that way? Has the maximum of giving for Home Missions been reached, and shall the people not be urged to larger beneficence?

If the work is to be based on a mathematical calculation of the preceding years, what room will be left for faith? Is it not the Lord's business we are endeavoring to carry forward, and does He not by the special doors that are open to us beckon us forward? Is the real alternative "retrenchment" or "debt"? Is either necessary if the people are made to feel their responsibility, and if there be a wise discretion on the part of the Board and prayerful effort with faith in God on the part of the people?

We believe the people can be trusted; their resources have not been exhausted; their benevolence has not been overstrained; they love their Church and her enterprises, and they are loyal to the kingdom of Christ. Shall worldly prudence destroy our historic prestige and cut the sinews of our strength?

Does not God honor faith, and are not those who undertake great things for Him warranted in expecting great things from Him? Shall the people of the Reformed Church be trusted to support your Board in all reasonable plans for the vigorous conduct and enlargement of its work? Dare we go backward, and is not standing still now little better than retreat? Can we intelligently interpret the many open doors and urgent appeals, other than as a special providence giving the ringing voice of command that we go forward?

The Board desires to be guided by your wisdom and awaits your directions.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THE TRIENNIUM.

New missions enrolled, 22; number reaching self-support, 10; total number at present under the care of the Board, 98.

STATISTICS OF THE BOARDS OF THE GERMAN SYNODS.

New missions enrolled, 10; number becoming self-supporting, 4; abandoned, 7; total number at present sustained, 46.

The Board of Church Erection of the Synod of the Northwest and of the Central Synod, has now a fund of \$35,439.60. The German Synod of the East has a fund of \$385.35.

Total number of missions sustained by all the Boards, 144. Lots, mortgages and titles held by this Board secured by property, are valued at \$119,075. Those of the Bi-Synodic Board, \$44,700.

The indebtedness of the Board in this department, as well as the assets of the same, will appear from the report of the treasurer of church-building funds.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

NAME OF BOARD.	Number of Missions.	Communicant Members.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars, Teachers and Officers in Sunday-schools.	Amount raised by the Missions for Benevolence.	Amount raised by the Missions for Congregational Use.	Amount received by the Board from the Church at large for Home Missions.	Amount received by the Board for Church-Building.
Board of General Synod.....	98	11,705	128	14,411	\$31,060	\$269,695	\$130,071 73	\$28,835
Synod of the Northwest and the Central Synod.....	31	3,888	39	2,901	4,519	62,528	27,832 00	4,888
Board of the German Synod of the East.....	13	2,131	12	2,516	757	18,181	3,430 00	185
Totals.....	145	17,724	179	19,828	\$36,336	\$350,401	\$161,336 73	\$33,908

The sums given in the last four columns are for the three years preceding May 1, 1902.

The statistical tables appended to this report will exhibit a fuller and more particular statement of the missions as to membership and contributions.

THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD.

Traveling expenses to the Board meetings.....	\$1,459	33
Hotel expenses for the thirteen meetings.....	543	30
Traveling expenses of Superintendents and Field Secretaries... ..	2,283	29
Printing circulars and other literature.....	46	41
Envelopes for offerings.....	124	96
Postage of Superintendents and officers.....	247	52
Printing Manual issued by the Board.....	26	25
Printing last triennial report.....	149	59
Expressage and postage on triennial report.....	77	41
Distributing 37,000 leaflets.....	17	93
Printing and distributing 60,000 twentieth century tracts.....	637	26
Sending out 3,000 copies annual report.....	9	75
Expressage on reports and envelopes.....	24	34
Telegrams during the three years.....	6	51

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The following salaries are paid: General Superintendent D. S. Fouse, D.D., \$1,300; Superintendent A. C. Whitmer, \$1,300; Superintendent A. S. Dechant, \$1,200; *Field Secretary D. N. Dittmar, \$1,200; Treasurer G. W. Stein, \$100; Secretary T. J. Barkley, D.D., \$100; Attorney and Treasurer of church-building moneys Elder C. M. Boush, \$300.

The whole amount of interest paid on money borrowed to carry forward our missions during the past three years was \$1,913.44.

The reports of Treasurers Geo. W. Stein and C. M. Boush have each been audited and found to be correct.

The three Superintendents, Rev. Dr. D. S. Fouse, Rev. A. C. Whitmer and Rev. A. S. Dechant, and Field Secretary D. N. Dittmar, at present in office, have been severally re-elected for the term of three years, beginning with October 1, 1902.

The term of service of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., C. F. Kreite, John H. Sechler, D.D., John A. Peters, D.D., deceased,

*In order that the Synod of the Interior may have a Superintendent for its territory, it pays at least \$800 more than its yearly apportionment for Home Missions.

and Elders F. G. Hobson and C. M. Boush as members of the Board expires with the present sessions of Synod.

OVERTURES.

The Board respectfully asks your reverend body to take favorable action on the following items:

1. To give a deliverance concerning the meaning of the apportionment made three years ago of \$6,000 for work among the Germans in large cities. See minutes of General Synod, page 85. As this apportionment comes under the heading "German-English Work," the Board understands it to mean that, whereas the German Board understands it to mean exclusively German work.

2. To set apart Children's Day as the day annually to be observed by our Sunday-schools as Missionary Day, when collections shall be lifted for Home Missions. Said collections to be forwarded to our Mission Board for its use.

3. Through the Classes to request those Sunday-schools which observe as Missionary Day as day or days other than Children's Day additionally to observe also Children's Day as Missionary Day.

4. To request the Sunday-school Board to contribute to the cause of Home Missions by donating to our Sunday-schools the Children's Day services published by it.

5. To request the Classes to appoint or elect an executive committee on missions, to whom shall be entrusted the carrying forward of lines of practical missionary work, as Classes may indicate, among the congregations during the current Classisical year.

6. To request the Classes to appoint or elect as said executive committee three ministers and two elders, as follows: One minister for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and the elders for two years and one year respectively.

7. To recommend to each Classis the division of its territory into three missionary districts, which shall be respectively looked after severally by the three ministers on the committee.

8. To recommend to each Classis that it instruct its executive committee on missions to arrange an exchange of pulpits

among its pastors for sermons on the subject of missions, and to report such proposed itinerary to Classis for its approval; and further, that the executive committee provide for the holding of missionary conventions in each district, if feasible.

And now the record of this triennium is before you. No more vital question than that of missions will claim your attention. We believe that the more we study and discuss this subject, the more our souls will glow with warmth, and an enthusiasm will be begotten that will prove a blessing to the Church, and God will be greatly honored thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

REPORT OF GEORGE W. STEIN, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Receipts for three years, from May 1, 1899, to May 4, 1902.

FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Eastern and Potomac Synods.....	\$79,446 52	
Ohio Synod	13,161 92	
Pittsburgh Synod	14,249 87	
Synod of the Interior.....	4,739 06	
Central Synod	123 04	
Synod of the Northwest	5 00	
German Synod of the East.....	31 80	
Miscellaneous sources	715 83	
	-----	\$112,473 04

FOR HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN MISSIONS.

Eastern and Potomac Synods.....	\$7,521 19	
Ohio Synod	632 41	
Pittsburgh Synod	1,610 00	
Synod of the Interior	399 92	
Central Synod	6 67	
German Synod of the East.....	36 11	
Miscellaneous sources	27 69	
	-----	\$10,233 99

FOR HARBOR MISSIONS.

Eastern and Potomac Synods.....	\$1,008 42
Ohio Synod	162 34
Pittsburgh Synod	185 00
Synod of the Interior.....	90 60
Central Synod	267 14
Synod of the Northwest.....	509 68

German Synod of the East.....	\$67 06	
Miscellaneous sources	89 38	
	-----	\$2,379 62

GERMAN MISSIONS.

Eastern and Potomac Synods.....	\$3,649 10	
Ohio Synod	611 09	
Synod of the Interior.....	389 89	
Central Synod	196 30	
Synod of the Northwest.....	98 00	
German Synod of the East.....	38 70	
Miscellaneous sources	5 00	
	-----	\$4,988 08

Total.....\$130,074 73

Comparative statement of receipts by quarters.

FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Period.	1899.	1900.	1901.	Total for 3 years.
May, June, July.....	\$ 2,493 31	\$17,568 72	\$17,398 64	\$ 37,460 67
August, September, October	7,727 10	6,323 02	7,332 29	21,382 41
November, December, January	7,174 92	7,761 83	9,491 49	24,428 24
February, March, April	5,189 26	6,995 16	17,917 30	29,201 72
	\$22,584 59	\$38,648 73	\$51,239 72	\$112,473 04

HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN MISSIONS.

May, June, July.....	\$ 72 59	\$ 1,829 22	\$ 2,392 94	\$ 4,294 75
August, September, October	1,286 27	772 00	478 72	2,537 08
November, December, January	145 82	297 99	383 90	827 71
February, March, April	933 00	252 09	1,389 36	2,574 45
	\$ 2,437 68	\$ 3,151 39	\$ 4,644 92	\$ 10,233 99

HARBOR MISSIONS.

May, June, July.....	\$ 77 25	\$ 160 67	\$ 436 62	\$ 674 54
August, September, October	149 51	393 55	110 31	563 37
November, December, January	180 69	89 93	262 80	533 42
February, March, April	57 13	78 29	472 87	608 29
	\$ 464 58	\$ 632 44	\$ 1,282 60	\$ 2,379 62

GERMAN MISSIONS.

May, June, July.....	\$ 85 99	\$ 1,357 56	\$ 1,344 00	\$ 2,787 55
August, September, October	203 68	245 62	253 42	702 72
November, December, January	124 51	77 88	309 26	511 65
February, March, April	72 81	174 71	738 64	986 16
	\$ 486 99	\$ 1,855 77	\$ 2,645 32	\$ 4,988 06
Total for all purposes.....	\$25,973 84	\$44,288 33	\$59,812 56	\$130,074 73

LEGACIES RECEIVED.

From the estate of Mrs. Sarah Musiek, Greensburg, Pa.....	\$500 00
From the estate of Thos. O. Heins, Anamosa, Iowa.....	475 00
From the estate of Rev. G. R. Zacharias, Upper Strasburg, Pa.	50 00
From the estate of Frederick Strockmeier, Timothy, Wis., for Harbor Missions	250 00

Total.....	\$1,275 00

To May 4, 1902.

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GEO. W. STEIN, Treasurer.

Roll of the Missions.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Amount raised by the Mission for Congregational Use.	Amount raised by the Mission for Benevolence.	Number in Sunday-school.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1902.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1902.
Ohio Synod.								
Alliance, Ohio.....	Harvey E. Kilmer...	1	80	\$ 260	\$ 50	300	\$200	\$400
Akron, Ohio.....	James S. Freeman...	1	222	1,696	355	301	700	300
Athens, Mich.....	Samuel L. Runkel...	2	77	742	48	53	400	150
Barberton, Ohio.....	Charles E. Ewing...	1	127	1,100	125	200	375	225
*Canton, Ohio.....	Dr. Frd'k Strassner...	1	97	843	35	184	500	
Cleveland, Ohio, Inn.....	Alex. Csutoros.....	4	500	1,390	88	45	350	300
Cleveland, Ohio, Bohe.....	Anthony Korbel.....	1	52	290	19	30	60	550
Columbus, Ohio.....	Sam'l B. Yockey, D.D.	1	108	826	68	92	150	850
Colon, Mich.....	Harvey S. Nicholson...	3	123	835	142	150	350	150
Detroit, Mich.....	Charles W. Brugh.....	1	57	755	54	252	100	575
Lima, Ohio.....	Abram D. Wolfinger...	1	55	517	128	119	200	690
Massillon, Ohio.....	Oliver P. Foust.....	1	115	961	173	189	400	375
Ohmer Park, Ohio.....	Samuel E. Snapp.....	3	80	3,000	6	122	300	400
Paulding, Ohio.....	†Frederick S. Zaugg...	1	70	290	14	170	300	200
Springfield, Ohio.....	Renben F. Shultz.....	1	116	723	130	169	400	600
Toledo, Ohio.....	Ed. D. Wettach, D.D.	1	73	855	67	103	75	950
Toledo, Ohio, Inn.....	Vacant.....	1	120	500	20	25	200	600
Warren, Ohio.....	John J. M. Gruber...	1	125	613	200	208	200	450
Youngstown, Ohio.....	John M. Kendig, D.D.	2	142	1,169	208	97	425	675
		[28]	[2,339]	\$[14,365]	\$[1,930]	[2,809]		

*Transferred to the German Board of the West, April 1, 1902.

†Resignation took effect April 1, 1902.

Interior Synod.

Ahlene, Kansas.....	Vacant.....	1	104	\$ 1,211	\$ 164	148	\$500	\$300
Altamont, Illinois.....	George W. Kerstetter...	2	76	379	141	82	250	250
Anna, Illinois.....	Solomon Ream.....	2	66	65	66	92	325	225
Anamosa, Iowa.....	Vacant.....	2	39	148	36		200	300
*Cheney, Kansas.....	James R. Lewis.....	1	76	647	99	88		
Chicago, Illinois.....	Benjamin B. Royer...	1	69	749	173	185	500	1000
Chicago, Ill., Bohemian...	James R. Dudycha...	1	42	128	19	109		900
Chicago, Ill., Hungarian...	Alexander Harsanyi...	1	185	420	12	28	240	450
Conesville, Iowa.....	William W. Shriver...	1	60	141	72	70	325	175
Denver, Colo.....	David H. Fouse.....	1	47	660	108	85	100	1100
Des Moines, Iowa.....	Elmer E. Euhoff.....	1	31	454	77	77		1200
*Edinburg, Illinois.....	George S. Gill.....	2	98	831	104	82		
Emporia, Kansas.....	Lawrence S. Faust...	1	28	344	84	48	150	450
Hiawatha, Kansas.....	Luther L. Hassenpflug	1	94	650	173	75	400	225
Holton, Kansas.....	William H. Sellheim...	2	67	387	7	163	250	400
Iola, Kansas.....	Dennis B. Shney.....	3	82	420	134	73	350	375
Kansas City, Missouri...	W. Franklin Curtis...	1	55	526	91	79	250	825
Leighton, Iowa.....	George C. Baumgartel	2	94	678	120	230	400	75
Lincoln, Nebraska.....	Franklin H. Fisher...	1	84	681	123	166	325	550
Lone Tree, Iowa.....	John W. Love, D.D....	1	105	1,085	131	133	425	300
St. Joseph, Missouri...	Amos O. Relter.....	1	72	762	120	117	450	550
St. Louis, Missouri.....	John C. Horning.....	1	33	955	57	111	150	850
Shelby, Illinois.....	William H. Miller...	1	91	245	95	95	285	200
Stoux City, Iowa.....	Thomas F. Stauffer...	1	30	265	77	92	125	650
Tipton, Iowa.....	John N. Naly.....	1	52	661	85	67	400	300
Ursinus, Iowa.....	George V. Walker.....	1	59	382	99	77	250	325
Whitewater, Kansas...	William C. Baum.....	1	36	1,200	62	93	200	325
Wichita, Kansas.....	Bruce Griffith.....	1	134	1,180	282	187	600	300
Wilton, Iowa.....	Vacant.....	2	49	314	67	73	250	200
		[38]	[2,058]	\$[16,568]	\$[2,878]	[2,925]		

*Self-supporting from April 1, 1902.

Roll of the Missions—Continued.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Amount raised by the Mission for Congregational Use.	Amount raised by the Mission for Benevolence.	Number in Sunday-school.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1902.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1902.
Pittsburgh Synod.								
Apollo, Pa.	D. Elmer Master.	1	120	\$ 821	\$ 134	147	\$500	\$225
Braddock, Pa.	Alpha K. Kline.	1	142	839	248	140	425	375
Buffalo, N. Y.	John M. G. Darns.	1	200	1,300	100	151	250	150
Buffalo, N. Y.	Adolph Krampe.	1	80	1,275	66	131	25	275
Cornellsville, Pa.	Andrew J. Heller, D.D.	1	43	290	37	72	50	775
Cumberland, Md.	Conrad A. Hauser.	1	85	343	121	110	200	525
Duquesne, Pa.	Monroe M. Nocher.	2	67	2,728	38	208	150	750
Grove City, Pa.	David W. Kerr.	3	145	935	176	124	525	125
*Johnstown, Pa.	J. Harvey Miekley.	1	261	2,165	284	293	1000	
Johnstown, Pa., Hun.	Vacant.	1	155	2,237	15	40	200	500
New Kensington, Pa.	David R. Lady, D.D.	1	93	505	118	143	350	350
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Paul Konyha.	6	600	7,166	60	50	300	350
Punxsutawney, Pa.	Lewis Kötter.	4	65	974	94	140	350	200
Pittcairn, Pa.	Albert B. Banman.	1	56	365	93	82	225	575
Scottdale, Pa.	Charles R. Ferner.	2	138	1,004	167	135	525	200
Sharpshville, Pa.	Jacob E. Sheetz.	2	165	695	110	123	500	100
Turtle Creek, Pa.	Tilghman R. Dietz.	1	160	1,910	217	176	600	350
Vandergrift, Pa.	D. Saylor Stephan.	1	86	2,183	59	89	200	500
		28	2,661	\$27,735	\$2,137	2,345		

*Self-supporting April 1, 1902.

Pectomac Synod.								
Altona, Pa.	John D. Illicks.	1	131	\$ 1,231	\$ 169	248	\$550	\$400
Baltimore, Md.	Adam S. Weber, D.D.	1	310	1,520	190	645	800	300
Baltimore, Md.	*William I. Stewart.	1	219	1,666	262	237	800	200
Baltimore, Md.	Charles W. Levan.	1	112	781	120	137	480	520
Baltimore, Md.	Robert J. Pflerum.	1	158	863	69	234	200	600
Baltimore, Md.	James M. Mullan.	1	98	641	99	268	125	875
Burlington, N. C.	James D. Andrew.	3	140	450	142	361	175	325
Harrisonburg, Va.	George G. Everhart.	1	10	83		51	150	250
Lexington, N. C.	J. C. Leonard.	2	99	1,700	32	232	50	550
Roanoke, Va.	Ellis S. Hay.	1	54	375	55	65	150	850
Salisbury, N. C.	Dr. Wm. B. Duttera.	1	34	66	66	61	50	700
Thomasville, N. C.	John N. Faust.	3	200	360	68	205	200	300
Washington, D. C.	John M. Schick, D.D.	1	187	1,460	208	134	400	700
		18	1,755	\$11,196	\$1,480	2,878		

*Resignation took effect February 1, 1902.

†Resignation took effect April 1, 1902.

Eastern Synod.								
Bridgeport, Conn.	Alexander Kalassay.	1	230	\$ 1,233	\$ 50	125	\$400	\$360
Easton, Pa.	John W. Gilds.	1	217	1,086	93	269	300	500
Harrisburg, Pa.	Milton H. Sangree.	1	142	1,566	160	249	550	350
Harrisburg, Pa.	J. Raueh Steln.	1	111	925	126	200	400	600
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Albert Gonsor.	1	172	1,307	66	272	500	200
New York, N. Y.	Zoltan Kutny.	1	325	2,160	10		360	600
Norristown, Pa.	Benoni Bates	1	153	4,109	275	292	530	250
Paekerton, Pa.	Wilson S. Hartzell.	1	78	690	38	212	200	300
Philadelphia, Pa.	Aaron Noll.	1	139	1,666	213	328	500	500
Philadelphia, Pa.	Charles B. Alspach.	1	280	2,884	157	393	850	350
Philadelphia, Pa.	Elwood W. Middleton.	1	143	2,207	150	300	375	525
Philadelphia, Pa.	John O. Reagle.	1	151	2,303	141	128	500	500
Philadelphia, Pa.	Harry E. Jones.	1	133	2,355	110	342	400	600
Phoenixville, Pa.	Vacant.	1	50				400	200
Scranton, Pa.	Marion L. Floror.	1	107	1,120	123	106	315	835
South Norwalk, Conn.	Gabriel Dokus.	1	100	560	20	40	120	460
Steelton, Pa.	Dr. A. F. Dreilbach.	1	161	1,130	155	178	545	250
Trenton, Pa.	Stephen Vrag.	1	150	1,152	60	20	300	400
*Walnutport, Pa.	Moses N. George.	1	40					150
		19	2,882	\$28,463	\$1,945	3,454		

*Enrolled 1901, but in effect only 1902.

Note.—Faith church, Lancaster, Pa., and Lewistown, Pa., were enrolled from April 1, 1902.

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

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, April, 1899.....	\$1,272 83
On apportionments:	
From Eastern and Potomac Synods,	
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$1,384 09
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	2,126 17
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	2,441 33
	----- \$5,951 59
From Pittsburg Synod,	
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$1,286 00
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	866 00
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	975 00
	----- \$3,127 00
From Ohio Synod,	
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$ 444 36
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	1,129 72
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	556 41
	----- 2,130 49
From the Synod of the Interior,	
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$ 193 61
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	197 67
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	155 78
	----- \$ 547 06
On Church-building Funds,	----- \$11,756 14
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$ 4,609 67
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	8,092 30
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	4,376 61
On obligations issued,	----- \$17,078 67
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$32,200 00
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	5,500 00
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	23,700 00
From the missions on interest and rents,	----- 61,400 00
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$ 447 97
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	747 69
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	985 89
From the missions on principal of debt,	----- \$ 2,181 55
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$ 1,197 11
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	2,822 00
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	1,207 69
	----- \$ 5,226 80
Balance of Shriver legacy.....	\$ 25 00

Total.....	\$98,940 99

EXPENDITURES.

For investments,	
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$26,275 75
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	8,458 21
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	16,932 41
	----- \$51,666 37
Donations to missions, 1899 to 1900.....	\$ 300 00
Hall rent for Bohemian mission in Chicago.....	600 00
	----- \$ 960 00
Interest on indebtedness,	
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$ 2,544 82
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	2,785 12
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	2,766 12
	----- \$ 8,096 06
Obligations paid when due.	
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$12,850 00
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	3,996 00
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	12,950 00
	----- \$34,796 00
Salary of Treasurer and Attorney, and incidental expenses,	
April, 1899, to April, 1900.....	\$ 431 97
April, 1900, to April, 1901.....	340 66
April, 1901, to April, 1902.....	423 60
	----- \$ 1,196 33
Balance in treasury, April, 1902.....	\$ 2,226 23

	\$98,940 99

Your Treasurer further reports that interest on the obligations of the Board are promptly paid when due, and that therefore the obligations of the Board for the church-building fund bearing $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest find a ready market, and all the old bonds issued at a higher rate of interest are paid, or converted into $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. bonds, as fast as they become due.

The indebtedness of the Board on account of the church-building fund, consists of:

Bonds bearing $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest	\$ 9,000 00
“ “ 5 “ “	26,200 00
“ “ $4\frac{1}{2}$ “ “	30,500 00

A total of\$65,700 00

The indebtedness of the missions to the Board is \$119,075.93, secured by real estate worth, at a conservative estimate, \$282,545.

Your Treasurer has also served the Board and its Executive Committee as solicitor and legal counselor, and begs leave to report that the property interests of the Board, although scattered in different States,

have been handled in conformity with the laws of the respective States where situated, and are in as good condition as human care and foresight can devise. .

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BOUSH, *Treasurer of the Church-building Fund.*

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

JOHN J. LEBERMAN,

D. B. LADY,

Auditing Committee.

Meadville, Pa., April 23, 1902.

THE CHARTER.

The Charter of the Board of Home Missions was procured from the Legislature of Pennsylvania February 18, 1870, and is as follows:

AN ACT

INCORPORATING THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States has a board of Home Missions, composed of members of the Reformed Church, the object of which is to promote true religion in the general work of Christian missions and church extension in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Home Missions is intended to receive in trust donations and bequests, and to manage the funds thus contributed for the purpose contemplated in the appointment by the said Synod of said Board, according to the benevolent intent of those from whom such bequests and donations are received, and to administer the affairs of said Board in general; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that Benj. Bausman, George B. Russell, Daniel Zacharias, Chas. Santee, George Gelbach, Samuel H. Giesy, J. Bossard, Daniel W. Gross, Daniel Gans, Jacob Y. Dietz, George W. Aughinbaugh and Nicholas Gehr, citizens of the United States, be and hereby are made, constituted and declared to be a body politic or corporation, which shall henceforth be known by the name of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, and as such shall have perpetual succession, and be liable to sue and be sued in all courts of record and elsewhere, and purchase, take and hold, to them and their successors forever, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, money and chattels, and all kinds of estate whatsoever, which may be devised, bequeathed or given to them, and the same to sell, alien, demise and convey, also to make a common seal, and, the same to alter and renew at their pleasure, and also to make such rules and by-laws

and ordinances as may be needful or desirable for the government of said corporation, and not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and of the Constitution and rules of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. *Provided always*, That the clear yearly income from real estate held by the said corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. The incorporators above named shall hold their offices in said Board from date of this act and until their successors are duly qualified to take their places, who shall be chosen by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at such time and in such manner as shall be determined upon by said Synod; vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members of this Board until the next regular meeting of the General Synod of said Church.

SECTION 3. The Board hereby incorporated, and their successors, subject to the provisions of the constitutional enactments of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, shall have full power to manage the funds and property entrusted to them, and perform the particular duties assigned them, in such manner as they shall deem most advantageous and not contrary to law.

SECTION 4. No misnomer shall defeat the benevolent intent of any gift or bequest meant in fact for the use and behoof of the work entrusted to this Board, nor shall its disorganization at any time, by death, resignation or otherwise, annul its provisions or work its forfeiture.

BUTLER B. STRANG,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES H. STINSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighteenth day of February, *anno Domini* one thousand eight hundred and seventy. JOHN W. GEARY.

II. Report of Standing Committee on Home Missions.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted its report on Tuesday afternoon which was duly considered item by item and adopted. The report is as follows, namely:

Your Committee on Home Missions would herewith offer the following report to your reverend body:

There were referred to your committee:

1. The triennial report of the Board of Home Missions.
2. An overture from the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.
3. A communication from the Central Publishing House calling the attention of General Synod to "Missionary Gleanings" as published by said Board.

4. An overture from Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, relating to missionary superintendents.
5. Overtures from General Synod's Board of Home Missions.
6. Overture from the Pittsburgh Synod relating to Synodical representation on the Boards of General Synod.
7. Overture of Reading Classis, Eastern Synod, requesting the establishing of quarterly missionary days in Sunday-schools.
8. Overture of Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, requesting a change in the locating of missionary superintendents.
9. A communication in the interest of German work in the West and Northwest.

From the report of the Board we learn that this, possibly the most fundamental, activity of the Church has been blessed with results that must be gratifying to all. Although somewhat hampered by lack of payment of the moneys apportioned for the conduct of this work, yet the Board have gone forward with faith in Jesus Christ and produced the following results. They come to this meeting of the General Synod with an offering to the Church of fourteen self-supporting congregations and with a challenge to renewed activity in the enrollment of thirty-two new missions.

It is worthy of comment that nine more missions are sustained by all the Boards than three years ago or a total of one hundred and forty-four. The sum total of moneys received during the triennium amounts to \$161,336 for the general work, and \$33,908 for church-building purposes. These figures tell the story of the offerings of our people for this work with an eloquence all its own. The facts of an increase of 2,449 communicant members in the several missions together with an increase of \$19,236 in the benevolent offerings of the missions reveals a condition that is highly commendable and challenges renewed confidence in the results of Home Mission work.

When we remember the self-sacrifice and devotion of the missionaries, the judicious management and husbanding of its resources by the Board and the voluntary offerings of our peo-

ple for this cause we thank God and take fresh lease of encouragement for the future.

HARBOR MISSIONS.

The usefulness of this department of the work and the efficiency of the missionary at the port of New York is fully narrated by the report of the Board and in which your committee fully concur. In view of the helpfulness of this work and our continued confidence in the faithful administration of its affairs we would urge the several Classes to a full payment of the small apportionment for this object.

1. *Resolved*, That an annual apportionment of \$1,200 be made upon all the District Synods for the Harbor Mission.

HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN MISSIONS.

This feature of the work has passed through the experimental stage and because of its continued prosperous condition, advanced to a position of recognized permanency. Three new congregations have been organized and the prospect of enrolling three more is very encouraging. A marked characteristic of this Hungarian work is the noble and self-sacrificing efforts of the missions to help themselves and we plead therefore, that this fact serve as a challenge to the Church for an increase of offerings for this work. Furthermore, the Synod will note with pleasure that while the work among the Bohemian population of our cities is surrounded with unusual difficulties, yet the Board has two missions, the one at Chicago, Ill., and the other at Cleveland, Ohio, under its care with excellent prospects for both. In view of the foregoing we offer the following:

2. *Resolved*, That the Hungarian and Bohemian work challenge the entire confidence and hearty support of the whole Church.

3. *Resolved*, That for the encouragement and guidance of this work the Classes, in whose bounds either Hungarian or Bohemian missions are located, be requested to keep themselves in close and sympathetic touch with such congregations and their pastors.

4. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$9,000 be apportioned annually upon all the District Synods for this work.

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

It is worthy of mention that during the past sixteen years 120 of these funds have been gathered representing a total of \$70,000. The practical good accruing from the prudent administration of these funds can scarcely be estimated and this Synod can but place the seal of hearty approval upon this department of its work.

In view of the practical needs of the Board in this department,

5. *Resolved*, That six cents per member be apportioned annually for church building among the English Synods, that are creating church-building funds be earnestly commended to Classes, societies, congregations and to individual members of the church; and that the attention of the District Synods be directed to this matter.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the valuable aid rendered by the Woman's Missionary Societies. To their credit be it stated that they contributed nearly \$10,000 to the work of the Board and this may not give full credit to what they have done.

6. *Resolved*, That General Synod commends the work done by the Missionary Societies of the Church and urges upon the Classes the proper development of this auxiliary work within their bounds.

The following overture from the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod was referred to your committee, viz: "*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod that all moneys raised by this Society should be over and above the Classical apportionment, and we hereby ask the General Synod so to approve and direct."

In response to this overture, be it

7. *Resolved*, That the General Synod approves of the contents of the overture and directs that all moneys raised by the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod be paid to the Treasurer of the Board, to be properly credited by him and in no sense to be considered as part payment of an apportionment for Home Missions.

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8. *Resolved*, That the General Synod commends the action of the Board, and sustained by the Synods, in the erection of a suitable church edifice at the nation's capital.

9. *Resolved*, That the Synods who are pledged to this enterprise be requested to continue their commendable efforts unto a practical consummation.

With reference to the requests of the Board we would recommend the following:

10. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$60,000 be annually apportioned among the English Synods for Home Missions.

11. *Resolved*, That the second Sunday in November shall be designated as Home Missionary Sunday, on which day special offerings shall be taken in the Sunday-schools for Home Missions. It is intended that these shall be free-will offerings, over and above the apportionment.

12. *Resolved*, That the Sunday-school Board shall prepare a suitable service and furnish such service free to such Sunday-schools as will agree to take an offering for Home Missions.

13. *Resolved*, that the Home Mission Board shall pay to the Sunday-school Board the actual cost of such services.

14. *Resolved*, That the several Classes be requested to appoint or elect an executive committee on missions to whom shall be entrusted the work of carrying forward the various lines of missionary activity as the Classes may direct.

15. *Resolved*, That the Classes be requested to place upon said executive committee three ministers and two elders as follows: One minister for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and the elders for two years and one year respectively.

16. *Resolved*, That we recommend to each Classis the division of its territory into three missionary districts, which shall be entrusted severally to the three ministers on the committee.

17. *Resolved*, That we recommend to each Classis that it instruct its executive committee on missions to arrange for an exchange of pulpits among pastors for sermons on the subject

of missions, to hold missionary conventions if feasible, and any other work calculated to further the cause.

In response to the communication of the Central Publishing House we offer the following:

18. *Resolved*, That this Synod recognizes the value of any publication intended to develop a true interest in the cause of missions and therefore commends "Missionary Gleanings" to the Church at large and calls the attention of the Classes to this action.

With reference to the overture of Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, requesting General Synod to change the present policy of the Board with reference to its superintendents of missions we offer the following:

19. *Resolved*, That while the General Synod disclaims the idea of a fixed policy on the part of the Board for all time, yet it does not deem it prudent to dictate a radical change from general superintendence to Classical superintendence.

With reference to the matter of German-English work be it

20. *Resolved*, That this Synod fully appreciates the work of Home Missions as conducted by the German Synods.

21. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$4,500 be apportioned annually upon the English Synods for German-English work; the money to be paid by the treasurer of General Synod's Board as follows: Two-thirds to the treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of the Northwest and Central Synod, and one-third to the treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the German Synod of the East.

22. *Resolved*, That these two Home Mission Boards of the German Synods be requested to report triennially to the General Synod's Board who shall incorporate said report in their report to the General Synod.

With reference to the overture of the Pittsburgh Synod asking for a change in nominating and electing the members of the various Boards of the General Synod, be it

23. *Resolved*, That this General Synod in conserving the best interests of the Church, which may in the near future demand the abandonment of Synodical representation on the sev-

eral Boards, does not see its way clear to grant the prayer of the overture.

In reply to the overture of the Reading Classis, be it

24. *Resolved*, That the General Synod gives assent to the overture and herewith places the matter of arranging supplemental Sunday-school lessons on Missions and their publication in the hands of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

In reply to the overture of the Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, calling attention to the advisability of having the superintendents of Home Missions live within the bounds of the districts committed to their supervision, be it

25. *Resolved*, That this General Synod does not wish to interfere with any arrangements of the Board but that this matter be referred to the Board with the request that if possible they arrange the work of superintendence to meet the prayer of the overture. And finally be it

26. *Resolved*, by this General Synod, that we place on record our thanks and hearty appreciation for the work of Missions accomplished in the past, that with firm faith in Jesus Christ, with renewed confidence in the administration and results of this potent factor of the Church's strength, with kindly appeal to the great heart of the Church pulsating in loving sympathy with this work, we challenge both fervent prayer and liberal offering, true enthusiasm for and earnest interest in the cause of Home Missions for the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. T. J. HACKER, *Chairman*,

HENRY T. SPANGLER,

DAVID H. FOUSE,

ELDER A. H. LIST.

III. Foreign Missions—Triennial Reports.

THE EIGHTH TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

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

DEAR BRETHREN: We herewith present to you the Eighth Triennial Report of our work in Japan and China, with hearts

full of joy and hope for what the Lord has done for us, and promises to do if we prove faithful to our sacred trust.

After the last General Synod of May, 1899, the Board met June 23 at Harrisburg for organization. The remaining members of the old Board, Revs. Drs. Prugh, Bartholomew, Greding and Callender, and Elders Lemberger and Kuhns, together with the members re-elected at the last General Synod, Revs. Drs. Good, Dahlman, Kieffer, and Dieffenbacher, and Elders Dietz and Apple met for organization. The officers of the former Board were re-elected, namely, President, Rev. J. I. Good, D.D.; Vice-president, Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. S. C. Callender, D.D., and Treasurer, Joseph L. Lemberger. The Executive Committee was appointed consisting of these officers, together with Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., and elder John W. Apple. The regular annual meetings of the Board were held, together with a number of special meetings as the business of the Board required. The Executive Committee held its regular meetings quarterly, and oftener as required. One of the members of the Board, Elder J. Y. Dietz, of honored memory, passed away from this life in 1901. The vacancy was filled by the election of J. Z. Gerhard, M.D., who had previously very acceptably served in the Board, 1893-99. At the beginning of 1902, Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., presented his resignation as Secretary, on account of the increasing infirmities of age. The Board accepted it and adopted suitable resolutions expressive of his long service, and elected him Secretary emeritus. Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., was elected acting Secretary, to which he agreed on two conditions, namely, that the appointment be only temporary and that it be without salary. Against his earnest protests, the Board at its annual meeting in March elected him as permanent Secretary. He is holding the latter action under advisement. Rev. A. V. Casselman, of Columbiana, O., was elected as Field Secretary and has signified his willingness to accept the position. The Board was compelled to elect two secretaries instead of one, as previously, because of its enlarging business, the necessity of better systematizing of its work and the importance of a wider presenta-

tion of its needs. The work of Foreign Missions very naturally divides itself into two parts: The Foreign field and the Home Church. We, therefore, divide our report into these two parts and take up first the Foreign Field and then the Church at home. The foreign field also divides itself into two parts, namely, Japan and China.

I. THE FOREIGN FIELD.

(a) JAPAN.

The work of the Board in Japan has been steadily growing. Japan from a secular standpoint has been a marvel of surprises and changes in civilization and customs. This very changeableness of Japan, while of great advantage to missionary work in opening up the country to the Gospel, was not without its dangers, too. Three years ago the effect of the then recent war between China and Japan had been somewhat favorable to the influence of Christianity by showing that the Christians in their army were not traitors (as had been charged by other religions), but their bravest and most devoted soldiers. As a result, the Government gave a widespread opportunity for Bible distribution, whose results have begun to be felt in many places.

But the most important event that occurred was the Revision of the Treaties with foreign nations by which Japan in July, 1899, entered the sisterhood of the nations of Christian civilizations. This did away with much of the former Japanese jealousy of foreigners, because they felt they were now on an equality with civilized nations and were no longer treated as children. But this new sense of elevation naturally led in some quarters to a revival of religious as well as national pride. This was shown by the restrictions placed on Christian schools which deprived them of their governmental status. This action by the Japanese Educational Council was somewhat feared by the Christian churches there, and undoubtedly injured to some extent the attendance on Christian schools. But this restriction, owing to an overruling Providence (which always destroys the hindrances to God's kingdom), and to the good sense of the better class of Japanese statesmen, has since become a dead letter, and many schools, (ours among them), have received back the Government license and now stand entitled to the same

privileges as the students of Government schools. However, during this period the number of students in the Boys' School lessened to some extent. But our schools have had proportionately a better attendance than most of the Christian schools in Japan, and the Girls' School especially was full to overflowing.

Another important change brought about by the new treaties has been the right of foreigners to hold property in Japan. Hitherto no mission property could be held in the name of the Home Board, but must be held in the name of Japanese trustees. This placed the property in the hands of the natives, generally members of the Christian churches there. This trust, however, has rarely been abused by them. Our property at Sendai was held in this way by Japanese trustees. But the treaties allowed foreigners to hold property in Japan. And since 1900 considerable discussion and correspondence has been taking place between the various missions there and their Boards at home; until the matter has now been arranged that our property like that of other Boards there will be held in the name of our Mission, thus giving our Board a genuine title.

During the year 1901 a tidal wave of evangelism swept over Japan. As a result, the various Protestant denominations report several thousand additions. The Christians of Japan felt they could not allow the Twentieth Century to come in without special efforts to make it begin with signal blessing. They began services in one of the districts of Tokyo so successfully that similar services were held in other districts of that city. And from the capital this movement spread into various parts of Japan. Sendai, the special centre of our work, had special services in May, 1901, with blessing to our Mission. Thus the Lord has been setting his seal on the labors of his servants in that sunrise kingdom.

The Japan Mission consisted at the time of the last General Synod of Rev. J. P. Moore, D.D., and wife, Rev. D. B. Schneider and wife, Rev. H. K. Miller and wife, Rev. S. S. Snyder and wife, Rev. C. Noss and wife, and Mr. Paul Gerhard as teacher, together with Miss M. C. Hallowell, Miss L. Zurfluh and Miss L. M. Rohrbaugh as teachers of the Girls' School. In accordance with the instruction of the last General Synod

to enlarge our work by sending two more missionaries to Japan, together with one additional teacher for the Girls' School, the Board appointed Rev. W. E. Lampe and wife, Rev. A. K. Faust and wife, Miss Sadie Lea Weidner, Miss Lucy Margaret Powell and Miss Catharine Barbara Pifer. There has, however, been some change in the personnel of the Mission. Miss Hallowell resigned on account of her prospective marriage to Mr. Robert Gill, of Kobe, Japan. The Board accepted her resignation with regret in view of her able and earnest services. Mrs. Faust was called away suddenly by the Master, the first one of our missions to be summoned by death. The bereavement of her husband was shared by the Board and the whole Church at home. Miss L. Rohrbaugh was compelled to return home because of ill-health, and finally was constrained to present her resignation, which the Board accepted with regret, because of her conscientious and faithful services. Rev. J. P. Moore, D.D., was also compelled to return to America, with illness which it was feared would prevent his ever returning. The Board is glad to state that his recovery has been so great that he has been ordered to return to Japan.

The missionary work in Japan naturally divides itself into three parts, Evangelistic, Educational and Industrial.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

This is the first and main object of Christian missions, the salvation of souls. Christ came into the world to seek and save the lost. And yet, although this is the most important department, it is the one whose results are most difficult to state. Mere figures, while valuable, never tell the whole story. The influence of Christianity has extended far beyond the converts and churches. The number of churches and meeting-places is one less than three years ago, the total membership 312 larger. This is a larger growth than from 1896-9, owing to the opposition at that time of the Japanese to foreigners. The gains have been 607 more than during the previous three years, while the losses by death, etc., were only 96 more, making a net gain of 511. The average attendance on worship is over 100 greater. The amount raised by the native Christians was 2,500 yen or about \$1,250 more than in 1898, thus doubling

their generosity and showing a commendable advance in liberality on the part of the native Christians. The last Evangelistic report of the Mission says that it has been aided by the Twentieth Century Movement, but especially by the brief visit at Sendai of Mr. John R. Mott, of the Young Men's Christian Association. As a result of his meetings there, numbers of the students were led to decision for Christ, some of whom have been received into the Church. Five or six of the teachers in the Boys' School have given valuable aid in the evangelistic work of the mission, as have also some of the students. The number of ordained ministers is 10, two more than three years ago, of unordained evangelists is 25, the same as three years ago. The number of church buildings is now 25, 10 more than three years ago, showing considerable progress in the external results of the mission.

The Bible-Woman's Department is an important adjunct to the Evangelistic work. There are 21 Bible-Women at work under the supervision of the Mission in Sunday-schools, Bible classes and home visitations, all of them graduates of our Girls' School there. The teachers of the Girls' School have also engaged in the work with great earnestness and self-denial and perseverance, as have also many of the girls. During the special services of the Twentieth Century Movement at Sendai, the girls rendered valuable assistance in the singing.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Second only to the Evangelistic work is the Educational. The great aim of our schools in Japan should be to prepare a native ministry out of the Boys' School, and Christian mothers and workers from the Girls' School. Our educational plant consists of the Boys' School and Theological Seminary, (Tohoku Gakuin), and the Girls' School, (Miyagi Jo Gakko).

The last report of the Boys' School and the Theological Seminary is full of encouragement. Dr. Schneder says that a number of things have occurred to bring new encouragement to the school. Four new and excellent teachers have been added to the faculty. The exemption from military conscription, the recognition of private schools regardless of religion, the permission given their graduates to enter the higher Govern-

ment schools, and also the more favorable public sentiment toward Christianity are these encouragements. The institution, therefore, not merely retained all its old students at the beginning of the new term, April, 1901, but added 64 new ones. An important change took place in the presidency of the school. Rev. M. Oshikawa resigned and Rev. Dr. Schneider was elected in his stead. Dr. Oshikawa's resignation was accepted with regret, and only because he felt himself imperatively called to another and larger sphere of labor. He has not, however, lost interest in our school, and has remained on its Board of Directors. The property of the school was increased by the purchase of a lot of one and a quarter acres for \$2,375, two blocks south of the present building, to be used at present for the gymnastic exercises of the school. This was demanded by the Government of all schools in order to obtain Governmental recognition. But this property will serve later as the locality for the new school buildings which will in time become imperatively necessary. The school reports (1901), 11 students in the Theological Department, 5 in the Literary course, and 121 in the General or College course, making a total of 137. Later reports make it 142. During the year ending April, 1901, 17 young men of the school were baptized, many of them the most promising in the school. And a number of the students of the first year or lowest class (where the greatest number of heathen are found), have asked their teacher in the Bible to give them an extra hour each week on its study. Altogether, there are 59 Christians in the school. Nearly every one of the rest may be called a seeker. The chapel services are better attended by the students than ever before. The Y. M. C. A. has a membership of 70, and its prayer-meetings are remarkably well attended.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—The Girls' School has suffered more changes in its teaching force than the Boys' School. Miss Hallowell resigned, Miss Rohrbaugh came home and resigned, Miss Zursluh is in this country now, so that the school is in the hands of comparatively new teachers at present. Still, with Miss Weidner at their head, they have very successfully carried it on. It had eight graduates in March, 1901, all of them Christians. That com-

mencement was honored by the presence of Prince Dato, the heir of the former feudal lord of Sendai, who showed his interest by making an address. Such recognition, as well as the ovation Miss Zurfluh received from the citizens in Sendai on her departure for America, show the hold that the school is gaining on the people of Sendai. The school at its opening, April, 1901, had 30 new girls, of whom only one was a Christian, the largest class that ever entered, and others have entered that class since. There were 15 in the Preparatory Department and 54 in the regular department. Besides these, 17 of the Bible women are taking post-graduate work, making a total of 86. In the Preparatory Department, 5 are Christians, and of the 54 in the regular department, 20 are Christians. Of the 39 graduates of the school, 38 are Christians. In the regular department, in the three upper classes, every girl is a Christian. Seven were baptized during the past year. These facts eloquently show the efficiency of this school like the Boys' School as a Christianizing and evangelizing agency.

BURNING OF GIRLS' SCHOOL.—The Girls' School was unfortunately destroyed by fire on March 8. The description of this exciting event, as given by the missionaries, will show the loss to our Board and the extreme danger to all our buildings there.

“On March 8, which was a mild sunny day, at about ten minutes before 1 o'clock, it was noticed from the Schneder house that the Girls' School building was on fire. A large flame already struck up above the roof of the bath-house, which was so closely connected with the main building as to be virtually under the same roof. Mrs. Schneder and Mr. Faust immediately proceeded to give alarm, while Mr. Schneder endeavored to use one of the patent Miller fire extinguishers that were sent from America for the mission's use a number of years ago. However, this appliance did not work satisfactorily, and would have been too insignificant to be effective even if it had worked well, as the flames had already gained much headway. Meanwhile, others became aware of the fire. The school bell was rung vigorously and the Misses Weidner and Powell were soon on the scene, Miss Pifer being away at the time. Both ladies went

through the building to get out all the girls who had just finished their dinner. Then Miss Weidner had the office desk with its important papers carried to a safe place, while Miss Powell looked after getting out the organs and books. An effort was also made to save the furniture, but only a little could be saved. The firemen came promptly with their hand-pumps, but when they arrived all hope of saving the building was already gone. They, however, applied themselves vigorously to saving the Ladies' House, which stood on the south side of the burning building, and the Schneder house, which latter was especially exposed because a south wind was then blowing. But they were much handicapped through lack of water, the wells having been very low on account of a long continued drought. Both houses were in great danger, and nearly all their contents were carried out, and in the excitement and confusion were much damaged. The ladies' house was much scorched, and the Schneder house was on fire several times and once seemed to go; but by the heroic efforts of the firemen and others it was saved, though considerably injured. Owing to the strong wind some twenty neighboring houses were slightly ignited, among them the Snyder-Miller house, which on account of its proximity would surely have been burned also had the Schneder house not been saved. The most alarming of these minor incidents was the igniting of the brick building of the Tohoku Gakuin, which stands about two blocks away from the site of the Girls' School. The Schneder children were taken to the parsonage near by the Tohoku Gakuin, and while Mrs. Schneder was there to look after them she discovered about two feet of flame creeping up along the cornice of the east gable of the building. An instant alarm brought some students and several others quickly to the place, and one of them, a carpenter, at imminent risk of his life, went on the roof and with the help of others soon extinguished the fire. The Girls' School building was consumed in less than an hour, only three chimneys remaining standing. A godown a few rods away, in which were stored a number of things, mostly personal property of the missionaries, was also burned.

"There were forty girls, together with three teachers and the

matron, in the building at the time. All lives were saved, but some of the girls and two of the teachers lost a great deal. After the fire thirteen girls were put in the ladies' house and the rest in the Bible house. There was no complaint. At 9 o'clock in the morning a meeting for prayer and thanksgiving was held. The next day the girls went to church and attended to their Sunday-school duties as usual. After the regular church service on Sunday morning a meeting was held for thanksgiving that no lives were lost. The next week all the boarding pupils except the graduating class were sent to their homes to remain there until the beginning of the next term, when a rented building is to be used. Kanji Hayasaka, of the school, and all the teachers worked most faithfully during the fire and afterwards. Many friends also gave help. The students of the Tohoku Gakuin worked very hard, as did also the students of other schools. The large force of police that were ordered to the fire did all in their power to keep back the crowds and to prevent disorder and theft. The widespread manifestation of sympathy by the people of the city was most remarkable. In large numbers of all classes and stations they came to express sympathy and encouragement and to offer help. Many gifts of money, food, clothing, etc., were sent in to the girls as well as to the missionaries.

"We realize that our work has met with a great calamity. A building which was made possible by the sacred offerings of many hands, which it took more than a year to erect, and around which during the fourteen years of its existence gathered many precious memories, has been laid in ashes in an hour. What the future has in store for us we do not know. But we pray and have faith to believe that God in His wisdom and might will turn this visitation into good. May He give us grace to follow His leadings in faithfulness and hope. Yours in Christ,

"D. B. SCHNEDER,
"SADIE L. WEIDNER."

Sendai, Japan.

This total destruction of the school is a severe affliction to the Mission and the Board. But we hope that God will over-

rule it for good. It is a new challenge of God to the Church to rise up and give the money to rebuild. A new building large enough for present and future needs will cost about \$15,000, for which we have only \$5,000 insurance. God has spoken in tongues of fire, will the Church hear? The dormitory of the school should be ready for the opening of the school next September, as it would be unwise and dangerous to health, for the teachers and scholars to spend the winter months in temporary quarters. Will the Home Church rise up to this new responsibility placed upon her.

On account of the destruction of the building by fire, the commencement exercises this year had to be postponed until April 26th. The school was disbanded for one month, but on April 9th, it re-opened in the quarters which have been rented for a temporary shift. Miss Weidner writes: "We are very much overcrowded, but are trying to make the best of our circumstances for the time being. Already forty new girls have entered, and there are prospects of more."

The Mission held two meetings, to frame its action for the Board relative to the new building, and the Board has approved the recommendations, which are as follows:

The Mission petitions the Board for authority to buy the three consecutive lots of land north of Kitami-machi-dori, and adjoining the Girls' School property on the west. Since the Mission suggests the erection of separate buildings for recitation and dormitory purposes, it will be necessary to own this ground.

The Mission asks permission to erect separate buildings for recitation and dormitory purposes, the recitation hall to be built in American style as a memorial to Christine Elizabeth Faust, and the dormitories in Japanese style. Secretary Noss gives this explanation: "Our reason for this decision is that, as the girls live in Japanese style, a foreign-built building is not suitable for a dormitory. The girls need plenty of verandas on the south side for airing bedding, etc. Moreover, a house can be built in Japanese style at half the cost of a foreign-built house, and extensions are easily made as required. But for a recitation hall, a foreign-built house, properly

When Started.	Place.	Ordained Ministers.				Unordained Evangelists.			Church Buildings.				Meeting Places.				Membership.			Baptized Children.				Increase.			Decrease.				Average attendance Regular Services.		Sunday school.	
		Men.	Women.	Total.	Baptism.	Confession.	Letter.	Total.	Infant Baptism.	Death.	Letter.	Erasure.	Total.	Average attendance.	Number Schools.	Teachers.	Average attendance.																	
		Men.	Women.	Total.	Baptism.	Confession.	Letter.	Total.	Infant Baptism.	Death.	Letter.	Erasure.	Total.	Average attendance.	Number Schools.	Teachers.	Average attendance.																	
1886	Ichibancho,* Tokyo	1	1	1	195	137	332	6	17	25	42	1	1	15	5	21	80	1	6	41														
1880	Nihanchou, Sendai	3	1	1	190	128	318	9	52	8	61	5	4	9	1	14	155	1	12	136														
1881	Ilakodate	1	1	1	93	54	147	9	13	5	18	2	2	6	4	12	75	1	6	38														
1894	Seien (Kiyozono) Tankigata, Yezo	1	1	1	53	42	95	17	2	2	11	5	3	1	4	38	1	1	4	36														
Totals		6	1	4	531	361	892	32	90	2	40	132	10	10	31	10	51	348	4	28	251													
1884	Kaada, Tokyo	2	1	1	142	71	213	3	27	1	27	1	1	38	39	58	1	1	3	21														
1884	Koshigaya	1	1	1	30	28	58	20	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	17	1	1	3	27														
1884	Iwatauki	1	1	1	8	7	15	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	11														
1898	Hasuda	1	1	1	9	2	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	30														
1901	Omiya	1	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	8														
Totals Tokyo Field		2	1	4	190	111	301	35	27	1	28	2	2	43	45	106	5	9	97	11														
1886	Fukushima	1	1	2	31	5	36	4	1	3	8	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	80														
1888	Nagaoka	1	1	2	29	10	39	2	6	1	6	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	3														
1889	Izaka	1	1	2	39	21	60	2	6	1	6	1	1	2	2	18	1	1	1	65														
1886	Nakamura	1	1	2	46	43	89	3	20	1	21	1	3	8	11	28	1	1	1	64														
1893	Ilanomomachi	1	1	2	44	16	60	3	20	1	20	1	1	1	1	16	1	1	1	25														
1894	Taira	1	1	1	12	6	18	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	23														
1890	Kawamata	1	1	2	22	6	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	23														
1894	Wakamatsu	1	1	1	19	17	36	3	9	2	11	1	1	1	1	22	1	1	1	34														
1899	Koriyama	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	17														
1899	Miham	1	1	1	5	5	10	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	19														
1891	Sukugawa	1	1	1	7	4	11	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	2														
Totals Fukushima Field		1	6	4	14	255	128	383	12	64	1	9	74	2	6	9	15	157	9	23	338													
1889	Aramachi	1	1	1	11	4	15	7	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	53														
1893	Tsutsunijigaoka	1	1	1	4	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	48														
1893	Higashi Rokubancho. (Miyamachi, Sendai)	1	1	1	19	11	30	2	14	1	14	1	1	1	1	19	1	1	1	45														
1897	Kita Kajimachi	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	36														
1892	Kwakyoin	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36														
1895	Furujiro	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36														
1891	Nagamachi	1	1	1	4	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	58														
1894	Nanakita	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	46														
1898	Fukuda	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	34														
1899	Ilanomomachi (Miyagi Ken)	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	27														
Totals Sendai Field		1	8	2	5	40	21	61	3	24	1	24	1	2	1	3	83	10	4	119														
1881	Ishinomaki	1	1	1	41	29	70	12	5	1	6	6	1	9	10	20	27	1	4	67														
1886	Tome	1	1	2	30	20	50	12	9	1	10	5	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	19														
1881	Furukawa	1	1	1	16	7	23	1	9	1	9	1	1	2	3	13	1	1	1	35														
1889	Matsuyama	1	1	1	15	4	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	13														
1892	Yoshloka	1	1	1	13	7	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	35														
Totals North Miyagi Field		1	3	2	5	115	67	182	25	23	1	2	25	7	1	10	12	23	65	4	12	134												
1882	Iwanuma	1	1	1	25	13	38	4	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	45														
1892	Watari	1	1	1	6	3	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	11														
1892	Masuda	1	1	1	12	8	20	8	14	1	14	13	1	1	1	26	1	1	1	49														
1889	Shiroishi	1	1	1	26	5	31	1	6	1	7	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	16														
1889	Miya	1	1	1	18	13	31	5	4	1	5	4	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	22														
1892	Ogawara	1	1	1	3	2	5	4	4	1	5	4	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	13														
1894	Kakuda	1	1	1	19	6	25	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	13														
1895	Marumori	1	1	1	3	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	13														
Totals South Miyagi Field		1	2	1	7	112	52	164	13	30	1	3	33	17	1	3	3	84	4	13	131													
1887	Yamagata	1	1	1	35	16	51	3	4	4	8	3	2	2	2	11	1	1	1	11														
1886	Kaminoyama	1	1	1	18	11	29	1	1	1	10	3	3	4	7	8	1	1	1	12														
1888	Tsurugaoka	1	1	1	21	9	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	13														
1899	Fujishima	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	13														
1898	Sakata	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	13														
1890	Yonezawa	1	1	1	24	18	42	5	5	4	9	1	1	1	2	8	1	1	1	22														
Total Yamagata Field		1	4	1	5	98	54	152	8	9	1	8	17	4	4	7	11	103	3	4	45													
1892	Akita	1	1	1	5	2	7	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	11														
Grand Totals, 1901		10	25	18	38	1346	796	2142	128	269	3	63	335	41	25	61	65	151	954	40	130	1420												
Grand Totals, 1900		8	28	17	44	1216	787	2003	114	123	2	58	183	5	16	71	51	138	988	40	135	1223												
Grand Totals, 1899		8	32	15	38	1207	723	1930	116	210	8	126	344	7	29	108	93	230	954	37	123	1386												

*Statistics for 1901 not obtainable; figures given are those of 1900.

†Savings.

A brace unites places served by one worker.

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Current Expenditures.					Income.						
Salary.	Rents, Taxes, Repairs.	Other Expenses.	Total.	Devoted to Lots or Buildings.	Contributed to Classis, Synod, or Board of Missions.	Native Contributions.	Other Sources (Foreigners).	Appropriations by Mission.	Total.	Estimated Value of Property.	
Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	Yen. ¥.	
288,000		212,849	500,849		84,470	586,119			585,119	1000,000	
263,500	12,479	109,883	385,862	3468,375	11,720	2000,215	1900,144		3900,359	20000,000	
336,850		273,297	610,147		11,340	665,005			665,005	6000,000	
60,000		108,003	168,003		12,166	155,222			155,222	300,000	
948,350	12,479	704,032	\$1,664,861	3468,375	119,696	3406,561	1900,144		5306,705	37300,000	
132,000	147,462	259,768	1539,230		8,624	297,874	42,000	1233,000	1572,874	3000,000	
21,000	31,435	31,167	83,602		8,930	52,908		39,000	91,908	1000,000	
340,000	9,200	32,711	381,911		1,060	29,061				750,000	
		52,565	52,565		1,620	12,360		427,185	473,891	282,500	
	4,000	28,160	32,160			5,285					
493,000	192,097	404,371	2089,468		20,234	397,488	42,000	1699,185	2138,673	5632,500	
240,000	26,177	113,243	379,420		1,000	105,553	35,950	240,000	381,503	620,000	
72,000		112,125	184,125			184,125			184,125	100,000	
90,000		38,880	128,880			6,570			104,330	200,000	
264,000	11,139	23,143	298,282		14,000	50,071		279,000	329,071	800,000	
288,000	32,790	69,984	390,774	38,500	2,000	82,220	20,500	294,000	396,720	500,000	
80,000		91,928	171,928					171,208	171,208		
17,000	2,300	4,680	23,980			2,150		21,700	23,500		
312,000	79,810	111,056	502,866			64,922		433,790	498,712		
180,000	58,300	50,210	288,510			37,910	500	245,590	284,000		
60,000	22,000	47,420	129,420			15,050		112,570	127,920		
120,000	4,000	93,266	217,266		810	16,424		201,452	218,076	60,000	
723,000	236,516	755,935	2715,451	38,500	24,380	662,953	56,950	1999,610	2719,515	2280,000	
		6,845	51,284			2,020	10,255	44,429	56,714		
120,000	12,975	31,350	164,225			780	9,750	166,273	176,803		
288,000	80,543	26,195	394,738			21,617	5,500	368,543	395,660	2500,000	
168,000	54,541	7,022	229,563			1,751	4,500	322,451	228,702		
	20,500	6,780	27,280				6,780	20,500	27,280		
	5,500	8,200	13,700			1,100	7,100	5,500	13,700		
60,000	2,463	17,242	79,705			3,852	13,920	63,663	81,435	500,000	
42,000	12,000	35,180	89,180			11,180	7,000	82,080	100,260		
108,000	22,500	30,966	161,466			200	4,000	159,100	163,100		
	24,000	6,665	30,665				3,700	29,020	32,920		
786,000	279,461	176,445	1241,906			42,500	72,505	1161,569	1276,574	3000,000	
240,000	8,123	35,930	284,053			92,139		216,000	308,139	900,000	
284,000	47,550	97,428	428,978		5,630	54,406		378,000	432,406	300,000	
282,000	42,497	4,462	328,959			13,934		315,000	328,934		
3,750	3,000	60,000	66,750			6,750		60,000	66,750		
169,000	18,000	10,633	188,633			22,333		166,000	188,333		
609,750	119,170	208,453	1297,373		5,630	189,562		1135,000	1324,562	1200,000	
148,500		51,522	200,022		7,260	109,402		106,000	215,402	600,000	
		24,700	24,700			3,000		19,000	22,000		
	18,800	91,938	110,738			32,580	1,025	77,990	111,595		
100,000	42,000	13,130	245,130		2,340	51,340		196,130	247,470	100,000	
60,000	35,150	25,290	120,450			17,990		105,180	123,170		
264,000	7,500	12,845	284,345		1,620	19,288		267,500	286,788		
	12,000	21,250	33,250			950		36,850	37,800		
662,500	115,460	240,675	1018,635		11,220	234,550	1,025	808,650	1044,225	700,000	
282,000	35,780	29,973	347,753		3,090	80,340		258,000	338,340	1000,000	
		70,900	70,900		1,530	14,785		59,480	74,265		
262,500	29,850	42,948	335,298		1,440	26,181		309,247	335,428		
6,000	10,000	21,200	27,200					48,000	48,000		
220,000	24,000	19,500	264,500			19,900		244,800	264,700		
268,000	12,800	32,050	312,050		2,250	35,960	675	287,270	323,905		
38,500	112,430	216,971	1367,901		8,310	177,166	675	1206,797	1384,638	1000,000	
120,000	59,500	60,730	440,230		450	28,590		363,580	392,170		
41,000	1127,113	2767,612	11835,824	3506,875	189,920	5139,372	2073,299	8374,391	15587,062	50512,500	
147,700	1196,260	2005,610	10349,570	1663,610	221,840	4685,880	223,100	7425,800	12334,780	52352,500	
714,300	884,480	1856,620	9455,500	1235,350	221,510	3950,300	166,720	6862,340	10979,360		

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 Adopted by Evangelistic Committee, March 20, 1902.

warmed in winter is essential. We are all of the same opinion in regard to this matter, both natives and foreigners."

The Mission requests of the Board the permission to enlarge the ladies' residence so as to make it comfortable for four ladies, instead of only two as at present. The ladies' house is now in a state of thoroughly bad repair. Upstairs there are only three rooms, of which one is on the northwest corner, and is not a desirable place to live in. There will be four ladies when Miss Zurfluh returns, and hence the need of additional rooms, which can be built at a cost of about \$1,000. Such in brief are the needs of the Girls' School, growing out of the destruction of the building, and the constant enlargement of the school.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.—The Industrial Home is another of the institutions at Sendai. It is intended to furnish the young men an opportunity to help themselves toward getting an education. Its work and usefulness have been considerably enlarged. The erection of larger and more suitable buildings on the Souder garden has greatly improved the sanitary condition of the Home. The dairy has been increased and land purchased on which a suitable house has been erected. The printing press has proved a valuable addition. The book store has proved surprisingly successful, its profits going toward the Home. The raising of poultry has been attempted, as chickens, ducks and eggs bring high prices. The students are paid for their work and in return pay the Home for their board. They sell milk, poultry, papers, etc., in the town. They, however, never make enough money by their exertions for their support, so the Mission must aid them financially. But it is money well expended in the self-support it teaches them. The average number of students in the Home is 70. During last year, 11 united with the Church. In addition to his work in the Industrial Home as Superintendent, Rev. Mr. Synder has been working for the Bible Society of Japan. He has been very successful, having sold during the past year 70,000 copies of the Gospels and about 1,000 Bibles and Testaments. He is one of the most valued assistants of the Bible Society in that land.

Thus in all our departments of work in Japan there has been a steady progress. The only retarding event has been the burning of the Girl's School. But that can be made an inspiration for progress if the General Synod will press home on the Church the need of raising the required funds.

(b) CHINA.

According to the instructions given us at the last General Synod, we have opened a mission in China. This field is yet in its infancy and we need not divide it, as we have divided Japan, into various departments. The Board ordered Rev. Mr. Hoy, who had already spent some time in China on account of his health, to go to China as the first missionary. He proceeded to the province of Hunan in Central China, arriving at Hankow, November 15, 1899. He remained there until the permanent seat for our mission was chosen. Later the Board, at his suggestion, chose Yochow in the province of Hunan, as the location of its mission. Rev. Frederick Cromer, of Lima, O., was appointed as the second missionary to China, being supported by the congregation at Columbiana, O. The Board is glad to state that during the Boxer uprising in northern China, that dreadful movement did not so much affect Central China. Still, our missionaries made their way to Japan for safety, where they remained until it was safe for them to return. But the Boxer movement did not affect the missionary work in that part of China, and when they returned they found almost no opposition. Mr. Cromer, after a stay of over a year, sent word home that he would have to resign on account of failing eyesight produced by the study of the Chinese language. The Board reluctantly accepted his resignation and he has returned to this country. The Board, at its meeting in January, elected Rev. W. A. Reinert, of Summit Hill, Pa., as his successor, to be supported by the Columbiana congregation. We desire to testify to the faithfulness of the Columbiana congregation in their financial agreement with the Board, and commend them to the congregations of our Church as an example of self-denial, consecration and enthusiasm in the Lord's cause.

Several appeals have been issued for items of work in the China field, and the response to them shows that this field has

from the very first had the favorable ear of the Church. Thus an appeal was sent home for money to purchase a houseboat for missionary purposes. For this, about half the necessary amount has been pledged mainly in and near Philadelphia. Another appeal for a mission-house for our China Mission yielded about \$3,000. This was providential, for at the meeting of the Board last March it was learned that the Mission property of the London Missionary Society at Yochow was for sale, and the Board immediately ordered Mr. Hoy to buy it. However, about \$2,000 more will be needed to erect a wall around it and further improve it so as to make it a splendid aid to the success of our work. The Mercersberg College, Rev. Dr. Irvine, President, having signified its willingness to support the first Medical Missionary to China, the Board at a recent meeting appointed Dr. J. A. Beam, of Chicago, as its first medical missionary. He is a graduate of the Chicago Medical College, and will be greatly aided by the lady who is to become his wife, who is a physician of several years' experience. The Mission is loudly calling for two lady teachers as an imperative need.

II. THE CHURCH AT HOME.

The work in the Church at home has been steadily maintained by the Board. But several new features have been introduced or emphasized which should come to the knowledge of the General Synod.

Specialization. The Board, following the advice given at the Ecumenical Conference of Missions at New York, 1900, by such missionary leaders as President Capen, of the American Board, and by other leading Boards as the Presbyterian, entered upon a system of specialization, by which the various Classes, Churches and Societies would directly support some part of our work in heathen lands. The sense of personal interest and individual responsibility that this begets would lead to far greater interest on the part of the Church at home and greater financial returns. The Board felt that the last General Synod by approving the offer of the Columbiana congregation to support its missionary in China had virtually approved the plan of specialization. And so it began gradually to introduce

this method of work. At present it has only partially been introduced. There has not yet been sufficient time to perfect it. Several Classes have agreed to support individual missionaries. Thus Reading Classis supports Dr. Schneder, Lancaster, Rev. Mr. Noss, Maryland, Rev. Mr. Lampe, and a number of native evangelists, etc. are individually supported. This plan, although recently introduced, is already beginning to enlarge the receipts of the Board. The Board has drawn up a schedule of the amounts necessary to support various departments of the work, thus:

JAPAN.

Student in Girls' School.....	\$ 35
Student in Boys' School	40
Bible Woman	50
Licensed Evangelist	150
Ordained Evangelist	200

The various funds appropriated by the Board have also been divided into shares, thus:

A share of the support of the Boys' School.	\$15
A share of the support of the Evangelistic Fund	10
A share of the support of the Bible Women's Fund	5
A share of the support of the Chapel and Incidental Fund	5

CHINA.

Evangelist	\$50
Colporteur	40
Bible Woman	30
Students (male or female).....	25
Gate Keeper	20

This schedule with other improvements on it will be introduced into the apportionments of Classes wherever practicable. It is hoped by this method, too, that the Classes will raise not merely their apportionments, but increase it year by year, as new objects are offered and as they develop new interest and ability to raise funds. One of the most cheering signs of this

new method has been the offer by Mercersburg College, Rev. Dr. Irvine, President, to support the first Medical Missionary to China. The Board is deeply grateful for this generous offer and hopes it is but the beginning of other efforts of the same kind. The correspondence of the Mission at Sendai to those supporting these various departments at home will, we hope, soon be put into operation when the missionary business manager, Rev. Jacob M. Stick, arrives at Sendai. His appointment will meet an urgent want in the Mission.

LITERATURE.—The Board finds that its literature department has become considerably enlarged. It has published the following tracts since the last meeting of the General Synod. It has re-published the Historical Sketch of our Mission, bringing it up-to-date. It has published a Missionary Hand-book, based on the Hand-book of the Dutch Reformed Church, for the use of applicants to the Board. It joined with the other Boards of our Church in ceasing to publish the Reformed Church Tidings because it felt that its mission was accomplished. It has re-published "Japan Missions" and has published the following leaflets: "How a Miller Solved the Difficulty," "Our Reformed Church was Once a Foreign Mission," "The Christian Home," and "Showers of Blessing." Each of which have already passed through two editions. It has also re-published "The Almshouse One Cent." It has published an excellent Map of Japan and our Mission there which it sells at cost price (\$1.50) and hopes that it may be widely circulated throughout the Church. It is now engaged in publishing a very excellent pamphlet by Rev. Dr. Schneder describing the condition and needs of the Boys' School and Theological Seminary at Sendai.

FINANCES.—The total receipts of the Board from May 1, 1899, to May 1, 1902, have been \$114,990.20, which was \$24,621.33 more than during the three years previous. And the amount received for legacies and donations was \$14,224.71.

The Church has, therefore, raised by contributions, after deducting the legacies and donations, the amount of \$100,765.49, the average rate per year being \$33,588.50, the last year showing a large increase over this average of \$8,898.27. To these

legacies should be added the mention of some large gifts by generous donors as Mrs. Rev. H. Super, \$500.00, and from an unnamed donor, \$1,000.00. The invested funds of the Board will be found in Treasurer's report and amount to \$2,000.00 more than three years ago.

These statistics show a commendable increase of liberality on the part of our people. More Churches and individuals are giving to the cause and they are giving more than ever before. For this we have reason for great thankfulness and rejoicing. But on the other hand when we compare our benevolence with that of some of the other denominations or with the financial ability of our membership, we realize the smallness of our gifts and we call on the Church for a much larger liberality than ever before.

CONCLUSION.—The Board desires to express its deep sense of gratefulness to the Woman's Missionary Societies of our Synods and Churches which have shown such unflagging interest and so nobly sustaining our foreign work. The Girls' School at Sendai has been their special object of benevolence and its splendid work is in some measure a return to them for what they have done and an inspiration for what they will yet do. We earnestly hope that they, with the Board, will be widely assisted in raising funds for re-building the Girls' School. Up to April 21, 1902, they have been credited with having raised \$12,612.50 or at the rate of \$4,204.00 a year. This is a very large sum, for which the Board is exceedingly thankful.

The Board also wishes to express gratitude to Sunday-schools and Christian Endeavor Societies for their constant aid for so many years. It asks them to continue their gifts and prays that the Lord, who blesses the cheerful giver, will abundantly bless them.

The Board also informs the General Synod that if our present plans are consummated, 1902 will be the banner year for the sending of missionaries to the foreign fields. There are now under appointment to go as new missionaries, Rev. Mr. Reimert, Rev. Mr. Stick and Dr. Beam, to whom will be added the returning missionaries Rev. Dr. Moore, Miss Zurfluh, and Mr. Paul Gerhart.

APPEALS, NOTIFICATIONS AND REQUESTS.

The Board would request the General Synod to consider the following appeals and commend them to the consideration of the Churches.

JAPAN.

1. The immediate necessity of \$10,000.00 to re-build the Girls' School at Sendai. This should be raised at once while the memory of the fire is still fresh and vivid and because the buildings are greatly needed.

2. One thousand dollars (1,000.00) are imperatively needed to immediately enlarge our Ladies' Hall so that the teachers of the Girls' School can have sufficient room and live comfortably and in safety as to their health.

3. The Sunday-schools supporting Rev. H. K. Miller, the Sunday-school missionary, are asked to raise money sufficient to build him a missionary residence at Yamagata.

4. The Boys' School will need enlargement within the next few years for which \$10,000 will be needed.

5. A sufficient amount of money to build or purchase a missionary's residence at Tokio. This is very important because Tokio is the capital of the Empire and the residence of our oldest missionary.

6. We append to this a letter from the Mission to the General Synod signed by all the missionaries which we commend to their careful consideration.

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

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN.—Under the deep conviction that God is calling us of the Reformed Church to do greater things for the Christianization of the unsaved nations, we, the Japan missionaries of the Reformed Church in the United States, beg leave, through the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to lay before your reverend body a representation and an appeal.

A year ago we made a statement to the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in reference to the work in Japan. That statement we hereby respectfully ask the Board of Com-

missioners for Foreign Missions to bring to your direct attention. Its outline of our needs requires no modification now but only emphasis. Its description of the opportunities and responsibilities of the present situation in Japan has received much confirmation during the past year. Its presentation of the particular advantages and responsibilities of the Reformed Church in North Japan needs only to be supplemented with some new facts.

The general situation in Japan now is more hopeful even than it was a year ago. The Twentieth Century Evangelistic Movement of the year has brought the Gospel to the attention of very many people. Thousands accepted it. Many other thousands were led to think seriously about the way of salvation. Many churches have become stronger and more active. Preaching to unbelievers, though very direct and positive, never fails of an audience. Mr. John R. Mott during his brief visit in Japan last fall led over one thousand students to Christ. The feeling of past years that new Japan needs no religion is rapidly giving way to the belief that some kind of religion, and that one, probably the Christian, is necessary to save Japan from moral ruin. The Educational Department, so long an enemy of Christianity, has become liberal and friendly. Christian schools have now practically a free field.

As for our own work, during the past year there have been more baptisms than during any previous year in the history of our mission. The Tohoku Gakuin has been granted Government status, which exempts students in the Lower Course from military conscription and grants the graduates of this course admission to the entrance examinations of the higher Government schools. Four excellent young men have been added to the number of those who are preparing for the Christian ministry. Six or seven of the Japanese professors in the Tohoku Gakuin now are always ready to take an active part in direct evangelistic work. The number of students in both schools has increased. Our work has enjoyed the strength which comes from harmonious relations between foreign and Japanese workers. To no other mission in Japan, we believe, is there a louder, more urgent call than there is to us in North Japan.

With this call constantly ringing in our ears, and in the midst of our painful limitations in men and equipments, we are constrained to cry to God and to the Home Church for relief.

Of the ten new missionaries called for last year two have been appointed. For this we are thankful to God. But the remaining eight can not be upon the field a day too soon. But equally as pressing now as the need of missionaries is the need of buildings for the schools. The Girls' School is in sore straits for accommodation for its growing classes and its lady teachers. The Tohoku Gakuin needs at once to double its capacity, in order to take advantage of the new opportunities that confront it. The Girls' School ought to have within the next two years \$15,000 for land and buildings, and the Tohoku Gakuin needs \$25,000 for the same purpose. The Girls' School needs a large new recitation and chapel building together with some smaller buildings, and the Tohoku Gakuin requires a building for its Lower Course, another for its Higher Course, a dormitory, and a few small buildings. These schools are not temporary missionary agencies; they must remain an integral and permanent factor in the Christianity of Japan. The Church in Japan will have permanent need of Christian institutions of learning. But if our schools are to be permanent and do good work, they must not try to get along with buildings and equipments that fall far below the standard of the Government schools.

In view of these great opportunities and needs, and in view of the great spiritual blessing that will surely come to the Home Church through a deeper interest in, and greater sacrifice for, the salvation of the unsaved peoples of the world, we respectfully and earnestly make the following appeal to your reverend body:

1. That the Synod set apart a day during its sessions for discussion and prayer in behalf of a great awakening throughout the Church on the subject of her foreign missionary work in Japan and China.

2. That the Synod adopt as its program for the work in Japan the outline presented in last year's statement of the

Mission to the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

3. That the Synod take measures to push to a speedy completion the Kaneko Memorial Fund for the 'Iohoku Gakuin and the Mrs. Christine E. Faust Memorial Fund for the Girls' School.

Bespeaking for the above appeal your most earnest consideration, we subscribe ourselves

Your fellow-laborers in the Gospel,

D. B. SCHNEDER. ALLEN K. FAUST.

HENRY K. MILLER. SADIE LEA WEIDNER.

CHRISTOPHER NOSS. LUCY MARGARET POWELL.

WILLIAM E. LAMPE. B. CATHERINE PIFER.

(Rev. S. S. Snyder on account of absence from Sendai, could not affix his signature.—D. B. S.)

Sendai, Japan, February 6, 1902.

CHINA.

1. About \$2,000.00 are needed for the completion of the mission house property at Yochow, China.

2. A sufficient sum of money for the equipment and running expenses of a hospital at Yochow under the charge of Dr. and Mrs. Beam.

3. Two new lady teachers are asked for, whose salaries would be \$600.00 each.

4. Another medical missionary will soon be needed as the medical work in China is of the greatest importance in order to reach the people with the Gospel.

5. We append herewith a communication from Rev. Mr. Hoy to the General Synod and join with him in asking General Synod to set apart an early day for a special conference on foreign missions.

YOCHOW, HUNAN, CHINA, Oct. 27, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER BARTHOLOMEW.—I am writing to every member of our Board of Foreign Missions and to other brethren in the Church at home with reference to a matter which the Lord has been pressing upon some of us. It is simply this. Let us unite in a circle of prayer in behalf of Foreign Missions. Let us pray

1. That there be a special spiritual preparation for our next General Synod.

2. That General Synod set apart a day for a spiritual conference on Foreign Missions.

3. That in this spiritual conference the Holy Spirit bring home to the conscience of every minister, as a leader of God's people, Christ's original command to evangelize all nations.

4. That General Synod emphasize congregational support of foreign missionaries.

5. That General Synod send out twenty new missionaries,—ten for Japan and ten for China.

As God is so plainly using and blessing other Churches just along these lines, I have faith that there is also a rich blessing in store for us as a Church. God is calling; the way is open; and let us obey in full assurance of love.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM EDWIN HOY.

THE HOME CHURCH.

1. The Board would notify the General Synod that the term of office of the following persons expires at this meeting: Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., P. Greding, D.D., Elders J. L. Lemberger, Ph.M., and Benjamin Kuhns. Those holding over for three years are: Revs. J. I. Good, D.D., Jacob Dahlman, D.D., J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Elders J. Z. Gerhard, M.D., and John W. Apple, Esq.

2. It would request the General Synod to apportion \$50,000.00 annually, believing as we do, that the Church will rise up to this new standard as she is rising up more and more to the measure of her responsibility and ability.

3. It would request General Synod to ask its congregations not to aid independent foreign missions or itinerant missionaries under the care of no Board. The Board needs all the aid it can get from the Churches in order to meet the demands made upon it, and besides many of these missionaries are irresponsible parties and sometimes frauds, thus doing injury to the mission cause by violating the confidence of the people.

4. We ask the General Synod to take suitable action on the quarter century anniversary of the founding of our Foreign Mission in Japan and make this triennium (1902-5) the season for raising \$25,000 (\$1,000 for each year of the quarter century) for buildings, endowments, equipments, etc., in our foreign fields.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES I. GOOD, *President.*

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

From May 1, 1899, to December 31, 1901, inclusive.

		DR.	
1899.			
May 1.	To Balance		\$1,340 71
May 31.	Cash Received	\$5,110 20	
June 30.	“ “	1,807 11	
July 31.	“ “	1,176 00	
August 31.	“ “	529 67	
September 30.	“ “	2,230 61	
October 31.	“ “	5,682 17	
November 30.	“ “	2,003 13	
December 31.	“ “	1,393 92	
		19,932 81	
1900.			
January 31.	“ “	3,883 33	
February 28.	“ “	1,509 17	
March 31.	“ “	1,702 63	
April 30.	“ “	3,829 99	
May 31.	“ “	8,340 48	
June 30.	“ “	2,642 56	
July 31.	“ “	3,386 63	
August 31.	“ “	1,554 62	
September 30.	“ “	1,900 48	
October 31.	“ “	2,341 28	
November 30.	“ “	1,439 68	
December 31.	“ “	899 47	
		33,430 32	
1901.			
January 31.	“ “	3,304 67	
February 28.	“ “	2,256 92	
March 31.	“ “	1,487 00	
April 30.	“ “	6,869 00	
May 31.	“ “	7,812 37	
June 30.	“ “	1,768 65	
July 31.	“ “	3,724 18	

August 31.	Cash Received....	\$1,033 25	
September 30.	“ “	2,700 71	
October 31.	“ “	2,344 30	
November 30.	“ “	3,649 83	
December 31.	“ “	2,808 31	
			<u>39,759 19</u>
			\$93,122 32
To cash proceeds notes May 1, '99, to			
Dec. 31, '99,	\$23,898 39		
To cash proceeds notes Jan. 1, '00, to			
Dec. 31, '00,	56,275 48		
To cash proceeds notes Jan. 1, '01, to			
Dec. 31, '01,	113,983 20		
			<u>\$194,152 07</u>
			\$287,274 39
			<u>\$288,615 10</u>

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1899.			
May 31.	By amount paid.....	\$6,345 76	
June 30.	“	3,164 33	
July 31.	“	6,519 95	
August 31.	“	4,192 40	
September 30.	“	4,886 73	
October 31.	“	4,956 52	
November 30.	“	9,130 21	
December 31.	“	5,568 49	
			<u>44,764 39</u>
1900.			
January 31.	“	6,463 43	
February 28.	“	1,508 36	
March 31.	“	16,616 06	
April 30.	“	8,266 88	
May 31.	“	8,292 09	
June 30.	“	7,023 24	
July 31.	“	4,875 17	
August 31.	“	9,020 07	
September 30.	“	5,409 00	
October 31.	“	5,165 08	
November 30.	“	9,065 10	
December 31.	“	9,655 86	
			<u>91,360 34</u>
1901.			
January 31.	“	2,444 69	
February 28.	“	7,383 37	
March 31.	“	18,092 73	
April 30.	“	11,471 57	
May 31.	“	18,158 29	
June 30.	“	1,005 21	
July 31.	“	10,381 87	
August 31.	“	23,951 94	
September 30.	“	14,055 36	
October 31.	“	12,987 80	

November 30. Amount paid.....	\$20,388 26	
December 31. "	13,698 16	
		<u>154,019 25</u>
		\$290,143 98
Less amounts paid reinvestments India sufferers, etc., not a part of actual expenditures		<u>2,280 18</u>
		\$287,863 80
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer.....	751 30	<u>\$288,615 10</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

SALARIES—FOREIGN.

Rev. Wm. E. Hoy.....	\$4,500 89	
Rev. J. P. Moore, D.D.....	3,710 36	
Rev. D. B. Schneder.....	3,572 82	
Rev. H. K. Miller.....	2,884 08	
Rev. Frederick Cromer.....	1,488 94	
Rev. M. Oshikawa.....	1,429 17	
Rev. Allen K. Faust.....	1,391 28	
Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	2,266 35	
Rev. Wm. E. Lampe.....	2,562 50	
Rev. Christopher Noss.....	3,825 40	
Prof. Paul Lambert Gerhart..	1,933 34	
Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh....	703 26	
Miss Catharine Pifer.....	375 00	
Miss Lena Zurfluh.....	1,384 25	
Miss Lucy Margaret Powell..	837 97	
Miss Sadie Lea Weidner.....	1,050 00	
Miss Mary C. Hollowell.....	400 00	
		<u>34,315 61</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Passage money for sending and returning missionaries. Traveling while in this coun- try. Commission on bills of exchange..	10,164 40
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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Bibles for poor Japan. Girls' School, etc..	722 32
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CHURCH TIDINGS.

Appropriations	891 92
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MISSIONARY INCIDENTALS.

Appropriations	6,387 50
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FOREIGN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

Sendai church and parsonage, new house Sen- dai, Kaneko Memorial, China chapel, Girls' School extension, etc.....	7,228 46
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INSURANCE.

Insurance on Girls School, Ladies Residence, Theological Seminary and Library	408 75
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HOUSE REPAIRS.

Appropriations	153 70
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SCHOOLS.

Miyagi Jo Gakko Appropriation..	\$7,604 16	
Tohoku Gakuin. Appropriation...	<u>9,250 00</u>	
		16,854 16

EVANGELISTIC FUND, Bible Women, Incidental and Chapel Fund. Appropriation.....		13,458 34
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INTEREST.

Caroline G. Weiser, etc.....	<u>761 12</u>	
		\$91,346 28

HOME ACCOUNTS.

SALARIES.

Secretary, Treasurer and Accountant		5,445 89
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CURRENT EXPENSES.

Office Expenses, Secretary and Treasurer, Traveling, Postage, Printing, Stationery, Making out Triennial Statement, etc..	904 60	
Expenses to Synods, Classis, Meetings of Executive Committees, Board Meetings	<u>994 10</u>	
		<u>1,898 70</u>
		7,344 59

VALLEY NATIONAL BANK.

Notes, account of loans		187,800 00
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INVESTMENTS.

Sundry Legacies and Donations		<u>3,653 11</u>
		290,143 98
Less amounts paid for contributions received for reinvestment, India sufferers, etc., not actual expenditures..		<u>2,280 18</u>
		<u>\$287,863 80</u>

RECAPITULATION.

1899.

		DR.		
May 1.	To Balance		\$1,340 71	
	Cash received to Dec. 31, 1901	93,122 32		
	Cash proceeds notes to Dec. 31, 1901.....	194,152 07	<u>287,274 39</u>	
				<u>\$288,615 10</u>
		CR.		
	By cash paid to Dec. 31, 1901 all sources	287,863 80		
	Balance	<u>751 30</u>		
				<u>\$288,615 10</u>
	Proceeds from notes Valley National Bank,	194,152 07		
	Interest paid on notes	847 93		
	Total amount of notes discounted.....	\$195,000 00		
	Running expenses equal to .06 ⁹² / ₁₀₀ per cent. or 7 per cent. minus.			

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
 COUNTY OF LEBANON, } ss.

On this 6th day of May, A.D. 1902, before me the subscriber, Luther Deininger, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, J. K. Raudenbush, who being duly affirmed according to law, says that he is an Accountant, duly qualified as such, that he has examined the books, vouchers, and accounts as hereinbefore stated, and finds the foregoing account to be true and correct in all respects.

J. K. RAUDENBUSH, F. A. A. P. A.,
Accountant and Auditor.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.
 LUTHER R. DEININGER,
Notary Public.

LEBANON, PA., May 3, 1902.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to examine and audit the foregoing accounts of Joseph L. Lemberger, Treasurer, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the same to be correct, and that there is a balance of seven hundred and fifty-one dollars and thirty cents in the Treasurer's hands, as of January 1, 1902. We also examined the securities in his possession, and find the same to be as follows:

Brinker Legacy, School Bond	\$1,650 00
Dechant Legacy, Edison Ill. Co. Bond	100 00
Bucker 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
McCauley Fund, Railroad Bond	500 00
Matilda Craig Donation, Common Bond	500 00
George W. and Agnes Hoffman Donation, Telephone Bond...	1,000 00
Summy Donation, School Bond	100 00
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	\$11,050 00

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,
 JOHN W. APPEL,
Auditors.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THREE YEARS,
 MAY, 1891, TO APRIL, 1893.

	1890.	1891.	1892.
May	\$1,732 46	\$1,825 58	\$1,965 94
June	1,310 59	1,889 58	2,149 74
July	2,730 98	1,349 48	1,858 30
August	401 18	1,203 50	786 00
September	1,704 05	1,827 07	1,453 49
October	1,055 63	1,353 99	1,493 65
November	1,197 62	927 19	1,953 63
December	1,494 00	1,365 07	2,457 60
	1891	1892	1893
January	1,216 06	2,300 91	3,634 12
February	2,855 71	2,685 31	1,874 12
March	2,582 65	1,804 18	1,584 65
April	1,979 39	1,625 73	3,804 28
	\$20,260 32	\$19,357 29	\$25,015 52

Total for three years, \$64,633.03.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE THREE YEARS, MAY, 1893, TO APRIL, 1896.

	1893.	1894.	1895.
May	\$2,084 83	\$6,191 14	\$5,632 45
June	1,339 06	982 47	2,898 87
July	2,851 36	1,546 56	1,237 31
August	1,028 71	821 86	712 09
September	1,228 51	1,504 31	1,289 62
October	2,815 28	3,506 14	2,205 95
November	1,103 35	1,457 43	1,971 32
December	1,360 35	2,636 26	2,036 34
	1894	1895	1896
January	2,620 41	3,569 65	2,001 73
February	2,440 88	1,418 23	1,338 95
March	5,031 81	3,513 47	1,953 07
April	5,749 52	4,560 13	6,576 91
	\$29,654 07	\$31,707 65	\$29,854 61

Total for three years, \$91,216.33.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE THREE YEARS, MAY, 1896, TO APRIL, 1899.

	1896.	1897.	1898.
May	\$4,895 68	\$6,843 20	\$5,901 41
June	1,456 63	1,774 54	1,951 16
July	1,997 60	1,541 72	2,072 46
August	548 70	451 76	555 07
September	1,675 69	1,625 38	1,098 04
October	2,492 57	2,436 99	2,061 25
November	1,219 04	2,284 24	1,275 81
December	1,095.44	1,532 86	906 83
	1897	1898	1899
January	3,446 51	2,330 10	1,883 95
February	1,032 89	*5,643 26	1,533 26
March	1,509 77	2,076 77	1,775 05
April	4,611 40	5,727 84	9,104 08
	\$25,981 92	\$34,268 68	\$30,118 27

Total for three years, \$90,368.87.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE THREE YEARS, MAY, 1899, TO APRIL, 1902.

1899	1900	1901	1902
May ..	\$5,110 20	May ..	\$8,340 48
June ..	1,807 11	June ..	2,642 56
July ..	1,176 00	July ..	3,386 63
Aug. ..	529 67	Aug. ..	1,554 62
Sept. ..	2,230 61	Sept. ..	1,900 48
Oct. ..	5,682 17	Oct. ..	2,341 28
Nov. ..	2,003 13	Nov. ..	1,439 68
Dec. ..	1,393 92	Dec. ..	899 47
1900		1901	
Jan. ..	3,883 33	Jan. ..	3,304 67
Feb. ..	1,509 17	Feb. ..	2,256 92
Mar. ..	1,702 63	Mar. ..	1,487 00
Apr. ..	3,829 99	Apr. ..	6,869 00
Less Legacies & Donations	\$30,857 93		\$36,422 79
	\$ 5,043 79		\$3,958 21
	\$25,814 14		\$32,464 58
			\$47,709 48
			\$5,222 71
			\$42,486 77

Total for three years, \$100,765.49.

INVESTED FUNDS, LEGACIES, ETC., OF THE BOARD, TO
MAY 1, 1902.

	School bonds City of Lebanon, 4 per cent. semi-annually	\$1,650 00
Dechant Legacy. Bueher Legacy. }	Five per cent. first mortgage bond, Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Lebanon Pa., "Dechant" legacy	100 00
	Five per cent. first mortgage bond, Edison Electric Illuminating Co., Lebanon Pa., "Bueher" legacy	500 00
Summy Donation.	Coupon bond, common school district of the city of Harrisburg, Pa., No. 282 (4 per cent.), "Summy" donation.	100 00
Dietz Legacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon City real estate, securing the "Catharine Dietz" legacy \$2,000 00	
	And Alms House 1 cent fund of	1,200 00
	Interest 6 per cent., payable annually	3,200 00
Hiviling Legacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon real estate, securing the "Sarah A. Hiviling" legacy \$2,887 50	
	To which was added of Board's revenue.	112 50
	Interest 6 per cent., payable semi-annually.	3,000 00
Wagner Bequest.	Bequest of Jacob S. Wagner, dec'd, Pottstown, Pa., Mrs. Wagner assuming the responsibility of the interest annually, of 5 per cent.	3,000 00
McCauley Fund.	First mortgage bond, Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad Company, securing the "McCauley Memorial Building Fund," 5 per cent., payable semi-annually	500 00
Matilda Graig Donation.	Common bond, Report Publishing Company, Lebanon Pa., 6 per cent. semi-annually	500 00
Malinda M. Acker Legacy.	Mortgage bond, Lebanon Steam Company, 5 per cent. semi-annually	500 00
Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman Donation. 1st China Mission Fund for Education of Native Ministers 2d China Mission Fund for Education of Native Ministers	United Telephone and Telegraph, 1st mortgage bond, 5 per cent. semi-annually	500 00
	United Telephone and Telegraph, 1st mortgage bond, 5 per cent. semi-annually	500 00
Oberly Legacy.	*Proceeds of 75 shares of the capital stock of Bethlehem Iron Company, Pa., at \$55.00, \$4,125, known as the "Jesse Oberly" legacy. Stock sold February 10, 1898.	

The following are bequests of which we have record of similar character, i. e., (given without condition), and have been consumed in the work, viz:

Aug. 18, 1861.	Bequest of Geo. P. Cook.....	\$265 00
Feb. 27, 1865.	“ “ Eliza Brownback	100 00
Nov. 19, 1885.	“ “ Mrs. Amanda Dietzler	200 00
Sept. 11, 1886.	“ “ John Henry Bookhold	150 00
Feb. 9, 1887.	“ “ Mrs. Annie K. Uhler	950 00
Mar. 28, 1891.	“ “ Daniel Eberhard	500 00
June 15, 1891.	“ “ Elder Daniel Brosier	1,000 00
July 13, 1892.	“ “ Elder Henry Wirt	1,000 00
Dec. 26, 1892.	“ “ John Grossham	30 00
May 18, 1893.	“ “ Sarah Gutelius	50 00
July 3, 1893.	“ “ Jacob and John Kinsey	952 50
Oct. 6, 1893.	“ “ “Bolender” Estate	400 00
Jan. 6, 1894.	“ “ Miss Louise Benner	500 00
Mar. 31, 1894.	“ “ Christian Spriny	100 00
Oct. 9, 1894.	“ “ Jesse Gery	952 50
May 9, 1895.	“ “ Otis and Catharine Barnet	300 00
Mar. 9, 1896.	“ “ John D. Hottel	234 30
Jan. 7, 1897.	Legacy Andrew K. Swartz	1,000 00
Feb. 16, 1897.	“ Mrs. Catharine Erhardt	100 00
June 19, 1897.	“ Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz	75 00
Dec. 14, 1897.	“ Mrs. Elizabeth Reidel, death-bed bequest	50 00
July 25, 1898.	“ Agnes Shultz	50 00
Apr. 15, 1899.	“ Otis Barnet	2,000 00
Sept. 29, 1899.	“ 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.	“ S. H. Bibighaus	1,756 61
Apr. 16, 1900.	“ Malinda M. Acker	500 00
May 14, 1900.	“ Samuel H. Bibighaus	263 67
July 14, 1900.	“ Samuel H. Bibighaus	531 55
Aug. 31, 1900.	“ Sara Musick	1,000 00
Sept. 29, 1900.	“ Lydia Hoy	210 50
Dec. 14, 1900.	“ Lydia Weaver, part	83 33
Feb. 19, 1901.	“ Henry Brown	869 66
Feb. 26, 1901.	Dying Bequest, daughter of Elder C. W. Truxel	26 50
Apr. 6, 1901.	Legacy T. O. Hines	473 00
Apr. 22, 1901.	Donation Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman, 1st.	500 00
June 29, 1901.	Legacy Annie Beamer	120 00
Sept. 16, 1901.	Donation Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman, 2nd,	500 00
Nov. 16, 1901.	Legacy Samuel H. Bibighaus	2,443 73
Dec. 20, 1901.	“ Bernhard Kohl	100 00
Jan. 8, 1902.	“ Frederick Storkmeier	250 00
Feb. 22, 1902.	“ Herman Osthoff	25 00
Feb. 27, 1902.	“ Lydia Weaver, in full	80 48
Apr. 21, 1902.	“ M. J. Brinker	1,498 50

LEBANON, PA., May 6, 1902.

I hereby certify that I have examined and audited the cash books of Treasurer Jos. L. Lemberger, that the statement of the receipts and expenditures was made by me from said books, and that it is true and correct in all its details.

J. K. RAUDENBUSH,
Accountant.

To the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
of the Reformed Church in the U. S. A.

IV. A Plan for an Increase in Benevolence.

In response to item 11 in report on Minutes of General Synod in regard to an increase in benevolence, the following report was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. The report is as follows, to wit:

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

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHEREN: Your committee appointed to formulate a plan less objectionable than the apportionment system, for raising funds to carry on the work of Foreign Missions, begs leave to report that it has earnestly endeavored to perform this duty to your satisfaction. First of all, your committee canvassed the systems of raising benevolent moneys in our Church.

Letters were addressed to the Stated Clerks of all the Classes enquiring which used the apportionment system; whether the charges in the Classes which used this system generally paid the amounts assigned; and if any considerable number paid more than was asked of them; and also whether, in the Classes which used any other system, charges paid more than would have been apportioned to them for this cause.

Forty-eight of the fifty-seven stated clerks replied, but in most cases these replies were based upon the benevolent column in the statistical reports and were not definitely directed to the Foreign Missionary contributions; hence it was impossible to learn how either the apportionment system, or the unorganized plans affected these particular contributions and it became necessary to make all the investigations on the basis of the general benevolence of the Church.

It was found that wherever the apportionment system was used there was a very general satisfaction with it, although it must be confessed that the number of congregations paying more than their apportionment was very inconsiderable, and, in territory where this system was not used the results were not even as good, financially speaking for not one paid more than would have been apportioned.

In the portion of the Church where the system was used, including even those Classes which accepted their apportion-

ment in part only, and in which it was rarely paid, it was found that the benevolent contributions averaged 98 cents per member, whilst in the portion where it was not used the offerings averaged only 60 cents. The average for congregational purposes, however, was \$4.84 and \$4.72 respectively, which seem to show a nearly temporal equality of the congregations.

Another comparison was then instituted, taking into account only three charges which gave the largest sums in each Classis, and it was learned that where the apportionment system was used gifts averaged \$1.61 per member, and only \$1.02 per member were contributed in the Classes which used the other system of alms-gathering. The same people, however, contributed \$5.32 and \$5.00 respectively for home purposes, where again the financial ability more nearly approached equality than was indicated by the benevolent offerings.

A third computation was also made taking, in every Classis, the three charges which contributed the least for the benevolent work of the Church and here again the same result, with changed figures of course, was obtained. In that portion of the Church where the apportionment system prevails it was found that an average of 34 cents per member was given, and where no apportionments were laid only 24 cents per member were paid, whilst at the same time the same people paid for congregational purposes \$3.89 and \$4.84 per member respectively. This latter fact removes the possibility of any greater temporal ability, of the former, to contribute more freely than the latter, for those who gave least to benevolence paid most to defraying congregational expenses, and that with such a large difference as could not have been caused by poverty alone.

It was also learned that the apportionment system was not fully carried out in the Classes which have adopted it, and many of the pastors and people seem to be too indifferent to make earnest efforts to meet the requirements, so that the best results from the apportionment system have not, as yet, been obtained.

Your committee found also, that in the Classes where the apportionment system was not adopted there was no considerable feeling of responsibility for contributing to the benevolent operations of the Church any definite amount approaching even

an apportionment share, which every where should be regarded as the least any people ought to give to the work of the Church.

At the same time your committee recognizes the force of the claim that the free-will character of the alms-offering is not properly emphasized by the apportionment system, and it is noticeable that where this system has succeeded best it has been where the fact of the apportionment was not made prominent and where the appeals were made on the basis of the need of both the giver and the Church, and where more truly educational methods, than those offered by the bare apportionment plan were pursued, evidencing that in a larger degree than is generally believed the Reformed Church is outgrowing the apportionment system as such, and is gradually coming to use that plan as a working basis only.

Two things are clear to your committee, in the present state of the Church: it would be a bad thing to eliminate the good features of the apportionment system; and it would be equally bad to attempt to enforce the adoption of this system where it is not acceptable and understood in its best character. And yet some one plan should obtain in all the Church.

From these considerations your committee is persuaded that any plan adopted by this General Synod, for use in the whole Church, should be sufficiently flexible to afford opportunity for the exercise of all the good qualities of the apportionment system and yet have each congregation and individual in exercising the freedom to give freely and liberally to the support of the work of the Lord as God has prospered them or him, also exercise a proper responsibility of deciding what should be their part in the work undertaken, and as no system will operate itself, provision should be made for the Board to make positive educational efforts to bring the facts and need, rather than mere carefully estimated appeals for funds, to the congregations, and in general, to direct and develop in a systematic way, the benevolence of the Church.

The plan your committee, therefore, proposes is:

- I. That the Board of Foreign Missions shall annually, in time for distribution at the meetings of the Classes, prepare a leaflet, to be put into the hands of every member of the Church,

setting forth the opportunities and actual needs of the whole work; and containing an appeal for specific and individual offerings of an amount from each member, to be not less than a stated minimum sum needed to carry on the work of the Board.

This leaflet should also contain a full statement of the number of students, Bible women, evangelists, teachers and missionaries employed and the number needed together with the probable cost for their support and an appeal to individuals and churches to undertake the support of one or more of such.

2. Each pastor is to distribute these leaflets to all the members of his charge and report the number actually distributed in his annual report to Classis.

3. So soon as practical after the distribution of these leaflets the cause shall be presented and a collection for Foreign Missions shall be taken in every congregation and each consistory or congregation shall then, regularly and guided by the published estimate in the leaflet, assume some definite amount to be raised for the cause of Foreign Missions or designate one or more Sundays when offerings will be given for this cause, as each congregation may have means and grace to do, and each pastor shall at once report to the secretary of the Board the amount raised in the collection and the further plan adopted by his charge. In the annual report to Classis the whole amount contributed by each charge for all the Foreign Mission work including any amount paid in the special work of the Board, shall be separately reported.

4. To provide for the reports to Classes in the foregoing items two columns be added to the statistical tables, headed "Number of Foreign Mission leaflets distributed" and "Amount paid to Foreign Missions."

5. The secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions shall make all judicious efforts to bring individuals, congregations and Classes to undertake the support of workers of all sorts in the foreign field, and report to the Church the result of such efforts in the annual leaflet.

The advantages of this plan are:

a. There will be no conflict with the apportionment sys-

tem; those who favor that plan will simply accept the apportionment as the definite sum they will pay.

b. Those who prefer the apparently more free will form of giving would be brought into a definite system for doing their benevolent work, and all would exercise their freedom by making their own engagements for undertaking their own part in the work of the Church.

c. The Church members will be more fully educated in the work of the Board itself, and consequently be more ready to help it forward.

d. The Board will have a certain means by which it can keep the Church informed of the progress of the work in hand and of the opportunities open for enlarging it.

e. The secretary will be enabled to be more specific in the administration of his office, when he can learn from the statistical tables of each Classis, where his efforts may be particularly helpful.

f. The Church will altogether be able to enter upon its Foreign Mission work with a fuller knowledge and more intelligence of that work which our Lord has especially given us to do.

g. And finally there will be a regular exhibit of the work done at home for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SCHICK,

C. B. SCHNEDER.

V. Report of Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions submitted its report on Tuesday during the afternoon session. It was acted on item by item and finally adopted.

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

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHERN: The following documents have been submitted to your committee:

I. The eighth triennial report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church; the report of the committee appointed to formulate a plan less objec-

tionable than the apportionment system for raising Foreign Mission funds; item 4 of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, 1901, requesting the appointment of an assistant secretary for the Foreign Board, with reference to the needs of the Western Church.

Inasmuch as your honorable body has instructed the committee to prepare a partial report which is to serve as a basis for a spiritual conference on the subject of Foreign Missions, we shall present a brief summary of the work in Japan and China, given in detail in the eighth triennial report of the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. In accordance with the plan of that report we shall consider the evidences of progress first, in the Japanese work; then, in the new mission in China; and finally the status of the home Church in relation to the foreign field.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN.

Could we see with the eye of the Hebrew prophet, we might trace with absolute certainty, the hand of God in the mission work of churches of this generation, no less also, in that of the denomination which we represent. Though we see through a glass darkly, we cannot fail to observe the directions and operations of an all-wise and over-ruling Providence, in the rapid progress of the gospel among the heathen nations, and in the universal admission of the missionaries of the cross into all lands. In the political and economic changes of Japan, some of which, at times, seemed to contradict directly the cause of Christianity, we have numerous proofs of God's mysterious co-operation in the establishment of His Church. The government, at one time suspicious of the effects of the foreign religion on the patriotism of the converts, found in the Christian soldiers of the army the most loyal and trustworthy subjects. Instead of hindering, therefore, the spread of the gospel for political reasons, measures have been taken for the same reasons for a widespread distribution of Bibles among soldiers and citizens. Through the revision of treaties with foreign nations, Japan has been recognized as a member of the (Christian) family of Christian nations. The sense of equality which has thus been

awakened in the Japanese, has in large measure overcome the unfriendly and jealous anti-foreign spirit. The growth of Christian schools was seriously threatened when the government deprived them of their governmental status. These laws, however, have been practically abrogated by the more favorable sentiment of Japanese statesmen. Students in Christian institutions have again received the same recognition as those in governmental schools. Hitherto foreigners were denied the right of holding property in Japan, but, through the late treaties that privilege has been granted to other nationalities, so that the missionary boards are permitted to hold property in their own name.

These changes in the disposition of the government and the leading classes of Japan toward other nations, and especially toward Christian missions, are both a fruit of past labors and a promise of future realizations. When the gospel wins governments, enters the palace of the Cæsars, and shapes the statutes of an empire, then we may hope, in the light of history, that the dawn of a Christian era in that land is approaching. Not only does God work through the persons of the missionaries, but in the larger movements of international politics, commerce and culture He is preparing the way for the coming of the King of Glory.

INTERNAL WORK AND PROGRESS.

God's hand is still more apparent in the internal work and progress of missions during the past three years. The twentieth century was opened with a mighty effort in every part of Christendom, for the evangelization of the world. The motto of the Student Volunteers, "The evangelization of the world in the present generation," indicates the intense zeal for the salvation of souls. We are in the midst of a missionary awakening, which can only be compared with the enthusiasm of apostolic days. The special evangelistic work in Japan has added several thousand to the various churches, and must have sown seed in many hearts, which time alone will ripen. The special services in our mission, with Sendai as a center, were signally blessed. A few statistics will show, so far as figures can, the fruit of our labors. For the last three years 607 more souls have been added to the

Church than in the previous three years. Deducting the losses by death, there has been a net gain of 511 souls. The average attendance at worship is a hundred more than in the previous years. The record of contributions of the native converts shows a marked increase in liberality.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The educational work is full of encouragement and cheer. The Boys' School and the Theological School have not only retained all their old students, but have added 64 new students for the current year, 17 students were baptized the past year, 59 of them have professed Christianity, and the rest are earnest inquirers after salvation in Christ Jesus. The Industrial School has passed its experimental stage and has approved itself by the work it has done. While it has served as a means of temporal support for a number of students, it has guided many also to the unspeakable riches in Christ.

The one apparently unfavorable event in the Japanese work has been the destruction by fire of the building of the Girls' School. It involves personal losses for the missionaries and students, and is necessarily a temporary hindrance to that part of our educational work. The question, however, is not why the Lord has permitted such a disaster to come upon His people, but rather how the Lord's people may advance the interests of the kingdom through adversity as well as prosperity. It has already shown the unquenchable zeal of the missionaries, the friendship of many Japanese citizens, and the general sympathy of the Church at home in this branch of the work abroad. The awakened interest, the exercise of self-denial and liberality in the rebuilding of the school may be of infinitely more value for the spiritual welfare of the Church than the silver and gold dedicated to this cause. We believe that the direction of the Board to rebuild at once was wise and will be sustained by a liberal response from the members of the Church. We have been tried as by fire and, we trust, by our works we shall be approved of God.

THE CHINA MISSION.

China has now become a part of the mission field of the Reformed Church. Missionary Hoy and his family have lo-

cated in the Province of Hunan, Central China. Happily the boxer uprising has not interfered with the missionary operations in that part of the empire. The earnest appeals which come from the devoted pioneers in the new field, not only emphasize our opportunities, but also the responsibilities which we have assumed. Men and means are necessary now for the establishment of the China Mission. Without these, in the near future, the work will linger and be jeopardized. The past year has revealed unexpected interest in the home Church for the new mission. While God has opened doors abroad, he has touched His people's hearts at home. When the die was cast for the China work at the last sessions of the General Synod, there was a natural fear and hesitancy in the minds of the most faithful men of the Church. But the progress made thus far, both in the consecration of men and means to the cause, confirms the belief that the Church was guided by her Great Head in her decision.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT IN THE HOME CHURCH.

The missionary spirit and enthusiasm in the home church has been constantly growing, if it has not kept pace with the widening of the field abroad. The progress of our church in missionary activity becomes all the more apparent when we review the history of the past quarter of a century. A comparison of our work then with our work now, will show cause for special thanksgiving and praise.

The appeal for laborers for the foreign field has been answered by the sons and daughters of Zion. Both the Japan and China missions will be strengthened by the addition of new missionaries. If the plans of the Board are consummated, 1902 will be the banner year for the sending of missionaries to the foreign fields. Three new missionaries are now under appointment, and as many more will return to their fields of labor. Through the plan of specialization classes, congregations and schools have assumed the support of missionaries, evangelists and students. This is doubtless only the first fruit of a more liberal assumption of the burdens of the mission field by organizations and individuals. The contributions of \$3000 for the

house in China, and the gift of half the amount necessary for the house-boat are messengers of hope both to members of this Synod and their constituents.

The women of the Church have not only been praying for the cause but have been persistent in their efforts to support the Girls' school at Sendai. Both the Sunday-schools and the Young People's Societies have been enlisted in mission work and are preparing the rising generation for larger things in this direction.

With the cordial appreciation of the services of the revered secretary of the Board, the Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., who has now been appointed secretary emeritus, we would invoke upon his declining years the blessing of Him who giveth light at evening time. May the twilight of his earthly career in the providence of God, be followed by the dawn of the eternal day, in which men rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

With deep regret we must needs note the resignation of Missionary Cromer from the China Mission and Miss Rohrbach from the Japan Mission. Both these devoted servants were compelled to resign on account of ill health. We are convinced, however, that their labor has not been in vain in the Lord, and that in the home field they may still advance foreign work. We are, likewise, called upon to refer to the death of a member of the Board, Elder J. Y. Dietz, than whom the Reformed Church had no more devoted member. He is dead but still speaks through the innumerable known and unknown benevolences of his heart and hand. Both the Church in this country and the mission in Japan were deeply grieved at the report of the death of Mrs. Christine Elizabeth Faust, who had since her childhood consecrated her life to foreign missions, but whose brief labors in Japan were ended by the mysterious providence to which we bow in the faith that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose.

We rejoice that in the wake of these losses in the Board and on the field, young men and women have come forward to

continue the Lord's work. It is a source of gratification also, that the impaired health of our missionary J. P. Moore and that of his wife, both tried and true servants, has been restored, and that they are about to re-enter the field to which they have given their lives. We furthermore recognize the wisdom of the Board in the choice of the Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., as its permanent secretary of the foreign field, and of Rev. A. V. Caselman as field secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

In the light of these events, of the last triennium of the foreign work and of the evident progress of the work in the course of 23 years, and of the rapid advance of the Gospel among all nations under the leadership of many parts of the Church universal, be it

Item 1. *Resolved*, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States pause in its routine work and devote this 23d day of May, 1902, to lift up hearts and voices in prayer to the Triune God, join fraternal hands in congratulation for the gracious favor of a kind heavenly Father, and under the guidance of the Spirit of Truth determine to advance according to the Master's command, in her great work of redemption.

For the guidance of our devotions, we would ask the prayerful consideration of the special opportunities that have been offered to the Christian Church in the opening of the door of heathen nations to the missionaries of the cross, of the necessity of young men and women to consecrate themselves to this noble work; of the importance of increased devotion and effort on the part of ministers and laymen for the spiritual and temporal sustenance of the missionaries and their work; of the reflex action of the foreign field on the home field; ("Apart from us they should not be made perfect." Apart from them we should not be made perfect); of the union of the whole Church in the furtherance of the work; with a firm and undoubted assurance that Jesus Christ is with us always even unto the end of the age.

The committee suggests that the following order be ob-

served in the conference: The work in Japan with special reference to the Girls' School, time one-half of an hour; the work in China, time one-half of an hour; the status of the home field in relation to the foreign work, one-fourth of an hour. Since we are favored with the presence of Miss Zurfluh, Mr. Gerhard, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore, of Japan, and Mr. Cromer, of China, we would further suggest that they be given an opportunity to make brief reports of their work and answer questions that may be asked by the members of the Synod.

Item 2. *Resolved*, That this Synod recognizes the great loss sustained in the work of the Japan Mission by the death of the wife of Missionary A. K. Faust, Christine Elizabeth Vollmer Faust; that her brief services in this noble cause were highly appreciated by the Church at home, her fellow-laborers on the field and the citizens of Sendai with whom she came in contact; that we bow to the dispensations of providence, in the same faith in which she lived and died; and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to convey the sympathy of this body to the bereaved husband.

Item 3. *Resolved*, That the appointment of three additional missionaries, one for Japan, two for China, including a medical missionary to China, meets the approval of this Synod, and that the responsibility for its prompt fulfilment be laid upon the Board.

Item 4. *Resolved*, That we heartily commend the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, and that we invoke God's blessing upon their work for the coming triennium.

Item 5. *Resolved*, That we are gratified to learn of the legacies and donations received during the past three years by the Board. We would call attention to the record of bequests and donations on page 33 of the Eighth Triennial Report of the Board, and would furthermore refer such acts of benevolence to the attention of the Church for commendation and imitation.

Item 6. *Resolved*, That this Synod approves of the action of the Board for the immediate rebuilding of the Girls' School at Sendai; the buildings to consist of a recitation hall, to be known as a memorial to Christine Elizabeth Faust, and Dormi-

tories in Japanese style, unless the Board would find the plan inexpedient; that the Board with its secretaries, take steps for the raising of the necessary funds; and that the Classes be urged to present the pressing need of this cause to the people through the pastors and elders.

Item 7. *Resolved*, That the Synod recognizes the necessity for the enlargement of the Ladies' Hall for the accommodation of the additional teachers in the Girls' School and that the work of enlargement be referred to the Board for consummation so soon as in their judgment the condition of the treasury will warrant such procedure.

Item 8. *Resolved*, That the special appeals from Japan, mentioned on pp. 19 and 20 of the Report of the Board, viz: A house for Missionary H. K. Miller at Yamagata, to be erected by the Sunday-schools of the Church; the enlargement of the Boys' School, the purchase of a missionary residence at Tokyo, be commended through the Classes to the favorable consideration of the pastors and people, and referred to the Board for fulfilment, only as in their judgment they are imperatively necessary, and as the means are provided for the several purposes by the Church.

Item 9. *Resolved*, That the Synod request the Board to complete the mission house property at Yochow, China, at the estimated cost of \$2,000, that a hospital for the use of Medical Missionary Beam be equipped, and that the importance of both projects be brought before the Church by the Classes through the pastors, and by the secretaries of the Board.

Item 10. *Resolved*, That the request from Missionary Hoy for two lady teachers for China, with a salary of \$600 each, be brought to the attention of the members of the Church by the Missionary Secretaries, that the importance of additional missionaries in China is recognized by the Synod, and therefore, commends the request to the liberality of congregations and individuals.

Item 11. *Resolved*, That the Synod approves the suggestion of the Board to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the foreign mission work in Japan by the Reformed Church in the United States; that during these celebrations an

effort be made to raise a thankoffering of not less than \$25,000 for buildings, endowments, equipments, etc., on the foreign field, that the Board be directed to prepare a plan for such celebration and publish the same at the proper time in the Church papers or in the form of a leaflet, and that the Classes request their pastors to join in these celebrations.

Item 12. *Resolved*, that the Synod endorses the request of the Board to prevent independent foreign missions or itinerant missionaries not under the control of the Board of Commissioners of the Reformed Church, or under any other denominational Board, from receiving aid in the congregations of the Church, and that the Classes be requested to refer this action to the pastors and elders of the congregations.

Item 13. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$45,000, each year for the next three years, be appropriated for the work in Japan and China; and that, as hitherto, the money raised by the Woman's Missionary Society for the support of the Girls' School, be not a part of the apportionment.

The second document referred to your committee was the report of a committee appointed to formulate a plan less objectionable than the apportionment system for the raising of funds for Foreign Missions. After a careful consideration of the plan outlined in the report we submit the following for your consideration and adoption:

Item 14. *Resolved*, That the publication of leaflets, setting forth the condition and needs of the foreign work, to be distributed through the Classes among the members of the Church be left to the discretion of the Board.

Item 15. *Resolved*, That, in the light of the investigations of the committee, showing the superiority of the apportionment system, and the growing favor with which it is received by the Church, this Synod does not see its way clear to introduce any changes at this time and urges all the Classes of the Church to join in this plan for the raising of Foreign Mission funds.

Item 16. *Resolved*, That by the appointment of a Field Secretary by the Foreign Board, the request of the Ohio Synod for an assistant secretary has been practically fulfilled.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. RICHARDS, JOHN E. BOSSERT,
B. BAUSMAN, GEO. F. WENDELL.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The abstract of the report on Foreign Missions was read on Friday morning after which addresses were delivered by Miss L. Zurfluh on the work in Japan, with special reference to the Girls' School; by Rev. F. Cromer, who spoke in regard to the work in China under the supervision and management of Rev. William E. Hoy.

Brief addresses were delivered by Dr. J. A. Beam, of Chicago, who is being sent to China by the Board as its first medical missionary, and by Rev. W. A. Reimert, of Summit Hill, Pa., who becomes the successor of Mr. Cromer in the work in China. During these deliberations Dr. Jas. I. Good was presiding. Special prayers were offered by Revs. Drs. Geo. Stibitz and C. S. Gerhard in behalf of Foreign Missions.

In the consideration of Home Missions Dr. E. R. Eschbach presided. The abstract of the report was read by Rev. Thos. J. Hacker. Brief addresses were delivered on the home work by Revs. D. H. Fouse, of Denver, W. F. Curtis, Kansas City, B. B. Royer, of Chicago, D. B. Lady, New Kensington, Pa., E. S. Hay, of Roanoke, Va., Wm. B. Duttera and A. Carl Whitmer.

The work of the German Board was then presented, Rev. Conrad Hassel presiding. Brief addresses were delivered by Revs. Paul Schnatz, of New York, A. Krampe, of Buffalo, W. F. Horstmeier, of St. Louis, and Henry C. Nott, of Milwaukee.

These deliberations on Mission Work were closed by singing the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

On Wednesday evening shortly before adjournment Rev. Dr. J. P. Moore delivered his farewell address which was followed by several prayers commending the Doctor and his wife to God's keeping, wishing them a prosperous voyage and a safe return to the foreign work in the empire of Japan.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT IN HOME MISSIONS.

In response to item 8 in report on Minutes of General Synod, in regard to the twentieth century movement, the following

report was presented and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the General Synod:

Your committee appointed to aid and direct "The 20th Century Movement of Home Missions," beg leave to report that a meeting was held at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 11, 1899.

There were present Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President of the General Board; Rev. C. Clever, D.D., of Potomac Synod, Rev. A. Kline, of Pittsburgh Synod; Rev. F. Mayer, of Central Synod; Rev. A. Casselman, of the Interior Synod, and Elder Geo. F. Baries, of the Ohio Synod.

The matter committed to us was carefully considered, after which the following action was taken, viz:

Resolved, I. That we challenge the Church to observe Wednesday of the Week of Prayer of 1900 and 1901, as a day of special prayer for Home Missions.

Resolved, II. That a series of thirteen tracts of uniform length be prepared and that 50,000 copies of each be printed and sent out for free distribution, two to be sent each month, beginning with September, 1900.

Resolved, III. That each Synod be requested to appoint a committee of three, one of whom shall be the member of this committee appointed by General Synod; that each Classis be requested to appoint a committee of three, and that each Classis request each consistory of the congregations in the Classis to appoint a committee of three, through whom the tracts to be prepared should be distributed, and a series of Twentieth Century Missionary conventions should be held.

The subjects chosen for the tracts and the persons designed to write them, are as follows, viz:

1. Our Territory.....Rev. John H. Sechler, D.D.
2. Our Past and Present Work.....Rev. John A. Peters, D.D.
3. Our Home Mission Agencies.....Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.
4. The Apportionments.....Rev. Chas. E. Creitz.
5. Our Church-building Funds.....Rev. A. C. Whitmer.
6. Our Bohemian Work.....Rev. A. S. Dechant.
7. Our Hungarian Work.....Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D.
8. Our German Work.....Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D.D.
9. Woman's Work.....Rev. C. Clever, D.D.
10. Our Work in Cities.....Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.
11. Do Missions Pay?.....Elder Geo. F. Baries.
12. Systematic Giving.....Rev. A. V. Casselman.
13. The Blessedness of Giving.....Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.

We herewith present a copy of these several tracts, as prepared and distributed.

The German Boards were requested to prepare or translate suitable tracts for the German congregations of the Church.

Every member of the Church was to be challenged in some way to give a thank offering, over and above what would be his or her part of the regular apportionment.

Through articles in the church papers and by personal efforts, the several members of your committee, encouraged the holding and aided in conducting missionary conventions; the preaching of missionary sermons, and as opportunity presented sought in various ways to promote the work, we trust with good, practical results.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH,
A. K. KLINE,
C. CLEVER,
C. J. MUSSER,
FRED 'K MAYER,
A. E. DAHLMAN.

May, 1902.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the beginning of the sessions the President appointed Rev. Dr. Henry M. Herman to convey the fraternal greetings of Synod to the Woman's Missionary Society holding its sessions at present in the Third Reformed Church in this city.

The following report was read and adopted:

Your delegate to whom was given the pleasant duty of conveying the greetings of the General Synod to the Woman's Missionary convention of the General Synod in session in this city attended to the duty assigned on Wednesday afternoon, 21st inst.

Your delegate was cordially received and in return was requested to express the convention's appreciation of the courtesies extended with the assurance of an abiding interest in and prayers for the prosperity of our beloved Church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. HERMAN.

I. BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Members whose term expires May, 1905.

Rev. John Bachman, D.D.	Rev. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.
Rev. Thos. J. Barkley, D.D.	Elder James T. Reber,
Rev. John J. Leberman, D.D.	Elder Geo. W. Stein.

Members elected at this session whose term expires May, 1908.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.	Rev. C. E. Miller, D.D.
Rev. P. H. Dippell, D.D.	Elder F. G. Hobson,
Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D.	Elder C. M. Boush.

II. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Members whose term expires May, 1905.

Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.
Rev. James I. Good, D.D.	Elder John W. Appel, Esq.
Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D.D.	Elder J. Z. Gerhard, M.D.

Members elected at this session whose term expires May, 1908.

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.	Rev. C. Hassel,
Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D.	Elder J. L. Lemberger,
Rev. E. P. Herbruck, D.D.	Elder B. Kuhns.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The following report of the Board of Directors of Orphan Homes was read on the second day of the sessions and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, with the exception of the vacancies occurring on the Board, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations.

I. Report of the Board of Directors on Orphan Homes.

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

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Orphan Homes herewith submit to you the following report, covering the last three years. Our homes are three: Bethany, at Womelsdorf, Pa., Rev. T. M. Yundt, superintendent; St. Paul's, at Butler, Pa., Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., superintendent; and Fort Wayne, at Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. B. Ruf, superintendent.

The superintendents have sent in their respective reports very promptly, so that we are not left in uncertainty. We are happy to say that the last three years in our three Homes have been years of great prosperity. Those directly connected with our orphans are all at their posts, and cheerfully at their work.

Our last report to you three years ago, was a message of

sorrow, especially as regarded the Fort Wayne Home and St. Paul. At this time, Bethany seems to stand foremost in affliction—one of its Board of Managers, W. R. Lawfer, of Allentown, always active in the good cause, was called away; also two members of the Ladies' Committee, viz: Mrs. Th. Steckel and Mrs. S. A. Butz, both also of Allentown. Besides these, the Lord has gathered from the same Home, into His bosom four orphans.

Fort Wayne reports the death of two orphans, and yet, our Homes enjoyed, in general, good health, which in part at least, must be attributed to their excellent sanitary locations.

In all these reports stress is laid on the religious and moral training of our orphans. As a natural result, at the proper age, they are not only by confirmation received into the full communion of the church, but are received, at their own earnest request. Bethany confirmed fifty orphans; Fort Wayne, twenty-three.

Besides this, our orphans are also carefully educated, intellectually and physically, so as in due time to go forth into the world, well armed, to fight the battle of life. Our Homes are now of such an age that glorious results in that direction have been attained. One of our superintendents writes: "The children are known as intelligent, diligent and faithful workers. Applications for children from the Home, especially for girls, come almost daily over the 'phone and by letter."

The present number of our orphans is as follows: Bethany, 130; St. Paul, 94; and Fort Wayne, 68; in all 292. During three years, each Home has continually received and also dismissed inmates; so that the actual number of orphans who were benefited by the Homes far exceeds the number in residence there at this date.

Within the last three years, in the three Homes, manifold and great improvements were made. Any individual, owning even but a small home comparatively, knows what continual expenses must be met to resist decay, and meet new wants. To try to save where true needs appear is often in the end nothing short of waste. Besides, a place claiming that dearest name—Home—must be orderly and in all respects attractive.

To its other conveniences, Bethany has added a building which serves for a play-house and mechanical training for boys, also a much-needed school-house, now nearly completed.

During the last three years, legacies and special donations were received for Endowment Fund, amounting to \$17,040.84. So that the whole Endowment Fund of the Home amounted to \$23,650.06.

It was decided by the Board to use some of the undesignated legacies of the Endowment Fund toward the erection of the school building. The building will be a noble monument to the memory of the donors, erected for a high and noble purpose. The amount thus applied is \$8,950.63, and the remaining endowment is the sum of \$14,766.51. This amount does not include a legacy of seventy-six shares of Thomas Iron Co. stock, par value \$50 per share.

The pecuniary account of Bethany, for the last three years is thus stated: General contributions, \$29,125.17; interest from Endowment Fund, \$3,185.91; anniversary receipts, \$4,841.29; from all other sources, \$1,753.59. With a balance in the treasury (April 25, 1899), of \$1,248.36, amounting in all to \$40,154.32. General expenses, \$33,695.28; permanent improvements, \$2,823.07; amounting to \$36,518.35, leaving a balance of \$3,635.97.

This Home depends largely on the annual Christmas contributions and on the popular Bethany Rally Day, filling the Home annually with friends to an overflow, is fraught on all sides with special encouragement, even apart from needed tangible support.

Apart from the above named buildings, the surroundings of the famous spring have been improved and beautified—a spring house and a pavilion near by, put up. Also a new heating system installed in the main building; and the Home connected with the long distance telephone.

St. Paul, having more indentured orphans than their income can support, is hampered with a debt of \$6,000. Their endowment is \$9,000. Their last Christmas offerings amounted to \$4,400. From this fact we infer that St. Paul has good and able friends, who will still be “a present help in time of need.”

Fort Wayne built a shed to protect farming utensils, 56 by 28 feet, at a cost of \$400; secured a steam laundry at a cost of \$1,000. Also introduced steam heat in the main building costing \$2,000, to which one man donated \$1,000. Farming implements conveyances and gears were bought; papering was done, as also much painting in and on the outside of the buildings.

The total receipts towards expenditures (including two \$1,000 gifts), were \$29,677.86. The expenditures were \$28,169.76 leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,508.10. Their debt of \$8,000 is reduced to \$3,100, and have increased their endowment fund, from \$1,750 to \$3,500. To all this we say: Well done!

The term of office of two members of our Board expires with this present Synodical meeting—that of Rev. Henry Mosser, D.D., and Elder Christian Goss.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI KELLER, *Pres.*

H. MOSSER, *Sec'y.*

Rev. H. Mosser, term expires 1902.

Elder Christian Goss, term expires 1902.

Elder Jacob Rader, term expires 1905.

Rev. Eli Keller, D.D., term expires 1908.

Elder Horace Aukenev, term expires 1908.

II. Report of Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented its report on Tuesday during the morning session, which was received and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee begs leave to report the following:

Four papers were placed in our hands, namely:

I. The report of the Board of Directors of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa.

II. The report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

III. The report of Fort Wayne Orphans' Home.

IV. The report of General Synod's Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes.

The reports of the different Homes for the orphans are very satisfactory and highly gratifying. Your committee begs to say that inasmuch as the report of General Synod's Board of Directors, (which will appear in full in the printed Minutes of Synod) calls attention to everything in the reports of the three Orphan Homes necessary to be emphasized, your committee does not think it expedient to repeat what the report of the Board of Directors has already said so well.

All these Homes are evidently in a prosperous condition, doing a noble Christian work, and are exceedingly well managed by those who enjoy the privilege and grace to be in charge of them. They are all growing, and the increased liberality of the Church will assuredly follow their growth. We recommend the following resolution for your action:

Resolved, That this General Synod heartily commends the Orphans' Homes of the Church to the earnest prayers and liberal support of all our Classes, pastors, consistories and people.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MARTYN KIEFFER, *Chairman*,

C. M. HARTZELL,

B. RUF,

A. V. EBERHART,

JOHN REINOLD.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHAN HOMES.

Member whose term expires 1905: Elder Jacob Rader.
Members whose term expires May, 1908: Rev. Eli Keller, D.D.,
Elder Horace Aukenev. Members recently elected, whose term
expires 1911: Rev. S. A. Leinbach, Elder C. G. Gross.

III. Triennial Report of the Deaconess Home at Cleveland, Ohio.

To the Reverend Members of the General Synod in the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: Ten years of prayer and work and blessings from our Father in heaven elapsed since the Conference of Reformed ministers in Cleveland, Ohio, at which it was earnestly suggested to employ deaconesses for nursing the sick and to comfort the poor in our congregations. We are filled with gratitude to the Lord for His continued blessings and express

our cordial thanks for the help friends were moved to render.

The present enrollment of deaconesses are twelve (Anna Hofer, Louise Matter, Thekla Weitman, Mathilde Feutz, Elise Ehram, Mary Powell, Jeanette Waas, Elisabeth Wolters, Marie Weber, Lena Hossmann, Marie Krumm and Annie Matter) of which number four are ordained sisters, consecrated according to the order of General Synod.

During the ten years of this Christian work of charity, we gave care to 1,315 men, women and children, representing 29,178 days of service. Besides visiting upwards of 1,700 sick people at their homes and distributing clothing, means, etc., to the poor. One-fifth of our work is charity work.

The receipts during the ten years amounted to \$52,697.32, and the expenditures to \$52,093.42. We see the Lord was with the society and prospered its work. The feeble and almost insignificant beginnings have developed into the present Bethesda Deaconess House, already rich in benevolent works and an effective power for good among the afflicted, and those in sore distress.

The present most urgent needs are: First, more sisters or deaconesses, young women imbued with the love of Christ are invited to come and make this their life-work.

Secondly, we need more room, both for the patients and the sisters. For the third time we have to extend our walls. Circumstances and necessities ask us to take again a step forward and our trust and prayer is that God will help us and prepare the hearts of Christlike people to lend us a helping hand in this noble work of Christian love and charity.

Asking for the prayers of the members of our Reformed Church and the recommendations of the General Synod to our beloved daughters of our Church to enter this work of Christian benevolence, we are

Respectfully,

J. H. C. ROENTGEN,

Supt. of the B. D. House, Cleveland, O.

In connection with the adoption of this report the following action was taken:

Resolved, That General Synod receives the report concerning the office of Deaconess with feelings of gratification and that

it commends the institution to the prayers and support of the Church.

DEACONESS HOME, ALLIANCE, OHIO.

The fourth item in the report on Overtures concerning the Reformed Deaconess and Hospital Association, of Alliance, Ohio, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Peter S. Kohler, Frank H. Fisher and Elders Bridenbaugh and N. D. Hay, who presented the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

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

DEAR BRETHREN: The first annual report of the Reformed Deaconess Home and Alliance Hospital was placed into the hands of your committee for consideration. This new beginning in the English branch of the Reformed Church has made its favorable impression. We therefore heartily commend this work of deaconesses to all the Classes and consistories and request their earnest prayers and support for the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

P. S. KOHLER, *Chairman.*

IV. Communication from Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in Triennial Session in Baltimore, Md.

DEAR BRETHREN: In response to the action of the General Synod of Tiffin, Ohio, May, 1899, touching the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows, (See page 114, of Minutes of said Synod), the Society at its last annual meeting held at Huntingdon, Pa., October 15, 1901, adopted the accompanying paper, which is herewith laid before your reverend body.

Yours very truly,

T. F. HOFFMEIER,

Sec'y Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.
Baltimore, Md., May 20, 1902.

WHEREAS, There has been an expressed desire in certain portions of the Church to have this Society brought under the direct management of General Synod, and

WHEREAS, The interest represented by it contemplates the welfare of the whole Church we have carefully studied the situation, and what would be involved in the transfer of the Society's affairs to General Synod, and find that serious legal difficulties are in the way of such transfer; that the funds in hand have come largely from the territory within whose bounds the present active membership resides, and that the same is true as to the annual contributions that come into our treasury, while our distributions are made over the whole Church, wherever there is need, conditioned only by the limitations of our charter, and the funds we have to dispense; that there is no discrimination, and hence there can be no improvement in the application of our funds, and

WHEREAS, The business of the Society must be transacted annually, while General Synod only meets triennially and therefore a Board would have to be created to administer its affairs, the traveling and other expenses of which would draw materially upon the funds of the Society; and that such Board could only do the work that is now done by the present management without such increased expenses, and

WHEREAS, As at present constituted, the funds in hand are as sacredly guarded, the claims of the needy are as promptly heeded and relieved, and the interests of the whole Church as well protected and promoted, as they could be under any other arrangement, and at less expenditure of time and money, therefore,

Resolved, I. That we see no good reason for the further agitation of this question; and further, we believe that injury rather than benefit would result from taking the management of its affairs out of the hands of its tried friends.

Resolved, II. That as a medium of direct communication between this Society and the Synods, Classes and congregations of the Church, the office of Solicitor has been created, who through the press, by public statement and personal intercourse with pastors and people, shall represent and interpret the Society to them.

Resolved, III. That in connection with the meetings of the several Synods and Classes the Solicitor shall as far as practic-

able arrange for one or more meetings of the members of the Society, who shall be in attendance, for conference and the promotion of mutual interest in the cause.

Resolved, IV. That he shall encourage the creation of standing committees, by such meetings, who shall represent the interests of the Society in their territory, and from whom we shall be glad to welcome suggestions and information relative to applicants.

Resolved, V. That if practicable, he shall arrange to hold one or more sessions of the Society in connection with each General Synod for the discussion of its claims and interests, and for the promotion of Christian fellowship.

The foregoing report was adopted.

V. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

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

A Triennial Statement, giving the receipts and expenditures and financial condition of the Society. The period of time is from May 1st, 1899, to May 15th, 1902.

RECEIPTS FROM COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

EASTERN SYNOD.		Juniata Classis	\$208 97
Lebanon Classis	\$ 314 42	Virginia Classis	195 00
Schuylkill Classis	325 00	Carlisle Classis	168 66
Lancaster Classis	224 18	Zion's Classis	132 60
Reading Classis	212 36	Mercersburg Classis	129 85
Philadelphia Classis	185 27	North Carolina Classis..	2 20
East Penna. Classis.	169 36		-----
Tohickon Classis	130 00		\$1,571 34
Goshenhoppen Classis . . .	130 00		
E. Susquehanna Classis..	109 21		
W. Susquehanna Classis..	100 19		
Lehigh Classis	82 00		
Wyoming Classis	77 98		

	\$2,086 97		
POTOMAC SYNOD.			
Maryland Classis	\$ 519 79	Clarion Classis	\$ 267 17
Gettysburg Clasis	214 27	Somerset Classis	129 70
		St. Paul's Classis.	124 69
		Westmoreland Classis ..	120 41
		Allegheny Classis	53 00

			\$694 97

OHIO SYNOD.

Tuscarawas Classis \$	93 55
Miami Classis	67 44
Eastern Ohio Classis	54 23
Lancaster Classis	37 50
St. Joseph's Classis	33 40
Tiffin Classis	26 75
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	\$312 87

CENTRAL SYNOD.

St. John's Classis \$	203 65
Erie Classis	66 09
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	\$269 74

NORTHWEST SYNOD.

Missouri Classis \$	88 60
Nebraska Classis	65 00
Heidelberg Classis	42 18

Sheboygan Classis	\$8 00
Chicago Classis	2 00
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\$205 78

INTERIOR SYNOD.

Illinois Classis \$	73 44
Iowa Classis	61 17
Kansas Classis	20 12
Wichita Classis	18 65
Lincoln Classis	10 72
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\$184 10

GERMAN SYNOD OF THE
EAST.

West New York Classis . . \$	99 00
New York Classis	27 75
German Phila. Classis . . .	5 00
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\$131 75

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Total from Eastern Synod	\$2,086 97
Total from Potomac Synod	1,571 34
Total from Pittsburgh Synod	694 97
Total from Ohio Synod	312 87
Total from Central Synod	269 74
Total from Northwest Synod	205 78
Total from Interior Synod	184 10
Total from East German Synod	131 75
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	\$5,457 52
Interest on investments	\$6,210 05
Royalty on Church Hymnal	6,041 89
From Bequests	4,242 50
From individual Gifts	1,756 16
Pittsburgh Synod special	1,050 00
Miscellaneous	500 19
Royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal	320 00
Daniel Stine Memorial Home	1,599 20
Loans Paid	11,700 00
Cash in Treasury May 1, 1899	2,366 89
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Total amount of receipts \$41,244 40

EXPENDITURES.

Eastern Synod,	34 ann.....	\$3,529 50
Potomac Synod,	11 ann.....	1,600 00
Pittsburgh Synod	4 ann.....	1,925 00
Ohio Synod,	9 ann.....	1,180 00
Interior Synod,	5 ann.....	655 00
Northwest Synod,	3 ann.....	365 00
Central Synod,	2 ann.....	275 00
East German Synod,	2 ann.....	175 00
	70	<u>\$9,714 50</u>

Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	\$2,899 24
Sundry expenses	1,726 14
New investment	22,908 86
Cash in Treasury May 15, 1902.....	3,995 66
Total amount of expenditures.....	<u>\$41,244 40</u>

INVESTED FUND.

Bonds	\$28,800 00
Real Estate Mortgages	19,835 00
Penna. R. R. Stock	1,099 85
Promissory Note	870 00
	<u>\$50,604 85</u>

ASSETS.

Invested Fund	\$50,604 85
Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	10,000 00
Cash in Treasury May 15, 1902.....	3,995 66
Total amount of assets.....	<u>\$64,600 51</u>

The Society has a membership of three hundred and thirty-one life and twenty annual members. At this date eighteen ministers and thirty-nine widows of ministers are receiving financial aid and are found within the bounds of each Synod. The list of the needy ones is growing larger year by year.

Any minister of the Reformed Church in good standing may become a member of the Society. Sixty-five dollars in one or more payments purchases a life, and five dollars initiation fee and three dollars annual dues will make a contributing or annual member.

The Society gives aid only to the minister who is a member, and the widow of a minister if in need.

The officers of the Society are: Rev. J. David Miller, president, Duncannon, Pa.; Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D., vice-president, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeier, secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.; Rev. Simon S.

Miller, treasurer, Frederick, Md.; Rev. E. R. Eeschbach, D.D., Frederick, Md., Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Jefferson, Md., assessor.

The Daniel Stine Memorial Home for Aged Ministers, their Wives and the Widows of Ministers at Myerstown, Pa., is the property of the Society, and is controlled by a board of managers chosen by the Society. The officers are, Rev. J. David Miller, president, Duncannon, Pa.; Rev. M. O. Noll, secretary, Carlisle, Pa.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, treasurer, Frederick, Md.; Rev. H. J. Welker, superintendent, Myerstown, Pa.

VI. Report of the Special Committee on Ministerial Relief.

This report was read on the eighth day of the sessions and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Special Committee on Ministerial Relief would respectfully report that the following items have been referred to it:

Item 1. The report of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, from May 1st, 1899, to May 15th, 1902.

Item 2. The action of the Society in response to the resolution of the last General Synod requesting the Society to take under advisement the wish of Synod for a closer and more direct relation with the Synod, and make such larger provision in its plan of administering its charities as shall command the largest and fullest measure of sympathy from the whole Church.

Item 3. An overture from Iowa Classis.

Item 1. The report of the Society indicates receipts during this period:

From contributions of the churches.....	\$ 5,457 52
From individual gifts	1,756 16
Royalty on Church and Sunday-school Hymnal.....	6,361 89
From bequests	4,242 50
Interest on investments	6,210 05
Other sources	1,550 19
Loans paid	11,700 00

EXPENDITURES.

Seventy annuitants	\$ 9,714 50
Other expenses and new investment.....	27,534 24
Balance in Treasury May 15th, 1902.....	3,995 66

Their invested funds amount to \$50,604.85, and the total amount of its assets is \$64,600.51.

The Synod congratulates the Society on its continued growth and efficiency and commends anew to the Church this

worthy charity and urges the necessity of giving it a more prominent place in the benevolences of the Church.

Item 2. WHEREAS, The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows affords relief only to those who are life or annual members, and

WHEREAS, The Charter and By-Laws of said Society prohibit any minister who is not a member from becoming a beneficiary of its funds, and

WHEREAS, There are a number of ministers who have served the Church long and well who are in need, therefore

Resolved, That the General Synod suggests the following plan for the consideration and action of the Society:

1st. In order to preserve the Charter requirements and rights of the members of the Society an arrangement be made by which the present life members and annual contributing members be constituted a preferred class of membership the income from the present endowment of the Society to be appropriated to the uses of such members as their needs may require in accordance with the regulations of the Society.

2d. That the Society be requested to receive offerings and endowment funds from the Church at large and distribute the same or use the income of the same as the donors may desire for the benefit of any needy ministers in good and regular standing in the Reformed Church in the United States though not members of the Society, to be proportioned according to the necessities of the case, and the funds at hand for the purpose.

3d. In order that a closer relation may be established between the General Synod and the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, the General Synod create a permanent committee of eight members, one from each Synod, who shall co-operate with the present Executive Board of the Society for the securing of funds and the disposition of the same as provided for in item 2.

Item 3. The General Synod recognizes the generous purpose of the Classis of Iowa in its overture requesting that some provision be made through the Society for the Relief of Ministers or through some other society that might be established to care for ministers of ten years' service or longer, by what the

Classis terms pensioning of them, but the proposed object does not appear to this Synod to be either feasible or practicable and therefore the General Synod does not see its way clear to comply with the request.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Ü. WOLFF,
H. M. KIEFFER,
JOHN W. LOVE,
JOHN W. APPEL,
GEO. F. WENDEL.

A motion was made by Dr. Jas. I. Good that a committee be appointed to devise a plan for the organization of a society for relief of ministers under the direct supervision of General Synod, which was adopted. The committee consists of Revs. Dr. Jas. I. Good, H. S. Gekeler, C. F. Kriete and Elders B. Y. Shearer and W. P. Seibert.

VII. Young People's Societies.

The Standing Committee on Societies presented the following report which was adopted. It reads as follows, to wit:
To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Your committee begs to report that there were referred to it two requests or petitions, both of which come from the Ohio Synod.

The first of these requests the General Synod to establish and authorize a denominational reading course for our Young People's Societies.

The second requests the General Synod to adopt a statistical blank for Young People's Societies, similar to that in use in the Ohio Synod.

It is not necessary for us to emphasize the need of a directing hand in the reading of the young, further than to say that while many reading courses have been provided by other denominations and organizations, one provided by our Church for our own people would afford us an opportunity to give instruction in our own denominational literature and history which no other could furnish. By action of the General Synod three years ago

provision was made for such a course, and the Sunday-school Board has already begun to supply this need.

As Young People's Societies have become permanent institutions in our Church, and are carrying forward a work whose importance has become to be generally recognized, it cannot be otherwise than a satisfaction, and also an incitement to further activity, to be able to read the tabulated statistics of these several organizations.

In view of this your committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the societies for young people be called through the Classes to the denominational reading course which the Sunday-school Board by express direction of General Synod is now preparing.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the General Synod be instructed to prepare and have printed blanks for the statistical report of Young People's Societies similar to that in use in the Ohio Synod, (a copy of which is hereby submitted) said blanks to be printed separately, and that the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be instructed to forward one of these blanks to each pastor prior to the annual meeting of their respective Classes.

Resolved, That a summary of these statistics be printed in the report of the proceedings of the District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEIGHTON GERHART,
CHARLES H. COON,
J. FROUD WHITESELL,
J. J. GRUBER.

VIII. Literature for Young People's Societies.

In response to item 11 in report on Minutes of English Classes, the following report was presented and adopted.

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

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN: Your special committee to which was referred item 11 of the report on Minutes of English Classes, and item 1 of the report on Young People's So-

cieties, begs leave to submit the following for your consideration :

After careful investigation we would respectfully call the attention of General Synod to its action at Dayton, 1896. Minutes, p. 149.

Resolved, That these societies be requested to co-operate with the several Boards which now have in charge the educational work of the Church."

Again to the action of General Synod at Tiffin, 1899, Minutes, p 181.

Resolved, That General Synod gives hearty endorsement to the denominational reading course for teachers and young people as proposed by the Sunday-school Board, and looks forward with great interest to this part of the editorial department of the Board's work."

Also to the clause in the charter, viz: "Said corporation is formed for the purpose of organizing, assisting and extending Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to prepare, publish and disseminate all such Sunday-school literature as may be authorized by the General Synod," etc.

Your committee finds an apparent contradiction between the terms of the charter, viz: "All such Sunday-school literature" and the resolutions of General Synod at Dayton, 1896, viz: "The several Boards which have the educational and benevolent work of the Church," and the resolution at the Synod of Tiffin, 1899, viz: "A reading course for teachers and young people's societies."

According to the last two resolutions the terms of the charter which refer only to Sunday-school Literature, seem to be transgressed, when the educational work for the Young People's Societies was assigned to the Sunday-school Board.

We therefore recommend the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That General Synod recognizes the wisdom of permitting the Sunday-school Board to publish and deal in materials for the use of the Young People's Societies.

2. *Resolved*, That the attention of Philadelphia Classis be called to General Synod's action at Dayton, 1896, Minutes 149, and at Tiffin, 1899, Minutes 181.

In regard to the item referred to in report on Young People's Societies and their work, we recommend that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. WETTACH,
GEO. W. RICHARDS,
U. O. H. KERSCHNER.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The triennial report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to Synod and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools. The following is the report:

I. Report of the Sunday-school Board.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, Baltimore, Md., May 20, 1902:

The Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church, with devout gratitude to God for the manifold blessings vouchsafed during the past three years, presents to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States this, its Fifth Triennial Report, covering the years beginning May 1, 1899, and closing April 30, 1902.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires with this meeting of Synod:

REV. C. S. GERHARD, D.D., Eastern Synod.
REV. A. E. BAICHLY, D.D., Ohio Synod.
REV. C. CLEVER, D.D., Potomac Synod.
REV. A. E. DAHLMAN, D.D., German Synod of East.
REV. C. F. KRIETE, Northwest Synod.
REV. D. H. FOUSE, Synod of Interior.

WORK OF THE BOARD.

The triennium just closed has been one of prosperity, in which all the departments have been privileged to participate. We present first a summary, followed by a more detailed statement of the several departments.

The Sunday-school and Missionary Department.—This is a distinct department, whose work is the extension and eleva-

tion of Sunday-schools: (1) Missionary, organizing new schools and aiding weak and destitute ones; (2) educational, advancing the standard of the school as an educational institution.

Fifteen missionaries, six of whom were theological students, have been employed. Through their labors ten new schools were organized, three reorganized, and a number of existing schools were aided. Seven congregations have grown out of the new schools organized, and in six congregations religious services have been re-established. More than one hundred schools were aided with Grants of Literature.

The educational work of this Department has relation to the elevation and training of existing schools. It is performed directly by the General Secretary of the Board. It is carried on by addresses, correspondence, the preparation and distribution of circulars, leaflets, and literature through the co-operation and work of synodical Sunday-school boards, classical Sunday-school committees, conventions, etc.

The total receipts of the Missionary Fund for the last three years were \$9,146.93.

An annual offering from the Sunday-schools on Children's Day is the chief source of income. A certain proportion of the earnings of the Business Department is appropriated annually for this missionary work. Full information concerning the work of this Department will be found on pages 8-19.

The Editorial Department issued during the last three years sixteen new publications and also six reprints of former editions, eight Sunday-school requisites, and eleven manufactured articles or material for the Sunday-school. The number of periodicals published was thirteen: nine lesson helps and four illustrated papers. The publication of one new quarterly, the *Junior Scholar's Quarterly*, designed for children between the ages of nine and twelve, was begun January 1, 1899. It is contemplated to commence the publication of a lesson book for little beginners in September.

Our Sunday-school literature continues to take a high rank, and has increased in circulation. The total issue of our periodicals, weekly, monthly, and quarterly, has increased from

277,160, April, 1899, to 319,220, April, 1902. The circulation has more than doubled since the Board took charge in July, 1896. Full information concerning all the publications can be found on pages 23-24.

All the new publications have had an encouraging sale. This is notably the case with the Sunday-school Hymnal, the third edition of which brings the total issue to 75,000 copies. Great credit for the excellence of this book is due to the original committee having in charge its compilation. More than 2,000 copies of the Primary Sunday-school Hymnal, published within the last three months, have been sold.

The Business Department closed the year with net profits amounting to \$12,403.85 for the three years. Of this sum \$2,121.55 has been placed to the credit of the Sunday-school and Missionary Department. The appropriation from the earnings for the last fiscal year has not yet been made. The balance will be added to the capital. Complete information concerning the work of this Department can be found on pages 25-26.

The relation of the several Departments of the Board.—It is important to have a clear conception of the Board's work. The organization of the Board contemplates, first of all, the business of Christian literature, but the ultimate reference even of this business is missionary. Like the Sunday-school itself, the Board is a great missionary organization, missionary in its conception, missionary in its character, and missionary in its operations. The three Departments, as a whole, are a great educational, informing, and indoctrinating institution, all emphatically missionary in their operations. Its publications are a mighty factor in promoting the kingdom of Christ. Its peculiar and distinctively missionary work is founded upon the principle that young people who are in the possession of Christian privileges should take a special interest in young people who do not possess them. In other words, the administration of the Business and Sunday-school and Missionary Departments is essentially a Sunday-school movement. It is a work of Sunday-schools for Sunday-schools. For this reason there is pre-eminent fitness in receiving the offerings of schools on Children's Day for the cause of Sunday-school Missions.

Children's Day is for the children. Therefore, the offerings of that day should go to the rescue of children. The uplifting and improvement of teaching and methods in Sunday-school work should be associated with the spirit of Christian missions.

The Business Department furnishes the Supplies and is in touch with the school. Its machinery helps the Sunday-school and Missionary Department to secure the necessary funds, while the Sunday-school and Missionary Department carries the literature with a living presence and voice to the homes and hearts of the people. The two Departments are necessary one to the other. Were there no Sunday-school and Missionary Department, the Business Department could not reach the children who are most in need. Were there no Business Department, the Sunday-school and Missionary Department would have no Supplies. Were not the offerings made on Children's Day, the fundamental and easily understood idea of children working for children could not properly be set forth. As in other denominational boards, these two Departments work together, but are distinct and separate in their treasuries and administration.

THE GENERAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

It is well to note the aim of our general Sunday-school work. It may be stated as follows:

AIM.

I. *The organization of new Sunday-schools.*—The field of this work is within the bounds of every Classis and in "the regions beyond." The Church ought to have more Sunday-schools.

II. *The growth of existing Sunday-schools.*—Under our Twentieth Century Movement many of our schools have greatly increased in numbers. The movement has shown something of the possibilities of enlargement that lie at the door of nearly every school. Our Church needs larger schools.

III. *The introduction and organization in all schools of the Home Department and the Cradle Roll.*—The schools must not be limited to those who attend the sessions of the main school. Our schools ought to expand.

IV. *The improvement of methods of Sunday-school work.*—It is within the limits of truth to say that there is room for improvement in every Sunday-school. If this is true of the best school, what must be true of the others? Our Church needs better Sunday-schools.

V. *Teacher training.*—The key to the Sunday-school problem is the teacher. Given properly qualified teachers, and all others follow. It is the province of the general work to promote teacher training. There is no other need so urgent in the local church today as qualified teachers. The Church should provide training and trained teachers for the Sunday-school.

VI. *A religious educational institution.* The agencies at hand for religious teaching are the family, the catechetical class, and the Sunday-school, maintained by the Church for the purposes of religious training. We must, therefore, recognize the principles on which the work of the school rests and the methods best suited to the attainment of its ends. There is needed the same systematic, professional supervision that is provided in secular schools. Our schools must stand for religious education.

VII. *Statistics.*—The business house, the State, or the Church is wandering in darkness that is without accurate statistics relating to its work. The hope of advance rests on reliable statistics. It is the aim of our general work, according to the specific instructions of your reverend body, to gather, tabulate, and publish complete statistics relative to this great department of our Church's activities. Our Church needs to know what our Sunday-schools are doing.

This seven-fold aim of the general Sunday-school work pertains not only to your Board, but it is also the aim of every district synodical Sunday-school Board, the aim of every classical committee on Sunday-school work, and every consistory. All of this is contemplated in the plan of organization under which the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod is working, and we respectfully suggest that this seven-fold aim of the general Sunday-school work should be referred to the several Classes as recommendations to the permanent committees and to the consistories of the churches.

Along with this seven-fold aim the following methods for promoting the same should be noted:

METHODS.

I. *Correspondence*.—This means of promoting Sunday-school work ranks next to that of personal contact. Something has been accomplished in this way, but there is call for a much larger use of correspondence upon the part of all who are officially connected with the general work, that is under the supervision of our various church judicatories.

II. *Books, booklets, and tracts* have aided not a little. Yet vastly more may be accomplished by this method. The leaflet or booklet is a great educator. By reference to the list of publications given in this Report, it will be noted that your Board has extensively used this method. It stands ready to respond to the call of classical committees, consistories, pastors, and superintendents for literature that can be used to advantage in the Sunday-school campaign.

III. *Conferences*.—The conference with individuals, with consistories and teachers, or small groups of workers is one of the most effective methods for the promotion of this work. All who have had experience know the value of this method.

IV. *Rallies*.—A Sunday-school rally held in every church in the denomination would be of great advantage. There should be numerous rallies of churches and groups of churches. The method followed in the Twentieth Century Movement of dividing up the territory within the bounds of Classis into groups, could be wisely continued to aid this type of effort.

V. *Institutes* in which the workers of a class can be brought together for the serious study of Sunday-school principles and methods is a most valuable way for accomplishing the aim of our work. The system followed in the secular school in this respect offers an instructive example.

VI. *Sermons* setting forth the great responsibility and importance of the Sunday-school as a necessary part of the educational system of the Church, and the relation of parents and the school to home training and the catechetical instruc-

tion are always in order. One sermon of this kind should be preached at least once a year, as on Children's Day.

VII. *Conventions.*—Reference is here made both to the denominational and interdenominational convention. Whether it be the small convention of a few schools, the township gathering, or the state, here we have the great universities of the modern Sunday-school movement.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

I. EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The Twentieth Century Movement.—Your reverend body heartily commended this movement for the purpose of arousing the attention of churches to the claim of the vast multitude of children and youth outside of the Sunday-school. The schools were urged to make a special and united effort to bring in at least one hundred thousand new scholars during the period intervening between the beginning of this movement and April 1, 1901. The statistics at hand indicate that the movement has been of value. Two hundred and twenty-six schools have definitely reported a net gain, after deducting losses, during the three years of 13,266. It has been impossible to obtain reliable data as to the losses in membership chargeable to the period covered by the movement. A significant fact is that the membership of our schools has made a decided gain, although the period under review has been characterized as a time of trial and loss to the Sunday-schools of the land. The Sunday-school membership in several large denominations has decreased. The steadily growing disregard for the sanctity of the Lord's Day, the changes in our modern social life, necessitating a readjustment of the agencies and methods of teaching Christian truth, and other considerations give force to the necessity and timeliness of the Twentieth Century Movement, and indicate the importance of continuing it in some form as a permanent feature of our work.

Sunday-school Statistics.—There is a steady improvement in the reports concerning the membership and conditions of our schools. Much use has been made of the statistics in Sunday-school conventions and in the actions of our church

judicatories. Your Board has been enabled to do better work because of the facts presented in the reports.

By reason of the action of your reverend body, referring to this Board the simplification of the Sunday-school statistics, we recommend the following changes: Under the head of membership, to change the column reading "If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment," to "Number of Union Schools in charge. If none, mark 'o';" under the head of education to omit the columns "Is the Catechism used in the school?" and "No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per year (not Lesson Papers);" and to insert a column "Home Department enrollment. If none, mark 'o'." The value of the other columns to the work and progress of the Church is of such a nature that we recommend them to be continued.

Frequent requests have come to the Board for information and statistics concerning the Young People's Societies. This subject will be called to your attention by an overture from one of the Synods. It is the conviction of your Board that great care should be exercised in adding to the statistical table, and that all statistical information concerning Young People's Societies should be reported in connection with the statistical form on Sunday-school work.

We regret that the failure on the part of a few Classes prevents the proper presentation of the Sunday-school statistics for the entire Church. There are 1,613 Sunday-schools with 25,938 officers and teachers. It is evident that more than one hundred schools are not included in the reports at hand. The Sunday-school membership of those schools reporting is 221,917, a gain in the triennium of 15,013. Other statistical facts are presented under their appropriate topics in this Report.

Children's Day and Rally Day.—Children's Day is now generally observed. The observance of Rally Day the last Sunday in September or the first in October is on the increase. The Department prepares special services for Children's Day and distributes envelopes for the offering to the Sunday-school and missionary work. The leading denominations of the land now unite the observance of Children's Day with the

effort to interest the children of the Sunday-school to give an offering for the starting of new Sunday-schools and to rescue the neglected children. This is the case with the Baptist, the Congregational, the Presbyterian, the Cumberland Presbyterian, and the United Brethren Churches. By repeated actions of your reverend body the Board has been instructed to secure the observance of Children's Day, and the schools have been requested to make an offering for the cause of Sunday-school missions. In some sections of the Church the schools have been challenged for other benevolent objects, and in some cases for purely local purposes on Children's Day. Owing to the nearness of Children's Day to Easter and the effect of summer upon the work of the schools, it would seem that very large offerings for any one benevolent object cannot be secured on this day. But we believe there is an increasing appreciation of the wisdom of challenging the Church not only to consider the claim of the child as related to the local church but also to make provision for the religious training of the children by combining the observance of Children's Day with an offering to the work that stands for the saving of the children. We earnestly recommend that your reverend body reiterate its former actions on this subject.

The Home Department and the Cradle Roll.—Judging by the circulation of the Home Department Quarterly, the membership has increased from four thousand to some ten thousand. This Department continues to offer a set of requisites free to any school starting a Home Department.

In connection with this movement there has developed quite naturally, as a result of the emphasis of the covenant responsibility of the parents, a new feature in Sunday-school work known as the Cradle Roll. The Cradle Roll is connected with the Primary Department of the Sunday-school, and is composed of children of three years and under. Its purpose is to link these children to the school and to interest the parents in the Sunday-school. A large number of our schools have established the Cradle Roll within the last three years.

The powers of the home for constructive work have been greatly neglected. The family circle has the resources of

nearness, of actual life, of time, of natural affection, and of interest that surpass the peculiar resources of the public assembly. The Home Department of the Sunday-school points the way to rescue the home from its present inactivity as a religious institution.

Graded Schools and Supplemental Lessons.—Our statistical reports show an increase in the number of schools having three or more departments. There is evidently common sense in the belief that there is a pedagogical order in religious as in secular training. This involves a graded course of studies, lesson helps adapted to the different ages of the scholars, and supplemental studies in order to secure foundation facts and a correct historical knowledge of the Bible. The public school makes less and less appeal to authority; more and more it appeals to the interest of the child, because more and more it succeeds in relating its course step by step to the developing life of the child. The Sunday-school must do likewise. With this idea in view, the Board two years ago issued the Junior Scholar's Quarterly, and is now preparing a course of instruction for little beginners of six years and under, based on the lessons suggested by the International Lesson Committee. The expectation is that an advanced course of Bible study will also be prepared.

A series of supplemental studies have been outlined, and appear in the several lesson quarterlies and have been printed also in pamphlet form.

The graded school includes the Primary Department with its subdivisions of the Cradle Roll, the Little Beginner's Class, and the Advanced Primary Grade; the Junior Department; the Intermediate Department; the Senior Department; the Normal Class and the Home Department. The printed matter now at hand opens the way for the establishment of a thoroughly graded school with the proper series of Bible lessons and supplemental studies.

Teacher Training.—An advance, however, in the Sunday-school in its development as an institution for religious education waits upon the preparation and training of the teacher. Judging from the numerous conferences, widespread observa-

tion, and extensive correspondence, it is evident there is a general feeling in the Church that more should be done in the line of teacher training. The Board is endeavoring to meet this need by making constant improvement in the Heidelberg Teacher and by securing the use of text books on normal studies. It is fair to assume that the pastor can do his best work by being the teacher of teachers. Teachers' meetings for Bible study and normal training need to be held in every school or by the grouping of schools together. Would it not be well to magnify the office of the teacher by the use of a proper installation service? Possibly the time may be distant (it ought not to be), when through the college and theological seminary something definite can be done to bring to the aid of the local school the highest educational skill and enthusiasm. Several denominations now employ persons giving their entire time to the training of the Sunday-school teacher. The Board is arranging a reading course for teachers. Several books for this purpose have been published. This problem demands the largest wisdom and most serious effort of the Church.

Relation to the Catechetical Class and Training in Church Life.—The fact that 707 schools reported during the past year that 7,148 scholars were received into full membership of the Church indicates the vital relation the Sunday-school sustains to the pastor's catechetical class and proper training with respect to the Church. Our statistical tables indicate, except in certain sections of the Church, that most of the scholars who are not full members of the Church are at least baptized or unconfirmed members. A number fail to report respecting the scholar's relation to the Church. Doubtless it is difficult to ascertain these facts in union schools, but there should be no such difficulty in a strictly Church school. The Board now issues school records which make provision for information of this character. It is of the highest importance, if the spiritual object of the school is to be attained, that pastors, consistories, and Sunday-school teachers should know the Church relation of the scholars. Every teacher, like every Christian parent, should be a helper to the pastor in securing members for the catechetical class. At all times in the work of the school, the Church and the scholar's relation to the

Church should be kept plainly in sight. Our children must not be permitted to grow up ignorant of the history, institutions, polity, and doctrines of the Church with which their parents and Sunday-school teachers are identified. As an aid to this, the Sunday-school and Young People's Society of the congregation should be closely related. The educational work of the two organizations should be connected together. The attention of the pastors and consistories should be called to this subject through the Classes.

Training in Benevolence.—One feature of proper Church training is so important, viz: the cultivation of a proper missionary spirit and the giving to missions, that it deserves special notice. There has been a gain in the benevolent giving of our schools, but a beginning has simply been made. The total benevolent giving of our schools reported—not the entire number—shows that \$2,604 was given last year to the Sunday-school and Missionary Department of the Sunday-school Board; \$20,620 to other boards and institutions of the Church; \$17,296 to other benevolent objects; and \$93,652 expended for the support of the schools. A summary of the entire report will be presented for the inspection of the Synod.

Figures that are suggestive are as follows: The per capita giving of the schools in the five English Synods for all objects is 64.53c.; for benevolence, 19.33c. There is a great difference in the benevolent giving of the different Classes and from different schools, ranging from 5.01c. to 49.30c., according to Classes; and for all objects from 31c. to \$1.05. The difference is even more marked, when an examination is made of the giving of individual schools.

The Sunday-school with its comparatively well-organized machinery, its regular sessions, its organization into classes, and its stimulus from records, its study of the missionary lessons in the Bible, these and other considerations indicate very clearly that the great opportunity of the Church for the diffusion of missionary intelligence and training in Christian giving is found in the Sunday-school. Every individual Sunday-school should be organized as a missionary society. At least once a quarter missionary reports could be presented to the school, and, as is the case with some Sunday-

school missionary societies, meetings could be held once a month on a week-day.

An examination into the methods of giving and the means used for the securing of benevolent offerings in the Sunday-schools show that next to the giving of a monthly missionary offering the most effective method is to challenge the schools at definite periods with a definite object for giving. Your Board has had partial conferences on this subject with the other Boards of the General Synod. It believes that the time is at hand, when plans followed so successfully in some of our schools and in schools of other denominations could be generally adopted. It commends to your earnest consideration the advisability of challenging the schools of the Church to give (1) an offering to the cause of Foreign Missions in February; (2) an offering to the cause of Home and Foreign Missions, or either Home or Foreign Missions, as the pastor and consistory may decide, at Easter, this offering to be made a special object during the entire Lenten season; (3) an offering to Sunday-school Missions on Children's Day, as at present; (4) an offering for the cause of Home Missions or Church Building Funds in the month of November; and (5) an offering to the cause of the orphans at Christmas.

Standard of Excellence.—As preparing the way for more thorough educational work, we suggest a Standard of Excellence for Reformed Sunday-schools. It is practically a platform announcing a comprehensive policy. It blazes the way along which the individual school is expected to proceed in its work. It includes a system of proper Sunday-school records. It makes possible the gradual establishment of the thoroughly graded school. It recognizes the prevalent condition existing throughout the Church. For the details of this Standard of Excellence see page 35.

II. MISSIONARY WORK.

Sunday-school Missions.—Fifteen Sunday-school missionaries have been employed during the past three years, of whom six were theological students. Ten new schools were organized, three reorganized, three schools revived, seven new congregations organized, and seven supplied with religious

services. The seven congregations started from these new schools are located at Pitcairn, Pa., Baltimore, Md., Greensboro, N. C., Packerton, Pa., Ellerslie, Md., High Point, N. C., and Walnutport, Pa. Your Board assisted the Board of Home Missions during the period in maintaining missionaries at Easton, Pa., and St. Louis, Mo. Last year the Rev. A. C. Dieffenbach was commissioned as permanent Sunday-school Missionary, and has established a school at Allegheny, Pa., with bright prospects for a congregation. At the request of St. Joseph Classis, Ohio Synod, the Board for the last three years has assisted in maintaining the Rev. Reuben Keller as classical Sunday-school missionary. He has been laboring at points in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. His work has been successful in reviving a number of congregations, reorganizing three schools, and organizing three new schools. The record of the Board in this missionary work since 1894 is encouraging, a total of 25 new schools having been organized, five reorganized, out of which 17 congregations have been established.

It may be well to state that this Sunday-school missionary work, so far as it relates to the employment of Sunday-school missionaries, is carried forward in accordance with a plan of co-operation with the Home Mission Board and which was approved by your reverend body in 1896. The plan of co-operation is appended to this Report. Work of this character is not undertaken in any Classis except on request of the Classis and under the supervision of its Sunday-school Committee.

Grants of Literature.—These grants consist of lesson helps, periodicals, Bibles, hymnals, etc., and are made on the request of missionary pastors or superintendents, with the approval of the classical Sunday-school Committee. More than one hundred schools have received help in this way, and in addition many others have been aided by gifts of library books, Home Department requisites, etc. The schools receiving help are found in 15 States, viz: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, California, and the Miyagi Girls' School, Sendai, Japan.

The net value of the Grants of books, tracts, and periodicals for the three years amount to \$3,896.72. This does not include leaflets and other literature circulated with a view to the improvement of the schools, the work of the Twentieth Century Movement, etc.

Applications for Grants of Literature are constantly increasing. These requests indicate heroic effort on the part of a struggling few to establish centres of religious influence. It is to the new schools that the Board shows greatest generosity.

We herewith give extracts from letters which graphically set forth the value of this important work in the extension and establishment of the Church.

A pastor from Iowa writes:

“There is a great work to be accomplished here, but the people who are interested are so poor that it would not have been possible for us to accomplish what we have, if we had not had some help from the Sunday-school Board. The Sunday-school Literature came to our assistance at a very opportune time. It tided us over great discouragement. We have now a splendid school, and we owe it chiefly to the timely help from the Sunday-school Board. I myself am receiving \$275 a year salary, so poor are the people here.”

From a mission in North Carolina:

“By your kind assistance in granting us Sunday-school supplies, we were enabled to start our work here three years ago. Beginning with twenty scholars, we have gradually increased until we now have 175. We are under many obligations for your timely aid.”

From a pastor in Ohio:

“Your grant of Sunday-school supplies has been a great help to our school in its time of need. It inspired hope and confidence, that since we had plenty of funds to pay for all the literature. Your work along this line is indispensable.”

From a German-English mission in Ohio:

“Had it not been for the grant of supplies, we could not have started our mission here, as we began with nothing on hand. Your assistance was prompt, and our school which has prospered ever since owes the Sunday-school Board permanent gratitude.”

The Rev. J. C. Horning, now pastor of the Reformed church, St. Louis, Mo., formerly the Sunday-school missionary, writes:

“The Sunday-school at this place is greatly indebted to the General Sunday-school Board for the free grant of supplies at a time most needed. Your assistance at the beginning of a school—the most opportune time for such help—enables the school to get on its feet financially. This school, started under your Board and with its help, has had a healthy and gradual growth from the beginning, and now has an enrollment of 120. Offerings of this school for the year 1901 amounted to \$195. I would add that I consider this granting of literature one of the best ways that the Board can help a school in its early struggles. Other expenses necessary at this period of a school’s life make the Board’s help most opportune. This is the result of my experience in organizing six schools under your Board.”

A superintendent from Ohio writes :

“We assure you this grant comes to us like a benediction. We are a struggling Sunday-school now, but such timely aid from our outside friends gives us fresh courage.”

A missionary pastor from Ohio writes :

“We hereby wish to express our appreciation of the Missionary Department of the Sunday-school Board. Our school began with five members, and your Grant of Literature enabled us to have an up-to-date school, and thus grow more rapidly, so that we now have an enrollment of about 300 in less than three years. It is needless to add that this help came at a time, when it was needed the most.”

From a mission in Ohio :

“Your Grant of Literature enabled us to open and conduct a Sunday-school in a very needy part of the city. Otherwise we would not have been able to do so. As we had to pay rent, we could not have afforded to buy supplies. This school has done a grand work. This is missionary work that brings early and tangible results, and we hope that it may be enlarged.”

A pastor from Iowa writes :

“Without the timely help of the Sunday-school Board, our work would have been greatly retarded.”

A superintendent in eastern Pennsylvania writes :

“Your grant of supplies to hand, and we are very thankful for the same. We certainly had a hard time getting along, but expect through your kindness there may be new encouragement.”

The Rev. D. G. Glass, a faithful missionary pastor at Lancaster, Pa., writes :

“Faith Reformed Sunday-school from its beginning has been aided very much and during times of discouragement cheered by the liberal

supply of literature granted by the missionary department of our Sunday-school Board. Quarterlies were donated, services for the various festivals of the Church year, supplies for our Home Department, and just lately you made it possible to introduce the Sunday-school Hymnal into our school by the very liberal offer extended. The Board gave us practical sympathy which means more than words. Your assistance made it possible to accomplish what we have. We are poor, and could not possibly have purchased all supplies needed. From a school of 30 we have grown to a school with an enrollment of 300. We can say in conclusion the Missionary Department of our Sunday-school Board deserves some credit for the steady growth of Faith Reformed church, and making possible what is admired today—a neat church building, a growing congregation, and a flourishing Sunday-school in the southeastern section of Lancaster city.”

From Hope Rescue Mission, Reading, Pa.:

“We have a congregation consisting of (1) homeless men, (2) residents of the poorer quarters, and (3) their children. Our friends find great help in preparing their lessons, and I assure you your grant to us of half rates is very much appreciated. Average attendance is 70, and on the increase.”

From Kentucky:

“The Grant of Literature was quite a help to us, which was greatly appreciated, especially when we started out and had no money in the treasury. Now we are able to pay from the incoming collections. Such help is of so much more benefit, because it comes at a time, when it is doubly difficult to get the means. I think this Grant will bear permanent fruit, because we expect to start a mission here soon, perhaps in May, if we can find a proper man.”

A Sunday-school worker in the oil regions of Pennsylvania:

“Your Grant of supplies has made it possible for us to start a mission school in this place, which we could not have done without your kind assistance.”

From North Carolina:

“There is a great work to be accomplished here. But the people who are most interested are of a poor class. But by the aid of the Sunday-school Board we have been able to accomplish what we have.”

From Ohio:

“We have appreciated the help of the Board in granting supplies for this school. Without it the work would be very discouraging at this stage. We trust we can soon furnish these things, but the people are not able to do so at present.”

Hungarian and Bohemian Schools.—During the past three years the Board has made Grants of Literature to our Hungarian and Bohemian missions. This has been an exceedingly important work. In accordance with the action of the Synod, the Board has made careful inquiry with reference to the publication of Hungarian-English Sunday-school literature, but the way has not been open to do this. There is great need for it. There has been considerable correspondence concerning proper literature for the Bohemian Sunday-schools. Our Bohemian missionary at Chicago is chairman of a committee appointed at an interdenominational conference of Bohemian missionaries with a view of securing united action on the part of several denominational boards for publishing a Christian literature for the weak and struggling Bohemian schools and churches. There is desperate need for this work. Thirty-three out of the thirty-five Bohemian papers in this country are infidel. Bohemian free-thinking organizations are furnishing infidel Sunday-school literature to more than two hundred free-thinking Bohemian schools. A Bohemian catechism is in use in these schools which declares, among other things, that "there is no God, that the Bible is a lie, that adultery is not a sin." It must be a missionary work to furnish a proper Bohemian Christian literature. It is true, as a missionary has written to the Board: "The trouble with most Bohemian books is that the price is too high, much higher, as a rule, than that of English books and pamphlets. Something certainly ought to be done to cheapen good books. In this way they would get into the hands of more people." The definite request made of the Board is to furnish a Junior Quarterly and Picture Cards to the Bohemians. There are a third of a million immigrants from Bohemia in the United States. The membership of the Protestant Bohemian speaking churches in the United States is probably about 4,000, and tried by the standard of gifts for church support and mission extension, its quality is notably good. With the increase of gifts to the Sunday-school and Missionary Department of the Board it would be possible to do a genuine and patriotic work among the Chinese, the Hungarian, and Bohemian speaking people in this land.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

The two-fold work of this Department relating to periodicals and to books and tracts has greatly increased. The General Secretary continues to act as Editorial Superintendent under the direction of the Editorial Committee of the Board. There has been no change in the list of editors and lesson writers. The Church owes a debt of gratitude to these several editors who have contributed so greatly to the high character and value of our Reformed lesson helps.

One new periodical has been added to the list, viz: The Junior Scholar's Quarterly, the first number of which was published January, 1900. For a statement of the character and purpose of these periodicals, see pages 23-24.

The most difficult problem to which the Board has given very careful consideration the last three years has reference to the grading and change of the character of the several Sunday-school papers. The field of the Sunday-school paper has greatly changed in the last five years. The leading denominations have found it necessary to advance the character of these periodicals so as to be of aid in the educational work of the Young People's Society and the missionary enterprise of the Church. To meet the competition of the Young People's paper issued by private publishers, to train the young people in our schools and societies in the doctrines, history, and missionary work of the Church, our present four-page young people's paper, *Leaves of Light*, should be enlarged and its character and contents be advanced and changed. The financial aspects of the problem are most difficult.

The Board has, in accordance with the action of the Synod, given attention to a denominational teachers' and young people's reading course, and a number of books have been published. Lists of missionary books for the Sunday-school and Young People's Society have been issued. Several manuals to aid the Young People's Societies have met with encouraging sale.

German Sunday-school Literature.—Negotiations still continue with the publishing house of the three German Synods relative to the general Sunday-school work in the German

Synods. German lesson helps and Sunday-school papers have been issued by the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, O.

BOOKS.

During the last three years the following new publications have been issued:

The Sunday-school Hymnal. 370 hymns. Orders of Service, Responsive selections. 244 pages. Price, \$30 per 100.

Life of Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D.D. By Linn Harbaugh, Esq. 302 pages. Price, \$1.25.

Precept and Practice. By B. Bausman, D.D. 223 pages. Price, \$1.

Famous Women of the Reformed Church. By James I. Good, D.D. 295 pages. Price, \$1.

Historical Handbook of the Reformed Church. By James I. Good, D.D. 91 pages. Price, cloth, 50c.; paper, 25c.

Bible Studies in the Form of Questions and Answers. By C. S. Gerhard, D.D. 48 pages. Price, 10c.

The Primary Sunday-school Hymnal. By Rev. Rufus W. Miller. 256 hymns. Price, \$30 per 100.

The Heidelberg Sunday-school Handbook for 1900, 1901, and 1902. By Rev. Rufus W. Miller. 48 pages. Price, \$2 per 100.

Acme Home Department Record. By Rev. Rufus W. Miller. Price, 50c.

The Improved Acme Secretary Record. 112 pages. Price, 75c.

The Heidelberg C. E. Manual. By William T. Ellis. 109 pages. Price, 10c.

The Practical C. E. Manual. By J. H. Bomberger, D.D. 112 pages. Price, 10c.

The Improved Acme Class Book. Price, 50c. per dozen.

The Acme Bible Class Book. Price, 100 names, 20c.; 250 names, 30c.

The Acme Primary Record. Price, 200 names, 20c.; 400 names, 35c.

C. E. Exercise for C. E. Day, 1901. Price, \$1.50 per 100.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REQUISITES.

- The Acme Collection Envelope.* Price, 50c. per dozen.
The Acme Class Tablet. Price, 50c. per dozen.
The Home Department Visitors' Record. Price, \$1.50
 per 100.
Series of 34 Duo-a-graph Pictures. Price, 1c. each.
Heitshu's Roll of Honor. Price, \$1.20 per dozen.
Cradle Roll Membership Certificates. Price, 60c. per dozen.
Cradle Roll Birthday Greeting Cards. Price, 60c. per
 dozen.
Life of Christ Calendars. Price, 5c.

MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.

- Lenten Daily Offering Envelopes. Price, \$1 per 100.
 Star Buyer Offering Envelopes. Price, \$1 per 100.
 Easter Offering Gleaner. Price, \$1 per 100.
 Easter Offering Envelope. Price, 30c. per 100.
 Christmas Offering Envelope. Price, 30c. per 100.
 Red Tickets. 250 on sheet. Price, 15c.
 Blue Tickets. 250 on sheet. Price, 15c.
 Gummed Library Labels. Price, 25c. per 100.
 Library Cards. Price, 50c. per 100.
 Heidelberg Picture Roll Bracket. Price, 25c.
 Reformed Church Buttons. Price, \$2.50 per 100.
Reprints.—
 Home Department Quarterly Report. Price, 1c.
 Home Department Visitors' Book. Price, 5c.
 Home Department Quarterly Report Envelope. Price,
 30c. per 100.
 Home Department Letter and Report Card. Price, 35c.
 per 100.
 Home Department Membership Card. Price, 25c. per 100.
 Home Department Application Card. Price, 25c. per 100.
Issued by the Sunday-school and Missionary Department.
 Acceptance Cards, Twentieth Century Movement.
 Plans for Twentieth Century Movement in Reformed Sun-
 day-schools.
 An Important Matter.

A Dozen Things Worth Knowing.

Sunday-school Missions.

The Mighty Cent.

The Open Bible in the Home.

Practical Thoughts About the Twentieth Century Movement.

Home Department Explanatory Leaflet.

Periodicals.—A few words of description will explain the character and purpose of each of our periodicals.

The Heidelberg Teacher is a monthly magazine for teachers and officers of the Sunday-school and adult Bible students. It contains full and varied exposition on the International Bible Lessons. Has Editorial and Contributors' departments, Sunday-school News, Missionary Facts and Incidents, and Book Reviews. This magazine is published in octavo form, each number containing from 40 to 48 pages with cover. Price, single copy, 60c. per year; school subscription, 50c. per copy per year.

The Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly is intended for members of the Home Department, and is arranged to encourage individual Bible study. It has also departments on the Bible and the Catechism in the home. It contains 40 pages and cover. It has an encouraging circulation. Price, single copy, 16c. per year; school subscription, 12c. per year.

The Advanced Scholar's Quarterly is adapted to the older scholars. It is issued quarterly, and each number contains full lesson work for the three months, with Order of Service, Map, Bible Dictionary, Hymns and Music, and other valuable matter. Each number contains 40 pages and cover. Its increasing circulation attests its growing popularity. The price is less than similar Quarterlies of other Churches. School subscriptions, 10c. per copy per year.

The Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly is designed for scholars between the ages of 13 and 16. It contains full lesson texts, with notes, questions, and practical teachings. Every lesson is illustrated. In it are found also Map, Order of Service and Hymns. It is same size page as the Advanced Scholar's Quarterly, contains 32 pages and cover. School subscription, 8c. per year.

The Junior Scholar's Quarterly is designed for scholars between the ages of 10 and 13. Contains Map, frontispiece, words of hymns in other Quarterlies, Order of Service for the main school, special Order of Service for the Junior Department. It has reached an encouraging circulation. Contains 32 pages and cover. Price, school subscription, 10c. per year.

The Advanced Scholar's Lesson Leaf is an abridged form of the *Quarterly*. Contains lesson text, questions, and references. It has also the Order of Service. If desired, the leaves can be separated and distributed to scholars weekly. Many schools use it for visitors and scholars losing their *Quarterlies*. Has been increased from 16 to 32 pages. Price, school subscription, 6c. per year.

The Heidelberg Picture Card contains a brightly colored lithographic picture illustrating the lessons of the day, with lesson title, golden text, lesson story and questions. It is adapted in grade to the younger children and Primary Department. Price, school subscription, 10c. per year.

The Heidelberg Lesson Roll contains a colored illustration for the lessons of every Sunday in the year. The artistic work is the finest, and pictures are true to Scripture times and customs. Price, 75c. per quarter.

Illustrated Papers and Festival Services.—

Leaves of Light is designed especially for young people, and is adapted for reading in the home and by young people in general. It contains bright, illustrated stories, church news, biographical incidents, treasure thoughts, and is well edited. Comments are made on the C. E. Prayer-Mecting Topics. It is a weekly, but to bring the paper within the reach of all schools, there is issued a semi-monthly and a monthly edition. Price, school subscription, weekly, 35c. per year; semi-monthly 18c. per year; monthly, 9c. per year.

Sunshine is a four-page weekly paper for very little people. It is finely illustrated, and will shortly be 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 con-

taining services for Christmas, Easter, Children's Day, Harvest Home and Rallying Day, and 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 offering for Sunday-school and Missionary work. By a recent ruling of the Postoffice Department, the expense in issuing this periodical has been greatly increased. Each service is sold separately at the rate of \$4 per hundred copies, postpaid. Price, single subscriptions, 15c. per year.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

This Department conducts all the business operations of the Board. The supervision and control of the business of the Board is placed in the hands of a Prudential Committee, consisting of three members of the Board and two business men of Philadelphia. This Committee meets monthly, receives reports, approves bills, and directs the business policy of the Board. The General Secretary is the chief executive officer of the Committee, and of the Board in the Business Department. The most important business operations are (1) manufacture of the periodicals, books and tracts, and (2) placing of the publications on the market.

Publications.—According to the statement found on page 29, there have been published during the triennium 676,092 copies of books, requisites, etc., and 7,592,773 copies of the periodicals, which, together with 5,000 copies of the last Triennial Report, make an aggregate of 8,273,865 copies of publications for the three years.

Placing on the Market.—This work continues to be performed by means of the main store at Philadelphia under the able direction of J. Frank Dechant, Business Agent; depositories in Dayton, O., and Reading, Pa.; and various dealers. Our periodicals are still further brought to the attention of the Sunday-schools and the Church by circulars addressed to pastors and superintendents.

As indicating the worth of the publications issued by the Board and the aggressive policy of its business management, it may be well to state that the sales of our Business Department are large outside of the bounds of our Reformed Church. Co-

operative arrangements are still in force with the Reformed Church in America, and contracts have been made with the Christian Reformed Church.

Under the imprint *The Heidelberg Press* the business of the Board is transacted with dealers and schools outside of the Reformed Church.

Sales.—It is gratifying to report that the sales have increased year by year. A record of the sales for the first three months of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1900, has not been kept, but, including the cash receipts for the period of those three months with the sales for the remaining nine months, the total is \$43,450.12. The sales for the second year amount to \$45,786.60. The sales for the third year, ending March 31, 1902, were \$52,944.14, an increase of at least \$20,000 for the last year over the report three years ago. The Board's suggestion made three years ago that the annual business should amount to \$50,000 has been carried out. This is due to the hearty support of the schools of the Church. The statement of cash receipts and expenditures is given on page 32.

Net Profits.—The net profits of the triennium are \$12,403.85. Of this sum \$2,121.55 has been placed to the credit of the Sunday-school and Missionary Department. The balance remains in the business as capital.

It should be borne in mind that in this period \$3,000 has been paid into the treasury of the Reformed Church Publication Board, and this inures to the benefit of the Church. A royalty, amounting to \$500, has also been paid on the Sunday-school Hymnal to The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

Capital.—This at the beginning of the triennium, according to the balance sheet of the last Report, was \$7,949.89. In consequence of the addition of part of the profits for the three years, the capital reported March 31, 1902, is \$18,953.74.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bequests.—The first bequest to the Board for its Sunday-school and Missionary work was made by Jacob S. Fry, M.D., who died February 23, 1899, at Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa. It is interesting to note that the will is dated July 16, 1895, and

was, therefore, made only eighteen months after the Sunday-school and Missionary Department of the Board was created. The bequest is for \$5,000, and the request of the testator is as follows:

“The said bequest shall be known as the ‘Fry Sunday-school Fund,’ and shall be invested without delay in such securities as are now approved by law, and the interest arising therefrom shall be applied under the direction of the said Board to the establishment, strengthening and nurture of Sunday schools in and for the said Church. It is my belief that Sunday-schools are the fountains from which the young draw their best and highest inspirations, and it is my hope that the amount now appropriated may be but the beginning of an ever-increasing fund for this purpose.”

The will provides for a three years’ settlement of the estate, and the estate has not yet been settled. Accordingly the bequest is not yet available.

The Board is gratified to report also that a gift of \$200 for Sunday-school missionary work was received from Ohio on December 25, 1899, from a donor who desires his name to be withheld. An interesting fact is that this amount is a part of a sum willed for religious purposes, but for some reason thrown out of the said will by the court in a contest. The brother of the deceased, however, felt it to be his Christian duty to give his share at least to the cause for which it was intended.

Both these bequests, so far as known, came to the Board without any solicitation and by reason of the interest taken on the part of the givers in Sunday-school and missionary work. Boards of other Churches and the American Sunday-school Union have received many thousands of dollars for the work of saving and training the children. May we not hope that the wish of Dr. Fry may be realized and that the liberal amount given by him “may be but the beginning of an ever-increasing fund for this purpose.”

Need of a Church Building.—By reason of the growth of its business and the increased running expenses as well as the danger of loss through frequent removals, your Board feels that something definite should be done to secure a building

in which the several departments of the Board's work could be carried on, and perhaps offices be secured for the other Boards of the Church. With the approval of your reverend body, the Board proposes to make an effort to secure a needed Church building, and, if the building is secured, desires permission to associate with the Board some business men as trustees for the same.

Amendment to the Constitution.—From reports received by the Board and that will be received by your reverend body, it will be noticed that the Amendment to the Constitution with reference to the general Sunday-school work has been approved by the Classes of the Church.

The Church at large has, in the last nine years, given emphatic approval to the general Sunday-school work both in legislative acts and resolutions of commendation as well as by hearty co-operation of Synods, Classes and Churches. But now that the general Sunday-school work has become a part of the organic law of the Church, your Board expresses the hope that it will serve to accentuate the Sunday-school as the great educational department, and will mark an epoch in the work by more definite action looking toward the advancement of the standard of Sunday-school instruction and the more rapid extension of Sunday-schools.

Who can adequately express the responsibility of the Church at large in caring for and in reaching the children? Our work is to found Sunday-schools in needy neighborhoods, to contribute to the support of Sunday-schools which without assistance cannot continue, to educate the Church in all phases of the Sunday-school work, constantly endeavoring to raise ideals and to improve methods, and to give impulse and direction to the systematic study of the Bible.

Keeping these manifold objects before us and remembering that the secular system of education has dismissed all religious purposes, rejects any commission to deal with spiritual facts, it will be seen that in our political system the only institution which, moving in parallel lines with our secular schools, can furnish the religious element to the otherwise imperfect education, is the Sunday-school. Having the dignity of such an

office and function, who shall say what a future the Sunday-school has before it? Who shall say that there is any other educational work in which the Church has any greater responsibility? Who shall say that any concern in it is excessive?

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President.*

RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary.*

PUBLICATIONS OF THE THREE YEARS.

The Board has published in the several Departments during this time:

	Copies.
41 New Books, Reprints, Manufactured Articles, etc.....	629,592
5 Christmas Services, special: Advent Tree, Star of Life, Order of Worship for Christmas, My Light and My Sal- vation, Heaven's Eternal King.....	46,500
	676,092
Triennial Report	5,000

PERIODICALS.

Heidelberg Teacher	370,465
Advanced Scholar's Quarterly.....	1,099,550
Advanced Scholar's Lesson Leaf.....	115,875
Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly.....	312,850
Junior Scholar's Quarterly (Jan. 1, 1900).....	120,900
Home Department Quarterly.....	80,325
Heidelberg Picture Cards	470,490
Heidelberg Picture Roll	6,215
Leaves of Light, weekly	1,164,124
Leaves of Light, semi-monthly	700,100
Leaves of Light, monthly	110,075
Sunshine	2,468,804
Church Festival Helper, including Love's Banner, Forward, Dayspring from on High, Bells of Easter, Sharing the Bread of Life, Outlines of Our Lord's Life, Desire of All Nations, Day of Hope, Open Gates, Onward, Great Joy, Easter Watchwords	569,500
Reprints of Golden Sheaves and Bow of Promise	3,500
	7,592,773
Aggregate Publications for entire period	8,273,865

NOTE.—No account is taken of circulars and leaflets pertaining to Children's Day services and offerings, or collection envelopes distributed in connection with Children's Day services.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Financial Report of the Business Department from April 1, 1899, to March 31, 1900.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, Philadelphia and Reading.....	\$4,046 55
Accounts Receivable for periodicals, etc., including Board of Publication, R. C. A., N. Y. C.....	5,312 65

Merchandise, Philadelphia, Reading, and Dayton.....	1,986 38
Cash paid in advance on materials for periodicals for 2nd qr., and maps for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th qrs.....	2,411,20
Cash paid in advance on Harbaugh Life.....	244 61
Plates, engravings, etc., at half cost.....	500 00
Plates, etc., of S. S. Hymnal, at considerably less than cost..	800 00
Furniture and Fixtures, Philadelphia and Reading, cost \$423.63	300 00
Due from Sunday-school and Missionary Department on account of Grants of Literature.....	885 26
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	\$16,486 65

LIABILITIES.

Capital, April 1, 1900.....	7,949 89
Accounts payable	870 51
Cash received in advance on periodicals for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th qrs., 1900	3,956 84
Due Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows....	188 50
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	\$12,965 74
Net earnings	\$3,520 91

Financial Report of the Business Department from April 1, 1900, to
March 31, 1901.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand at Philadelphia and Reading.....	\$5,246 56
Accounts due from schools, dealers, etc.....	5,846 69
Merchandise, 10 per cent. less than cost price.....	5,724 90
Paper on hand for periodicals.....	1,268 39
Plates, including S. S. Hymnal plates 2nd edition.....	1,200 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	300 00
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	\$19,586 54

LIABILITIES.

Capital, April 1, 1900.....	\$10,670 80
Cash received in advance for periodicals not supplied.....	4,157 16
Accounts payable	610 59
Due Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows....	135 00
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	\$15,573 55
Net earnings	\$4,012 99

Financial Report of the Business Department from April 1, 1901, to
March 31, 1902.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, Philadelphia and Reading.....	\$4,013 25
Accounts receivable	9,418 06
Merchandise, 10 per cent. less than cost price.....	9,773 10
Paper on hand for periodicals.....	1,658 82
Cash paid in advance on material for periodicals for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th qrs., 1902.....	723 24
Plates, cuts, including plates of S. S. Hymnal and Primary S. S. Hymnal.....	500 00
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	\$26,086 47

LIABILITIES.

Capital, April 1, 1901.....	\$14,083 79
Cash received in advance for periodicals for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th qrs., 1902.....	4,357 48
Accounts Payable	2,595 25
Due Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.....	180 00
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	\$21,216 52
Net earnings	\$4,869 95

The accounts of the Business Department are audited annually. The accounts for the year 1901-'02 had not been audited at the time this Report was printed.

The undersigned have examined the report of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church, and find the accounts to be correct.

WM. M. ENGEL,
P. E. ZARTMAN.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

April 1, 1899, to March 31, 1902.

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Cash on hand March 31, 1899		\$2,334 07
Cash received from sales of Periodicals, Books, Sunday-school Supplies (including B. P. R. C. A., Christian World Co. and Reading Office):		
From March 31, 1899, to March 31, 1900.....	38,602 07	
From March 31, 1900, to March 31, 1901.....	44,182 86	
From March 31, 1901, to March 31, 1902.....	48,703 68	131,488 61
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		\$133,822 68

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Periodical Department, Paper, Printing, Etc....	56,240 66	
Book Department, including S. S. Hymnals, S. S. Supplies, etc.	40,148 44	
Miscellaneous, Periodical and Book Departments	4,610 81	
Rent, repairs to building, rentals to sub-tenants, amounting to \$1,274.75, not deducted	3,938 98	
Salaries, including 2-3 of General Secretary's salary, Business Agent's salary, book- keepers, clerks, shippers, etc.....	14,136 08	
Incidental Expenses, Postage, Insurance, Adver- tising, Coal, etc.	4,003 28	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,289 63	
Royalty to Reformed Church Publication Board..	3,000 00	
Royalty on S. S. Hymnal to Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows.....	320 00	
Appropriation from Net Profits to Sunday- school and Missionary Department	2,121 55	129,809 43
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Balance Cash, March 31, 1902.....		\$ 4,018 25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer, in account with the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church in the United States. (Sunday-school and Missionary Department.)

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Balance on hand, April 1, 1899.....	\$	162	45
Offerings of Sunday-schools, 1899-1900.....	\$1,923	69	
Offerings of Sunday-schools, 1900-1901.....	1,967	75	
Offerings of Sunday-schools, 1901-1902.....	1,859	19	
	-----	\$5,750	63
Sales of Children's Day services.....		879	45
Appropriations from earnings of Business Department.....		2,121	94
Donation from "A Friend,".....		200	00
Bank dividend.....		11	63
Salary refunded by missionary.....		20	83
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		\$9,146	93

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Grants of Literature and printing for Department.....	\$2,582	88
Salaries of fifteen Sunday-school Missionaries.....	2,303	40
General Secretary's salary, proportion of.....	1,567	06
General Secretary's Office Expense (rent, assistant, postage, freight, printing, etc.).....	784	44
General Secretary's traveling expenses.....	133	36
Treasurer's salary and office expenses.....	95	17
Account of Board meetings, traveling expenses.....	238	69
"Tidings" settlement.....	716	93
Attorney's expenses.....	20	00
Overpayment by Treasurer of Classis refunded.....	10	00
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		\$8,451 93
Balance on hand, April 1, 1902.....		\$695 00

NOTE.—The balance of cash on hand is required for current expenses until Children's Day, 1902. There is due also to the Business Department on account of Grants of Literature furnished at wholesale prices and printing of Children's Day Services for this Department, \$1,313.84.

II. Report of Standing Committee on Sunday-schools.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools was presented on Tuesday, disposed of item by item and finally adopted. The following is the report.

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

Your Standing Committee on Sunday-schools would respectfully offer the following report:

The documents referred to your committee warrant the inference that the last three years show a marked increase in the extent and quality of the work done in this department of church activity. The statistics submitted by the Sunday-school Board indicate an increase in the number of schools and the Sunday-school membership, a larger circulation of Sunday-school literature, and a better condition of the financial operations of the Board than at any previous time. This is a matter for congratulation and a cause of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church.

The recent adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the Church which gives the General Synod rightful authority to carry forward the Sunday-school operations of the Church as a department co-ordinate with Home and Foreign Missions, serves to emphasize the importance of Sunday-schools in the scheme of Christian education. There is a growing conviction on the part of thoughtful Christians in all Protestant denominations that the most potent factor in the efforts made to maintain and increase the membership of the various churches is found in the proper training of the young. No other form of Christian activity, no other method of introducing members into the Church is capable of producing results as satisfactory in point of numbers and general efficiency as the education of the children of the church in the knowledge of the Bible, in Christian doctrine, in church activity and in worship. Where the religious training of children is provided for, there are few who stray away from the fold; where it is neglected or imperfectly attended to, and reliance is placed upon spasmodic efforts in the form of revivals, the loss to the church is appalling. This is a matter of common experience, and it brings home to us the ne-

cessity of a system of thorough Christian education on the basis of the covenant relation in which the children of the church members stand. The Sunday-school, in the nature of the case, is one of the chief factors in this system. It cannot take the place of family nurture, and it cannot supplant the catechetical class; but it can, and it should supplement both of these, not as an institution independent of the Church, but as the Church itself organized in a specific way for the accomplishment of a definite end in a rational and consistent course of instruction.

To secure such a course of instruction, the home, the school, and the Church in the wider sense, need to be brought into organic relation, making room in this way for the reaching out of the school towards those who cannot personally attend its sessions. The effort to increase the membership, as a part of the twentieth century movement, should, therefore, be continued so that more schools may be organized, and a larger number of children be brought directly under the instruction of the Church. It is, however, especially important that the methods of teaching should be improved, and that an effective training of the teachers upon whom rests so grave a responsibility should be provided for. It is a matter for congratulation that we have excellent Sunday-school literature and lesson helps and that the Church is advancing rapidly along these lines. More can be done, however, especially if the pastors themselves will take in hand the training of the teacher by suitable instruction, by referring them to the best authorities, and by introducing organized efforts to improve the methods of teaching.

Going hand in hand with systematic instruction, there should be careful training in church life. This means a development of the inner spiritual life of the children, and the expression of that life in worship and benevolent contributions. The Church is fortunate in the possession of excellent hymnals for the use of our Sunday-schools, and these ought to be introduced wherever it is practicable. The children should be taught to give, and even to make sacrifices in order to give to Home and Foreign Missions, Orphans' Homes, and the general benevolent work of the Church. In this way the children will grow both in knowledge and spirituality, and a higher type of denomina-

tional life will be developed in every sphere of Christian activity.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the efforts of the twentieth century movement be continued, and that the several Classes be requested to urge upon their permanent Sunday-school committees and upon the pastors and consistories of the several churches the importance of organizing new schools and increasing the membership of those already in existence by more efficient organization so as to include the Home Department and the Cradle Roll.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes be requested to urge upon their pastors and consistories the importance of adopting a higher standard of excellence for their respective schools, looking especially to the training of efficient teachers, the circulation of lesson helps and Sunday-school literature, and the arrangement of Sunday-school instruction in such a way as to lead to their children's entrance into the catechetical class and full membership of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That the statistical blank of Sunday-schools be changed so that the column headed "If Union School, estimate Reformed enrollment" be made to read "Number of Union Schools in charge. If none, mark 'o'"; under the head of education, omit the column "No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per year (not lesson papers)," and insert a column "Home Department enrollment."

4. *Resolved*, That, to cultivate the spirit of Christian benevolence, the Classes be requested to urge the Sunday-schools to make offerings for Home and Foreign Missions, Orphans' Homes, etc., at stated times during the year, and that the contributions made on Children's Day be given to the Sunday-school Board and Sunday-school Missions, and the contributions made on the second Sunday in November be made a special offering to the cause of Home Missions; the offerings on Christmas to the Orphans' Homes of the Church; the offerings on the second Sunday in February be devoted to Foreign Missions.

Your committee has carefully considered the communication from the National W. C. T. U., urging this Synod to take action with reference to the retention of the quarterly temper-

ance lesson in the International Sunday-school Lesons, and would respectfully report the following:

5. *Resolved*, That as a Synod we recognize the importance of giving instruction in Sunday-schools on the subject of temperance, but that we prefer to leave the selection of the time for these lessons and the number of them in the course of a year to the discretion and good judgment of the lesson committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,
MILES O. NOLL,
RUFUS C. ZARTMAN,
P. H. BRIDENBAUGH.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Members whose term expires May, 1905.

Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D.

Rev. Lewis Robb.

Rev. B. S. Stern.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Rev. John H. Bomberger, D.D.

Members recently elected whose term expires May, 1908.

Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D.D.

Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D.

Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D.

Rev. A. E. Baichly, D.D.

Rev. C. F. Kriete.

Rev. D. H. Fouse.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

HARTZELL APPEAL CASE VS. EASTERN SYNOD.

The items 1 and 2 in report on Minutes of Eastern Synod were referred on the third day of the sessions to a special committee consisting of Revs. Geo. Stibitz, Geo. W. Henning, Elders C. M. Boush and Dr. Shullenberger, who presented the following report which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHERN: Your committee appointed to consider and report on the regularity of the appeals of the Rev. L. D. Steckel from the Eastern Synod to General Synod in the case of Klopp's church and the case of the Rev. S. F. Hartzell, beg leave to report that it finds the appeals in order.

We recommend that the case be taken up immediately and that the following be the order of proceeding in the first case.

1. That all necessary papers be read.
2. That twenty minutes be allowed the complainant in opening.
3. That twenty-five minutes be allowed the defendant.
4. That five minutes be allowed complainant in closing.
5. That the vote be taken immediately without further debate.

That the second appeal be heard immediately on the disposal of the first and the same order be followed (without the extension of time, viz: 15—20—5 minutes).

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. STIBITZ, *Chairman.*

The pleading of the case was made the order of the day on the seventh day of the sessions at 4 P. M.

Rev. S. F. Hartzell was heard in his counsel, Rev. D. L. Steckel, against the action of Eastern Synod in the case of himself and the Klopp's church, and Rev. J. Lewis Fluck defended the Eastern Synod in sustaining Lebanon Classis in its decision in the case.

At the close of the argument the roll was called, and the ballot taken, which resulted in the following vote: 14 yeas, 68 nays, 1 non-liquet, 1 excused. The appeal was not sustained.

APPEAL OF REV. SAMUEL F. HARTZEL VS. EAST SUSQUEHANNA
CLASSIS.

The hearing of the case was made the order of the day on the seventh day of the sessions at 8 P. M. Rev. L. D. Steckel served as counsel for the appellant, and Rev. S. P. Brown defended Synod's action in sustaining East Susquehanna in the suspension of Rev. Samuel F. Hartzel from the Christian ministry.

After hearing the argument in the case, the roll was called and the ballot taken, which resulted in a vote of 5 yeas, 96 nays, 1 non-liquet, 4 excused. The appeal was not sustained.

APPEAL OF REV. C. E. W. BEYER.

In response to item 8 in report on Minutes of German Synod of the East a special committee was appointed consisting of

Revs. J. M. Runkle, W. D. Donat, T. R. Deitz and T. H. Paul, who presented the following report which was adopted :

Your committee to whom was referred item 8 of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the German Synod of the East, referring to the appeal of C. E. W. Beyer from the action of said Synod, respectfully reports the following, viz :

We have examined the official record referred to the committee and find :

1st. That whilst C. E. W. Beyer has complied with the first part of the requirements of the Constitution of the Church, part second, chapter 1st, Article 30, viz: "by giving the German Synod of the East distinct and immediate notice of his intention to appeal" to this higher judicatory. he has failed to comply with the second part of the requirements of said Constitution, viz: "to lodge with the President of said Synod the reasons of his appeal within ten days after its rising." Therefore the appeal is not in order.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. RUNKLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINT.

In the 7th item in the report on Minutes of German Synod of the East reference is made to a complaint of Rev. Ph. Vollmer against certain action of the German Synod of the East in suspending Rev. J. Werz, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. S. T. Wagner, J. H. Stepler, H. C. Nott, A. H. Zechiel and Elders Prugh and Dr. Robb, who presented the following report which was adopted :

Your committee on the complaint of Rev. Philip Vollmer against certain action of the German Synod of the East have examined the papers placed in our hands and find the complaint in order. We therefore recommend the following :

1st. That the papers and minutes bearing on the case be read.

2d. That the complainant be given fifteen minutes to present his complaint.

3d. That the defense be given twenty-five minutes to reply.

4th. That the complainant be given ten minutes to close the case.

5th. That the complaint be heard at once.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

The case of the complainant was presented on the fifth day of the sessions by Rev. Ph. Vollmer, D.D., and that of the defendant was presented by Rev. Paul H. Schnatz. The roll was called after the close of the argument and the vote showed the result to be 130 yeas, 6 nays, 19 non-liquets, 1 excused.

DEFINING THE DECISION OF THE VOTE.

The President appointed a special committee consisting of Revs. C. F. Kriete, H. S. Gekeler and Elder C. L. Hottenstein to define the meaning of the action in sustaining the complaint.

The committee presented the following report which was adopted:

The decision of General Synod in sustaining the complaint is that the entire matter is hereby referred through the German Synod of the East to New York Classis for re-investigation.

C. F. KRIETE, *Chairman.*

APPEAL OF REV. N. A. ERNST.

In response to Item 2 in report on Minutes of Ohio Synod a special committee was appointed consisting of Revs. J. E. Freeman, E. P. Skyles, S. U. Snyder and Elders H. Feather and B. Y. Shearer, who presented the following report which was adopted:

To the General Synod:

Your committee to whom was submitted the second item in report on Minutes of Ohio Synod, begs leave to report that the appeal of Rev. N. A. Ernst to General Synod from the Ohio Synod was perfected, but that the aforesaid N. A. Ernst has failed to appear on the floor of this Synod to prosecute his appeal, or send any reason for his absence, therefore we recommend the following action, viz:

That according to Art. 30 of the Constitution it is considered by this Synod that the said N. A. Ernst has abandoned

his appeal and the sentence of said Classis of Tuscarawas of said Ohio Synod is final and against him.

JOS. E. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT IN ANSWER TO REQUEST OF GERMAN MARYLAND CLASSIS.

In response to item 3 under head of Request, in the report on Minutes of the German Maryland Classis a committee was appointed consisting of Revs. M. Vitz, Theo. F. Herman, E. Gruenstein, Elders F. von Tacky and Dick Wenning, who presented the following report which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHERN: Your special committee on the last item of the report of German Classes, begs leave to report: First, that according to the paper in hands of your committee, the name of Rev. J. Weywara was stricken from the roll of German Maryland Classis because of his entering the Lutheran Church.

Secondly, that said Classis has given up its intention of appealing from the action of the Synod of the Northwest, but wishes General Synod to express an opinion whether the Synod of the Northwest was right in its action pertaining to Oregon Classis on the said Rev. Weywara.

Since this action comes up neither as an appeal nor as a complaint and thus in a measure becomes a hypothetical case, your committee recommends that your reverend body take no action.

Respectfully submitted,

M. VITZ,
F. VON TACKY,
DICK WENNING,
THEO. F. HERMAN,
E. GRUENSTEIN.

Baltimore, Md., May 28, 1902.

ARTICLE XVIII.

GOVERNMENT.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

The official reports of the action of the several Classes on amendments to the Constitution were referred for tabulation to a special committee consisting of Revs. R. W. Miller, Samuel T.

Wagner, I. N. Peightel and Elders J. H. Stein and Dr. Bobb, who presented the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Your committee to whom was referred the official reports of the actions of the several Classes on amendments to Articles 46 and 83 of the Constitution submitted for their approval or rejection, by the General Synod at Tiffin, Ohio, respectfully report:

Upon careful examination of all official reports committed to us we find the following to be the result of the vote of Classes on amendment to Article 46:

Classes voting approved, 49; Classes voting non-approved, 1; Classes failing to report, 7.

On amendment to Article 83:

Classes voting approved, 38; Classes voting non-approved, 10; Classes failing to report, 4; Classes reporting but taking no action, 5.

From this statement of the action taken by the several Classes, it appears that the amendments to Article 46 and Article 83, having been approved by the two-thirds majority required by the existing Constitution, are adopted.

RUFUS W. MILLER, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON OVERTURE FROM SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.

In response to item 3 in report on Minutes of Synod of Northwest a special committee was appointed consisting of Revs. T. Frank Hoffmeier, R. F. Schultz, A. O. Reiter and Elder J. W. Apple, who presented the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the overture of the Synod of the Northwest with reference to the carrying out of the provisions of Art. 52 of the Constitution, respectfully offers the following report:

According to Art. 52 a call from a charge to a minister is not final until confirmed by the Classis, and the resignation of a pastor is not final until the Classis has assented to it and by action dissolved the pastoral relation. A minister therefore cannot constitutionally enter a charge or leave it without having previously obtained the consent of the Classis.

The overture sets forth that the literal enforcement of this article sometimes works hardships by keeping a minister without a charge and consequently without bread for a considerable time, and that therefore its requirements are frequently disregarded, and asks General Synod to lay down a rule to be followed.

Your committee believes that it would be well to have a modification of this article by conferring on the President or the officers of Classis the power to confirm calls and dissolve pastoral relations in cases where there are no obstacles in the way, and thus obviate the necessity of calling special meetings of Classis for such purposes, which in the case of widely scattered Classes is frequently attended with difficulty and delay. Yet so long as the Constitution stands as it does, the only safe course is to carry out its requirements, and therefore your committee offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That this General Synod lays it down as a rule that the requirements of the Constitution in this as in other matters, should be observed. Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman*.

ACTION ON OVERTURE FROM LANCASTER CLASSIS, OHIO SYNOD.

In response to the third item in report on Overtures, a special committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. M. J. Roth, O. P. Foust, P. E. Heimer, Elders J. S. Sechler and J. Zollinger, who presented the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The special committee appointed by your honorable body to which was referred the petition of a committee of Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod, and the people of the Mt. Zion congregation, in which certain specific questions are asked, for your your deliberation and decision, submits the following report:

I. *Resolved*, That the consistory was justified in closing the doors of the church against the "Demorest Prohibition Contests" with its objectionable address features of the contests, on constitutional grounds, according to Chap. II, Sec. 1, Art. 40, of the Constitution.

II. *Resolved*, That John S. Wilkins has erred in insisting that the doors of the church were to be opened on purely moral grounds since the church is not first and foremost a moral institution, but a religious and spiritual institution.

III. *Resolved*, That the church being dedicated to the Triune God for worship and instruction should therefore not ordinarily be opened for such contests as mentioned in the overture, and that the Eldership in connection with the pastor be recognized as the guardians of its spiritual interests.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. ROTH, *Chairman*.

QUESTIONABLE METHOD OF SECURING CHURCH FUNDS.

In response to item 22 in report on Overtures, a special committee was appointed consisting of Revs. Jacob Hauser and E. N. Kremer, who presented the following report, which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the General Synod Reformed Church in the United States:

BRETHREN: The following resolutions are respectfully laid before your reverend body with the request that favorable action may be taken thereon:

WHEREAS, It has become the custom of many of our churches to raise funds for church support, and also for benevolent purposes, by holding fairs, ice cream, strawberry and other festivals, suppers and entertainments, of a worldly or half-worldly character, and

WHEREAS, Such entertainments are often held in the church edifice, thereby desecrating the house of God, impairing the reverence for it in the hearts of our people, and also the willingness of free and liberal giving for the cause of Christ our Redeemer, bringing reproach upon the Christian Church and religion, and

WHEREAS, There is no precedent in the Holy Scriptures for such mode of raising means for the cause of Christ and other benevolent purposes and as it is also contrary to the true motive of Christian giving, which is gratitude, therefore

Resolved, That we urgently enjoin our pastors, consistories and congregations as also the different societies connected with

our churches to abstain from this shameful and pernicious custom and to raise such funds in a manner that is becoming the sanctity of the Christian Church.

To this end we would recommend a more thorough and systematic instruction of the people by our pastors and other church officers in regard to the sacred obligation of believers to extend the kingdom of God and to provide for the special needs of the various departments of church work by encouraging liberal giving, not only in the stated offerings but on all occasions when financial aid is solicited for the maintenance of the gospel and the furtherance of Christ's kingdom. Here the collection box in the church or church vestibule might serve a good purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HAUSER, *Chairman.*

REGISTER FOR LICENSURES AND ORDINATIONS.

In response to item 12 in report on Minutes of General Synod instructing the Stated Clerk to procure and record in a Ministerial Register, Licensures, Ordinations, etc., presented the following report which was adopted:

The undersigned, in accordance with instructions in Minutes of General Synod, 1899, page 186, procured a well-bound register for licensures and ordinations of ministers of the Reformed Church, said register contains 516 pages and is so arranged as to contain the full name of the licentiates and ministers with the dates of licensure, of ordination, the name of the Classis or Synod by which the minister was licensed and ordained and the time and place of such licensure and ordination.

The reports from the several Stated Clerks on blanks with which they were severally provided, were received and copied in the register in alphabetical order. Some of the reports were very meagre while others were very complete. Much time and patience was required to arrange and copy the facts and data that have in this manner been supplied. Several of the Classes failed to hand in a report, while some of the Stated Clerks have carefully searched the records from the organization of their respective Classes to the present time. The entering of the names is registered alphabetically up to the year 1900. From

that time onward, they will be entered in the register chronologically.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. H. STEIN.

REPORT ON LICENSURE, ORDINATION, ETC.

In response to item 13 in report on Minutes of General Synod the following report of the Special Committee on Licensure, Ordination, etc., was presented and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee appointed by the last General Synod to secure and report to the Stated Clerk a record of licensures, ordinations, deaths, dismissions, etc., of the minister of the Reformed Church, beg leave to submit the following report:

The duty assigned us, onerous and laborious as it has been, was performed to the best of our ability. We are obliged to report, however, that our work is unavoidably incomplete and imperfect, owing to the fact that the records of the Classes were in many respects imperfect and incomplete, the reports of committees on licensures and ordinations sometimes simply being, "Attended to," without giving the time, place, etc.; some of the records were destroyed, and several of the Stated Clerks failed to report to the committee as they had been requested and urged to do.

All the Stated Clerks in the Eastern Synod, Ohio Synod, Central Synod, Synod of the Interior and the Pittsburgh Synod reported. In the Synod of the Potomac the Stated Clerks of Gettysburg, Mercersburg, Maryland and Virginia Classes, and in the German Synod of the East, the Clerks of the German Maryland and West Pennsylvania Classes failed to report. In the Synod of the Northwest the records of Sheboygan Classis were destroyed by fire, and one of the far western Classes failed to report.

In order to secure uniformity in the reports, blanks were prepared by the Stated Clerk, at the suggestion of the committee, and sent out to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes and Synods who were requested to gather from their records the

required statistics, and forward them to the committee to be arranged in alphabetical order. This part of the work was divided among the members of the committee as follows: The Stated Clerks of the Ohio Synod and its Classes, and those of the Central Synod were requested to send their reports to the chairman of the committee; those of the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Interior to Rev. J. H. Mickley; those of the Synod of the Potomac and the German Synod of the East to Rev. W. I. Stewart; those of the Synod of the Northwest, to Elder C. M. Boush, Esq.; and those of the Eastern Synod to Rev. J. P. Stein, D.D., who kindly volunteered to do that part of the work.

Early in September, A. D. 1900, the chairman completed his part of the work and sent his report to the Stated Clerk for entry in the Register. About that time also Rev. J. P. Stein reported that all the Stated Clerks in the Eastern Synod had sent in their reports, and he was now engaged in arranging the names in alphabetical order for copying in the Register. Later also, the other members of the committee completed the part of the work assigned them and sent their reports to the Stated Clerk for entry in the Register, which we have no doubt, has been faithfully and accurately done on his part, and he will report in reference to that part of the work.

With these brief statements, we submit this as our report, with the hope that our work may tend, in a measure at least, to secure the ends in view when the committee was raised, and for which it was appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HENNING, *Chairman*,
 J. HARVEY MICKLEY,
 C. M. BOUSH,
 JOHN PH. STEIN.

Baltimore, Md., May 21, A. D. 1902.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Gettysburg, Mercersburg, Maryland and Virginia Classes, Synod of Potomac, and the Clerks of the German Maryland and West Pennsylvania Classes in the German Synod of the East, be instructed by their

respective Classes to furnish the Stated Clerk of the General Synod with the record of licensures, ordinations, etc., from the Minutes of their respective Classes on blanks provided by Stated Clerk of General Synod for such purpose.

APPOINTMENT OF ROLL CLERK.

A communication was read concerning the propriety of creating an official roll clerk, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Drs. John H. Sechler, R. C. Zartman, C. F. Kriete and Elder F. G. Hobson, who presented the following report which was adopted:

Resolved, That an assistant clerk be appointed to be known as Roll Clerk, who shall keep an accurate record of the attendance of delegates at the different sessions of the General Synod in the following manner:

1. The Roll Clerk shall be furnished with a certified list of delegates by the Stated Clerk, and shall be seated in the vestibule of the church in which General Synod holds its sessions to receive from each member as he enters, a record-slip noting the member's presence.

The record-slip shall be in form as follows:

General Synod, Reformed Church in the United States.

.....City.State.Mo.Day.Year.

Record of Attendance of Delegates.

Synod..... Classis.....

Delegate's Name

Session

A sufficient number of record blanks in printed form shall be provided by the Stated Clerk in advance of the triennial sessions of General Synod.

2. The Roll Clerk shall record upon the official roll of delegates prepared by the Stated Clerk, the presence of each delegate reported to him by the delegate in person for each session of the Synod.

3. The Roll Clerk shall report to the presiding officer of

General Synod whether a quorum for the transaction of business is present at the opening session, immediately upon the conclusion of the opening religious services, or as soon thereafter as delegates sufficient for a quorum report their presence.

4. It shall be the duty of the Roll Clerk to sit during the sessions of Synod, and in order that the daily calling of the roll may be dispensed with, report at the conclusion of the religious services with which each day's session is opened, whether a quorum is present.

5. The Roll Clerk shall be appointed by the Stated Clerk, to act under his direction, and the expense incurred by this office to be borne by the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

FORMATION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION.

In response to item 16 in report on Minutes of General Synod, concerning the formation of a Constitutional commission, a report was presented by the chairman, Rev. Thos. J. Hacker. The report was recommitted with instructions and when presented for further consideration the following substitute was presented and finally adopted:

Resolved, I. That the new Constitution be prepared by a committee of five, to be appointed by this Synod.

II. That this committee be instructed to submit the first draft of the Constitution, in printed form, to the several Classes for their criticism and suggestions, and that a copy be sent to each member of Classis at least thirty days before the meeting of Classis.

III. That from these criticisms and suggestions the committee shall give the final form to the document in which form it shall be presented to General Synod.

The president appointed the following persons as members of this committee: Revs. Drs. George W. Richards, John H. Sechler, Martin Vitz, Elders John W. Apple and Hiram Ankeny.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Proceedings of the Seventh General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, held at Washington, D. C., 1899; The Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A., for 1899 and 1900; 1901, Communications from "Eglise Nationale Protestante de Geneve"; from the Reformed Church in Pozsony, Hungary; and from "Das Deutsche Hugenottenvereins," Magdeburg, were presented to Synod for preservation in the Synodical Archives.

A volume of the Heidelberg Catechism, edited by Rev. Alex. Smellie, was presented by the Reformed Publication Board. A brief History of Salem Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., presented by Rev. Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, a copy of the Digest of the Proceedings of General Synod; and two copies of the Coetal Minutes (ordered by Synod), are placed in the Archives; also the various catalogues of our several Literary Institutions noticed in the Minutes of the present sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

The Triennial Report of the Treasurer of General Synod was read by the Treasurer on the second day of sessions, and referred with accompanying vouchers to the Standing Committee on Finance. The report is as follows, to wit:

I. TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF GENERAL SYNOD.

W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer, in account with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

		RECEIPTS.	CR.
June 5, 1899.	Received from former treasurer.....		\$ 673 18
	For Contingent Fund as follows:		
<i>Eastern Synod.</i>	Oct. 10, 1899, on account.....	\$101 89	
	Sept. 15, 1900, on account.....	266 57	
	Oct. 1, 1900, on account.....	307 00	
	Oct. 6, 1900, on account.....	227 00	
	Oct. 11, 12, 1900,two checks on acct.	152 26	
	Nov., 1900, on account.....	304 47	

	April 15, 1901, on account.....	\$153 35	
	May 23, 1901, on account.....	758 85	
	Oct. 10, 1901, on account.....	304 23	
	April 16, 1902 on account.....	145 00	
	April 19, 1902, on account.....	160 00	
		-----	\$2,880 62
<i>Ohio Synod.</i>	June 16, 1900, on account.....	\$ 64 34	
	Oct. 20, 1900, on account.....	116 97	
	May 23, 1901, on account.....	153 49	
	Oct. 21, 1901, on account.....	140 89	
	Oct. 31, 1901, on account.....	101 74	
		-----	\$ 577 43
<i>Synod of the Northwest.</i>	Feb. 4, 1901, on account.....	\$165 00	
	Sept. 3, 1901, on account.....	175 00	
	April 5, in full.....	160 00	
		-----	\$ 500 00
<i>Pittsburgh Synod.</i>	July 20, 1900, on account.....	\$144 00	
	Aug. 3, 1901, on account.....	143 00	
	May 17, 1902, in full.....	143 00	
		-----	\$ 430 00
<i>Potomac Synod.</i>	Oct. 23, 1899, on account.....	\$ 44 97	
	Oct. 18, 1900, on account.....	580 43	
	Oct. 12, 1901, on account.....	325 13	
		-----	\$ 950 53
<i>Central Synod.</i>	June 16, 1900, on account.....	\$153 15	
	August 25, 1900, on account.....	114 85	
	April 27, 1901, on account.....	112 25	
	Sept. 17, 1901, in full.....	119 75	
		-----	\$ 500 00
<i>Synod of the Interior.</i>	March 27, 1900, in full.....		70 00
<i>German Synod of the East.</i>	August 20, 1901, in full.....		260 00

	Total.....		\$6,841 76

EXPENDITURES.

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To Delegates from beyond the Mississippi. Half fare, viz:	
June 12, 1899: Rev. D. F. Boomershine.....	\$ 6 25
Rev. L. C. Krome.....	6 85
Mr. Jas. J. Duncan.....	6 94
Rev. Dr. J. W. Love.....	10 00
Mr. Frederick Isley.....	12 64
Rev. S. A. Alt.....	10 96
Rev. D. B. Shuey.....	11 00
Rev. Dr. J. C. Stein.....	23 35
Rev. J. D. Andrew.....	14 00
Rev. T. F. Stauffer.....	10 58

	Rev. W. A. Long.....	\$16 50	
	Mr. F. W. Bushong.....	11 15	
	Rev. H. Treick, S. D.....	13 20	
		-----	\$ 153 42
June 12, 1899.	Rev. J. D. Buchrer for use of church for General Synod at Tiffin, Ohio.....		75 00
June 12, 1899.	Mr. F. G. Hobson, tickets for Gen. Synod..		2 00
“ “	Rev. R. L. Gerhart, special com., Gen Synod		23 00
“ “	Rev. D. A. Souders, Relief Committee.....		16 00
“ “	Rev. Dr. Cort, Chairman Digest Com.....		50 00
“ “	Rev. Dr. Cort, expenses as railroad agent..		22 00
“ “	Jev. John H. Stepler, exp. Ministerial Com.		25 00
“ “	Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer, exp. as delegate Presbyterian Church		3 50
“ “	Rev. Dr. Henry T. Spangler, exp. as delegate to Gen. Assembly Presbyterian Church..		30 00
Aug. 12, 1899.	Revenue Stamps and postage, etc., Foreign postal money orders		1 90
“ “	Postmaster, Lyon, for foreign money orders for Magdeburg, Germany, \$25; <u>Pozsony,</u> <u>Hungary,</u> \$50		75 00
Aug. 26, 1899.	Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, Sec'y of the Alli- ance of Reformed Church.....	\$390 00	
Nov. 5, 1900.	Mr. George Jenkin, Treas. of the Al- liance of Reformed Church.....	390 00	
Sept. 21, 1901.	F. K. Hipple, Pres. Real Estate Trust Co., Reformed contingent for Alliance of Reformed.....	390 00	
		-----	1 170 00
Aug. 26, 1899.	Rev. Dr. J. P. Stein, bill of \$1.25; and sal- ary, \$125		126 25
Sept. 29, 1899.	Rev. Dr. Samuel G. Beam, exp. on Com....		4 00
Oct. 23, 1899.	Rev. Dr. S. B. Yockey, Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Rus- sell, expenses on Constitutional Com.....		8 00
“ “	Rev. Dr. J. P. Stein, expenses for mailing Minutes of Gen. Synod, and other bills of expense		85 31
Oct. 31, 1899.	Rev. Dr. J. Dahlman, salary as clerk of Syn- od, and other bills.....		137 37
“ “	August Becker for Central Publishing House for work done for Gen. Synod.....		583 81
“ “	Rev. Geo. F. Barcis, exp. of Century Com..		7 50
“ “	Rev. Dr. C. Clever, expenses of Century Com- mittee meeting		9 50
“ “	Rev. Amos Casselman, exp. Century Com....		27 00

Oct. 31. 1899.	Rev. F. Mayer, exp. Century Com.....	\$3 10
Dec. 5. 1899.	Mr. August Becker for Central Publishing House for printing German Minutes of General Synod	315 05
Feb. 1, 1900.	H. C. Wormberger, for ruling and printing blanks and binding Minutes of General Synod	18 00
“ “	W. G. Roy making blank books for Gen. Synod	28 60
“ “	The New Era Printing Company for en- graving seal, etc.	4 35
March 16, 1900.	Rev. Dr. C. Cort, exp. Digest Committee...	6 00
June 4, 1900.	Central Publishing House for German blanks	10 20
June 22, 1900.	Rev. Dr. John N. Sechler, expenses as dele- gate to Dutch Reformed Church in North America	3 66
July 21, 1900.	Int. 11 mos. on \$500 borrowed money. \$27 50	
Oct. 1, 1900.	Int. 11 mos. on \$500 borrowed money. 27 50	
Nov. 5, 1900.	Int. 11 mos. on \$500 borrowed money. 27 50	
	----	82 50
Oct. 24, 1900.	Paid Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxal expenses as dele- gate to the U. P. General Assembly....	15 00
March 2, 1901.	Rev. Dr. J. P. Stein, expenses of statistical Blanks	12 25
May 29, 1901.	August Becker for German statistical reports	6 10
June 4, 1901.	Rev. Dr. E. P. Herbruck, expenses as delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Gen. Synod	28 50
July 5, 1901.	Rev. Dr. C. Cort, exp. on Digest Committee..	5 00
Aug. 10, 1901.	Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick, expenses of Commit- tee on Foreign Missions.....	28 18
Nov. 12, 1901.	Rev. Dr. J. H. Stepler, as delegate.....	18 50
Feb. 12, 1902.	Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler, exp. on Digest Com...	1 50
“ “	Rev. Dr. C. Cort, expenses as member of Di- gest Committee	9 95
March 18, 1902.	Central Publishing House for work for General Synod	8 85
“ “	Rev. Dr. J. P. Stein, for 1,500 copies blanks, postage and blanks.....	19 95
April 7, 1902.	Rev. Dr. C. Cort, exp. as railroad agent....	17 00
May 10, 1902.	Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler, exp. on Digest Com...	3 08

		\$3,280 88
May 20.	Amount of money in Treasury.....	\$3,560 88

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report on the eighth day of the sessions, which was acted on by Synod, and in connection with the Treasurer's report, was adopted. The report is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

The committee has had in hand for consideration: (a) the report of the Treasurer of General Synod; (b) the items covering the amount of expenses incurred by Synod; (c) the amounts apportioned for Home and Foreign Missions, Harbor Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions; (d) the action touching the payment of one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegates from beyond the Mississippi river.

1. They have audited the Treasurer's report and found it correct. The following is a summary:

Amount received	\$6,841 76
Amount paid out.....	3,280 88
	\$3,560 88
Balance in Treasury May 20, 1902....	\$3,560 88

2. The committee has apportioned \$3,000 for contingent expenses upon the several District Synods.

3. The committee has apportioned the sum of \$1,200 for Harbor Missions; \$60,000 for Home Missions; \$9,000 for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions; \$45,000 for Foreign Missions; \$4,500 upon the English Synods for German-English work, and 6 cents per member upon the English Synods for Church Extension work.

Contingent Fund.—Eastern Synod, \$1,230; Ohio Synod, \$312; Synod of the Northwest, \$265; Pittsburgh Synod, \$225; Potomac Synod, \$482; Central Synod, \$275; Synod of the Interior, \$36; German Synod of the East, \$175.

Home Missions.—Eastern Synod, \$32,370; Ohio Synod, \$7,875; Pittsburgh Synod, \$6,280; Potomac Synod, \$12,450; Interior Synod, \$1,075.

Harbor Missions.—Eastern Synod, \$492; Ohio Synod, \$125; Synod of the Northwest, \$106; Pittsburgh Synod, \$90;

Potomac Synod, \$193; German Synod of the East, \$70; Central Synod, \$110; Interior Synod, \$14.

Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.—Eastern Synod, \$3,690; Ohio Synod, \$937; Synod of the Northwest, \$795; Pittsburgh Synod, \$675; Potomac Synod, \$1,448; German Synod of the East, \$525; Central Synod, \$825; Interior, \$107.

Work among Germans.—Eastern Synod, \$2,426; Ohio Synod, \$590; Pittsburgh Synod, \$460; Potomac Synod, \$930; Interior Synod, \$94.

Foreign Missions.—Eastern Synod, \$18,450; Ohio Synod, \$4,685; Synod of the Northwest, \$3,975; Pittsburgh Synod, \$3,375; Potomac Synod, \$7,240; German Synod of the East, \$2,625; Central Synod, \$4,125; Interior, \$535.

5. The committee calls the special attention of the Synod to the fact that the amounts apportioned for work among the Germans, the six cents per member for church extension work, and the 60,000 for Home Missions, are upon the five English Synods only and are for each year for three years. The amounts apportioned for Foreign Missions and Harbor Missions are also an annual apportionment, but upon all the Synods, and that for Contingent for the whole period of three years.

7. The committee recommends that a salary of \$50 per annum be paid the Treasurer of General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. SHULTZ,

E. D. WETTACH,

JOHN W. PONTIUS,

MILTON S. RICHARDS.

SALARY OF THE CLERKS OF GENERAL SYNOD INCREASED.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The labors of the Stated Clerk have very largely increased of late years with the rapidly growing and expanding work of General Synod, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the salary hitherto paid the Clerk (\$125) is quite out of keeping with the amount of care and hard labor necessarily pertaining to the important and arduous office he holds, therefore be it

Resolved, That the salary of the Stated Clerk be and is hereby increased to \$250.

It was also resolved that the salary of the Assistant Clerk be increased to \$175.

On motion the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay one-half of the reduced railroad fare of all delegates from points beyond the Mississippi river.

Elder Wm. R. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa., was re-elected Treasurer of General Synod, at a salary of \$50 per triennium.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod on the sixth day during the morning session reported that the Stated Clerk was instructed to have a certain number of copies of the Minutes of the late General Synod printed for distribution. The following report was presented and adopted:

REPORT ON PRINTING MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The undersigned, in accordance with the instructions given by General Synod, that the printing of its official proceedings be submitted to the several publishing houses of the church and that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, hereby presents the following report, namely:

That the several bids received from the publishing houses of the Church were directly sent to Dr. A. S. Raudenbush, chairman of the committee appointed by General Synod to receive the bids and in whose presence the seal was broken and the contract awarded to the Central Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio.

There were 6,500 copies printed in the English and 2,000 copies in the German language. The distribution of the Minutes among the several District Synods was made in accordance with the ratio of the apportionments made respectively for contingent expenses based on the membership of the church, and were sent in quota directly to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes in accordance with the instructions received from the Stated Clerks of the several District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. H. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Instructions were given to have printed 6,600 copies in the English and 1,500 copies in the German language and that the awarding of the contracts for printing the same be submitted to a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Henry Mosser and Elders Benj. Y. Shearer and Jacob H. Stein.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAROCHIAL STATISTICAL AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL
BLANKS.

In response to item 18 in report on Minutes of General Synod, in regard to statistical blanks, the following report was read and adopted:

The undersigned begs leave to state that the Parochial Statistical and Sunday-school Blanks have been annually forwarded to the Stated Clerks of the Classes of the five English Synods in the month of February in quotas sufficient to meet the requirements in the annual distribution.

JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF GENERAL SYNOD'S
PROCEEDINGS.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Baltimore, Md., May 21, 1902.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee appointed three years ago to prepare a Digest of the Acts and Decisions of the General Synod, in accordance with the general plan outlined by your reverend body eighteen years ago, and more fully defined at Tiffin, Ohio, three years ago, respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned.

After several months of arduous and painstaking labor by the chairman, in collating and classifying the material, in addition to work previously reported to the General Synod at Tiffin, the results of his labors were carefully revised by the committee as a whole. The conclusions reached were entirely harmonious, and without claiming perfection for their work the committee feel that they have rendered a valuable service to the Reformed Church in the preparation of this Digest.

Brethren who master its contents and have respect for wholesome precedents will be qualified to discharge their Synodical duties with greater promptness and efficiency than heretofore.

We do not deem it necessary to enter into any lengthy report setting forth the nature of our work or the reasons that induced us to arrange the material as we did. The book must speak for itself and we do not dread the judgment of candid and competent critics who have any proper conception of the difficulty and vast amount of work involved in the preparation of a Digest. We are glad that we have been able to bring it to completion after long years of delay since the original committee was appointed at the former meeting of General Synod in Baltimore in 1884.

The publication of the Digest was entrusted to our Reformed Church Publication Board in Philadelphia, whose bid, on the whole, was the best.

Although the cost of printing was increased by the modification of the plan proposed by the chairman three years ago at Tiffin, on which the \$200 estimate was based for 1,000 copies, we are able to offer it at a very moderate price for such a work—seventy-five cents and postage for a Digest covering nearly two hundred large pages of printed matter with a copious alphabetical index, is cheap indeed. Your committee exercised the most rigid economy in the matter of traveling expenses and in all other respects in discharging the duty assigned. The entire expenses of the committee for stationery, typewriting, postage, expressage, traveling expenses for conference and superintending proof reading was \$26.28. The bill of the Publication Board in Philadelphia for printing and binding the Digest was \$319.37. The total cost of 1,000 copies was \$345.65.

At 75 cents per copy, after 25 cents commission is allowed the Board for handling the book, there will be a handsome profit to General Synod even if only one edition is disposed of.

Your committee would suggest that the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to pay all expenses in preparing and publishing the Digest not covered by the \$200 already voted for that purpose by the General Synod at Tiffin, and that the Reformed Church Publication Board, at 1308 Arch St., Philadelphia, be entrusted with the sale of the book, provided said Board agrees to pay quarterly to the Treasurer of General Synod, for copies sold during the previous three months, the bal-

ance of fifty cents for each copy sold remaining after deduction for postage and wrapping. We are sorry that, owing to unaccountable delay of the authorities at Washington, D. C., the notice of copyright privileges was not received until after we had placed the work in the binder's hands. Although we repeatedly requested prompt attention to the matter the grant was held in abeyance by the Department a full month on trifling technicalities which in the end they saw fit to waive. Hence the usual notice of copyright is not printed on the back of the title page.

The chairman desires in conclusion to make grateful acknowledgment to Rev. Dr. John Sechler for valuable services rendered in the preparation of the index and in reading proof while the work was passing through the hands of the publishers.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman*,
 JOHN H. SECHLER,
 JOS. H. APPLE,
 JOHN W. BICKEL,
 AMBROSE CORT.

Given May 21, 1902.

This report was adopted and referred to special committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DIGEST.

Your special committee appointed to examine the report of the Digest Committee together with the work in book form which are documents placed in their hands would report that they have examined the same and offer the following for your consideration:

Resolved, 1st. That the General Synod approve the work of the Digest Committee and express its appreciation of the arduous toil of the committee in preparing and completing this excellent work, and further that the book be heartily commended both to the members of the Synod and through them to the Classes of the Church as a most valuable work.

Resolved, 2d. That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to pay the expenses incurred by the digest Committee amounting to \$26.28, and the Publication of the work amount-

ing to \$319.37, less \$200 already appropriated toward this object, leaving a balance of \$119.37 unpaid. The total amount, therefore, being \$146.65.

Resolved, 3d. That the Publication Board, 1308 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., be entrusted with the sale of the Digest at 75 cents per copy provided said Board pay quarterly to the Treasurer of General Synod 50 cents on each copy sold.

Resolved, 4th. In view of the fact of the small amount of expenses incurred by the Digest Committee and the great amount of time and labor expended in the preparation of the work the Synod direct the Treasurer of General Synod to pay to chairman of said committee \$100 as a remuneration for the time and toil expended.

M. L. FIROR,	D. A. SOUDERS,
H. M. KIEFFER,	F. G. HOBSON.
J. F. WHITESELL,	

This report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH HYMNAL.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN: Your Committee on the Hymnal begs leave to report that every care has been exercised over this publication of the Synod during the last three years, as well as previously. It is something highly gratifying to be able to report that this publication has prospered as never before. During the last three years the total number sold of the Hymnal, in all editions, amounted to 24,544, and that the royalties resulting from the sale of these copies amounted to \$3,458.89. net. This sum of money has been duly paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Society of Relief for Disabled Ministers and their Widows.

Concerning the Directory of Worship, which was also entrusted to your committee, we would report that there has been a very light market for the copies of the Directory purchased by the direction of Synod from its former publisher, and we would recommend that the committee be continued in charge of the Directory and the Hymnal.

HENRY MARTIN KIEFFER,
J. A. H. HOFFHEINS,
J. M. SCHICK.

On motion the foregoing report was adopted.

The twelfth item in the report on Minutes of English Classes in regard to publishing a pocket edition of the Directory of Worship was referred to the Permanent Committee on Church Hymnal to report three years hence.

DEFINING THE MEANING OF CHURCH PAPERS.

In response to item 17, in report on Minutes of English Classes a special committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. W. Knappenberger, H. M. Herman, C. F. Kriete, Elders Wm. R. Barnhart, David Schirer, who submitted the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows:

Your committee appointed to define the meaning of "Church Paper" in the statistical column, beg leave to make the following report:

Strictly speaking a church paper means a paper published weekly by the authority and under the direction of one or more Synods for the benefit of the Church and for the best interests of the Redeemer's cause,—one which contains the general news of the Church, such as that relating to the congregational, educational or missionary work of the Church.

But inasmuch as a number of weekly family and religious papers are published by individuals in the Reformed Church that have similar objects in view, that have done and are doing much good in many ways, we would recommend that all these weekly papers (not parish papers) be included in the statistical column for church papers, should this column be continued.

On inquiring of pastors and by examining the minutes of Classes, we find that as the statistical column for "Church Papers" is incomplete and of no practical use whatever, and is even misleading, your committee would recommend that hereafter this column be omitted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. M. KNAPPENBERGER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON HISTORY OF HEIDELBERG CATECHISM BY REV. ALEX. SMELLIE.

In response to item 19 in report on Overtures a special committee was appointed consisting of Revs. J. S. Kieffer, M. O. Noll, C. F. Althouse, Elders Hottenstein and Dr. Strickler, who

on the eighth day of the sessions presented the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: The committee to whom was referred the edition of the Heidelberg Catechism just issued by the Reformed Church Publication Board, from sheets promised by the Publishing House of Andrew Ambrose, London, with an introduction by the Rev. Alexander Smellie, would respectfully report that having examined the work in question, they regard it as one of great interest and value for the Reformed Church in this country. In this volume, in addition to the German and English text of the Triglot Edition of the Catechism, published in 1863, Rev. Dr. Smellie gives a brief sketch of Reformation Catechisms in general and of the Heidelberg Catechism in particular. The introduction combines in a remarkable manner beauty of style and richness of material.

It is indeed a high compliment to our venerable and beautiful catechism that after three hundred and forty years, it should be republished in England as one of a series entitled "Books for the Heart," edited by a gifted minister of Scotland.

Our own Reformed Church Publication Board in Philadelphia publishes in the manner above described, an American edition of this volume, with a suitable introduction by the Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort. They are to be commended for making this valuable addition to our Reformed Church literature, and are doing it at one-half the price that it would cost to have the bound copies imported from England. It is a book that ought to be in every family of the Reformed Church, and especially in the library of every minister and elder of the same. This Synod, accordingly heartily commends this volume to the attention of our people, and expresses its grateful appreciation of the service rendered by its editor, the Rev. Alexander Smellie, and of the honor shown by him to the noble and beautiful confession of Faith of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

FORM FOR RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY REPROFESSION.

The Committee on a Liturgical Form for the Reception of

Members by Reprofeſſion preſented the following report, which was adopted.

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

Your committee appointed to prepare a liturgical form for the reception of members by reprofefſion, begs to ſay that, after carefully conſidering the matter, your committee finds itſelf unable during the meeting of the preſent Synod, to prepare a ſuitable form. Your committee, therefore, reports progreſs, and reſpectfully requeſts permiſſion to continue its labors and report finally at the next meeting of the General Synod.

Reſpectfully ſubmitted,

R. LEIGHTON GERHART,
L. B. C. LAHR,
O. P. FOUST,
JOHN W. APPEL.

FIRST COETUS MINUTES.

A proſpectus of the Minutes of the Coetus of Pennsylvania ſhortly to be published was ſubmitted to Synod and a ſpecial committee was appointed conſiſting of Revs. Dr. E. N. Kremer, Rufus W. Miller, and Maurice Sampſon, who preſented the following report which was adopted:

To the General Synod:

Your Committee on the Coetus Minutes beg leave to ſubmit the following as their report:

The Eaſtern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its recent meeting in Philadelphia, appointed a committee to publish the minutes of the oldeſt German Reformed organization in this country, the "Coetus of Pennsylvania." Theſe minutes extend from 1747 to 1792. They form the moſt important and valuable ſource of our hiſtory and are indiſpenſable for a correct knowledge of that period. They throw a flood of light upon the lives of our early miniſters, the condition and the growth of our congregations.

To make the minutes ſtill more valuable they will be pre-
faced by one or two intereſting reports of Rev. John Philip Boehm, covering the period from 1725 to 1748. The minutes

themselves will be accompanied by the Constitution of the Coetus, the Coetal Letters and other official correspondence, like the letters to and from Washington.

We endorse the publication of the aforesaid volume, commend it to the Church, and direct the Treasurer of General Synod to subscribe for two copies to be placed in the Archives of General Synod.

E. N. KREMER, *Chairman*.

The Central Publishing House presented with its compliments through one of its agents, Rev. Paul Wieand, several copies of neatly bound journals for the use of its officers in keeping the record of the transactions of Synod, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to return thanks for the same.

The Reformed Publication Board presented with its compliments per Dr. C. J. Musser, editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, to the delegates of Synod a copy of the sermon, printed in pamphlet form, preached by the retiring President, Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, at the opening of Synod.

Later in the sessions a protest was made on the floor of Synod to the views enunciated in the sermon relative to the "Theory of Evolution" and "Higher Criticism" as being at variance with the accepted doctrinal teachings of the Reformed Church, demanding an expression of opinion on the part of Synod on this subject.

In response to this request the following action was adopted: *Resolved*, That this Synod does not recognize a sermon preached by the presiding officer of the Synod as an official and authoritative utterance in its doctrinal statements.

ARTICLE XXII.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION.

The Standing Committee on Nominations during the fifth day of the sessions presented its report on Nominations which was approved and 500 tickets ordered to be printed. On the sixth day of the sessions the committee informed Synod that the printed tickets were received and ready for distribution. The election was made the order of the day at 8 P. M.

At the arrival of the hour for the election the President

appointed Revs. N. S. Nicholson, J. M. Runkle, Bruce Griffith, C. F. Althouse, S. H. Stein, E. S. Hassler and J. J. Gruber, tellers, who distributed the ticket, and at the calling of the roll received the ballots and the results of the election were announced to Synod by the President.

For the results of the election vide Articles XI, XIII, XIV, XV.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our Literary Institutions.

Several items in report on Overtures pertaining to our Literary Institutions were referred to a special committee, who on the ninth day of the sessions presented the following report, which was adopted. The report reads as follows, to wit:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee on the educational institutions of the Church begs leave to offer the following report:

The documents placed into our hands are the following catalogues: Heidelberg University and Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio; Franklin and Marshall College and Academy, and Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.; The Ursinus School of Theology, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Ursinus Academy; Allentown College for Women; the Mission House College and Seminary, Tohoku Gakuin, Sendai, Japan; Woman's College, of Frederick, Md.

Your committee having examined the different catalogues has learned with pleasure that the different institutions are in a prosperous condition.

And as education is the handmaiden of religion, and as a Church we hold to the principle of educational religion, therefore

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure of the continued prosperity of our educational institutions.

Resolved, That we urge upon our ministers and people loyalty to all our institutions by supporting them with their means and by sending their sons and daughters to our denominational schools.

Resolved, That we call special attention to the advantages offered in the Woman's Colleges to our girls for higher Christian culture.

Respectfully submitted,
S. E. STOFFLETT,
E. D. WETTACH.

General Synod's Visit to President Theodore Roosevelt at Washington, D. C.

The following statement, with resolution, was received at Monday's session and adopted:

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in Fourteenth Triennial Session assembled, at Baltimore, Md., records with pleasure the fact that it attended in a body a reception specially tendered to it by Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, on Thursday, May 22, 1902.

The members of Synod were taken to Washington by special train and were most cordially received by the President who accorded to each one a friendly greeting and a warm shake of the hand. It was an occasion long to be remembered; and has special significance in view of the fact that the President has selected Grace Reformed church as his place of worship while at Washington.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. J. M. Schick be instructed to convey to the President our hearty appreciation of the reception tendered to the members of Synod, and that the foregoing be entered upon the minutes by the Recording Secretary.

Report on Railroad Transportation.

In response to item 20 in report on Minutes of General Synod in 1899, in regard to appointing Dr. Cyrus Cort as agent to secure reduced rates of travel to attend this General Synod, the following report was presented and referred to a special committee for further consideration. The report is as follows:

Report of Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort as Railroad Agent of General Synod, May 27, 1902.

DEAR BRETHREN: In accordance with instructions given three years ago at Tiffin, I secured reduced railroad rates on the certificate plan from the Trunk Line Association and the Cen-

tral Passenger Association embracing most of the territory between the Hudson and Mississippi rivers, and between the Ohio river and the Lakes. The Western and Southern Associations declined to grant special rates owing to the small number of persons likely to attend from their respective territories. But brethren generally had no difficulty in getting reduced rates to points within the territory of the Central Traffic Association by applying to officials of local lines.

The Western Maryland railroad granted two-third rates on ticket or card orders. I had to guarantee the presence of at least 100 persons on the certificate plan and deposit \$17 in advance to defray expenses of the special agent delegated by the Trunk Line Association to visé the certificates. I drew on your Treasurer in advance for the \$17, as provided by action of General Synod three years ago.

Owing to the great number of clerical tickets, mileage books, etc., in possession of delegates and others attending General Synod, I was obliged to safeguard the guaranty of 100 by urging brethren in published notices and in private letters to use the certificate plan wherever possible without serious loss for at least the latter part of their journey.

I am glad to report that we have considerably more than doubled the 100 to make good the guaranty. In other words, 247 came by certificates which have been signed by myself and viséd by Mr. J. W. Blye, the gentlemanly representative of the Trunk Line Association. Owing to the low rates of one-half regular fare for which round trip tickets could be secured to the Dunkard Meeting at Harrisburg, and special time privileges granted on the same from all parts of the West, a great many brethren bought round trip tickets to Harrisburg and then bought tickets to Baltimore from that place on the certificate plan at two-third rates. Whilst this was a considerable saving to the brethren aforesaid and met the requirements of the guaranty it places our General Synod at a disadvantage. The Dunkards get credit also for upwards of forty tickets from the West as far as Harrisburg which would otherwise have been credited to our General Synod for the entire distance.

This will compel us to make a rather sorry showing to the

Central Passenger Association controlling the region between Pittsburg and St. Louis. But Mr. Blye, the agent, has promised to explain how it came to pass that out of upwards of sixty persons estimated to attend from that territory we have only an enrollment of about twenty who came from points west of Pittsburg on the certificate plan. A few delegates reported that they were unable to get certificates at some large coupon offices. All such should get a statement from me certifying to their presence at General Synod which will secure a rebate equal to the amount lost by paying full fare without the certificate.

In addition to the 247 whose certificates were signed and viséd a dozen brethren presented certificates after the departure of the railroad agent which could not be validated so as to secure reduced rates. These would make 251 who came by certificate. A number have failed to record their names on the roll of railroad registration, but 428 have been enrolled including those who came on the certificate plan.

I am glad, however, that we have so good a showing to make to the railroad people as this report presents. My entire outlay for a large amount of correspondence with railroad authorities and people expecting to attend General Synod, together with necessary traveling expenses, will amount to \$16.75.

I am thankful to know that during the fifteen years that I have had charge of this matter there has been no friction with the railroad authorities and no person has lost a cent who has obeyed the published instructions of your agent.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT.

May 27, 1902.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDUCED TRANSPORTATION.

The committee to whom the foregoing report was submitted, suggested the following action which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and that this Synod reiterates the action taken three years ago, and recorded on pages 263-4 of the published minutes, viz: that the thanks of the General Synod be given to Rev. Dr. Cort for services in securing reduced rates of railroad travel.

Resolved, That the personal expenses of Dr. Cort, amounting in all to \$16.75, be paid by the Treasurer of General Synod.

Resolved, That Dr. Cyrus Cort be continued as railroad agent of General Synod, to secure similar rates for the next General Synod and that he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of General Synod for the guarantee fund required in advance for that purpose.

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby direct its Treasurer to pay Dr. Cort the sum of \$25 in addition to his personal expenses for railroad travel and correspondence, for services rendered in making the necessary arrangements for the accommodation of delegates to this Synod.

J. W. KNAPPENBERGER, *Chairman*.

Exhibit at Exposition, St. Louis, Mo.

In response to item 19 from report on Minutes of English Classes a special committee was appointed and the following report was presented and adopted:

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

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee to whom was referred item 19 from the report of the Committee on Minutes of English Classes, the same being an overture from Illinois Classis requesting an exhibit of the Reformed Church in the United States at the coming World's Fair to be held in the city of St. Louis, Mo., begs to report the following:

WHEREAS, A World's Fair is to be held in the city of St. Louis, Mo., during the year of 1903, or later, in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase, and

WHEREAS, It has been decided by the Exposition Executive Committee to erect a building devoted exclusively to a religious exhibit in which the various religious bodies of the country shall be represented, and

WHEREAS, This Exposition promises to surpass in scope and completeness anything the world has yet witnessed, and

WHEREAS, An exhibit of our Church would be of great value in showing the history and work of the same, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That General Synod accedes to the request by authorizing such an exhibit.

2. That Revs. J. C. Horning, W. F. Horstmeier and A. S. Dechant constitute a committee to have charge of such an exhibit—collecting, arranging, and managing the same in all its detail.

3. That said committee shall elect a secretary and treasurer; the secretary to keep a complete record of all transactions at the committee's meetings; the treasurer to receive and disburse all moneys as the whole committee shall authorize and direct.

4. That General Synod appropriate the sum of \$500 for the purpose of paying all expenses incidental to such an exhibit—the same to be paid by the Treasurer of the General Synod to the Treasurer of the committee as the latter may request; provided, however, that no salary shall be paid to any member of the committee for services rendered in connection with this work.

5. That General Synod call upon the ministers and elders of the Church to furnish to said committee any information of exhibits, private or public, that they may have, and especially that such as had charge of a similar exhibit in connection with a recent meeting of Eastern Synod, and which was highly spoken of, give to said committee all helpful information and assistance possible.

6. That said committee be requested to present to the next triennial meeting of the General Synod after such Fair has been held, a report of all its transactions and an itemized statement of all moneys received and disbursed in connection with said exhibit.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. ROYER,
L. K. EVANS,
W. SCOTT KEFAUVER,
D. I. PRUGH.

**Synod's Action on the Proposed Publishing of What is Called
"The Jefferson Bible."**

The following action was adopted unanimously:

To the Honorable Body, the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, Washington D. C.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in triennial sessions in the First Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., respectfully submits that your Honorable Body, having to do only with civic affairs, and exercising legislative and administrative functions in questions of State, should not enact or adopt any measures distinctly pertaining to the sphere of religion, commending or disapproving of the same, and therefore should decline to entertain and make effective a proposition looking toward the publication of the so-called "Jefferson Bible."

This General Synod hereby directs its Stated Clerk to forward to the Speaker of the House of Representatives under the seal of Synod the foregoing as an expression of our judgment in the matter referred to.

Report Concerning Anti-Saloon League.

In response to item 9 in report on Overtures, a special committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Isaac M. Schaeffer and Elders E. Hay and B. Y. Shearer, who submitted the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred item 9 from the report of the Committee on Overtures, being a request from the American Anti-Saloon League to send delegates to its seventh annual national convention to be held at Washington, D. C., December 9-11, 1902, and to appoint a representative to sit in the national board of directors, offer the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, That, whilst Synod in accordance with former deliverances cannot accede to the foregoing requests, it nevertheless recognizes the earnest efforts of the League for the "suppression of the saloon" and bids it Godspeed in its great work of delivering the nation from the eternal tyranny of intemperance and of closing a colossal source of suffering and crime. And be it further

Resolved, That Synod moreover regards the "Church of Christ as instituted to combat all sin," and as being the source

and strength of all true temperance sentiment, and therefore enjoins upon clergy and consistories to do all in their power, both by precept and example, to quicken the conscience of the Church with reference to the growing restriction and ultimate suppression of the iniquitous traffic in intoxicants.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC M. SCHAEFFER,

ELLIS HAY,

B. Y. SHEARER.

Resolutions.

RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION FOR REV. JOHN KERCHER, LACON, ILL.

In item 10 in report on Overtures the attention of Synod was directed to the faithful service, rendered in his day to the Church by Rev. John Kercher, of Lacon, Ill, who has attained the 90th year of his age. The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod recognizes with much joy the valuable services rendered by Rev. John Kercher during his long ministry, and hereby tenders him the fraternal greetings of his brethren in Synod assembled, invoking upon him the Divine blessing.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be forwarded to him without delay by the Corresponding Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR DR. JACOB DAHLMAN.

At the opening of the session Synod learned of the illness of Dr. Jacob Dahlman, the Assistant Clerk of General Synod, his brother Rev. Dr. A. E. Dahlman was appointed to fill his office. Before the close of the session the following resolution of sympathy was adopted:

Resolved, That General Synod most heartily sympathizes with Rev. Jacob Dahlman in his severe illness, and he is hereby affectionately commended to the remembrance of his brethren at the throne of Grace.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY FOR DR. J. T. ROSSITER.

On the seventh day of the sessions, the attention of Synod was especially directed to the sore afflictions Dr. Rossiter is

called to endure, whereupon the following action was adopted:

This Synod has learned with deep sorrow of the sore affliction which has befallen the family of the pastor of this church. The recent death of a dear son, and the serious illness of his wife, touchingly challenge our prayerful sympathy.

Resolved, 1. That this Synod herewith tender its sympathy to Dr. J. T. Rossiter and his family.

2. That this Synod do now make a brief pause in its business, in order to engage in prayer to the God of all Comfort in behalf of this brother and his family.

Synod was led in prayer by Drs. B. Bausman and E. N. Kremer.

Time and Place for the Next General Synod.

An invitation was received from Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., by General Synod to hold its Fifteenth Triennial Sessions in that city. The invitation was accepted with thanks and the time fixed to hold its next triennial sessions is Tuesday, May 16, A. D. 1905, at 8 P. M.

Presentation of Gavel.

Rev. Dr. John M. Schick, of Washington, D. C., at the opening of Synod presented a mahogany gavel made out of a part of a gun carriage captured at the battle of Santiago. This unique relic was accepted with thanks and is to be used hereafter in maintaining proper decorum during the sessions of Synod.

Record of Advisory and Visiting Members.

A special committee was appointed by the President consisting of Revs. I Calvin Fisher, Samuel H. Stein, Dr. H. M. Herman, H. M. Vitz and Elder Wm. A. Kifer to record the names of Advisory Members and also the names of Visiting brethren of other churches, and report the same daily to the President so as to receive Synodical recognition. The work was attended to and the report was adopted.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

On the third day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. John M. Schick, D.D., C. F. Althouse, I. W. Hendricks,

Elders E. Ressler and Peter Auck a Committee on Leave of Absence. The committee shortly before final adjournment presented its report which was adopted.

Resolution of Sympathy for the Boers.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That General Synod expresses its deep sympathy for our Reformed brethren in South Africa, and cordially recommends them to the prayers of our Church.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The roll was called and a quorum was present at the daily sessions to the close of Synod. The minutes were read at the opening of each morning session and at the close of Synod. Before the final closing of the sessions the following resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we return our most hearty thanks to the pastor and people of the First Reformed church, of Baltimore, and to all the pastors and congregations of the Reformed churches of this city, for the kind and cordial manner in which they have welcomed and entertained the General Synod.

Resolved, That we return our most hearty thanks to the reporters of the several papers of the city for their faithful and accurate reports of the proceeding of the Synod, and to the editors of these papers for the publication of these reports.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the several railroads, which, by granting a reduction of one-third on the usual fare, have materially aided all delegates and visitors to attend the sessions of this Synod.

Resolved, That we sympathize deeply with Rev. J. T. Rositer, D.D., pastor of the First Reformed church, in the severe affliction which has come upon him, and earnestly hope and pray that our heavenly Father will hasten the recovery of his beloved wife, and sustain him under the burdens of sorrow that have been laid upon him.

Resolved, That in saying farewell to the beautiful and hospitable city of Baltimore we shall carry with us memories of one of the most delightful sessions that the General Synod has ever had the privilege of enjoying.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished Rev. Dr. Rossiter, to be read by him from the pulpit to his congregation, and a copy also be sent to each of the papers which has favored us with reports of the proceedings of Synod, for publication in its columns.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be hereby directed to pay seventy-five (\$75) dollars to the committee of arrangements for the use of the church, the service of the janitor, and other expenses incurred in connection with the sessions of Synod.

The Synodical roll was called and the major portion of the delegates responded to their names at the final roll-call.

Those that failed to respond when their names were called were reported by the Committee on Leave of Absence as having been excused. The Journal of the sessions on Wednesday, both morning and evening were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following action was taken before adjournment, viz:

Resolved, That when General Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Zion Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., on Tuesday May 16, A. D. 1905, at 8 P. M.

General Synod adjourned finally on Wednesday at midnight with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Long Metre Doxology and receiving the Apostolic Benediction.

JOHN H. PRUGH, *President*.

JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

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JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Condensed Triennial Summary of Reformed Church in the United States.

SYNODS.

	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	No. of Classes.	No. of Ministers.	Unconfermed.		Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed.	Catholic or Reversal of Profn.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Comts.	Deaths, Unrecd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benefolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
			Communicants.	Communed.																
1. Eastern Synod.	12	306	97061	81131	50839	5188	428	4170	2511	1619	1922	1807	887	564	10863	79710	98	\$79,429 00	\$440,106 00	
1899.....	12	313	98473	80717	50923	5306	575	4864	3053	1830	1696	1829	1001	569	8927	72203	83	97,068 00	448,466 00	
1900.....	12	316	102108	81716	51633	5371	508	4981	3134	1704	3	1577	1943	591	10890	84195	77	110,433 00	502,033 00	
1901.....	6	138	24058	19369	5895	712	448	989	730	453	2	584	406	206	3448	22581	32	20,249 00	116,222 00	
1899.....	6	138	23017	20365	6327	702	550	1364	1067	549	1	825	354	111	222	3468	28	23,773 00	128,551 00	
1900.....	6	148	25319	21033	6203	716	573	1156	1108	614	2	942	335	110	212	3300	22	25,069 00	168,084 00	
1901.....	11	160	21965	15077	14491	1569	34	1139	837	190	5	456	313	177	196	1498	29	15,016 00	101,469 00	
3. Synod of North West.	11	165	22238	14306	1684	26	1069	804	277	4	592	365	146	185	1469	13214	25	17,715 00	104,169 00	
1899.....	12	168	22960	15998	14269	1581	25	1089	603	185	23	506	319	171	198	1566	21	20,651 00	102,871 00	
1900.....	5	84	18690	15738	9799	911	110	697	761	342	5	471	257	117	120	1647	12	22,677 00	101,869 00	
1901.....	5	84	18870	15709	10196	947	127	719	668	390	..	312	278	116	128	1642	10	33,058 00	100,219 00	
1901.....	5	86	19126	15714	9681	800	158	825	628	380	1	597	226	104	137	1740	7	30,022 00	109,507 00	
5. Potomac Synod.	8	170	38592	31867	21476	1270	289	1469	937	628	1	365	654	333	242	4107	48	40,777 00	175,050 00	
1899.....	8	164	39107	32313	21475	1731	201	1567	675	708	1	486	631	307	260	4052	38	42,514 00	199,412 00	
1900.....	8	169	39479	32495	21484	1658	304	1696	1068	789	1	555	669	321	279	4317	39	43,941 00	199,335 00	
1901.....	5	66	15186	9925	11770	1896	19	822	406	103	3	471	310	159	64	1169	12	7,372 00	90,744 00	
1899.....	5	66	15266	10476	12922	1929	21	840	733	93	2	737	322	60	59	1184	10	9,113 00	95,510 00	
1900.....	5	65	15207	11830	10378	1897	18	966	656	109	2	723	350	131	57	1141	9	9,223 00	93,966 00	
1901.....	5	100	21398	16775	12502	1151	44	920	684	319	..	469	318	171	110	1677	30	12,655 00	89,586 00	
1899.....	5	96	21369	15472	12302	1303	57	983	687	237	7	913	233	111	111	1578	22	16,882 00	85,810 00	
1900.....	5	99	22244	15778	12500	1242	82	987	628	242	4	548	335	189	111	1399	23	17,421 00	94,464 00	
1901.....	5	54	3261	2566	1348	143	65	140	145	77	..	162	42	18	60	744	6	5,333 00	20,759 00	
1899.....	5	58	3265	2569	1345	143	51	144	177	115	2	161	38	9	61	701	4083	5,042 00	30,667 00	
1900.....	5	58	3111	2629	1345	137	69	133	122	87	..	156	47	15	59	722	6	5,296 00	35,831 00	
1901.....	58	1107	248918	197310	139481	13377	1741	11871	7953	4161	36	5594	4278	2129	202	\$264,344 00	\$1,303,217 00

Total of 8 Synods for 1901.....

Statistical Summary of Synods and Their Classes for the Year 1902.

SYNODS AND CLASSES.

Minist'rs.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.							
	Congregations.	Communicants.	Commu'ed.	Uncommu'ed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Reveral of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Pressure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of	Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.	
East Pennsylvania.....	55	11640	8683	6047	683	16	463	477	174	1	194	221	124	76	1659	9278	9	\$8,109 00	\$55,318 00	
Lebanon.....	22	50	10328	9001	5384	487	52	447	144	214	205	237	98	55	946	6725	10	6,374 00	39,241 00	
Philadelphia.....	42	57	8049	6852	1990	351	151	329	367	1	155	84	44	36	820	8399	9	15,023 00	73,223 00	
Lancaster.....	44	51	7826	5885	3130	290	162	329	267	116	93	120	66	47	1031	6852	4	7,746 00	60,146 00	
East Susquehanna.....	21	61	6476	5136	4204	547	13	329	134	77	98	98	94	55	782	4641	2	4,707 00	33,154 00	
West Susquehanna.....	21	61	5663	4882	2810	260	21	199	166	162	111	103	58	57	738	4911	3	3,211 00	30,456 00	
Tobacco.....	19	39	8522	6536	4325	330	51	249	160	111	163	138	62	49	859	6429	2	7,211 00	37,479 00	
Goshenhoppen.....	13	27	7335	6070	3775	257	24	285	88	78	30	335	64	30	682	4485	2	7,135 00	33,097 00	
Lehigh.....	37	61	15883	12849	8651	933	26	815	618	204	200	344	168	76	1335	1702	16	15,208 00	69,268 00	
Schenykill.....	16	33	6469	4505	4291	448	16	340	159	107	215	118	79	35	612	5398	1	3,726 00	26,653 00	
Wyoming.....	28	44	6752	4954	4239	417	38	366	200	157	127	114	68	47	795	6180	5	6,601 00	37,108 00	
Reading.....	23	23	9239	7658	4432	461	17	499	331	128	182	152	90	29	913	8934	6	26,839 00	53,747 00	
1. Eastern Synod (Total).....	319	535	104188	83401	53278	5464	587	4650	3132	1738	2	1901	1903	1019	592	11172	86934	73	\$114,071 00	\$538,880 00
Miami.....	33	55	6264	4881	921	98	110	278	133	107	2	198	102	18	816	6159	5	\$5,911 00	\$41,972 00	
Lancaster.....	17	28	3023	2500	781	83	81	153	97	62	5	48	56	5	385	2634	1	4,214 00	14,585 00	
Tiffin.....	34	53	3024	2330	1000	106	42	131	143	63	3	51	60	22	32	461	3020	11	3,006 00	21,687 00
Eastern Ohio.....	23	31	3984	3339	1009	130	78	203	151	124	5	80	55	18	30	415	3445	3	5,127 00	20,389 00
St. Joseph's.....	17	40	2968	2451	616	80	104	137	96	65	165	28	38	424	2496	3	3,091 00	17,682 00		
Tuscarawas.....	24	48	6833	5551	2651	210	119	248	310	264	1	194	55	32	41	727	5798	7	9,007 00	32,395 00
2. Ohio Synod (Total).....	148	235	26096	21061	6678	707	534	1150	930	685	2	676	386	100	220	3228	24052	26	\$30,416 00	\$148,720 00
Zion's.....	12	12	2488	1770	1246	84	9	62	79	67	55	51	11	13	186	1617	3	\$3,284 00	\$10,719 00	
Sheboygan.....	33	31	4117	2927	2695	312	2	246	185	41	5	19	77	36	30	295	1946	11	4,600 00	17,612 00
Indiana.....	30	29	4428	3030	2432	255	6	176	142	31	61	46	33	24	354	2745	2	4,551 00	20,546 00	
Milwaukee.....	16	17	2233	1636	1307	158	2	123	54	49	20	37	14	16	143	1046	4	1,599 00	8,651 00	
Minnesota.....	16	19	1823	1190	1174	114	.....	107	78	34	72	25	7	17	159	1068	3	2,212 00	10,388 00
Nebraska.....	9	15	1328	994	1067	109	.....	88	84	4	29	12	14	15	74	762	1	1,536 00	6,470 00
Ursinus.....	13	15	1871	1276	922	87	2	69	33	28	1	18	18	4	14	90	656	...	1,892 00	6,860 00
Missouri.....	8	10	979	800	776	77	1	41	15	4	1	52	4	8	88	706	1	4,770 00	4,770 00	
Chicago.....	9	7	996	766	442	98	1	68	26	1	43	5	10	7	8	769	2	860 00	5,823 00	
South Dakota.....	9	4	1375	712	1180	144	2	67	146	52	4	10	5	19	32	72	649	2	1,128 00	5,623 00
Portland-Oregon.....	6	6	399	265	272	9	21	16	11	4	4	7	31	261	1,751 00	1,963 00
Manitoba.....	5	12	531	441	479	105	.....	29	33	.....	57	7	14	6	33	316	.....	146 00	2,640 00
3. North West Synod (Total).....	166	221	22468	15807	14022	1562	27	1047	891	362	12	436	301	170	180	814	12544	24	\$25,923 00	\$101,083 00

Westmoreland	20	36	5315	4183	2816	251	28	192	201	122	111	59	19	32	463	3800	2	\$5,289 00	\$50,033 00
Clarion	16	34	3715	3153	2058	188	40	223	102	104	116	58	18	32	399	2484	2	4,497 00	31,509 00
St. Paul	11	21	2703	1122	1223	112	16	92	68	57	129	35	12	19	210	1354	2	2,902 00	13,896 00
Somerset	16	40	4080	3208	2129	209	28	182	109	74	50	51	21	32	389	2859	2	5,669 00	17,248 00
Allegheny	21	20	3696	2517	1920	255	43	160	210	78	178	56	48	19	300	2781	1	15,664 00	28,897 00
4. Pittsburgh Synod (Total)	84	151	10509	15332	10146	1015	155	849	690	435	2 584	259	118	134	1751	13278	6	\$37,111 00	\$141,872 00
Zion's	16	37	5277	4208	2945	278	29	255	209	68	58	86	88	35	633	5417	7	\$5,354 00	\$34,545 00
Maryland	43	65	10407	8187	6031	463	52	370	281	178	84	189	81	61	1217	8620	7	11,222 00	57,153 00
Mercesburg	14	24	3492	2987	1338	78	51	144	95	80	113	57	11	22	388	2645	6	5,198 00	22,259 00
Virginia	21	33	2558	2123	1257	87	45	112	52	46	34	46	9	33	328	1868	6	2,798 00	19,288 00
North Carolina	21	46	3558	2704	1899	174	56	200	139	73	111	100	49	36	343	3340	6	2,085 00	10,534 00
Gettysburg	21	29	5532	4883	3333	232	13	193	141	95	97	79	26	27	450	3310	7	4,809 00	20,873 00
Carlisle	13	21	2502	2029	1220	53	23	62	78	59	24	27	14	20	337	2599	3	3,438 00	12,582 00
Juniata	19	53	6332	5181	2852	244	82	300	219	165	72	107	57	46	667	4992	3	7,583 00	30,669 00
5. Potomac Synod (Total)	168	308	39658	32301	20875	1909	351	1636	1214	764	11 582	640	305	280	4363	32987	35	\$42,987 00	\$215,883 00
New York	16	13	3002	2523	2608	534	12	212	198	20	158	42	68	15	234	2758	3	\$1,076 00	\$22,817 00
West New York	12	12	3805	2861	2782	196	172	164	24	107	55	38	12	234	2758	4	2,732 00	19,387 00	
German Philadelphia	23	19	6280	5006	3684	802	14	374	283	25	1	1	1	11	123	1	3,935 00	54,331 00	
German Maryland	9	10	2190	1582	1070	174	1	102	45	1	59	39	15	8	145	1178	2	1,323 00	18,307 00
West Pennsylvania	4	3	322	225	146	23	14	2	2	16	1	1	1	3	28	214	1	82 00	1,482 00
6. German Synod of East (Total)	64	57	15599	12197	10890	1729	26	874	706	102	1 565	326	205	58	1126	12640	11	\$9,148 00	\$116,384 00
Erle	24	22	5350	3911	3075	405	7	240	224	45	107	94	52	22	339	3108	3	\$5,410 00	\$26,721 00
Heldberg	26	30	5063	3523	2987	198	32	205	107	54	109	55	23	27	390	3077	12	5,444 00	29,986 00
St. John	19	27	5988	3971	3380	272	52	320	252	80	173	73	40	23	376	3323	1	2,849 00	22,756 00
Cincinnati	20	20	3283	2312	1024	159	3	137	95	19	118	52	18	16	267	2398	2	2,249 00	16,489 00
Toledo	14	21	4945	1979	1856	135	11	126	102	18	1 78	38	22	20	233	1066	2	2,112 00	11,568 00
7. Central Synod (Total)	103	120	24659	15696	12622	1229	107	1028	780	225	2 645	312	155	108	1614	13572	20	\$18,104 00	\$107,530 00
Illinois	18	23	1007	812	423	34	13	48	48	16	45	16	5	23	274	1668	2	\$2,699 00	\$7,476 00
Iowa	17	21	916	774	336	46	12	28	36	22	13	3	19	213	1156	1	1,519 00	6,979 00	
Kansas	15	9	614	418	257	14	3	13	28	8	23	9	3	8	115	745	1	884 00	6,090 00
Wichita	5	7	354	276	186	7	9	10	24	11	1	3	6	67	473	1	633 00	3,468 00	
Lincoln	5	5	340	240	151	18	6	32	23	9	9	2	2	5	59	439	1	459 00	2,318 00
8. Interior Synod (Total)	60	65	3231	2520	1353	119	43	131	161	80	100	43	16	61	728	4461	4	\$6,104 00	\$26,631 00

Statistical Reports.—The Synods and the Classes.

MINISTERS.

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

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I. EASTERN SYNOD.

EAST PENNA. CLASSES.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.				SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Wanted.				
		Communicants.	Unconfirmd.	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Easure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.		
	J. G. Rupp, Std. Clk.																				
	Cyrus J. Becker.	456	375	29	3	12	11	4		7	9	2	11	120			\$460 00	\$1060 00	6	Catasauqua, Pa.	
	D. F. Brendle, D.D.	450	400	190	32	23	6	25		11	5	4	24	90			330 00	1100 00	11	Bethlehem, Pa.	
	Without charge.						3	15		19	8	7	72	491			338 00	1500 00	12	Bath, Pa.	
	W. D. C. Rodrock.	782	500	641	29	27	3	15		2	12	5	8	73	583	2	214 00	1200 00	24	Effort, Pa.	
	J. E. Smith, D.D.	640	525	330	35	30	6	10		8	1	3	49	324			260 00	1300 00	14	Easton, Pa.	
	F. W. Smith.	552	411	150	15	16	11	10		6	1	3	30	324			384 32	1308 00	20	Catasauqua, Pa.	
	H. M. Kieffer, D.D.	350	299	199	34	17	21	15		10	5	7	1	30	285	2	285 52	1045 00	10	Stone Church, Pa.	
	Wilson F. More.	392	373	140	20	15	5	14		2	10	1	3	38	315	1	384 32	5700 00	16	Bethlehem, Pa.	
	S. P. Manger.	570	440	220	11	20	28	13		11	10	5	1	50	405		188 78	2730 00	8	Broadheads, Pa.	
	G. A. Schwedes.	639	334	644	39	24	7	4		24	9	3	69	415			142 40	760 00	10	Bethlehem, Pa.	
	R. F. Lantry.	432	370	280	26	24	7	1		4	10	3	2	25	200		142 40	2000 00	13	Nazareth, Pa.	
	R. C. Weaver.	1010	740	615	52	58	66	9		17	10	2	26	480	1		945 00	750 00	6	Wind Gap, Pa.	
	W. H. Worthing, B.D.	331	250	168	14	3	5	10		7	6	4	70	400			260 00	4640 00	15	Bethlehem, Pa.	
	George J. Lisberger.	185	135	80	10	6	5	5		6	1	1	26	250	1		260 00	4640 00	15	Bethlehem, Pa.	
	John F. De Long, D.D.																				E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
	E. L. Kenn.	365	256	143	30	12	24	3		15	1	1	34	308			322 00	2465 00	20	Northampton, Pa.	
	Jacob G. Rupp.	278	188	140	21	15	37	4		20	3	5	21	624			149 30	3788 83	13	W. Bethlehem, Pa.	
	Frank H. Moyer.	186	137	15	15	8	4	4		2	1	24	294				70 00	1452 00	8	Stroudsburg, Pa.	
	E. Clarke Hibshman.	478	263	197	41	10	9	6		1	4	9	6	63	338		102 00	840 00	12	Tannersville, Pa.	
	William H. Brong.	245	159	100	8	5	4	12		4	1	1	27	175			269 40	1393 08	8	Bath, Pa.	
	William M. Helfrich.																				Bath, Pa.
	Thomas A. Huber.	214	175	130	7	4	14	3		2	2	1	24	203			182 55	1066 74	8	E. Bethlehem, Pa.	
	A. O. Bartholomew.	240	201	125	16	16	25	3		5	3	3	1	20	176		40 00	1500 00	10	Bethlehem, Pa.	
	W. H. Erb.																				Easton, Pa.
	Geo. W. Remagen.	400	316	185	17	1	24	43		2	5	2	1	63	491		408 00	2620 71	13	Easton, Pa.	
	H. H. Sangree.	240	222	115	24	2	29	39		3	2	2	1	35	253		90 00	1153 00	10	Easton, Pa.	
	J. W. Glds.	415	375	185	36	2	2	2		17	6	3	50	215			335 00	1150 00	14	Cherryville, Pa.	
	H. A. Franz.	159	110	3	2	1	21	3		3	3	26	260				64 31	1200 00	6	Bossardville, Pa.	
	E. E. Kresse.	284	217	124	24	1	25	38		6	1	1	17	242			175 77	1375 77	12	Bangor, Pa.	
	I. M. Beaver.	257	192	143	13	7	31	8		1	1	1	40	275			181 08	550 00	13	Siegfried, Pa.	
	Moses N. George.	260	146	150	18	11	6	5		20	4	1	17	175			181 00	845 00	10	Weissport, Pa.	
	J. G. Dengler.	195	71	112	15	3	8	4		32	7	1	20	135	1		56 00	853 65	20	E. Mauch Chunk.	
	O. H. E. Rauch.																				
	Irvin H. De Long.	410	225	250	35	30	5	2		20	14	7	112	740			163 29	971 00	24		
	Vacant.																	10 00	160 00	6	
	S. P. Mauger, supply.	58	52	25	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	10	75			10 00	160 00	6		

R. C. Weaver, supply.....	1	134	100	91	8	1	9	4	1	3	2	1	20	125	1	86	78	200	00	6		
R. C. Weaver, supply.....	1	53	45	45	5	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	21	176	1	5	53	170	00	1		
S. P. Mauger, supply.....	1	130	82	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Moses N. George, supply.....	1	130	82	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
E. E. Kresge, supply.....	1	130	82	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
33	155	11640	8683	6947	683	16	463	477	177	1	134	221	124	76	1659	9278	9	\$8109	55	\$5337	70	380
LEBANON CLASSIS.																						
Thomas C. Leinbach.....	6	1375	1300	850	57	4	37	5	25	40	36	6	40	300	3	\$400	00	\$3590	00	20	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.	
Eli E. Helster.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Stausstown, Berks Co., Pa.	
Daniel B. Albright.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.	
Jas. A. Schultz.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Without charge	
Adam J. Bachman.....	3	906	625	820	73	6	45	15	14	30	22	8	138	730	3	312	00	3500	00	24	Schaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa.	
Henry J. Welcher.....	2	654	542	291	21	4	8	10	2	10	2	4	22	285	1	165	00	2925	00	20	Myerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.	
William J. Kerschner.....	4	1150	974	413	61	3	65	23	79	27	13	5	131	631	1	465	00	3100	00	20	1158, 3d St., Reading, Pa.	
L. D. Stambaugh.....	4	555	523	270	32	6	5	11	13	12	7	4	55	371	1	213	00	1100	00	20	Rehobersburg, Berks Co., Pa.	
Samuel A. Leinbach.....	3	940	900	410	32	2	00	2	40	119	36	2	6	50	450	2	535	00	1600	00	18	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt.....	2	64	60	134	9	2	10	2	10	8	131	1	8	131	1	153	93	105	55	10	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.	
D. Earnest Klopp, D.D.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lebanon, Pa.	
Jon. V. George, D.D.....	5	722	689	100	32	3	39	1	31	53	15	16	6	31	1	350	00	1350	00	24	225 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.	
L. Calvin Fisher.....	1	608	517	339	44	5	40	28	13	16	2	1	56	756	2	504	00	6975	00	10	752 Mill St., Lebanon, Pa.	
Henry Hillbach.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Without charge	
U. Henry Hellman.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Without charge	
Wilson D. Donat.....	4	446	380	264	9	13	4	5	1	8	4	1	80	527	1	298	00	2143	00	22	Jonestown, Leb. Co., Pa.	
J. Lewis Fluck.....	1	485	405	92	14	1	11	14	4	29	5	7	1	50	349	1	352	00	2401	00	12	Jonestown, Leb. Co., Pa.
Edward S. Bronner.....	1	723	610	390	28	4	22	19	3	15	9	1	80	766	1	1176	00	3200	00	12	Myerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.	
Henry A. Keyser, D.D.....	4	600	596	400	16	10	1	5	10	18	4	1	45	245	1	112	00	1000	00	15	1024 Chest. St., Lebanon, Pa.	
D. K. Loundsinger.....	2	214	205	113	7	15	34	15	9	4	1	1	45	245	1	168	68	1407	41	18	Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa.	
William F. DeJong.....	2	320	308	150	14	8	28	18	3	5	4	2	67	372	1	503	00	845	39	12	Palmyra, Leb. Co., Pa.	
V. W. Dippel, Ph.D.....	1	250	172	100	6	8	8	7	5	1	1	1	29	226	1	551	00	2527	00	12	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.	
H. J. Welker (supply).....	1	141	121	49	7	1	7	3	1	1	1	1	18	221	1	55	00	1279	00	6	Myerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.	
R. S. Appel (supply).....	2	175	164	139	15	1	1	2	2	7	1	2	42	164	1	32	35	283	00	7	Hambourg, Berks Co., Pa.	
Walter E. Garrett, Lic.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lebanon, Leb. Co., Pa.	
Paul J. Dundore, Lic.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Bernville, Berks Co., Pa.	
Ministers, 22	501	16328	9001	5384	487	52	447	144	214	350	237	98	55	946	67	25	110	\$6373	96	\$3924	35	288
PHILA. CLASSIS.																						
John H. Seehler, Std. Ckr.....	3	420	361	271	6	25	27	8	6	1	9	3	3	44	421	1	\$1561	00	\$1630	00	25	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Hendricks, D.D.....	1	45	40	7	1	1	1	3	2	1	12	28	1	12	28	1	30	00	310	00	8	W. Pike land, Chest. Co., Pa.
Edward D. Miller.....	1	200	160	35	1	3	9	2	1	10	60	1735	00	5576	00	12	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., Pa.					
James Crawford, D.D.....	1	205	177	46	9	4	8	5	3	2	4	1	24	221	1	209	00	1350	00	6	Flourtown, Mont. Co., Pa.	
Josiah D. De-trich.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3404 Howard Av., Phila., Pa.	
John H. Seehler, D.D.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.	
Henry T. Spangler, D.D.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Montgomery Sp., Mont. Co., Pa.	
Urbah Weddner.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Jefferson, Fredk. Co., Md.	
David N. Dittmar.....	1	560	406	30	10	28	10	6	12	6	1	55	610	1	1005	00	5700	00	20	1541 N. 7th St., Phila., Pa.		
Charles H. Coon, D.D.....	1	342	253	101	9	6	11	7	1	4	1	34	481	1	174	00	3741	00	10	Northstown, Mont. Co., Pa.		
Jerome B. Stoner.....	1	300	254	49	3	6	11	6	4	15	4	1	23	146	1	384	00	1428	00	16	Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.	
Abram B. Stoner.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Blue Bell, Mont. Co., Pa.	
David U. Wolff, D.D.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	SDverdale, Bucks Co., Pa.	
Henry F. Selpie.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Without charge	
Lic. Paul J. Dundore was dismissed to Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, May 14, 1902.																						
Lic. Walter E. Garrett was dismissed to Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, June 16, 1902.																						

Fred. A. Gast, D.D.	Prof. in Theol. Sem.																			Lancaster, Pa.		
A. Carl Whitmer	Supt. of Missions																			Lancaster, Pa.		
John G. Noss	New Holland	3	349	245	185	11	10	5	7	11										24 New Holland, Pa.		
Darius W. Gerbard	Salem at Heller's	1	357	285	109	8	3	7	4	4	2									8 Lancaster, Pa.		
Stephen Schwetzer	Muddy Creek	4	725	595	243	19	15	10	10	23	3									16 Ephrata, Pa.		
Tilghman Derr	Roberts-town	1	147	131	50	3	8	10	14	8	5									8 Lancaster, Pa.		
Ellis N. Kremer, D.D.	Salem, Harrisburg	1	450	322	130	8	21	3	1	1	6									24 Harrisburg, Pa.		
Milton H. Sangree	4th Ch., Harrisburg	1	154	126	105	7	2	5	30	8	2									14 Lancaster, Pa.		
Jno. S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D.	Pres. F. & M. Coll.																			Lancaster, Pa.		
John M. Souder	Zion's, New Provid	1	160	121	57			5	6											7 New Providence, Pa.		
Jon. H. Pannebecker, D.D.	Trinity, Columbia	2	422	268	115	5	20	6	5	12	4									18 Columbia, Pa.		
William F. Lichtner	St. Luke's, Lan'ster	1	300	191	330	42	7	20	9	9	4									12 Lancaster, Pa.		
Jalrus F. Moore	Missionary to Japan																			Lancaster, Pa.		
Thomas S. Land	Zion's, Millersville	1	165	135	25	2	7	20	3	1										8 Millersville, Pa.		
Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.	First Ch., Steelton	1	155	112	109	10	2	9	7	10	4									5 Steelton, Pa.		
Newton J. Miller	Disabled																			Lancaster, Pa.		
David B. Schneider, D.D.	Missionary to Japan																			Sendai, Japan		
Jalrus A. Wickert	Ironstown	4	429	366	265	14	1	10	8	6	10									22 Denver, Pa.		
Theodore G. De Lyre	Without charge																			Lancaster, Pa.		
James W. Meminger	St. Paul's, Lan'ster	2	959	642	366	20	28	56	31	14	9									24 Lancaster, Pa.		
George F. Mall	Prof. in F. & M. C.																			Lancaster, Pa.		
Richard C. Schiedt, Ph.D.	Prof. in F. & M. C.																			Lancaster, Pa.		
Alf. H. Hilsbman, Ph.D.	2d Ch., Harrisburg	1	261	185	141	3	4	6	1	5	2									20 Harrisburg, Pa.		
Sammuel H. Dietzel, Ph.D.	Maytown	1	229	173	60	6					4									10 Maytown, Pa.		
Benjamin M. Meyer	Christ Ch., Ell'town	1	120	83	65	11	4	9	4	4	1									12 Elizabethtown, Pa.		
Louis C. Harnisch	Hummelstown	2	204	169	100	6	4	2	4	3	2									20 Hummelstown, Pa.		
William Yenser	Marietta	1	196	102	75	13	4	8	3	2										8 Marietta, Pa.		
George W. Welsh	Manheim	2	258	235	129	2	11	14	6	5	15									18 Manheim, Pa.		
Frederick C. Hultbors	Gettysburg	3	292	160	50	11	3	12	19	1	9									9 Ephrata, Pa.		
J. Rauch Steh	St. John's, Harrisb.	1	117	88	87	18	1	4	16	2	3									1048 34 Harrisburg, Pa.		
Daniel G. Gloss	Faith Ch., Lan'ster	1	140	116	140	25	11	23	11		3									102 80 Lancaster, Pa.		
J. Hunter Watts	Willow Street	2	141	106	30	4					3									Lancaster, Pa.		
Hermann S. Shelley	Zwilling, Harrisburg	1	78	54	39	2	3	2	3		1									16 Willow Street, Pa.		
Robert F. Reed	Missionary to Japan																			Harrisburg, Pa.		
Allen K. Faust	St. Paul's, Quak'ville	1	150	135							1									Sendai, Japan		
Albert N. Stubblebine	St. Paul's, Quak'ville	3	193	162	116	9	3	13	4		3									3 Quarryville, Pa.		
Henry R. Kredder	Asst. to Dr. Titzel																			14 Pottsville, Pa.		
Wm. Stunt Cramer	Armstrong Valley	6	162	100	56	4		20	12		5									Lancaster, Pa.		
Paul J. Dundore	Prof. in F. & M. C.																			Lancaster, Pa.		
Lie. J. B. Kleffer, Ph.D.	Prof. in F. & M. C.																			Lancaster, Pa.		
Lie. Anselm V. Hoester	Prof. in F. & M. C.																			Lancaster, Pa.		
Lie. Thaddeus G. Helm	Prof. in F. & M. C.																			Lancaster, Pa.		
Lie. Paul L. Gerbard	Missionary to Japan																			Lancaster, Pa.		
Lie. Charles W. B. Long																				Lancaster, Pa.		
Lie. Stephen L. Fieckinger																				Lancaster, Pa.		
Ministers, 44	Lie., 6	51	7826	5855	3130	290	162	329	267	116	93	129	66	47	1031	6852	4	\$7745	84	\$60135	63	390

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Anron R. Hottenstein. Mahanoy 325 00 6800 00 20 Pottsville, Pa.

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Joseph H. Schlaeppli. Mahanoy 325 00 6800 00 20 Pottsville, Pa.

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		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms	Confirmed.	Re-natural or Re-nursed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erase of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	
Charles B. Schneider	Shamokin	1 994	763	4 68	20 11	25 10	40 3	88 1277	1257 00	6400 00	25	Shamokin, Northd. Co., Pa.			
Lewis D. Steckel	Without charge	1 513	457	447 35	46 28	21 14	2 1	35 333	522 00	4065 00	15	Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.			
Isaac M. Schaeffer	Ashland	6 376	288	147 27	29 2	4 5	5 1	60 334	219 00	1004 00	20	Fredricksburg, Pa.			
Samuel F. Harzell	Without charge	2 168	142	195 29	28 8	5 8	6 3	34 205	146 00	1072 00	16	Lykens, Dauphin Co., Pa.			
Oliver F. Schaeffer	Deep Creek	6 397	315	194 25	5 9	3 3	4 3	54 257	201 00	1591 00	22	Plainfield, N. J.			
Anton M. Petteroff	Lykens and Tower C	7 443	327	451 73	19 1	6 9	12 132	400	240 00	800 00	45	Paxinos, Northd. Co., Pa.			
Jonathan W. Buck	Without charge	1 169	121	122 37	7 3	34 1	1 24	263	68 00	1776 00	9	Lockkill, Schuyl. Co., Pa.			
George S. Butz	Paxinos-Augusta	1 376	320	275 8	4 14	18 2	5 10	39 301	330 00	2463 00	12	St. Carmel, Pa.			
Clement D. Kressley	Line Mountain	1 431	351	265 13	1 17	12 12	1 4	18 134	213 00	763 00	12	Staubury, N. Northd. Co., Pa.			
Montgomery M. Fryer	Without charge	3 470	96	139 4	3 1	4 4	3 50	415	302 00	1306 00	18	Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.			
Albert Gonsler	Mt. Carmel	4 270	96	139 4	3 1	4 4	3 50	415	302 00	1306 00	18	Millersburg, Dauph. Co., Pa.			
Robert O'Boyle	Sunbury	3 431	351	265 13	1 17	12 12	1 4	18 134	213 00	763 00	12	Mt. Pleasant, Adams Co., Pa.			
A. Thos. G. Apple	Catawissa	4 270	96	139 4	3 1	4 4	3 50	415	302 00	1306 00	18	Madenville, Columb. Co., Pa.			
Samuel H. Isenbarg, Th. D.	Millersburg	3 431	351	265 13	1 17	12 12	1 4	18 134	213 00	763 00	12	Kingtown, Schuyl. Co., Pa.			
J. Alvin Reber	Mainville	4 270	96	139 4	3 1	4 4	3 50	415	302 00	1306 00	18	Newlin, Columb. Co., Pa.			
Geo. W. Royer	Ringtown	3 431	351	265 13	1 17	12 12	1 4	18 134	213 00	763 00	12	Elizabethville, Pa.			
Irwin M. Bachman	Nunkia	4 270	96	139 4	3 1	4 4	3 50	415	302 00	1306 00	18	McAdoo, Pa.			
Adam Zimmerman	Lykens Valley	2 127	92	82 34	1 25	3 1	2 1	48	13 00	515 00	20	McAdoo, Pa.			
Vacant	McAdoo	1 20	16	15 3	1 1	1 1	1 1	28	2 00	60 00	4	Mt. Carmel, Pa.			
A. Gonsler (supply)	Hope Cong.	54 6476	5136	4204 547	13 329	134 77	98	94 55	782 464	2 4707 00	83154 00	334			
W. SUSQUEHANNA CL.	W. A. Haas, Std. Clk.											Spring Mills, Pa.			
D. M. Wolf, D.D.	Phinc. P. H. Acad.											White Deer, Pa.			
W. W. Clouser	Without charge											Sollingsrove, Pa.			
W. A. Haas	Sollingsrove	5 465	440	395 15	2 18	4 5	6 8	31 430	\$850 00	\$1300 00	8	Boalsburg, Pa.			
A. A. Black	Boalsburg	4 456	388	239 19	1 16	10 11	14 9	30 209	378 00	1083 00	20	New Berlin, Pa.			
S. S. Kohler	New Berlin	5 375	354	220 35	14 2	10 10	22 5	34 227	328 00	885 00	10	Aaronsburg, Pa.			
F. W. Brown	Aaronsburg	5 335	283	242 26	1 6	12 14	3 15	66 355	361 00	1241 00	27	Williamsport, Pa.			
Jas. M. Runkle	Williamsport	1 275	250	105 8	12 8	10 12	3 2	24 188	329 00	1653 00	12	Danville, Pa.			
M. W. Schweitzer	Without charge											Beaver Springs, Pa.			
H. H. Spabu	Beaver Springs	5 591	521	189 45	4 38	2 21	17 32	6 5	93 713	363 00	1580 00	25	Centre Hall, Pa.		
George W. Kerschner	Centre Hall	4 376	312	97 9	7 15	12 10	4 4	38 245	538 00	1035 00	24	Hubbersburg, Pa.			
Harvey I. Crow	Nittrany Valley	5 415	382	201 30	2 23	24 17	9 8	69 298	348 00	1023 00	24	Yocoboc, Hinnan, China.			
William E. Hoy	Missionary to China											Rehersburg, Pa.			
K. Ord's Spessard, Ph. D.	Middinburg	5 414	386	195 28	1 15	18 7	2 8	85 436	320 00	937 00	26	Middinburg, Pa.			
R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.	Lewisburg	1 337	316	150 7	2 13	12 15	6 6	23 171	503 00	1097 00	20	Lewisburg, Pa.			
David I. Schaeffer	Liverpool	1 260	235	75 5	1 8	12 2	4 4	24 258	275 00	1052 00	35	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa.			
Ambrose M. Schmidt	Bellefonte	7 264	228	247 17	4 16	11 6	7 8	61 7	80 00	503 00	35	Bellefonte, Pa.			
		2 290	223	120 10	1 5	9 10	5 4	31 240	538 00	1320 00	16				

Warren J. Johnson	1	258	137	150	2	2	8	23	2	...	2	...	1	27	250	...	307	00	12	Lock Haven, Pa.					
J. W. Abertson	3	120	59	70	...	...	12	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	41	187	...	10	00	17	Laurelton, Pa.		
Edwin T. Rhodes	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	Lewistown, Pa.		
Joseph M. Bean	2	90	32	...	4	...	...	...	7	20	8	...	1	11	31	...	...	...	...	...	Montgomery, Pa.		
Vaenat	4	340	264	115	...	...	...	...	12	5	2	...	3	40	211	...	173	00	481	00	17	West Milton, Pa.	
Ministers, 21.																									
191	5663	4882	2810	2490	21	199	1061	162	...	149	133	58	157	738	4911	3	\$5211	00	\$20455	00	317				
TOHICKON CLASSIS.																									
Jacob Kehm	1	485	437	235	23	4	30	2	2	...	13	...	2	21	33	270	...	\$162	51	\$1228	78	18	Sellersville, Pa.		
Nathaniel Z. Snyder, D.D.	3	97	49	60	11	4	2	...	1	...	2	2	2	43	170	...	44	15	168	00	8	South Bethlehem, Pa.	
Franklin J. Mohr	2	541	485	245	21	3	29	11	8	14	7	4	2	4	6	51	...	518	00	2136	00	18	Quakertown, Pa.		
Abraham B. Koplin, D.D.	4	641	557	273	22	...	...	15	11	3	6	12	6	4	107	657	...	478	25	1270	00	24	Hellertown, Pa.
Benjamin B. Fener, D.D.	1	336	242	210	7	...	...	9	4	...	...	...	...	29	25	...	2590	00	1470	00	12	Hellersville, Pa.	
Jacob J. Rothrock	1	361	281	70	9	11	15	6	5	...	...	...	...	1	29	321	...	376	10	2063	40	10	Lansdale, Pa.
Jacob G. Dubbs	3	835	677	527	32	...	...	14	8	...	...	...	...	8	38	371	...	218	00	1389	00	22	Coopersburg, Pa.
Alfred Y. Horn	3	527	380	200	23	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	169	07	909	00	20	Hellertown, Pa.	
Henry F. Long, D.D.	2	268	255	165	11	...	...	2	15	11	19	4	2	30	200	...	70	00	700	00	13	Frenchtown, N. J.	
Charles B. Weaver	2	610	457	228	21	1	13	15	8	...	...	...	...	6	92	509	...	283	00	1124	00	14	Ferdale, Pa.
David Scheffer	1	491	263	335	45	...	...	8	8	12	4	5	2	67	403	...	45	42	2903	63	12	South Bethlehem, Pa.	
B. Franklin Luekenbill	3	698	542	265	21	4	11	10	3	...	...	...	...	11	5	425	...	326	13	2155	53	20	Souderton, Pa.
William H. Mader	1	313	210	178	12	1	23	6	8	...	...	...	...	1	29	169	...	121	00	1630	00	12	Easton, Pa.
James R. Bergcy	1	295	288	144	12	1	8	11	5	...	...	...	...	2	3	20	...	176	00	2836	00	12	Boylestown, Pa.
John A. Mertz	3	461	355	213	11	4	7	5	8	...	...	...	...	3	57	293	...	323	00	3000	00	19	Durham, Pa.
John O. Lindaman	2	430	380	240	8	12	34	7	10	...	...	...	...	2	19	260	...	696	00	1360	00	21	Perkasie, Pa.
George G. Greenawald	3	320	276	150	6	8	7	3	5	29	350	...	219	62	1785	71	13	Sellersville, Pa.	
Henry A. L. Renner	4	637	577	452	26	1	27	8	4	...	...	...	...	4	55	428	...	105	50	2847	00	27	Riehlman Center, Pa.
B. Howard Roth	1	260	215	105	9	1	3	29	3	...	...	...	...	1	4	371	...	225	58	1137	00	10	Perkasie, Pa.
Edwin M. Hartman	Lancaster, Pa.	
Ministers, 19.																									
391	8522	6836	4323	3330	51	249	100	111	105	138	62	49	859	6429	7	\$7212	34	\$37478	53	315					
GOSHOPPEN CL.																									
L. Kroyder Evans, D.D.	1	733	650	503	26	3	39	8	10	...	...	...	...	6	20	...	...	\$933	00	\$5800	00	18	Pottstown, Pa.
Simon M. K. Huber	2	450	409	120	12	6	12	1	3	5	2	51	224	...	260	00	1100	00	18	Skeppack, Pa.	
Ell Keller, D.D.	Allentown, Pa.	
Isaac S. Stahr	4	750	678	388	48	1	44	6	5	5	4	73	441	...	515	00	7297	00	16	Olney, Pa.	
Charles S. Wend	1	438	350	245	12	2	20	14	5	8	5	1	38	296	...	352	00	1050	00	10	Pottstown, Pa.	
Joseph E. Freeman	1	443	288	306	11	1	15	8	6	5	2	30	344	...	359	00	1858	00	9	Boyetown, Pa.	
J. E. Freeman, supply	3	130	101	72	5	32	00	268	00	7	Boyetown, Pa.	
J. Lucian Roush	3	674	500	380	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	5	4	109	711	421	00	15	Pennsburg, Pa.
J. L. Roush, supply	1	233	165	150	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	150	...	396	00	421	00	2	Pennsburg, Pa.
George W. Roth	3	506	455	118	25	15	8	10	2	...	...	...	...	3	55	195	...	371	00	2164	00	24	Boyetown, Pa.
George B. Wallbert	1	829	686	390	24	1	21	11	5	...	...	...	...	5	4	410	...	2601	00	1772	00	16	East Greenville, Pa.
William H. Werner	2	482	326	294	4	1	21	4	3	...	...	...	...	2	40	240	...	318	00	1051	00	16	East Greenville, Pa.
Thomas H. Leinbach	2	564	488	315	28	5	2	43	306	...	654	00	1830	00	18	Schwenksville, Pa.	
Edwin W. Leutz	1	177	131	97	5	3	6	4	6	1	1	30	263	...	205	00	1777	00	12	Reyersford, Pa.	
Osvalde R. Frantz	3	770	712	397	33	4	30	6	10	7	3	31	234	...	453	00	1232	00	24	Old Zionsville, Pa.	
O. R. Frantz, supply	1	145	130	87	3	2	0	1	5	...	...	...	...	1	17	140	...	45	00	355	00	...	Old Zionsville, Pa.
J. Frank Dechant, Lic.	1308	Arch St. Phila., Pa.
William C. Slough, Lic.	Worcester, Pa.
J. Abner Hunsicker	Schwenksville, Pa.
H. Newton Kugler, Lic.	Lind-lei, Pa.
Ministers, 13. Lic., 2.																									
127	7335	6070	3775	257	24	285	88	78	35	135	68	30	682	4485	2	\$7315	00	\$33097	00	298					

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LEHIGH CLASSIS.	D. E. Schoedler, Std. Clk.																	
A. J. Herman	Retired																Maxatawny, Pa.	
Abraham Bartholomew	Disabled																Lehighon, Pa.	
E. J. Fogel, D.D.	Jordan	4	950	800	400	56					20	38	6	4	400	\$820 00	20 Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.	
S. G. Wagner, D.D.	St. John's, Allentown	1	633	595	215	15					81	10	1	1	66	2054 00	20 248.7th St., Allentown, Pa.	
N. C. Schaefer, Ph.D.	Supt. Pa. Schools.																Lancaster, Pa.	
J. N. Bachman	Jacksonville	4	600	545	437	51					28	9	9	62	475	173 00	20 Jacksonville, Pa.	
N. W. Heaflich	Ziegel's	5	1000	950	500	62	5	33			75	42	6	500	6	500 00	30 Allentown, Pa.	
Neri F. Peters	Slatington	1	632	410	354	62		26	38		14	30	8	13	1	383 00	20 Slatington, Pa.	
J. C. Kurtz	Without charge.																Reading, Pa.	
H. D. Kurtz	Without charge.																Allentown, Pa.	
C. Ernst Wagner	Prof. F. & M. Coll.																Lancaster, Pa.	
M. H. Breninger	Fleetwood	4	865	730	405	57		24	8		36	6	4	50	600	230 00	24 Fleetwood, Pa.	
George W. Richards	Prof. Theol. Sem'y																Lancaster, Pa.	
Thomas J. Haacker	Zion's, Allentown.	1	928	768	394	32	5	30	54		23	15	17	1	46	738	4005 00	25 Allentown, Pa.
W. W. Deatrick	Prof. Normal School																Kutztown, Pa.	
J. W. Knappenberg	Pres. Allentown Col.																Allentown, Pa.	
George B. Smith	Maxatawny	4	935	793	575	26	1	19	11		4	12	5	6	49	490	308 00	32 Kutztown, Pa.
Thomas N. Reber	Mahoning	3	405	312	190	20	1	16	11		4	10	1	5	77	280	250 00	16 Sittler, Pa.
Elmer H. Leinbach	Kutztown	2	441	337	170	18		12	5		5	12		1	26	150	104 00	14 Kutztown, Pa.
Thomas W. Dickert	Solomon's, Macungie	1	339	289	178	32	1	11	9		3	7	3	1	18	276	48 00	17 Macungie, Pa.
L. J. Rohrbach	Trinity, Allentown.	1	295	198	270	11	1	16	28		3	3	1	1	18	276	3175 00	7 Allentown, Pa.
D. E. Shoedler, D.D.	Grace S. Allentown	1	93	75	32	6		19	8		3	1	1	1	26	241	67 00	8 Allentown, Pa.
David A. Winter	Zion's, Lehighon.	1	650	460	425	39		26	25		5	9	8	1	42	802	727 00	12 Lehighon, Pa.
E. J. Laros	Emanuel's, Lansford	1	203	171	157	18		10	7		3	3	1	28	253	175 00	10 Lansford, Pa.	
A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.	Salem's, Allentown.	1	1481	1230	1100	82		91	60		21	24	32	1	63	2115	3032 00	30 Allentown, Pa.
J. P. Bachman	Salisbury	3	750	481	325	40	4	4	40		2	19	16	3	84	787	305 00	18 Allentown, Pa.
Wilson S. Hartzel	Christ Ch., Pack'ton	1	85	56	100	13		4	3		10	1	2	21	177	50 00	10 Pack'ton, Pa.	
Robert M. Kern	St. Andrew's All'tn	1	475	391	254	25	2	31	93		4	2	3	1	52	619	140 00	15 Allentown, Pa.
George P. Stem	Egypt	3	850	726	345	50	1	39	37		7	16	9	6	95	511	689 00	18 Stegried, Pa.
J. S. Bartholomew	Lechartersville	4	775	650	450	50	5	18	10		3	15	12	3	80	500	202 00	24 Virginsville, Pa.
Scott R. Wagner	Asst. to Dr. Wagner	1	450	275	225	30		47	60		2	4	6	1	31	325	325 00	15 Allentown, Pa.
H. L. Fogleman	Christ Ch., All'town	1	153	105	85	18		10	10		1	2	1	24	142	115 00	8 Summit Hill, Pa.	
W. A. Reimert	St. Paul's, Su. Hill	1	600	480	400	41		29	92		9	11	5	7	163	980	294 00	19 Coplay, Pa.
Thomas H. Krick	Coplay	2	395	327	185	18		43			3	11	3	4	88	140	76 00	6 Hamburg, Pa.
R. S. Apple	Grimaville																Lancaster, Pa.	
W. H. Herbert	Without charge.																Beets, Pa.	
O. B. Wehr	Without charge.																Beets, Pa.	
James O. Oswald	Zion's	4	295	200	190	20		12						4	57	223	89 00	20 Scipstown, Pa.
T. N. Reber	West Penn.	2	370	285	190	40		42			3	14	4	5	650	250 00	20 Sittler, Pa.	

N. W. Helfrich	Frieden's	1	175	150	100	10	20	61	290	344	168	76	1335	14702	16	\$15298	00	\$63298	00	353	2100	00	Albiontown, Pa.
Morris E. Schadt, Lie.	Schadts, Pa.	
William G. Seiple, Lie.	Albiontown, Pa.	
Charles A. Rutz, Lie.	Shamrock, Pa.	
Prof. A. C. Rothmel, Lie.	Kutztown, Pa.	
Ministers, 37.	Lie., 4	61	15883	12849	8651	933	26	815	618	204	290	344	168	76	1335	14702	16	\$15298 <td>00</td> <td>\$63298 <td>00</td> <td>353</td> </td>	00	\$63298 <td>00</td> <td>353</td>	00	353	
SHYLLKILL CLASSIS.																							
W. D. Stoyer, Std. Clk.																							
H. Lelise	Orwigsburg, Pa.	
J. J. Fisher	Tamaqua, Pa.	
W. Donat	Schuykill Haven, Pa.	
O. H. Strunk	Schuykill Haven, Pa.	
C. E. Bartholomew	Crossona, Pa.	
T. J. Bower	Frackville, Pa.	
E. S. Noll	Frackville, Pa.	
L. F. Wagner	Minersville, Pa.	
W. D. Stoyer	Auburn, Pa.	
G. W. Hartman	Orwigsburg, Pa.	
Z. A. Yearick	Shenandoah, Pa.	
S. L. Whitmore	Orwigsburg, Pa.	
M. A. Peters	Pottsville, Pa.	
A. Lohn	Pottsville, Pa.	
J. G. Kerschner	Tamaqua, Pa.	
T. C. Stroock	Tamaqua, Pa.	
J. J. Fisher, supply	Tamaqua, Pa.	
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J. J. Fisher	Tamaqua, Pa.	
T. J. Bower, supply	Frackville, Pa.	
M. A. Peters	Pottsville, Pa.	
G. W. Gerhart, supply	Hamburg, Pa.	
331	6463	4565	4231	448	16	340	139	107	215	118	79	55	612	538	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WYOMING CLASSIS.																							
C. H. Herbst, Std. Clk.																							
A. Houz	Orangetown, Pa.	
A. M. Moschbauer, Ph.D.	Weatherly, Pa.	
D. W. Ebbert, D.D.	Milton, Pa.	
C. W. E. Selgel	York, Pa.	
F. H. Ruff	Santitoke, Pa.	
S. C. Meckel	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	
C. H. Herbst	West Hazleton, Pa.	
W. D. Hoppel	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	
E. H. Diefenbacher	Jerseytown, Pa.	
S. E. Stoffel	Hazleton, Pa.	
W. H. Loose	Selinsgrove, Pa.	
A. H. Herbst	Waparrallton, Pa.	
J. W. Bell	Strawberry Ridge, Pa.	
J. B. Kerschner	Freeland, Pa.	
William Tomnis	Hazleton, Pa.	
J. W. Rehnke	Hazleton, Pa.	
J. D. Thomas, Ph.D.	St. John's, Pa.	
C. D. Lersch	Bloomsburg, Pa.	
M. L. Pfor	Bloomsburg, Pa.	
E. S. Noll	Banyville, Pa.	
G. E. Lambert	911 Monroe Av., Scranton, Pa.	
.....	Fayette, N. Y.	
.....	Banyville, Pa.	

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P. H. Hoover	Overton	240	158	16	5	18	1	2	4	2	3	34	192	124 00	747 00	8	Dushore, Pa.	
C. E. Correll	Conyngham	351	234	220	4	36	5	24	9	4	5	83	436	193 00	787 00	18	Conyngham, Pa.	
T. O. Stem	Paradise	421	307	263	8	24	13	14	8	2	2	45	233	489 00	3537 00	16	Turbotville, Pa.	
E. M. Beck	Watsontown	324	274	247	1	16	27	9	2	1	1	45	308	288 00	1196 00	17	Watsontown, Pa.	
C. H. Mutschler	St. Luke's	83	83	95	11	6	14	13	2	1	1	14	108	37 00	561 00	5	5599 N. Frank St., Wilkes-Barre.	
W. H. Hoeh	Plymouth	146	94	122	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	100	71 00	390 00	10	Plymouth, Pa.	
J. K. Adams	Brier Creek	34	27	12	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	12	45	19 00	65 00	2	Berwick, Pa.	
A. Houtz, supply	St. John's, Del.	70	60	4	1	1	1	9	2	1	1	12	45	14 00	134 00	6	Orangville, Pa.	
E. M. Beck, supply	St. Andrew's	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Watsontown, Pa.	
E. C. Musselman, Lic.	Overton	44	6752	4634	4239	417	38	366	200	157	127	114	68	47	795	6180	5	Overton, Pa.
READING CLASSIS.																		
B. Bamsman, D.D.	S. R. Friedenbaugh, Std. Clk.	815	680	267	14	3	14	16	9	1	1	64	680	\$10200 00	\$4290 00	14	222 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.	
C. E. Cretz	Asst. St. Paul's	1150	855	400	40	2	42	18	14	17	4	1	98	1114	6423 10	16	322 Battow. St., Reading, Pa.	
H. W. Steimanz, D.D.	First Reformed.	460	350	400	31	14	7	3	30	6	6	54	540	352 00	1950 00	14	611 Wash. St., Reading, Pa.	
Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D.	St. John's	752	612	425	21	3	44	32	15	17	12	4	1	60	800	996 00	12	911 Chest. St., Reading, Pa.
H. Y. Stoner	Pres. I.-S. Com. Col.	375	335	122	21	20	9	8	5	4	1	50	575	432 89	5947 04	14	508 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.	
H. K. Blakley	Ag't. Ref. Ch. Record	1761	653	183	15	3	40	52	5	14	7	57	455	9225 00	7197 00	15	212 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.	
J. I. Good, D.D.	Calvary	337	254	235	34	20	30	12	8	2	10	54	470	170 00	2645 12	8	2988 6th St., Reading, Pa.	
S. R. Bridebaugh, D.D.	Second Reformed	265	211	169	11	10	14	8	11	3	2	61	519	178 42	1457 09	14	152 W. 4th St., Reading, Pa.	
Jno. Ph. Stehn, D.D.	Missionary to Japan	350	310	175	25	14	1	9	11	3	1	39	339	263 00	2300 00	8	11th St., Reading, Pa.	
William E. Harr.	Faith and St. James	640	535	300	26	36	10	11	3	8	7	54	480	650 00	1192 00	12	Hamburg, Pa.	
George W. Gerhard.	First Reformed	800	760	450	59	3	39	11	21	29	16	2	14	240	1400 00	14	342 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.	
D. J. Ierove	Redeem.	440	370	320	41	45	4	5	10	15	9	3	30	192	15 00	850 00	5	1104 N. 9th St., Reading, Pa.
R. W. Miller	Gen. Sec. S.-S. Bd.	86	65	47	7	4	1	1	5	11	1	1	19	95	10 00	400 00	4	1820 1/2 Perk. Av., Reading, Pa.
James E. Brown	Schwarzwald	561	513	246	23	40	18	3	11	6	4	43	354	250 00	2414 00	14	220 Perk. Av., Reading, Pa.	
M. A. Danner	Alsace	725	595	500	68	2	45	3	5	11	11	101	939	422 00	2545 00	12	West Leesport, Pa.	
J. L. Herbelin	Trinity	85	66	43	10	1	4	3	7	5	1	29	144	92 00	6320 57	8	201 W. Olney St., Reading, Pa.	
M. L. Herbelin, supply	Leesport	647	614	400	15	74	60	7	59	7	5	1	86	848	6530 00	10	1431 Perk. Av., Reading, Pa.	
Daniel E. Schaeffer	St. Mark's	929	7658	4432	461	17	499	331	128	152	90	29	913	8934	\$5746 52	194	1400 Perk. Av., Reading, Pa.	
Charles E. Schaeffer	St. Andrew's	23	9239	7658	4432	461	17	499	331	128	152	90	29	913	8934	\$5746 52	194	1400 Perk. Av., Reading, Pa.
Henry H. Runo	St. Andrew's	23	9239	7658	4432	461	17	499	331	128	152	90	29	913	8934	\$5746 52	194	1400 Perk. Av., Reading, Pa.
Henry H. Ranck	St. Andrew's	23	9239	7658	4432	461	17	499	331	128	152	90	29	913	8934	\$5746 52	194	1400 Perk. Av., Reading, Pa.
Paul I. Deppin	St. Andrew's	23	9239	7658	4432	461	17	499	331	128	152	90	29	913	8934	\$5746 52	194	1400 Perk. Av., Reading, Pa.

II. OHIO SYNOD. D. Burghalter, Std. Clk.

MIAMI CLASSIS.	634	501	6	20	9	17	20	1	41	239	\$857 00	\$4081 00
W. A. Hale, D.D.	1	385	2	4	2	14	8	1	35	246	260 00	25 Dayton, O.
F. S. Zaugg, pas. el.	1	398	6	10	9	12	4	1	51	376	62 00	15 Dayton, O.
H. J. Christman	1	329	270	132	6	31	8	1	25	332	84 00	15 Dayton, O.
Ross F. Wickens	1	481	25	5	6	1	12	1	31	234	4000 00	16 Mansfield, O.
H. M. Herman, D.D.	3	350	5	23	4	2	2	3	40	353	438 00	1217 00
C. M. Rohrbaugh	3	405	305	59	4	7	5	3	50	354	2085 00	20 West Alexandria, O.
John C. Gekeler	3	347	237	68	12	1	9	3	37	210	326 00	1195 00
E. E. Young	2	249	187	35	3	11	3	2	31	230	490 00	14 Alpha, O.
H. N. Smith, pas. el.	5	250	197	30	3	4	7	5	75	412	1108 00	30 North Hampton, O.
F. E. Lauffer	2	498	251	60	8	7	18	3	38	331	239 00	10 Farmersville, O.
H. S. Rebehard	4	190	149	25	3	4	3	3	21	158	150 00	1552 00
F. M. Shultz	1	242	147	15	3	3	5	1	20	240	541 00	2559 00
H. S. Gekeler	1	187	141	3	6	5	1	4	51	269	117 00	632 00
S. U. Snyder, supply	3	203	171	33	9	15	36	4	46	214	10 00	1360 00
J. W. Yelsley*	2	155	130	15	1	3	3	3	30	184	360 00	915 00
J. S. Miller	3	168	128	1	3	2	25	4	49	210	29 00	16 Hillsboro, O.
J. E. Dingeldine, supply	3	170	150	21	1	5	3	1	40	255	290 00	15 Arcanum, O.
H. L. Hart	3	158	123	19	4	6	4	3	34	222	100 00	2765 00
J. W. Bechtel	1	150	125	20	2	10	4	2	21	200	70 00	2100 00
H. N. Kerst	1	123	83	30	10	14	18	1	15	145	50 00	10 Hamilton, O.
R. F. Shultz	1	85	65	3	3	2	1	1	21	169	124 00	675 00
S. E. Snapp, supply	1	53	20	3	3	3	3	1	12	100	630 00	215 00
W. H. Shults, supply	1	47	44	15	2	3	3	1	12	75	18 00	75 00
H. N. Kerst, supply	1	15	13	2	3	3	3	1	10	30	64 00	273 00
H. S. Rebehard, supply	1	20	13	2	4	6	4	1	11	35	10 00	19 00
W. H. Shults, supply	1	22	15	2	4	6	4	1	8	20	23 00	246 00
S. E. Snapp, supply	1	23	12	13	13	13	13	1	16	106	50 00	5 Xenia, O.
S. E. Snapp	1	22	13	13	13	13	13	1	16	106	60 00	5 Xenia, O.
Edw. Herbruck, D.D.	1	22	13	13	13	13	13	1	16	106	60 00	5 Xenia, O.
Daniel Burghalter	1	22	13	13	13	13	13	1	16	106	60 00	5 Xenia, O.
Levi Rilke	1	22	13	13	13	13	13	1	16	106	60 00	5 Xenia, O.
M. Lounsck, D.D.	1	22	13	13	13	13	13	1	16	106	60 00	5 Xenia, O.
W. E. Ludwick	1	22	13	13	13	13	13	1	16	106	60 00	5 Xenia, O.
Joshua Wolbach	1	22	13	13	13	13	13	1	16	106	60 00	5 Xenia, O.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.	6291	4881	921	98	110	278	133	107	2	138	102	1	18	51	816	6159	5	\$5911 00	\$41972 00	302
S. W. Seemann, Std. Clk.	2	342	270	8	14	26	11	6	4	7	4	7	2	38	236	38	236	\$80 00	\$2983 00	1261 Fair Av., Col., O.
L. B. C. Lahr	1	369	225	75	9	16	10	4	2	8	6	6	1	23	336	23	336	512 00	1242 00	Delaware, O.
C. E. Stoner	1	177	140	22	12	1	4	2	2	5	2	5	1	25	35	25	35	187 26	270 90	Basil, O.
C. Hange	1	108	99	20	6	11	3	3	1	8	1	8	1	28	306	28	306	442 00	1915 00	Baltimore, O.
J. P. Stahl	1	57	55	21	1	1	1	1	4	11	5	5	1	17	127	17	127	48 05	467 00	Canal Winchester, O.
J. J. Leberman	1	125	93	40	6	2	15	3	1	5	1	1	1	18	112	18	112	65 00	350 00	Lancaster, O.

*Resigned.
 F.W.H. call Joseph F. Allen, student of theology.

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J. D. Neff.....	Heldelberg.....	1	134	102	57	5	1	7	2	3	1	1	27	236	1	329	275	00	Stoutsville, O.	
	Mt. Carmel.....	1	55	55	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	33	1	142	00	225	00	
	Warner's.....	1	35	35	30	6	3	6	6	6	1	1	7	25	1	140	00	140	00	
J. J. Stauffer.....	St. Paul's.....	2	150	116	60	6	3	6	6	6	1	2	23	140	1	325	00	900	00	
D. W. Loucks.....	St. Paul's.....	1	147	130	50	5	1	2	1	3	1	1	15	77	1	334	18	495	43	
	Zion's.....	1	102	90	39	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	15	77	1	128	55	263	43	
	Somerset.....	1	42	30	14	1	1	3	8	1	1	1	4	35	1	49	91	73	02	
S. B. Yockey.....	Elginth Avenue.....	1	165	70	23	3	15	1	5	6	1	1	18	82	1	48	00	825	00	
P. H. Weaver.....	Salem.....	1	53	28	27	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	12	50	1	54	00	100	00	
	Jerusalem.....	1	33	27	11	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	9	31	1	26	45	50	00	
J. Hefley.....	Jerusalem.....	2	95	80	1	7	1	6	2	2	1	1	18	90	1	7	00	240	00	
Calvin Foster.....	Zwingli.....	1	87	82	6	1	27	10	8	2	1	1	68	75	1	28	00	248	00	
	Rushville.....	1	34	23	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	7	00	408	00	Bremen, O.	
	Colfax.....	1	20	18	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	58	1	17	00	123	00		
G. H. Leonard, D.D.....	Without charge.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Basll, O.
P. D. Seberry.....	Without charge.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lancaster, O.
E. S. Metzger.....	Without charge.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Boundary City, Ind.
H. H. Sandoe.....	Without charge.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Columbus, O.
Ministers, 17.....		28	3023	2509	781	83	81	153	97	92	48	56	385	2634	1	\$4213	87	\$14585	14	
TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.	C. E. Ewing, Std. Clk.	1	1236	1080	375	36	23	57	54	11	34	5	6	73	937	\$1500	00	\$6290	00	
Emil P. Herbruck, D.D.....	Trinity, Canton.....	1	884	700	460	25	19	28	40	125	27	10	4	72	909	1884	00	2878	00	
Clement L. Aispach.....	Grace, Akron.....	1	103	151	70	3	3	14	5	4	1	7	1	25	175	186	00	1077	00	
Edwin R. Williard.....	Salem Reformed.....	1	121	104	34	6	2	1	24	4	20	1	1	16	160	202	00	1162	00	
Charles E. Ewing.....	First Reformed.....	1	240	298	60	12	2	7	40	5	5	1	1	363	234	541	00	3010	00	
John H. Bomberger, D.D.....	Hough Avenue.....	1	116	106	80	14	2	2	2	4	.....	.....	.....	18	180	138	00	961	00
Oliver P. Foust.....	Massillon.....	1	31	29	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	79	19	00	296	00
Oliver P. Foust, supply.....	Grace Reformed.....	1	265	220	120	4	12	5	12	5	3	1	2	11	223	350	00	1500	00	
S. Ezra Neldirk.....	Wooster.....	1	130	128	60	12	2	10	3	8	6	4	6	15	81	250	00	875	00	
J. Wesley Miller.....	Apple Creek.....	1	217	171	98	17	3	14	5	1	6	3	1	27	274	387	00	983	00	
James S. Freeman.....	Trinity, Akron.....	4	219	118	61	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	184	210	00	913	00
David M. Christman.....	Navarre.....	4	316	288	135	9	3	24	4	4	2	2	.....	.....	.....	255	00	800	00
William S. Adams.....	Tuscarawas.....	4	243	211	37	11	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	325	00	724	00
Edward G. Klotz.....	Polk.....	2	141	132	88	2	4	15	2	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	217	00	631	00
Isabahn N. Burger.....	Marshallville.....	3	408	346	123	5	2	11	4	9	12	8	1	3	61	279	745	00	1109	00
George T. N. Beam.....	Uniontown.....	2	383	381	49	12	9	10	41	14	18	4	1	11	71	628	00	1308	00	
Solomon I. Royer.....	Wadsworth.....	1	112	101	40	6	5	9	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	147	00	622	00
Freeman Ware.....	Shelby.....	4	233	216	38	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195	00	860	00
	Manchester.....	1	218	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	00	147	00
	Reedsburg.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	239	00	1019	00

	2	334	327	162	5	16	13	7	11	194	85	8	3	2	44	280	2	457	00	20		
I. U. Ellsworth Kunkle.....	New Berlin.....	2	334	327	162	5	16	13	7	11	194	85	8	3	2	44	280	2	457	00	20	
Phaon W. Snyder.....	New Berlin.....	3	229	166	96	1	4	3	3	32	2	2	3	50	205	1	1800	00	15	New Berlin, O.		
Fred. H. Keller.....	Mohlcann.....	2	215	212	106	4	6	11	2	13	7	4	2	25	180	1	1330	00	18	Mohlcann, O.		
Edward E. Naragon.....	Hartville.....	1	65	64	29	2	3	9	2	1	9	82	1	1	9	82	1	337	00	18	Hartville, O.	
William A. Frenn.....	Loyal Oak.....	2	102	102	15	1	3	8	2	1	1	2	22	97	1	90	00	72	00	411	Loyal Oak, O.	
Edwin R. Willard, supply	Gauges.....	1	112	102	15	1	3	8	2	1	1	2	22	97	1	90	00	90	00	450	Gauges, O.	
Wooster Av., Akron.....	.....	1	112	102	15	1	3	8	2	1	1	2	22	97	1	90	00	90	00	450	Gauges, O.
Sebastian C. Goss, D.D.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
William N. Bloom.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otto C. Reuter.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TIFFIN CLASSIS.																						
David Van Horne, D.D.....	A. H. Zeehied, Std. Clk.	1	310	240	101	10	9	8	6	5	12	7	4	2	1	28	290	1	\$500	00	\$1777	00
Herman Rust, D.D.....	Prof. H. Theo. Sem.	1	377	114	75	5	8	10	1	7	4	2	1	16	152	1	1681	00	1081	00	1081	00
Alvin S. Zerbe, D.D.....	Prof. Em. Th. Sem.	1	131	107	47	4	6	3	19	3	4	2	1	14	145	1	61	00	2000	00	2000	00
Alphous E. Batchely, D.D.....	F. Sec. H. Th. Sem.	1	285	240	112	1	1	12	3	13	7	2	1	26	185	1	189	00	1130	00	1130	00
Charles E. Miller, D.D.....	Pres. of Field. Univ.	1	100	95	78	4	9	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	15	1	151	00	1850	00	1850	00
Lewis H. Kefauver, D.D.....	Prof. Em. H. Univ.	1	214	140	6	2	5	1	1	1	1	5	1	19	300	1	100	00	5000	00	5000	00
Reuben Good, D.S.C.....	First Ref. Ch., Tiffin	1	177	114	75	5	8	10	1	7	4	2	1	16	152	1	1681	00	1081	00	1081	00
Joseph C. Smith.....	Fremont Charge.....	1	131	107	47	4	6	3	19	3	4	2	1	14	145	1	61	00	2000	00	2000	00
Frederic E. Zeehied.....	Fosteria Charge.....	1	285	240	112	1	1	12	3	13	7	2	1	26	185	1	189	00	1130	00	1130	00
Albert H. Zeehied.....	Bellevue Charge.....	2	100	95	78	4	9	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	15	1	151	00	1850	00	1850	00
Zion's Charge.....	2	100	95	78	4	9	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	15	1	151	00	1850	00	1850	00
David A. Parks.....	Bloomville Charge.....	1	214	140	6	2	5	1	1	1	1	5	1	19	300	1	100	00	5000	00	5000	00
John F. Badr.....	Lindey Charge.....	3	136	123	76	3	3	19	1	2	2	2	1	3	31	168	1	68	00	556	00	
James H. Steele, D.D.....	Grace Ch., Tiffin.....	1	263	229	61	4	6	16	4	4	1	5	1	3	31	177	6	565	00	1479	00	
Samuel Z. Benn, D.D.....	Bettsville Charge.....	3	148	122	64	1	6	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	214	1	136	00	824	00	
John H. Albright.....	Ath Charge.....	2	146	125	60	10	3	22	5	1	4	4	2	2	15	135	1	109	00	628	00	
Bascom Charge.....	.....	2	155	129	44	2	1	4	1	7	7	1	2	2	28	335	1	73	00	306	00
Liberty Center Charge.....	.....	2	80	60	50	6	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	31	333	1	50	00	538	00
John H. Lantzshelster.....	Payne Charge.....	1	92	75	30	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	18	135	1	14	00	600	00	
Abraham D. Wolfinger.....	Linn Charge.....	1	58	51	13	3	2	11	12	1	7	2	1	1	18	139	1	117	00	600	00	
Andrew J. Burkett.....	Solphur Spg. Charge.....	3	159	121	51	4	1	1	11	1	2	2	3	3	34	125	1	63	00	553	00	
Albert C. Shuman.....	Sycamore Charge.....	1	170	114	50	8	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	27	176	1	237	00	2225	00	
Johnson J. Wagoner.....	St. Jacob's Charge.....	2	166	105	58	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	14	100	1	65	00	166	00	
Edward D. Wettsch, D.D.....	Grace Ch., Toledo.....	1	70	51	27	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	14	93	1	51	00	983	00	
Frederick S. Zaugg.....	St. John's Cong.....	1	35	25	24	2	3	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	69	1	81	00	250	00	
Albert H. Zeehied, supply	Hunt's Cong.....	1	53	50	23	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	52	1	6	00	40	00	
Frederic E. Zeehied, supply	Oliver Chapel Cong.....	1	12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howard B. Dieffenbach.....	Carrothers Cong.....	1	12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thos. H. Smeedecher, Lte.	Prof. Field. Univ.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Joseph B. Shumaker, D.D.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John I. Swander, D.D.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Luther P. Gross.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edmer E. Weller.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charles W. Good.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jesse Richards.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John E. Rust, Ph.D.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cornelius M. Lowe, Ph.D.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
F. S. Zaugg, supply.....	St. Paul's Cong.....	1	13	11	9	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ministers, 24.....	33	3021	2330	1090	106	42	131	143	63	51	60	22	32	461	3020	11	\$3065	00	\$21687	00	99

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EAST OHIO CLASSES.	G. W. Hemming, Std. Clk.																	
George H. Souder.....	Louisville.....	1	348	64	11	3	14	14	22	10	5	1	20	318	\$1725 00	\$605 00	Louisville, O.	
J. Theodore Bucher.....	Osnaburg.....	1	214	100	6	21	11	31	31	2	2	1	11	175	675 00	147 00	Osnaburg, O.	
Arthur V. Casselman.....	Columbiana.....	1	488	425	7	12	15	31	12	1	1	1	31	406	1600 00	1600 00	Columbiana, O.	
Frederick Cromer.....	Missionary to China																	Columbiana, O.
John C. Schaaf.....	Zion's.....	3	163	121	2	1	2	2	2			1	11	57	475 00	58 00	Canauld, O.	
	Grace.....		23	20			3	2				1	1		20 00	133 00		
	Jackson.....		71	60	1	1	1	1				1	1		30 00	290 00		
George W. Beaver.....	St. Jacob's.....	1	203	172	34	11	13	6	6	2	1	17	174	410 00	410 00	817 00	Lisbon, O.	
John C. Paul.....	Trinity.....	1	110	105	33	1	10	10	10	1	1	12	142	254 00	543 00	254 00	Lisbon, O.	
John W. Geler.....	Germano.....	1	121	90	20	1	4	1	3	2	2	1	19	100	111 00	957 00	120 00	Germano, O.
Israel Rothenberger.....	Trinity.....	2	156	130	65	1	3	3	5	4	1	1	19	84	120 00	690 00	240 00	Carrollton, O.
	Harsh.....		60	48	10	1	1	1	5	1	1	9	59	1	25 00	95 00		
James S. Keppel.....	Mt. Olive.....	2	304	210	65	6	13	31	9	3	1	1	16	158	147 00	509 00	147 00	North Lima, O.
	Paradise.....		137	108	53	2	1	2	2	1	1	14	123	111 00	375 00	111 00		
	Israel's.....		125	103	72	15	2	9	6	1	1	1	24	200	100 00	833 00	100 00	Robertsville, O.
	Christ's.....		162	145								1	18	130	70 00	400 00	70 00	
	St. Martin's.....		20	18								1	8	25	3 00	138 00	3 00	Warren, O.
Henry T. Dibble.....	Southington.....	2	65	65								1	10	90	34 00	605 00	34 00	Warren, O.
	Lordsburg.....		56	56	8	2	3					1	4	40	185 00	38 00		
George E. Metzger.....	Old Springfield.....	2	167	141	38	9	15	4	2	3	1	1	14	91	5600 00	5600 00	Petersburg, O.	
	Salem.....		90	82	25	3	2	2	6	4		1	11	55	375 00	375 00		
Amos Casselman.....	Bethel.....	3	226	186	50	4	20	9	7	1	3	1	19	139	255 00	573 00	255 00	Alliance, O.
	Zion's.....		70	55	25	9	3	8	16	7	1	1	10	40	81 00	275 00	81 00	
	Beholt.....		18	12	15							1	14	65	16 00	60 00	16 00	
John M. Kendig, D.D.....	St. Paul's.....	2	107	71	28	3	1	11	3	1	1	1	12	70	105 00	871 00	105 00	111 Ridge Av., Youngstown, O.
	Bethlehem.....		40	33	13	1	3	3	3	17	2	1	17	196	47 00	147 00	47 00	Warren, O.
John J. Gruber.....	Zion's.....	1	125	120	114	4	3	10	3	3	3	1	15	75	293 00	700 00	293 00	Warren, O.
George F. Chenot.....	St. Peter's.....	4	120	88	40	3	3	9	8	7	3	1	15	45	40 00	200 00	40 00	Marlboro, O.
	St. Paul's.....		28	25	10	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	15	45	13 00	75 00	13 00	
	Trinity.....		40	37	10	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	45	15 00	225 00	15 00	
Harvey E. Kihmer.....	Selence Hill.....	42	40	15	9	3	4	1	2	2	1	1	15	70	36 00	200 00	36 00	Alliance, O.
George W. Hemming.....	Immanuel.....	1	75	60	40	8	1	5	12	8	2	1	15	273	90 00	250 00	90 00	Louisville, O.
Scott V. Rohrbaugh*.....	Stated Clerk.....																	Carrollton, O.

*Called to Carrollton.

Rev. Adam Zimmerman was dismissed to East Susquehanna Classis, March 7, 1902.

Rev. Israel Rothenberger was dismissed to the Michigan Classis, R. C. A., March 7, 1902.

Rev. George F. Chenot was dismissed to St. Joseph's Classis at the annual meeting, May 7, 1902.

Rev. Scott V. Rohrbaugh was received from Tuscarawas Classis at the annual meeting, May 8, 1902.

Student for the Ministry—Herbert H. Casselman, Alliance, O.

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W. E. Shaley	St. John's	130	71	70	12	4	3	2	1	1	1	12	71	31	888	00	14	416 Ash St., Waukegan, Ill.				
R. D. Hantsch	Lowell	164	110	63	16	3	3	7	2	1	4	40	40	40	1009	00	7	Lowell, Dodge Co., Wis.				
H. Hesse	New Berlin	106	46	35	1	3	3	1	1	1	3	20	35	35	320	00	5	Box 148, Waukesha, Wis.				
E. R. Hinske	Ref. Zoar	163	54	53	5	1	2	2	1	1	8	40	40	5	350	00	7	500 Col. St., Watertown, Wis.				
C. Ruppert	Immanuel's	123	97	83	9	15	6	21	4	2	1	8	70	67	370	00	5	West Bend, Wis.				
C. C. Lienkaemper	Salcm	170	106	100	20	6	1	1	1	1	8	70	180	180	500	00	8	Wayne, Wis.				
A. C. Hamann	Prairie du Sac	79	59	79	4	3	1	2	1	1	6	60	19	252	00	4	Prairie du Sac, Wis.					
W. G. Kuentzel	Harrisburg	60	23	33	3	3	2	1	1	1	4	20	22	20	210	00	4	Juneau, Wis.				
A. Roth	New Glarus	New Glarus, Wis.				
F. P. Leich	Without charge	Jackson, Wis.				
E. Terborg	Without charge	Milwaukee, Wis.				
16.		17	2233	1636	1307	158	2	123	54	49	20	37	14	161	143	1046	1	\$1599	00	\$8651	00	103

†Congregations that are independent.

MINNESOTA CLASSIS.

MINNESOTA CLASSIS.	G. D. Elliker, Std. Clk	Members	Comm.	Unconf.	Infant Bapt.	Adult Bapt.	Confirmed	Cert. or Renewal	Dismissed	Excomm.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	Minutes Wanted	Post-Office Address	
J. C. Ochsner	Paul	140	60	133	6	10	5	5	11	3	1	1	3	52	146	00	4	Norwood, Minn.		
L. H. Kunst	Salem	151	145	91	5	14	4	4	4	1	1	12	106	663	00	8	R. R. 1, Waukon, Ia.			
G. D. Elliker	Zion	168	125	88	10	10	9	2	3	3	1	18	110	635	00	8	.....		
Vacant	Ebenezer	43	26	23	2	2	2	5	5	1	1	1	15	310	00	5	Carver, Minn.			
William F. Koehler	Zoar	38	25	35	5	3	4	4	4	1	1	7	40	191	00	3	Garner, Ia.			
J. Gatermann	Frieden's	77	50	81	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	22	400	00	3	Garner, Ia.			
A. Muehlmeier	Zion	40	36	48	3	3	4	4	4	1	1	9	72	2090	00	3	Klemme, Ia.			
J. Rosenau	Immanuel	98	90	86	6	9	5	5	5	1	1	25	90	450	00	10	R. R. 1, Nurwood, Minn.			
F. W. Lemke	St. John	105	28	68	5	4	7	8	5	3	1	1	20	17	1250	00	5	Wabasha, Minn.		
E. Andreas	Trinity	72	71	8	7	7	8	5	5	1	1	12	90	46	00	5	Siegel, LaCrosse Co., Wis.			
F. Ebinger	Trinity	62	50	30	1	3	10	10	10	2	1	10	80	120	00	6	St. Paul, Minn.			
H. Hauser	St. John	153	100	90	12	10	10	8	2	1	1	25	130	91	00	4	414 Mark St., LaCrosse, Wis.			
J. Hauser	Frieden's	158	118	84	19	14	2	1	8	2	1	14	100	614	00	6	952 Reaney St., St. Paul, Minn.			
H. Hauser	St. Paul	93	40	50	3	7	7	7	7	2	1	1	14	175	00	4	Alma, Wis.			
F. G. Lemme	St. Luke	70	30	30	8	3	3	3	3	1	1	6	50	155	00	4	Alma, Wis.			
J. C. Schmid	St. John	65	30	33	2	2	9	9	5	1	1	3	30	55	00	4	Alma, Wis.			
L. Ziegler	Immanuel	47	16	42	6	6	11	1	1	1	1	5	17	18	00	5	R. R. 1, Forest City, Ia.			
A. Krahn	Bethania	30	25	4	4	4	3	3	3	5	1	17	40	50	00	1	Mantorville, Minn.			
16.	Zwingli	213	125	156	6	16	16	37	5	1	1	29	00	650	00	1	Gaylord, Minn.			
19		1823	1190	1174	114	107	78	34	72	25	7	171	169	1069	3	\$2212	00	\$10898	00	84

Students for the ministry: Herman G. Schmid, Jakob Hauser, Otto Saevrt.

*Same as Zion Charge; have Sunday-school together.

NEBRASKA CLASSIS.

John Arnold.....	180	162	148	17	11	51	2	2	2	1	9	125	...	\$96 00	\$673 00	5	1000 N. Ham St., Lincoln, Neb.
Jacob Bohler.....	1	32	25	46	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	35	...	28 00	225 00	4	Belden, Cedar Co., Neb.
W. Bonekemper.....	1	365	275	325	35	12	17	6	1	6	1	176	...	475 00	900 00	10	Duncan, Clay Co., Neb.
J. B. Braun.....	2	100	95	65	11	2	7	5	2	2	4	30	...	20 00	230 00	4	Bunton, Platte Co., Neb.
F. Haulhorst.....	2	50	32	25	15	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	180 00	300 00	10	Yutan, Saunders Co., Neb.
Konrad Iffert.....	2	110	102	62	2	13	3	15	...	...	2	13	...	479 00	2050 00	8	Norfolk, Neb., R. F. D.
Emil Lehrer.....	2	149	72	122	9	7	9	...	...	...	1	16	...	41 00	205 00	9	Pawnee City, Neb., R. F. D.
St. John and Satem.....	1	93	52	76	5	...	...	...	...	...	2	16	...	123 00	355 00	6	Harrison, Jefferson Co., Neb.
H. Niehaus.....	3	187	123	180	10	3	...	...	...	...	3	8	...	58 00	447 00	7	Sutton, Clay Co., Neb.
Fried., N. Hope, Zion.....	1	62	51	50	4	2	4	2	31	...	20 00	85 00	2	York, Neb.
Immanuel.....	15	1328	994	1097	109	38	84	44	2	29	12	14	15	\$1556 00	\$9470 00	65	

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URSINUS CLASSIS.

G. Zerk, Std. Clk.....	3	266	232	163	17	1	17	16	5	5	1	\$183 00	\$1220 00	15	Marengo, Ia., R. R. 1.
Marengo.....	2	323	295	85	12	1	15	...	...	...	2	10	...	290 00	1260 00	9	Wheatland, Ia.
Wheatland.....	1	228	147	83	10	5	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	481 00	990 00	5	Raxter, Ia.
Edward Scheidt.....	1	190	51	69	9	5	8	...	...	...	5	...	...	130 00	590 00	5	Storm Lake, Ia., R. R. 1.
Gustave Zerk.....	1	150	95	115	7	4	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	775 00	600 00	5	Newton, Ia., R. R. 1.
Wilhelm Wittenberg.....	1	249	195	135	9	8	2	4	8	2	1	8	...	283 00	600 00	8	Monticello, Ia.
Elias Grunstedt.....	1	73	54	59	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	98 00	344 00	5	Melbourne, Ia.
Fred. Mosbach.....	1	88	69	93	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	68 00	450 00	3	Oakleaf, Ia.
Dietrich Stenseth.....	2	100	90	75	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	290 00	525 00	5	Shuter, Ia., R. R. 1.
Frederik Engelmann.....	2	53	48	45	2	3	6	...	...	...	5	30	...	25 00	250 00	4	P. C. Dodge, Ia.
J. Kuhn.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	Raxter, Ia.
Salemam Ellker, Sr.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	Rockwell, N. C.
C. G. Zipp.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
A. Hoeker.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ministers, 13.....	15	1571	1276	922	87	2	69	33	28	18	18	4	14	\$1892 00	\$6860 00	65	

MISSOURI CLASSIS.

C. Jackel, Std. Clk.....	1	305	265	171	37	20	10	1	...	...	2	3	1	\$90 00	\$1415 00	6	1317 Sull. Av., St. Louis, Mo.
Salem's.....	2	245	210	200	12	2	2	...	...	...	4	3	2	514 00	1083 00	10	Avenue City, Andrew Co., Mo.
Hope and St. John.....	2	117	80	107	6	9	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	250 00	250 00	6	Leawy City, Mo.
John Knierim.....	1	102	102	114	7	1	6	1	1	38	1	9	...	23 00	213 00	7	Rockville, Mo., R. R. 1.
Otto Roehrig.....	1	100	40	69	10	...	...	...	...	...	14	6	...	40 00	350 00	5	St. B., St. Joseph, Mo.
John Bley.....	1	62	55	60	2	4	...	...	...	...	1	17	...	15 00	275 00	6	Potsdam, Mo.
Carl Jackel*.....	2	48	48	55	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	27 00	184 00	2	Avenue City, Mo.
Vacant.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jacob Ziegler.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Invalid.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Without charge.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Karl Kern.....	10	979	800	776	77	1	41	15	4	1	52	14	3	\$860 00	\$4770 00	42	Springfield, Mo.

PORTLAND-ORE. CL.

H. Liesman, Std. Clk.....	1	48	32	38	2	7	3	6	...	...	1	3	...	\$21 00	\$439 00	...	Salem, Ore.
Jacob Muhlaupt.....	1	158	135	66	4	6	13	2	...	...	2	10	...	615 00	978 00	...	Portland, Ore.
Gottlieb Hafner.....	1	75	40	35	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	40 00	348 00	...	Stadford, Ore.
Herman Liesman.....	1	100	58	110	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	...	45 00	198 00	...	Crab Tree, Ore.
Theodore Warman.....	1	18	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	Thlamook, Ore.
Paul Keller.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jacob Looser.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Without charge.....	6	390	265	272	9	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	\$751 00	\$1903 00	...	...

*Report of seven months.

*Crabtree, Stayton, Mt. Pleasant.

IV. PITTSBURGH SYNOD

WESTMORELAND CL.		J. F. Snyder, Std. Clk.																			
1	Jacob F. Snyder	1	300	276	172	22	1	16	5	6	10	4	2	1	15	138	\$378 64	\$1570 00	17	Manor Dale, Westm. Co., Pa.	
2	Cyrus M. Hartzell	2	310	263	165	12	2	2	2	2	2	5	2	2	4	325	516 88	22525 00	18	Latrobe, Westm. Co., Pa.	
3	Charles R. Ferner	2	138	129	77	11	3	10	5	6	24	...	...	...	15	107	166 50	1076 50	10	Scottdale, Westm. Co., Pa.
4	John N. Bauman	1	365	300	265	21	23	22	3	3	3	4	3	1	15	240	2065 00	2065 00	15	Jeanette, Westm. Co., Pa.	
5	J. Harvey Mickle	1	267	211	190	16	1	10	13	8	2	5	1	1	23	286	287 63	244 44	25	Johnstown, Camb. Co., Pa.	
6	David A. Souders	2	381	244	333	15	10	2	2	2	4	1	2	2	28	309	631 35	1310 00	16	Irwin, Westm. Co., Pa.	
7	John M. Evans	2	304	264	187	20	1	17	5	5	24	...	...	...	1	23	713 00	1167 00	27	Harrisburg, Westm. Co., Pa.
8	D. Solder Stephan	1	85	78	61	6	1	30	1	1	30	...	...	...	1	73	59 61	2398 88	7	Vandergrift, Westm. Co., Pa.
9	Silas B. Mase, D.D.	1	287	262	95	8	...	10	1	1	2	3	...	...	1	19	220	2659 74	29	Greensburg, Westm. Co., Pa.
10	William H. Tussing	2	273	202	165	13	4	11	10	6	20	...	...	...	2	38	285	2249 00	20	Mt. Pleasant, Westm. Co., Pa.
11	Charles E. Wagner	2	236	201	111	14	2	4	6	8	1	6	2	1	2	30	331 60	1925 00	20	Delmont, Westm. Co., Pa.	
12	Henry S. Garner	2	133	135	93	7	...	3	26	14	...	...	...	...	2	30	122	144 00	10	Greensburg, Westm. Co., Pa.
13	Harrod's	3	290	245	136	26	4	15	10	10	12	3	2	3	39	219	322 55	1019 83	17	Raeford, Westm. Co., Pa.	
14	Franklin	1	42	31	32	2	2	3	1	1	1	12	66	50 00	267 00	10	Councilville, Fay Co., Pa.
15	Andrew J. Heller, D.D.	1	383	327	167	17	5	9	4	4	3	4	2	5	36	268	1295 00	827 00	25	Youngstown, Westm. Co., Pa.	
16	William A. McClellan	1	757	538	367	15	27	39	12	...	...	...	...	...	3	39	989 00	2453 00	25	Greensburg, Westm. Co., Pa.
17	Stanley L. Krebs	2	303	241	103	3	22	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	21	204	1242 20	16	Manor Station, Westm. Co., Pa.
18	Daniel H. Leader	2	232	171	101	9	...	2	2	21	1	14	131	218 00	684 00	12	Manor Station, Westm. Co., Pa.
19	Vacant	1	53	42	12	2	...	8	2	1	5	35	21 00	283 00	...	Johnstown, Camb. Co., Pa.
20	Vacant	1	153	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	15 00	2130 00	...	Salling, Westm. Co., Pa.
21	John McConnell	Mt. Pleasant, Westm. Co., Pa.
22	Lucian Cort	Manor Station, Westm. Co., Pa.
23	Cyrus Cort, D.D.	Manor Station, Westm. Co., Pa.
24	Clarence E. Zimmerman	Mt. Pleasant, Westm. Co., Pa.
25	Vacant	1	5	Mt. Pleasant, Westm. Co., Pa.

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CLARION CLASSIS.		R. E. Crum, Std. Clk.																			
1	W. C. Thomp.	Venus, Pa.
2	R. E. Cowline	1	271	226	146	17	5	40	16	2	4	6	1	25	133	\$345 00	\$13000 00	25	Kittanning, Pa.
3	R. E. Crum	3	354	295	274	21	6	22	7	6	1	5	2	3	33	173	336 00	1145 00	...	DuBois, Pa.	
4	R. F. Gass	4	326	303	143	18	2	12	4	3	7	10	2	4	36	228	532 00	1096 00	...	Hawthorn, Pa.	
5	L. W. Showers	Kittanning, Pa.
6	H. D. Durbin	2	227	182	120	4	2	10	4	9	12	2	2	28	180	486 00	1085 00	24	Emonton, Pa.		
7	U. O. H. Kerschner	2	332	221	150	14	1	9	1	28	2	4	5	2	25	253	430 00	2324 00	14	St. Petersburg, Pa.	
8	Levils Reiter	1	64	53	41	1	2	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	16	130	94 00	945 00	6	Punxsutawney, Pa.
9	F. M. Lane	4	403	353	135	19	1	23	1	6	20	5	4	49	265	605 00	1115 00	24	Pinnsutawney, Pa.		
10	L. A. Stiles	3	162	144	73	15	4	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	96	273 00	821 00	24	Pinnsutawney, Pa.
11	E. H. Lattauch	2	437	332	270	15	4	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	156	678 00	927 00	10	South Bend, Pa.
12	S. C. Stover	2	402	298	205	20	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	249	476 00	3089 00	20	Monaca, Pa.
13	C. W. Summey	4	276	251	244	18	7	22	14	5	7	8	4	4	33	185	485 00	4153 00	...	Monaca, Pa.	
14	L. C. Edmonds	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
15	D. E. Master	1	116	86	78	12	1	5	17	18	12	...	...	...	20	140	145 00	1692 00	...	Apollo, Pa.
16	R. F. Muth	2	133	109	72	8	...	7	6	7	3	4	2	2	29	146	139 00	395 00	...	Apollo, Pa.	
17	Vacant	3	212	200	107	7	9	38	13	5	2	5	2	2	26	151	164 00	330 00	20	Worthville, Pa.	
18	Vacant	34	3715	3153	2658	188	40	223	102	104	116	58	18	32	339	2484	\$4997 00	\$31409 00	169	Worthville, Pa.	

ST. PAUL CLASSIS.

1	A. M. Keffor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Greenville, Pa.
2	J. F. Wiant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Greenville, Pa.
3	S. T. Wagner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Meadvale, Pa.
4	A. S. Glessner	Meyersdale, Pa.
5	F. L. Kerr	1	255	218	125	9	1	7	8	5	1	27	220	302 00	1350 00	...	Meadvale, Pa.

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J. E. Sheetz	Sharpsville	166	142	16	16	1	8	6	5	3	1	11	70	2	139 00	735 00	Sharpsville, Pa.			
D. W. Kerr	Grove City	147	79	69	9	2	22	6	7	3	3	3	120	1	132 00	735 00	Grove City, Pa.			
W. J. Muir	Shenango	587	506	295	17	1	36	6	14	9	3	51	290	1	423 00	4758 00	Greenville, Pa.			
H. H. Want	Zion's	282	268	156	10	2	3	1	5	4	4	38	197	1	291 00	1181 00	Cochranon, Pa.			
J. L. Barnhart	Saegertown	185	145	152	4	7	10	1	3	5	1	2	16	65	205 00	785 00	Saegertown, Pa.			
W. H. Millhouse	Sharon	160	100	125	3	1	12	3	3	23	4	11	105	1	169 00	750 00	Sharon, Pa.			
Vacant	Warsaw Run	223	155	110	9	1	36	4	1	36	4	1	10	60	297 00	892 00	Meadville, Pa.			
Vacant	New Hamburg	150	100	80	1	1	15	4	1	4	1	15	100	1	50 00	400 00	New Hamburg, Pa.			
SOMERSET CLASSIS.		21	2703	2181	1223	112	16	92	68	57	129	35	1210	210	1354	2	\$2492 00	\$13886 00		
Benjamin Knepper	Retired																	Wellersburg, Pa.		
Hiram King	Somerset	202	176	64	6	7	7	9	9	2	1	25	123	1	\$419 00	\$752 00	Somerset, Pa.			
Ahner R. Kremer	D.D.	122	95	15	2	9	6	4	4	3	2	2	17	133	65 00	378 00	Hyndman, Pa.			
William Rupp	D.D.																	Lancaster, Pa.		
Eggar S. Hassler	Wilhelm	323	296	214	24	6	17	2	5	3	3	34	281	1	506 00	1245 00	Keim, Pa.			
Albert E. Truxal	P.D.	571	461	362	37	3	27	7	5	7	5	1	25	291	1	1125 00	1687 00	Meyersdale, Pa.		
Engene P. Skyles	Zion	296	259	165	26	3	18	9	5	11	7	3	43	392	1	1269 00	1269 00	Berlin, Pa.		
John T. Ballet	New Centerville	227	171	104	1	1	9	2	2	4	1	23	125	1	239 00	696 00	Cumberland, Pa.			
Conrad A. Hauser	Cumberland	133	89	100	2	1	6	9	16	2	3	14	129	1	337 00	518 00	Cumberland, Md.			
John D. Hunsicker	Wills Creek	358	329	239	27	2	27	1	10	3	4	3	43	277	1	1066 00	1066 00	Glencoe, Pa.		
Adolphus Walker	Without charge.																	St. Clairsville, Pa.		
J. Philip Barney*	Glade	277	231	172	10	4	11	6	13	3	3	4	38	102	215 00	1807 00	Stony Creek, Pa.			
Homer S. May	Paradise	403	340	156	17	2	16	11	6	15	4	2	33	208	695 00	1876 00	15 Elk Lick, Pa.			
Charles B. Robert	Stoyestown	322	250	95	2	2	20	5	7	2	2	23	121	1	143 00	713 00	Stoyestown, Pa.			
William H. Lehr	Frostburg	1	322	220	125	14	5	7	2	2	2	1	24	268	370 00	1206 00	11 Frostburg, Md.			
William C. Sykes	Berlin	290	236	100	11	5	9	14	1	6	3	2	1	20	612 00	5540 00	290 Berlin, Pa.			
John F. Kerlin	Beam	207	183	121	3	3	5	3	1	2	3	27	218	1	236 00	1594 00	Kennerstown, Pa.			
Vacant	Wellersburg	118	22	25	6	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	15 00	15 00	Wellersburg, Pa.			
Supplied	Bethel Cong.	19	19	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Holsopple, Pa.		
15.		40	4080	3298	2120	209	28	182	109	74	2	50	51	21	322	389	2859	2	\$9569 00	\$17248 00
ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.																				
D. N. Harnish, Std. Clk.	Grace, Pittsburg	325	270	124	9	4	11	37	9	13	7	10	1	24	300	\$1700 00	\$6400 00	121 202 Coltar Sq., Pittsburg.		
John H. Frugh, D.D.	St. Paul's, Butler	232	209	212	13	3	23	9	13	3	2	1	1	27	218	200 00	1300 00	22 Butler, Pa.		
A. K. Kline	St. Luke's	140	127	80	10	3	12	19	9	5	5	1	17	165	389 00	248 00	15 313 Camp Av., Bradock, Pa.			
J. G. Walter	St. Mark's Pittsb'g	166	125	97	10	6	12	1	14	1	6	1	1	1	5650 00	3500 00	12 612 N. St. Clair St., Pittsburg.			
C. F. Althouse	Fairview Charge	315	277	166	15	6	8	3	2	22	6	2	23	194	438 00	1016 00	20 Baldwin, Pa.			
John A. Leuzinger	Grace, Harmony	280	260	150	7	3	10	23	4	7	2	1	23	212	505 00	1214 00	8 Harmony, Pa.			

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E. Ranson	Deatricek, B.D., Trinity, Baltimore...	152	141	16	1	3	3	6	4	1	3	1	18	217	1	219 00	1128 00	3423dAv., Woodberry, Balto.		
Barion R. Carnahan	..... Mt. Moriah.....	298	234	63	4	5	13	6	3	6	2	40	211	1	239 00	810 00	Kew-dysville, Md.		
Calvin S. Slagle	..... Westminster, Md.	146	130	57	3	1	13	6	3	6	2	13	37	1	136 00	1060 00	Westminster, Md.		
George A. Snyder	..... Christ, Hagerstown.	376	307	177	7	8	17	15	7	5	2	42	221	1	338 00	3032 00	Hagerstown, Md.		
Adam S. Weher, D.D.	..... Faith.....	310	278	275	33	24	20	6	10	1	7	1	35	600	1	235 00	1705 00	1308, Patt. ParkAv., Balto.	
George A. Whitmore	..... Thurmont.....	439	244	425	13	9	2	4	13	8	4	5	59	530	1	152 00	2247 00	Thurmont, Md.	
Harry F. Dittmar	..... Jefferson.....	213	180	140	7	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	190	8	350 00	900 00	Jefferson, Md.		
George W. Snyder	..... Boonsboro.....	141	86	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	20	8	54 00	480 00	Boonsboro, Md.		
Charles W. Levan	..... St. Stephen's, Balto.	111	84	84	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	126	3	175 00	769 00	309E, 22dSt., Baltimore.	
Hiram J. Macalister	..... Union Bridge.....	208	222	95	13	3	7	2	3	5	3	5	120	3	186 00	540 00	Union Bridge, Md.		
Avril Conner	..... Manor.....	204	204	120	15	1	3	12	5	2	3	3	49	192	1	374 00	1159 00	Adams-town, Md.	
Isaac M. Motter	..... Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frederick, Md.
Lloyd E. Coblenz	..... St. Paul's, (Eng.) Bal	498	442	453	22	24	26	4	8	12	10	1	35	463	1	654 00	3352 00	304N, CareySt., Baltimore.	
Samuel M. Roeder	..... Manchester.....	557	463	244	15	5	8	7	1	10	4	3	73	444	1	300 00	1200 00	Manchester, Md.	
Alexander Bateman, Ph.D.	..... Taneytown.....	329	280	130	15	4	10	5	5	5	2	1	20	166	1	308 00	1420 00	Taneytown, Md.	
Simon S. Miller	..... Treas. Relief Soc'y.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frederick, Md.
Christopher Noss	..... Foreign Missionary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sendai, Japan.
Fred. W. Bald	..... Clearspring.....	225	207	62	10	4	29	3	1	4	3	3	22	225	1	255 00	2800 00	Clearspring, Md.	
Geo. M. de F. Zacharias	..... Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14249St. N. W., Washington.
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger	..... Emmitsburg.....	148	135	45	6	5	9	1	4	2	2	1	10	35	1	60 00	600 00	Emmitsburg, Md.	
John W. Pontus	..... Christ, Middletown.	533	400	392	16	1	18	6	8	6	1	1	59	471	1	1032 00	1454 00	Clearspring, Md.	
Eugene L. McLean	..... Grace, Frederick.....	227	183	160	21	19	17	12	1	1	2	1	28	353	1	105 00	7019 00	Frederick, Md.	
David J. Wolf	..... Glade.....	229	192	133	7	2	6	18	15	9	4	2	41	228	1	250 00	748 00	Walkersville, Md.	
Elmer L. Coblenz	..... St. Paul's, Ridgely.	116	100	60	11	1	1	3	7	4	2	1	23	155	1	107 00	1387 00	Ridgely, Md.	
J. Stewart Hartman	..... Silver Run.....	560	438	337	22	1	19	7	4	11	2	1	27	208	1	405 00	895 00	Silver Run, Md.	
William E. Lampe	..... Foreign Missionary.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sendai, Japan.
John M. Schick, D.D.	..... Grace, Washington.	202	172	60	5	2	7	38	1	2	1	1	19	113	1	244 00	1400 00	1405 15thSt. N. W., Wash'ton.	
James M. Mullan, B.D.	..... St. Mark's, Balto.	98	88	50	13	22	12	12	1	3	1	3	23	286	4	49 00	1961 00	2302FederalSt., Baltimore.	
James B. Stonesifer	..... Carroll.....	276	239	121	22	1	19	10	8	8	2	3	51	258	1	198 00	950 00	Westminster, Md.	
Robert J. Pilgram	..... Grace, Baltimore.....	1	160	122	125	14	10	15	6	4	3	3	16	220	1	81 00	909 00	1313Lizhst., Baltimore.	
Will S. Fisher	..... Burkittsville.....	153	107	76	1	4	2	1	4	2	2	1	19	116	1	62 00	237 00	Burkittsville, Md.	
Gustav R. Poettler	..... Christ, Baltimore.....	218	152	139	7	1	2	8	7	8	3	1	26	210	1	257 00	1640 00	2117DruidHillAv., Balto.	
Vacant	..... Cavetown.....	3	369	322	240	7	2	12	1	5	4	3	2	75	1	148 00	802 00	Cavetown, Md.	
Vacant	..... Sabillasville.....	3	85	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sabillasville, Md.
T. F. Hoffmeister, supply.	..... Braddock.....	1	50	35	32	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Frederick, Md.
T. F. Hoffmeister, supply.	..... Rocky Hill.....	1	12	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Middletown, Pa.
Lic. Joseph H. Apple	..... Pres. Woman's Coll.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lic. William H. Warner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ministers, 43.	Lic., 2.	65	10407	8187	9031	463	52	370	281	178	84	189	81	61	1217	8620	7	\$11222 00	\$57153 00

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Caspar Brummer.....	1	214	120	540	30	..	22	17	4	12	2	1	1	175	1	1480	00			
Frederick Gabelmann.....	1	323	253	275	20	1	10	4	4	6	2	1	24	175	..	1249	00			
Wenzel Walenta.....	1	537	400	400	118	4	46	16	..	4	8	10	3	64	875	23	2225	00		
Paul H. Schmatz.....	1	300	300	300	82	..	29	17	67	4	6	2	30	300	..	2700	00			
Heinrich Frech.....	1	265	223	293	56	1	5	15	3	19	3	9	1	28	353	85	2828	00		
Jakob Weber.....	1	122	103	50	13	1	5	4	15	100	26	1269	00		
.....	1	105	83	65	22	1	3	25	2	3	1	1	16	290	..	1694	00			
Gabor Dokus.....	1	95	95	125	19	1	3	1	..	7	5	25	1	6	130	11	1232	00		
Alexander Kalassay.....	1	225	225	400	65	1	16	5	..	3	5	25	1	3	40	50	1603	00		
Zoltan Kurthy.....	1	46	46	25	46	9	00	1560	00	
Louis P. Goerliet.....	1	
Heinrich Schenk.....	1	
Louis B. Schwarz.....	1	
Paul Sommerlatte.....	1	
Karl Ludwig, Jlc.....	1	
Ministers, 16.	13	3002	2523	2408	534	12	212	168	20	158	42	68	15	234	2758	13	\$1076	00	\$22817	00

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W. NEW YORK CLASSIS.	C. H. Gundlach, Std. Clk.	1316	1025	1109	56	..	49	44	7	30	15	4	1	51	575	1	\$693	00	\$4947	00
A. E. Dahman.....	1	332	282	150	18	..	23	15	3	..	5	3	1	22	269	..	365	00	1925	00
H. E. Schmatz.....	1	134	110	..	4	..	12	12	36	6	..	1	15	82	..	135	00	463	00	7
C. H. Gundlach.....	1	434	279	390	19	..	18	5	13	3	7	1	28	225	..	497	00	1703	00	9
George Ulrich.....	1	218	130	288	8	..	3	3	11	2	3	1	22	225	..	841	00	915	00	8
Valatine Rettig.....	1	420	292	271	22	..	33	9	15	10	7	1	22	225	..	134	00	2611	00	9
L. Selzer.....	1	224	180	130	14	..	15	3	6	5	3	1	15	225	..	107	00	1163	00	9
J. Storrer.....	1	200	160	85	9	..	25	14	15	2	4	1	10	120	1	136	00	1690	00	9
Hugo Eichelberg.....	1	185	170	150	15	..	10	14	10	2	1	15	150	11	..	56	00	1337	00	7
W. M. G. Darms.....	1	80	58	54	15	..	12	9	..	2	3	13	115	..	72	00	1166	00	8	
William Bollmann.....	1	86	45	70	13	..	30	..	5	2	2	1	8	50	..	32	00	375	00	7
Adolph Krampe.....	1	254	173	15	12	..	..	..	..	6	1	1	11	123	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jacob Dahman.....	2	4059	3634	2797	208	14	172	164	24	107	61	39	13	245	2881	4	\$2732	00	\$19387	00
Ridgeway & Arbolio.....	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

GER. PHILA. CLASSIS.	M. F. Dumstry, Std. Clk.	600	425	400	75	1 <th>20 <th>5 <th>.. <th>25 <th>40 <th>11 <th>3 <th>60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	20 <th>5 <th>.. <th>25 <th>40 <th>11 <th>3 <th>60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	5 <th>.. <th>25 <th>40 <th>11 <th>3 <th>60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	.. <th>25 <th>40 <th>11 <th>3 <th>60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	25 <th>40 <th>11 <th>3 <th>60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th></th></th></th></th>	40 <th>11 <th>3 <th>60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th></th></th></th>	11 <th>3 <th>60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th></th></th>	3 <th>60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th></th>	60 <th>540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th></th>	540 <th>.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th> </th>	.. <th>\$635</th> <th>00</th> <th>\$8861</th> <th>00</th>	\$635	00	\$8861	00
F. W. Berlemann, D.D.....	1	762	710	356	114	3	55	25	2	30	27	6	1	56	725	1	802	00	12730	00
P. H. Dippell, Ph.D., D.D.....	1	434	225	377	42	10	9	6	1	20	200	..	225	00	3000	00
Lawrence Selzer.....	1	100	35	2	16	..	5	4	4	2	12	88	..	5	00	150	00
G. A. Haack.....	2	6

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 Lawrence Selzer, Bethlehem
 G. A. Haack, Egg Harbor

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E. W. Henschen.....	4th Ref. Church.....	331	232	147	14	16	8	4	18	3	1	27	217	5	254	00	1040	1st St., Cleveland, O.			
W. Frelholm.....	5th Ref. Church.....	250	173	200	16	13	10	10	10	2	1	12	240	1	60	00	9	501 Higgins St., Cleveland, O.			
A. G. Lohmann.....	6th Ref. Church.....	362	290	248	25	20	3	5	5	6	1	15	265	1	301	00	8	217 W. Euclid St., Cleveland, O.			
J. Schweikhardt.....	7th Ref. Church.....	139	90	80	24	1	5	2	1	4	5	15	157	4	181	00	8	122 W. Euclid St., Cleveland, O.			
H. J. Ruetsch.....	8th Ref. Church.....	98	59	50	4	5	5	5	6	1	1	10	82	1	210	00	13	1522 Scranton Av., Cleveland, O.			
A. J. Franzen.....	9th Ref. Church.....	685	695	650	86	54	60	13	15	12	14	36	562	2	240	00	13	2901 Lodge Av., Cleveland, O.			
H. B. Robroek.....	1st Ref. Church.....	330	215	200	23	14	2	1	4	7	1	18	160	1	529	00	10	504 Hancock St., Sandusky, O.			
H. B. Robroek.....	Monroeville.....	39	25	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	20	3	3	00	4	504 Hancock St., Sandusky, O.			
W. G. Klein.....	Verm. and Bro'holm	313	172	140	12	18	8	2	6	4	1	2	154	2	293	00	11	117 Wood St., Youngstown, O.			
Fr. Mayer.....	1st Ref. Church.....	522	367	250	19	2	10	2	6	2	1	25	230	00	258	00	11	117 Wood St., Youngstown, O.			
J. D. Bahner.....	2d Ref. Church.....	315	263	337	3	5	73	4	2	8	1	26	185	1	500	00	12	Titlin, O.			
Vacant.....	Kelley's Island.....	66	33	3	3	5	3	1	2	2	1	6	56	1	18	00	6	Kelley Island, O.			
W. Reuter.....	Ref. Zion's Cong.....	93	87	41	4	7	4	1	6	1	1	8	35	1	41	00	5	13 Irvington St., Cleveland, O.			
Vacant.....	Ceylon.....	124	62	60	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	34	1	47	00	4	Ceylon, O.			
J. S. Kosover.....	Glenville Cong.....	101	80	81	6	5	5	1	3	1	1	11	50	1	74	00	8	185 Avondale Av., Glenville, O.			
H. Nau.....	Birmingham.....	98	83	108	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	50	1	42	00	4	Ceylon, O.			
A. Korbel.....	Bo. Mar. Ref. Cong	52	28	24	18	5	5	3	3	1	1	2	36	1	19	00	23	14 Consul St., Cleveland, O.			
A. Csontos.....	Hung. Ref. Cong.....	350	350	120	56	15	1	25	16	12	1	1	60	1	120	00	1	1942 E. Mad. Av., Cleveland, O.			
Aug. Becker.....	Central Pub. House	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1134 Pearl St., Cleveland, O.
Marlin Vitz.....	Central Pub. House	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1134 Pearl St., Cleveland, O.
J. H. C. Roentgen.....	Sup. Deaconess H'ose	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	177 Mueller Av., Cleveland, O.
W. Dreher.....	Prof. at Titlin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Titlin, O.
Ch. Schiller.....	Emertus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1022 Pearl St., Cleveland, O.
W. Braun.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lorain, O.
24.		5350	3941	3075	405	7	240	227	45	107	94	52	22	339	3108	3	\$5400	00	\$26721	00	172
HEIDELBERG CLASSIS.																					
John Bachmann.....	C. Schmidt, Stud. Clk	815	700	510	33	29	10	.....	2	4	5	62	570	7	\$2315	00	20	New Knoxville, O.		
J. W. Belsler.....	1st Ref. N. Knoxville	133	142	110	12	4	4	6	1	16	158	1	90	00	8	N. 5th St., Up-Sandusky, O.		
N. H. Loose.....	Trinity, Up. Sauky	185	111	108	2	12	2	1	1	3	1	19	168	1	540	00	8	Upper Sandusky, O.		
C. Schmitt.....	Emanuel, Up. Sauky	331	195	140	13	14	37	22	15	15	1	2	28	250	1	300	00	11	Bluffton, O.		
W. B. Joeris.....	Wheatstone.....	262	194	141	1	1	3	2	3	1	1	2	26	194	1	178	00	10	Bucyrus, O.		
C. Hassel.....	Wheatstone.....	625	395	375	23	3	18	10	1	16	13	1	29	255	1	507	00	12	Gallion, O.		
J. F. Grauel, Lic., supply	1st Ref., Gallion.....	73	60	34	1	5	30	5	334	00	5	Findlay, O.		
H. O. Joeris.....	Findlay.....	307	269	156	15	4	29	3	2	3	4	18	150	1	60	00	12	Crestline, O.			
P. H. Land.....	Crestline.....	460	300	300	17	15	19	10	33	3	3	20	275	1	611	00	13	322 W. Wayne St., Lima, O.			
W. A. Settlage.....	Ger. Ref., Lima.....	290	194	90	11	1	6	2	1	18	160	1	1065	00	13	309 W. Columbus St., Kenton, O.		
J. Friedl.....	1st Ref., Kenton.....	186	114	92	13	4	1	1	13	96	1	73	00	11	116 S. Lane St., Bucyrus, O.		
C. M. Schaaf.....	Bucyrus.....	153	135	115	4	1	1	30	130	1	154	00	8	Prospect, O.		
L. C. Martin.....	Peace - Emanuel.....	165	120	55	6	2	16	0	17	5	1	8	70	1	43	00	500	00	6	214 Boston St., Gallion, O.	
Ph. Steinbager.....	Delphos - Spencerle	120	120	50	9	8	1	1	8	70	1	130	00	8	Spencerville, O.		
Vacant.....	Waldo.....	190	160	100	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	100	2	300	00	12	Waldo, O.

B. S. Stern	Zion, New Bremen.	1	182	140	73	10	6	18	3	6	3	1	1	23	140	3	585	60	1123	00	16	New Bremen, O.	
Vacant	1st Ref., Marion.	1	171	95	127	3	8	3	3	10	2	2	1	17	120	1	14	00	5275	00	6	Marion, O.	
J. Vogt	Caroline	3	251	116	75	20	5	5	5	4	5	2	16	107	4	167	00	650	00	15	Carthage, O.		
J. Greding	Peace - Shelby Co.	1	44	43	40	2	5	3	3	3	3	1	9	47	1	55	00	141	00	3	Bluffton, O.		
P. S. Kohler	St. Paul, St. Marys*	1	326	184	178	19	12	4	3	5	5	1	19	150	1	295	00	1579	00	6	St. Marys, O.		
C. Lober	St. Paul, Leesville*	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	North Robinson, O.		
J. Winter	Emertus	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	Gallon, O.		
William Spies	Emertus	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	Decatur, Ind.		
F. H. W. Kuckerman	Emertus	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	New Knoxville, O.		
C. Hartman	Without charge.	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	Gallon, O.		
E. K. C. Meyer	Without charge.	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	Ft. Wayne, Ind.		
F. C. Witthoff	Without charge.	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	Marion, O.		
F. W. Marcus	Without charge.	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	Gallon, O.		
H. H. Cook, Lic.	Invalid	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	Gallon, O.		
David K. Kaiser, Lic.	Without charge.	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	Bucyrus, O.		
Henry A. Clausding, Lic.	Without charge.	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	New Knoxville, O.		
Jul. F. Vorholt, Lic.	Without charge.	1	180	150	40	12	12	4	3	2	3	1	10	100	1	25	00	600	00	1	New Bremen, O.		
Ministers, 25; Lic., 5.		30	5993	3523	2387	198	32	205	107	54	1	109	55	23	27	397	3077	12	\$5444	00	\$29986	00	207

*Independent congregations; sums not counted in total. "Minutes of Synods."
 Students for the ministry under care of Classes: Wm. Kinderlin, Lewis Stoltz, Henry Settlage, Wm. Hackerted, W. Meckstroth, Nat. Vitz, Conr. Hoffmann.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.		L. M. Weiss, Srd. Clk.		St. John's, Canton, O.	
Fred. C. Nunn	First Reformed.	1	802	540	369
William Grether	Stone Creek.	2	386	156	278
John H. Beck	St. Paul's.	1	424	210	230
George A. Dreiliches	Stamsville.	1	450	290	215
Fred. Grether	Zion	3	417	290	182
F. C. Schmale	Ragersville.	2	497	273	317
A. C. Renold	Waynesburg	3	290	203	125
Vacant	Walnut Creek.	2	308	164	262
Edw. C. Stuebel	Walnut Creek.	1	616	400	492
Theo. Bollger	First Reformed.	1	449	241	192
E. Garver Williams	First Reformed.	2	950	166	156
E. W. Krause	Millersburg.	1	325	270	120
John A. Keller, D.D.	Christ	1	271	126	171
Louis M. Weiss	First German Ref.	1	210	165	80
Arthur P. Stoenbery	Bevelia	3	181	65	96
Ernest M. Prosser	St. Stephen German	1	223	176	146
Fred. Strasser, D.D.	South Market Street	1	99	66	56
William Stechow	Without charge.	1	99	66	56
Gustav A. Dorch	Ed. Kirchenzeltung	1	99	66	56
August E. Schande, Ph.D.*		1	99	66	56
19.		27	5988	3071	3580

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.		L. D. Berner, Srd. Clk.		St. John's, Florence, Ind.	
D. Hircskamp	First Reformed.	1	510	393	161
George A. Goddubn	Ev. Ref. Salem S.	1	676	472	252
Anton Seyring	Ev. Ref. Immanuel's	1	290	180	131
F. H. Diehm	Second Reformed.	1	360	250	192
J. H. Rettig	Ev. Ref., Covington	1	306	221	124
David E. Werner	1st Ref., Bromley.	1	76	74	29
Vacant	1st Ref., Rising Sun	1	186	92	118
19.		1	105	35	35

*Editor German Sunday-school Literature.

MINISTERS.
NAMES OF
CHARGES OR
CONGREGATIONS.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

MINISTERS. NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY- SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Wanted.		
	Commenced.	Uncommenced.	Congregations.	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- newal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uned.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.
W. H. Fennemann.....	116	86	29	1	1	1	6	1	9	3	1	9	42	1	490 00	5328 South D St., Hamifton, O.	
Jacob N. Hauser.....	225	200	222	11	6	6	6	2	8	2	2	12	175	1	438 00	12 Beaver, Pike Co., O.	
Julius Vollprecht.....	132	63	56	7	7	7	1	3	1	4	1	16	64	1	780 00	9 42S. Fourth St., Ironton, O.	
Willow Wood.....	55	38	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32 00	3	
Louis D. Bonner.....	175	114	111	15	15	15	12	3	12	2	1	14	159	1	1157 00	10 Sherman Av., Sta. H, Cincinnati.	
Herman F. Limbacher.....	71	58	57	4	4	4	6	2	2	2	1	12	75	1	456 00	6 Haynes & Hulbert Sts., Dayton.	
Henry Orle.....	73	57	51	5	2	4	5	1	1	1	1	16	117	1	578 00	5 208 Miami St., Piqua, O.	
Oran.....	23	17	18	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	13	26	1	70 00	5	
John Heckmanß.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2922 Burnet Av., Mt. Auburn, O.
Carl Becker.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Cheviot, Hamilton Co., O.
William Dieckmann.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	703 Scott St., Covington, Ky.
Joseph L. Schatz.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	537 Betts St., Cincinnati, O.
John Heberle.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	London, Ky.
George F. Zinn**.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Missions House, Franklin, Wis.
Paul G. Kuhl**.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Missions House, Franklin, Wis.
William Felge.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Hawarden, Ia.
TOLEDO CLASSIS.	20	3253	2312	1624	159	5	137	95	19	1	118	52	18	16	2	\$2299 00	\$16499 00
J. Wernly, Std. Clk.	1	617	472	300	42	2	29	23	4	15	8	4	1	39	295	\$506 00	12 2938 Canton Av., Toledo, O.
Henry M. Gersmann.....	1	268	192	296	28	1	12	18	1	18	4	3	2	24	180	137 00	7 946 Prouty Av., Toledo, O.
El. J. F. Gramm.....	1	120	61	82	9	3	3	17	1	7	1	11	75	1	55 00	420 00	7 512 N. Ashy St., Toledo, O.
Benj. E. Lienkacemper.....	2	79	58	51	6	6	3	1	1	1	1	12	56	1	242 00	527 00	5 Haskins, O.
Friedrich Schaad.....	1	232	185	144	11	16	1	2	8	3	3	1	9	95	171 00	195 00	8 New Bavaria, Henry Co., O.
George Engelmann.....	1	392	150	225	14	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	16	70	150 00	700 00	10 Holgate, Henry Co., O.
F. E. Lahr.....	2	188	115	126	8	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	106	1	166 00	668 00	10 506 W. ash'ton St., Defiance, O.
J. M. Grether.....	1	102	82	40	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	40	3 00	300 00	6 Swanton, O.
Carl Henry Gramm.....	4	109	68	44	4	6	16	5	4	4	2	14	64	1	24 00	177 00	12 Swanton, O.
Alfred Grether.....	2	299	153	195	6	6	16	5	17	4	1	32	251	1	557 00	1115 00	11 Archbold, Fulton Co., O.
C. Baum, D.D.....	1	230	230	210	13	21	14	4	1	1	1	18	225	1	100 00	2500 00	6 412 Cheyue St., Detroit, Mich.
J. G. Steiner.....	1	71	45	40	46	5	2	1	1	1	1	7	50	1	125 00	375 00	5 142 Shipperd Av., Detroit.
George Loos.....	1	126	109	73	4	10	1	1	8	1	1	1	58	1	27 00	345 00	5 1 Port Hope, Mich.
Vacant.....	1	117	59	40	4	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	68	1	5 00	455 00	5 Elk Rapids, Mich.
J. G. Grimmer.....	1	85	59	40	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	6	53	1	34 00	525 00	7 1708 S. Center St., W. Bay City.
14.	21	4945	1979	1856	195	11	126	102	13	1	78	38	22	20	233	\$2112 00	\$11568 00

*Has accepted a call of the Charge.
 †Supplies Willow Wood since January, 1902.
 ‡Supplies two Independent Congregations at Foster and Lebanon, O.
 §Supplies a Presbyterian Congregation.
 **Students for the ministry in Mission House.

VIII. INTERIOR SYNOD.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.		H. L. Bevan, Std. Clk.																			
Joseph Seehler.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lena, Ill.
R. F. Oplinger.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Taylorville, Ill.
John Kercher.....	Superannuated.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bloomington, Ill.
Henry L. Deam.....	Dakota.....	3	30	37	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dakota, Ill.
Henry C. Mayer.....	Forreston.....	2	148	123	100	5	8	1	3	5	4	1	2	37	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henry C. Blosser.....	Orangeville.....	3	101	93	45	4	1	9	7	1	4	3	65	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Forreston, Ill.
Charles V. Mohar.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Orangeville, Ill.
George S. Gill.....	Edinburg.....	2	97	80	47	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	572 W. 19th St., Chicago.
L. C. Sumner.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edinburg, Ill.
Samuel A. Stamm.....	Shiloh.....	1	75	74	30	5	1	2	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dayton, O.
Benjamin B. Royer.....	Grace, Chicago.....	1	69	63	12	8	3	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Eleroy, Ill.
Raymond R. Lackey.....	Astoria.....	2	68	56	2	2	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1156 Jackson Boulv., Chicago.
John C. Harning.....	Maple Avenue.....	1	33	29	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Astoria, Ill.
James Dulycha.....	Robonian Reformed.....	1	42	47	42	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5259 Vernon Av., St. Louis, Mo.
George W. Kerstetter.....	Attamout.....	2	91	67	55	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5218 Lincoln St., Chicago.
Samuel J. T. Fiorer.....	Mc. Zion.....	2	105	62	40	2	4	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Attamout, Ill.
William H. Miller.....	Shelby.....	1	83	70	17	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Shelbyville, Ill.
Solomon Ream.....	Anna.....	2	66	41	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Shelbyville, Ill.
18.....	13.....	23	1007	812	423	34	13	48	48	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Hill Creek, Ill.
19.....	13.....	23	1007	812	423	34	13	48	48	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Hill Creek, Ill.
IOWA CLASSIS.		J. N. Naly, Std. Clk.																			
F. C. Bauman.....	Harmony.....	1	75	75	35	9	6	16	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Zwingle, Ia.
L. P. Krome.....	Lisbon.....	2	133	113	43	4	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lisbon, Ia.
P. M. Orr.....	Columbus Junction.....	2	65	65	13	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Columbus Junction, Ia.
W. W. Shriver.....	Conesville.....	1	62	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Conesville, Ia.
S. Ream.....	Wilton Junction.....	2	44	35	25	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wilton Junction, Ia.
J. N. Naly.....	Tipton.....	1	53	46	30	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Tipton, Ia.
D. F. Boonersaline.....	Maquoketa.....	3	98	85	49	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Maquoketa, Ia.
J. W. Love, D.D.....	Lone Tree.....	1	102	90	64	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lone Tree, Ia.
George P. Hartzell.....	Liscomb.....	2	67	62	25	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Liscomb, Ia.
G. C. Baumgartel.....	Leighton.....	2	85	64	13	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Leighton, Ia.
Peter Beck.....	Annamosa Mission.....	3	69	54	15	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Annamosa, Ia.
E. E. Emboff.....	Des Moines.....	1	31	29	24	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1156 PrUSS., Des Moines, Ia.
D. S. Fouse, D.D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lisbon, Ia.
George Kettig.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Monticello, Ia.
D. M. Jones.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Monticello, Ia.
E. D. Lantz.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Portsville, Pa.
A. S. Dechant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Low City, Ia.
21.....	13.....	21	916	774	336	46	12	28	38	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lisbon, Ia.
22.....	13.....	21	916	774	336	46	12	28	38	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lisbon, Ia.
KANSAS CLASSIS.		L. L. Hassenpflug, Std. Clk.																			
William F. Curtis.....	St. Paul S.....	1	52	49	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Melchor Denny.....	New Basel.....	1	70	58	82	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bonanza, Kans.
David H. Fouse.....	First Reformed.....	1	49	40	20	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Denver, Col.
Amos O. Reller.....	First Reformed.....	1	72	54	22	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	St. Joseph, Mo.
Luther L. Hassenpflug.....	Rehany Reformed.....	1	98	88	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hiawatha, Kans.
J. Abner Hunslecker.....	First Reformed.....	1	117	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fairview, Kans.
E. N. Evans.....	Grace Reformed.....	1	100	73	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Abilene, Kans.
William H. Sellhelm.....	Holtton & Cleveville.....	2	56	56	32	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Abilene, Kans.
S. Thomas.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Banker Hill, Kans.
Elias Bauman.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Banker Hill, Kans.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pickens, W. Va.

*No pastor, hence numbers comminued not reported by consistory.

Total Statistical Summary of Reformed Church in the United States for the Year A. D. 1902.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						
	Tassess.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Committed.	Uncommitted.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Removal of Prob'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Fracture of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Eastern Synod.....	12	319	535	104188	83401	53278	5464	587	4650	3132	1738	2	1901	1903	1019	592	11172	86934	73	\$114,071	\$538,880
Ohio Synod.....	6	148	235	26096	21091	6678	707	534	1150	939	685	2	676	386	100	220	3228	24062	25	30,416	148,720
German Synod of North West.....	12	166	221	22468	15897	14922	1562	27	1047	891	362	12	436	301	170	189	814	12544	24	25,923	101,053
Pittsburgh Synod.....	5	84	151	19569	15332	10146	1015	155	849	690	435	21	584	259	118	134	1751	13278	6	37,111	141,573
Potomac Synod.....	8	168	308	39658	32301	20875	1609	351	1636	1214	764	11	582	640	305	280	4363	32697	35	42,987	215,883
German Synod of East.....	5	64	57	15599	12197	10890	1729	26	874	706	102	1	565	326	295	58	1126	12640	11	9,148	116,384
Central Synod.....	5	103	126	24659	15696	13622	1229	107	1028	780	225	2	645	312	155	108	1614	13572	20	18,104	107,530
Synod of Interior.....	5	60	65	3231	2520	1353	119	43	131	161	80	..	100	43	16	61	728	4461	4	6,194	26,631
Total	58	1112	1691	255408	198815	129864	13437	1830	11366	8504	4391	32	5489	4170	2088	1662	24796	200178	199	\$283,954	\$1,396,654

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

of the statistics of the Reformed Church in the United States, exhibiting the results secured for the year designated at the head of each column and also for the three years ending in each instance in the month of June with the date given:

	1890.	1893.	1896.	1899.	1902.
Synods	8	8	8	8	8
Classes	56	55	55	57	58
Ministers	835	885	961	1,029	1,112
Congregations	1,554	1,583	1,639	1,660	1,691
Communicants	200,498	212,830	226,572	242,299	255,408
Unconfirmed	112,486	121,057	125,779	125,752	129,864
Baptisms, infants, given year...	14,605	14,526	13,758	13,816	13,457
" infants, in three years..	42,808	42,658	43,075	42,357	40,641
" adults, given year.....	1,595	1,564	1,966	1,880	1,830
" adults, in three years..	4,569	4,753	5,480	5,782	5,269
Confirmed, given year.....	10,759	10,758	11,792	11,647	11,366
" in three years.....	31,583	32,392	33,646	34,775	34,787
Certificate, given year.....	6,561	7,431	7,267	7,360	8,564
" in three years.....	18,558	21,045	22,619	22,472	24,621
Communed, given year.....	155,118	169,314	182,435	194,921	198,815
Dismissed, given year.....	3,061	3,292	3,483	3,787	4,391
" in three years.....	8,700	9,872	10,594	10,864	12,729
Excommunicated, given year.....	55	26	27	23	32
" in three years.....	139	122	45	67	100
Erased, given year.....	3,117	3,975	4,950	5,194	5,489
" in three years.....	8,640	10,753	13,239	15,877	16,487
Deaths, given year.....	5,107	6,130	5,693	5,142	6,253
" in three years.....	15,250	16,645	16,166	16,131	18,567
Sunday-schools, given year.....	1,513	1,563	1,644	1,466	1,662
Officers and Teachers, given year	3,967	13,319	20,096	24,770	24,796
Sunday-school scholars, given year	138,616	149,023	172,458	182,134	200,178
Students for ministry, given year	285	285	304	273	199
Benevolent contrib., one year...	\$161,078	\$236,321	\$204,401	\$202,726	\$283,954
" in three years...	479,625	649,892	676,271	630,030	793,464
Cong. purposes, one year.....	874,053	1,060,229	1,066,709	1,093,791	1,396,654
" in three years..	2,580,945	3,022,174	3,067,780	3,216,556	3,889,709

Register of Ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States.

NOTE.—In order to render this register as valuable as possible, we add the place of theological preparation and the year of ordination. E stands for Eastern Seminary, formerly Mercersburg, now Lancaster; H for Heidelberg Seminary; MER for Mercersburg; MIH for Mission House; U for Ursinus College, Theological Department; Y for York and Carlisle or Yale. Those officiating in the German language, or in both German and English are marked G.

Achterman, Herman, R. R. 2, Olney Ill. 0MH97	Bausman, Benjamin F., Cessna, Pa.	ES3
Adams, John K., Berwick, Pa.	Beade, Jonathan C., Imogene, Ia.	74
Adams, William S., R. R. 2, Massilon, O.	Beam, George T. N., Lake, O.	H01
Alger, Francis, South Kaukauna, Wis. 0MH89	Beam, Henry L., Dakota, Ill.	H89
Albertson, John W., Laurelton, Pa.	Beam, Dr. Samuel Z., Bettsville, O.	H62
Albright, D. B., Mohrsville, Pa.	Bean, Joseph M., Montgomery, Pa.	E02
Albright, George H., East Fairfield, O.	Beaver, George W., Leetonia, O.	H98
Albright, John H., Waterloo, Ind.	Beaver, Irwin M., Bangor, Pa.	H91
Alden, Joseph P., Greenville, O.	Bechtel, John W., Maplewood, O.	H98
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