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FIFTEENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS

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

Synod convened agreeably to adjournment in Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., in the month of May, A. D. 1905.

The Sessions of Synod began, May 16th, with an evening service, and continued until May 24th, at 4 P. M.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., on Tuesday evening, May 16, 1905, at 8 o'clock. The altar services were conducted by Rev. Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D.D. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., the retiring President, from the text recorded in Eph. 4:3-6, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

After the delivery of the sermon, the session for business was formally opened with prayer. The pastor, Rev. H. M. J. Klein, in a brief address, tendered, to the members of General Synod, a generous welcome.

The Roll Clerk informed the President that a quorum was present.

Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D.D., was elected President, and Rev. John Bachman, D.D., assistant clerk. At this juncture, the retiring President, Dr. John H. Prugh, for twenty-five years pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburg, Pa., presented to the President-elect a gavel made from the wood of the historic Grace Reformed Church, in which, in 1863, the General Synod effected its organization.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Eastern Synod.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS—*Ministers*: John F. DeLong, D.D., Wilson F. More, Gust. A. Schwedes, H. H. Sangree. *Elders*: Jacob Rader, Thomas A. Kichline, Howard R. Knecht, A. A. Laubach.

LEBANON CLASSIS—*Ministers*: J. Lewis Fluck, V. W. Dippell, Ph.D., William F. DeLong. *Elders*: John L. Saylor, John B. Stoudt, Samuel Moyer.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Joseph H. Hendricks, D.D., H. W. Bright, J. M. S. Isenberg, E. F. Weist, Dr. H. T. Spangler. *Elders*: John E. Bossert, James Buchanan, Jacob S. Sechler, William Ebert, Abraham Schwenk.

LANCASTER CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Dr. John A. Stahr, James G. Dengler, Jon. H. Pannebecker, D.D., William F. Lichliter. J. Hunter Watts. *Elders*: George A. Hollinger, John J. Nissley, John W. Appel, Frank A. Suter, Ellwood S. Snyder.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Simon P. Brown, Charles B. Schneider, Clement D. Kressley. *Elders*: J. William Ritz, J. F. Witmer.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Albert A. Black, K. Otis Spessard. *Elders*: Jared Harper, John Hoy, Jr.

TONICKON CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Jacob J. Rothrock, Franklin P. Mohr. *Elders*: Titus W. Weaver, Joseph G. Moyer.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Charles S. Weand, L. Kryder Evans, D.D. *Elders*: Llewellyn Leinbach; Oswin C. Keiper.

LEHIGH CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Theodore F. Hermann, Geo. P. Stem, George W. Richards, D.D., Elijah E. Kresge. *Elders*: Charles L. Hotenstein, John S. Yeager, Lewis P. Hecker, N. C. E. Guth, M.D.

SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Zwingli A. Yearick, Titus C. Strock. *Elders*: M. H. Master, George F. Morgan.

WYOMING CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Tilgh. O. Stem, D. W. Ebbert, D.D., J. D. Thomas. *Elders*: A. Oswald, Daniel Clinger.

READING CLASSIS—*Ministers*: H. Y. Stoner, James R. Brown, S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D. *Elders*: A. S. Raudenbush, M.D., R. M. Hoffman, J. S. Wise.

Ohio Synod.

MIAMI CLASSIS—*Ministers*: William A. Hale, D.D., Henry S. Gekeler, Joseph P. Alden. *Elders*: Frank P. Brown, James M. Wilson, David I. Prugh.

LANCASTER CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Lewis B. C. Lahr, D.D., Solomon W. Seemann, D.D.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS—*Ministers*: James S. Freeman, Charles E. Ewing, Isaiah N. Burger. *Elders*: Peter Ault, W. D. Oberlin, A. O. Foltz.

TIFFIN CLASSIS—*Ministers*: James H. Steele, D.D., C. E. Miller, H. J. Christman, A. C. Shuman. *Elders*: P. H. Riehm, J. S. Loose, A. L. Shofer, I. I. Good.

EASTERN OHIO CLASSIS—*Ministers*: George H. Souder, D.D., George W. Beaver, Harvey E. Kilmer. *Elders*: Marcus Coy, John G. Roulette.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Harvey A. Welker, Allen K. Zartman, D.D. *Elder*: Benjamin Ashbaucher.

Synod of the Northwest.

ZION'S CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Philip Ruhl, A. C. Pretzer. *Elders*: Matt. Kirsch, Peter Hensel.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS—*Minister*: Henry Albert Meier, D.D.

INDIANA CLASSIS—*Ministers*: E. Vornholt, J. Otto Vitz, John F. Winter. *Elders*: F. H. Miller, M. Bach, Adam Wolf.

MILWAUKEE CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Henry C. Nott, Carl Heyl.

MINNESOTA CLASSIS—*Minister*: Gottfried D. Elliker.

NEBRASKA CLASSIS—

URSINUS CLASSIS—*Minister*: Edw. E. Gruenstein.

MISSOURI CLASSIS—W. F. Horstmeier.

CHICAGO CLASSIS—

SOUTH DAKOTA CLASSIS—

PORTLAND, OREGON, CLASSIS—

MANITOBA CLASSIS—*Minister*: William Hansen.

Pittsburgh Synod.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS—*Ministers*: D. Snider Stephan, Charles E. Wagner, Henry S. Garner. *Elders*: James P. Kegg, Eli Sell, Joseph Eisaman.

CLARION CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Robert E. Crum, D. E. Master. *Elders*: Theo. Kratzer, Lewis Schock.

ST. PAUL'S CLASSIS—*Ministers*: William F. Muir, John L. Barnhart. *Elders*: W. A. Graber, H. A. Beachler.

SOMERSET CLASSIS—*Ministers*: William C. Sykes, Homer S. May. *Elder*: M. H. Kremer.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS—*Ministers*: J. Grant Walker, John A. Leuzinger, Charles H. Faust. *Elders*: H. F. Texter, W. A. Bowling, P. W. Siebert.

Synod of the Potomac.

ZION'S CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Francis C. Yost, D.D., Oliver P. Schellhamer. *Elders*: Oscar O. Etlina, Henry Innerst.

MARYLAND CLASSIS—*Ministers*: J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Edmund

R. Eschbach, D.D., Conrad Clever, D.D., Jas. M. Mullan. *Elders:* Ephraim Corman, Adrian McCardell, Jacob H. Cost, William H. Harry, John Gassman.

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Gideon P. Fisher, Jonas B. Shontz. *Elders:* Hon. M. A. Foltz, Thomas G. Zarger.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS—*Ministers:* John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Nehemiah H. Skyles. *Elders:* Jacob Z. Fravel, Richard L. Gray.

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Joseph L. Murphy, D.D., Jacob Albert Leonard, Calvin B. Heller.

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Silas P. Mauger, Francis S. Lindaman. *Elders:* Andrew R. Brodbeck, Horatio T. Weaver.

CARLISLE CLASSIS—*Ministers:* J. Thomas Fox, Miles O. Noll. *Elders:* Dr. E. A. Shulenberger, Philip Fickes.

JUNIATA CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Daniel G. Hetrick, Warren J. Johnson. *Elders:* Frank S. Richards, John P. Cuppett.

German Synod of the East.

NEW YORK CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Wentzel Walenta, Paul H. Schnatz. *Elders:* Christian W. Pfarrer, Peter Bletzer.

WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS—*Ministers:* A. E. Dahlman, D.D., W. Bollman. *Elders:* William Gottwald, Frantz von Tacky.

GERMAN PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS—*Ministers:* F. W. Berleman, D.D., P. H. Dippell, D.D., Ph. Vollmer, D.D. *Elders:* H. Gross, C. Cast.

GERMAN MARYLAND CLASSIS—*Minister:* J. Samuel Kosover. *Elder:* H. Haupt.

Central Synod.

ERIE CLASSIS—*Ministers:* J. Henry C. Roentgen, D.D., F. William Leich, Henry Schmidt. *Elders:* Christian Saupe, J. Brenner.

HEIDELBERG CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Daniel Burkhalter, Chas. M. Schaaf, D.D., Paul H. Land. *Elders:* John S. Zimmerman, Auch Michael, Gottfried Kuentzel.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Frederick C. Nau, Theodore Bolliger, Edw. C. Stuebi. *Elders:* John Kaderly, William Ott, Charles Seeman.

CINCINNATI CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Louis H. Kunst, John H. Rettig. *Elder:* Henry W. Tuechter.

TOLEDO CLASSIS—*Ministers:* J. G. Steinert, George Engelmann. *Elders:* Fred J. Brand, Peter Schuck.

Synod of the Interior.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS—*Ministers:* Solomon Ream, John C. Horning. *Elder:* August F. Korf.

IOWA CLASSIS—*Ministers:* John N. Naly, D. F. Boomershine. *Elder:* George W. Davis.

- KANSAS CLASSIS—*Ministers*: William F. Curtis, J. A. Hunsicker.
Elders: Fred Isely, A. L. Rauch.
 WICHITA CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Lawrence S. Faust, Dennis B. Shuey.
Elder: James T. Tredway.
 LINCOLN CLASSIS—*Ministers*: Rev. P. M. Orr.

Vacant Seats Occupied by Secundi.

EASTERN SYNOD.

- Philadelphia Classis*—Rev. Charles B. Alspach, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks, the seventh and eighth sessions; and Elder F. G. Hobson, the seat of John E. Bossert, the second and third sessions.
- Reading Classis*—Revs. C. E. Schaeffer and Thomas A. Dickert occupied the seats of the primarii, H. Y. Stoner and James R. Brown, at the eighth session; and Elder Charles E. Dieffenderfer, secundus, occupied the seat of Elder R. M. Hoffman, primarius, the second and third sessions.
- Westmoreland Classis*—Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., secundus, occupied the seat of Henry S. Garner, primarius, the first, sixth and eighth sessions.
- North Carolina Classis*—Rev. George A. Snyder, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. Joseph L. Murphy, primarius, from the sixth to the eighth session; and Rev. William B. Dettera, at the sixth session, the seat of Rev. Calvin B. Heller.
- Carlisle Classis*—Rev. Monroe M. Noacher, secundus, occupied the seat of Rev. J. Thomas Fox, primarius, from the sixth session to the close of the session.

Advisory Members Present.

To the General Synod:

Your Committee on the List of Advisory Members and Visiting Clergymen, begs leave to report:

The Enrollment Clerk has reported to the Committee, the following names, which have been arranged in the order of Synods and Classes:

EASTERN SYNOD.

- East Pennsylvania Classis*—Revs. J. E. Smith, D.D., George J. Lisberger, Jacob G. Rupp, William H. Brong, Moses N. George, A. P. Frantz, Henry H. Rupp, David Scheirer, Paul S. Leinbach, F. A. Guth, Robert F. Reed, F. W. Smith, I. M. Beaver, O. H. E. Rauch, Frederick C. Seitz, W. H. Miller, J. E. Freeman.
- Lebanon Classis*—Revs. W. D. Donat, Samuel A. Leinbach, Thomas C. Leinbach, I. Calvin Fisher, Paul J. Dundore, E. S. Bromer, F. S. Bromer; Elders George W. Stein, S. P. Heilman, M.D.

- Philadelphia Classis*—Revs. George H. Miller, C. A. Santee, A. S. Bromer, Abner S. Dechant, A. O. Reiter, C. J. Musser, D.D., D. N. Dittmar, Benoni Bates, Rufus C. Zartman, D.D., Charles B. Anspach, H. E. Jones, Calvin D. Yost, F. H. Fisher, Charles Case, Charles E. Slinghoff, E. C. Hibshman, A. H. Hibshman, Ph.D., S. L. Messinger, S.T.D., E. D. Miller, Henry Spies.
- Lancaster Classis*—Revs. Tilghman Derr, A. C. Whitmer, D. B. Schneider, D.D., J. A. Wickert, J. Rauch Stein, Christopher Noss, Edwin W. Lentz, John P. Dieffenderfer, W. Stuart Cramer, Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Stephen Schweitzer, Thomas S. Land.
- East Susquehanna Classis*—Rev. I. M. Bachman.
- West Susquehanna Classis*—Revs. R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D., William Edwin Hoy, D.D., Frank E. Lauffer, D. M. Wolf, D.D.; Elder J. Wells Evans.
- Tohickon Classis*—Revs. Jacob Kehm, A. B. Koplin, D.D., Titus M. Weaver, I. O. Schell, B. F. Luckenbill, J. O. Lindaman, Elmer S. Noll, J. G. Dubbs.
- Goshenhoppen Classis*—Revs. C. M. DeLong, D. K. Laudenslager.
- Lehigh Classis*—Revs. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D., N. W. Helfrich, M. F. Miller, D. A. Winter, W. W. Deatrick, Scott R. Wagner, Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., Robert M. Kern, Thomas H. Krick, H. L. Fogelman, A. J. Herman, M. H. Brenzinger, Calvin P. Wehr, August Piscator, J. P. Bachman, Theodore F. Herman, H. M. J. Klein, Simon Sipple, Licentiate William George Seiple, Ph.D.
- Schuylkill Classis*—S. L. Whitmore, D.D., George N. Hartman, J. G. Kerschner, J. J. Fisher, C. E. Bartholomew.
- Wyoming Classis*—S. E. Stofflet, W. D. Happel, William Toennes, A. P. Steinebrey, I. B. Kerschner, Carl G. Petri, Charles D. Lerch, E. M. Beck, J. D. Thomas.
- Reading Classis*—Revs. John Ph. Stein, C. E. Creitz, Henry H. Ranck, Thomas H. Leinbach, J. F. Moyer, Thomas W. Dickert, C. E. Schaeffer, Rufus W. Miller, D.D., Benjamin Bausman, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, H. K. Binkley; Elders John P. Luft, Charles H. Leinbach, J. H. Stein.

OHIO SYNOD.

- Miami Classis*—Elders Horace Ankeny, D. I. Prugh.
- Lancaster Classis*—Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D.
- Tiffin Classis*—Rev. A. E. Baickley, Licentiate J. F. Steiner (appointed missionary to Japan).
- Eastern Ohio Classis*—Revs. A. V. Casselman, E. D. Wettach, D.D.
- St. Joseph Classis*—Rev. Nevin B. Mathes.
- Tuscarawas Classis*—Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D.D.

SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

- Indiana Classis*—Revs. C. F. Kriete, D.D., C. Hassel.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

- Westmoreland Classis*—Revs. D. A. Souders, A. J. Heller, D.D., J. Harvey Mickley, D. H. Leader, Edwin D. Bright; Elder William R. Barnhart.
- Clarion Classis*—Revs. S. U. Wagaman, R. C. Bowling, U. O. H. Kerschner.
- St. Paul Classis*—Elder Frederick H. Keller.
- Allegheny Classis*—Revs. John Hassler Prugh, D.D., D. B. Lady, D.D., D. N. Harnish, Lewis Robb, Alpha K. Kline, A. J. Collison, E. H. Laubauch.
- Somerset Classis*—Rev. H. H. Wiant.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

- Zion's Classis*—Revs. H. H. Apple, E. Bruce Lytle, Hiram J. Hillegas, Robert Lee Bair, E. E. Embhoff; Elder Israel Lancks.
- Maryland Classis*—Revs. J. W. Santee, D.D., E. R. Deatrick, B.D., S. S. Miller, Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., J. M. Schick, J. Stewart Hartman, Eugene L. McLean.
- Mercersburg Classis*—Revs. J. B. Shontz, P. A. DeLong, E. F. Faust, William C. Schaeffer, D.D.
- Virginia Classis*—Revs. T. J. Hacker, D.D., A. Theodore Wright; Elder John E. Rölller.
- North Carolina Classis*—Revs. George Albert Snyder, W. B. Duttera, Ph.D.
- Gettysburg Classis*—Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., E. W. Stonebraker, Ellis S. Hay.
- Juniata Classis*—Revs. J. David Miller, Howard Obold, William C. Slough.
- Carlisle Classis*—Rev. M. M. Noacher.

GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

- New York Classis*—Revs. Paul Sommerlatte, Max F. H. Walenta.
- German Philadelphia Classis*—Revs. C. H. Gramm, William J. Hinke, Benjamin S. Stern; Elder Philip Fuels.
- German Maryland Classis*—Revs. Marcus Bachman, D.D., James D. Bührer.

CENTRAL SYNOD.

- Erie Classis*—Rev. Martin Vitz.
- Heidelberg Classis*—Revs. John Bachman, D.D., Godfrey Kuenzel.

SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

- Iowa Classis*—Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D.
- Kansas Classis*—Revs. John W. Love, D.D., David H. Fouse.
- Wichita Classis*—Rev. D. B. Shuey.
- Lincoln Classis*—Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Visiting Clergymen.

Revs. I. N. Royer, A. J. Bruner, J. P. Miller, D. P. Longsdorf, A. Stapleton, J. D. Kistler, of the United Evangelical Church.
 James A. Little, B. F. Hammond, of the Presbyterian Church.
 W. S. Gottshall, of the Mennonite Church.
 William J. Schindel, Albert T. W. Steinhauser, Myron O. Roth, I. B. Ritter, of the General Council Lutheran Church.
 William I. Good, of the General Synod Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. LICHLITER,
 E. F. WIEST,
 WILLIAM F. DELONG.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were duly elected officers of General Synod:

President, REV. A. E. DAHLMAN, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.

Vice-President, REV. F. W. BERLEMAN, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Vice-President, REV. ADAM S. WEBER, D.D., Baltimore, Maryland.

Stated Clerk, REV. JOHN PHILIP STEIN, D.D., Reading, Pa.

Assistant Clerk, REV. JOHN BACHMAN, D.D., New Knoxville, Ohio.

Roll Clerk, REV. JAMES RAUCH STEIN, Harrisburg, Pa.

Corresponding Secretary, REV. GEORGE P. STEM, Siegfried, Pa.

Reading Clerk, REV. J. M. S. ISENBERG, Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer, ELDER WILLIAM R. BARNHART, Greensburg, Penn'a.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order declared adopted by General Synod, at Akron, O., in 1887, for the government of its several judica-

tories in the Reformed Church in the United States, were duly observed in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the church, excepting the last ten pews. 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 session opens at 7.30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit :

1. *On Religious Services*—Revs. T. F. Herman, George P. Stem, E. E. Kresge, and Elders R. M. Hoffman, Charles Hottenstein, L. P. Hecker.

2. *On Minutes of General Synod*—Revs. Dr. J. F. DeLong, J. Lewis Fluck, James M. Mullen, and Elders Joseph Eisman, P. W. Seibert.

3. *On Minutes of Eastern Synod*—Revs. Dr. L. Kryder Evans, Victor W. Dippell, T. F. Herman, and Elders Charles L. Hottenstein, Dr. A. S. Raudenbush.

4. *On Minutes of Ohio Synod*—Revs. Dr. L. B. C. Lahr, H. J. Christman, Harvey E. Kilmer, and Elders Frank C. Brown, Peter Ault.

5. *On Minutes of Synod of Northwest*—Revs. Dr. F. W. Horstmeier, Carl Heyl, A. C. Pretzer, and Elders Peter Hensel, M. Bach.

6. *On Minutes of Pittsburg Synod*—Revs. Robert E. Crum, J. L. Barnhart, Charles H. Faust, and Elders J. B. Kegg, W. A. Bowling.

7. *On Minutes of Synod of Potomac*—Revs. Francis Yost, D.D., Adam S. Weber, D.D., Joseph L. Murphy, and Elders Oscar Estline, Richard L. Gray.

8. *On Minutes of German Synod of East*—Revs. F. W. Berleman, D.D., Paul H. Schwartz, Wenzel Walenta, and Elders F. von Tacky, P. W. Fucks.

9. *On Minutes of Central Synod*—Revs. J. H. Roentgen, D.D., Charles Schaaf, D.D., Edward C. Stuebi, and Elders John S Zimmerman, Charles Seemann.

10. *On Minutes of Synod of Interior*—Revs. Dennis B. Shuey, John C. Horning, William F. Curtis, and Elders Augustus F. Korf, E. George Davis.

11. *On Minutes of English Classis*—Revs. John A. Hoffheins, D.D., T. O. Stem, S. W. Seemann, D.D., and Elders J. S. Sechler, H. A. Beachler.

12. *On Minutes of German Classis*—Revs. Dr. H. A. Meier, Henry C. Nott, J. S. Kosower, and Elders M. Bach, William Gottwald.

13. *On Overtures*—Revs. D. W. Ebbert, D.D., Charles S. Wieand, Daniel Burghalter, and Elders Andrew R. Brodbeck, A. C. McCardell.

14. *On Correspondence with Sister Churches*—Revs. Dr. Philip Vollmer, Nathaniel H. Skyles, J. H. Steele, D.D., and Elders J. W. Wilson, Dr. N. C. Guth.

15. *On State of Church*—Revs. Dr. J. S. Stahr, Dr. J. H. Prugh, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Henry S. Gekeler, and Elders R. M. Hoffman, F. V. Tacky.

16. *On Home Missions*—Revs. Dr. H. T. Spangler, Dr. E. P. Herbruck, J. C. Leonard, and Elders J. H. Cost, Samuel Moyer.

17. *On Societies*—Revs. L. B. C. Lehr, D.D., G. A. Schwedes, J. M. Mullan, and Elders J. S. Wise, P. W. Seibert.

18. *On Sunday-schools*—Revs. C. B. Schneder, Henry S. Gekeler, F. C. Yost, D.D., and Elders H. F. Texter, Benjamin Ashbacher.

19. *On Foreign Missions*—Revs. George W. Richards, D.D., G. A. Schwedes, H. Y. Stoner, and Elders George F. Morgan, Peter Ault.

20. *On Press*—Revs. C. B. Alspach, C. E. Schaeffer, J. David Miller, A. S. Weber, D.D., Rev. Philip Vollmer, D.D.

21. *On Orphans' Homes*—Revs. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., C. Clever, D.D., J. F. Winter, Paul Leinbach, and Elders J. G. Roulette, Eli Sell.

22. *On Nominations*—Revs. Dr. Charles E. Miller, Dr. J. H. Pannebecker, E. Vornholt, C. E. Wagner, J. S. Kieffer, John Gassman P. H. Dippel, D.D., Paul H. Land, and Elders D. Clinger, Fred Isely.

23. *On Finance*—Revs. Dr. W. A. Hale, F. S. Lindaman, John A. Lenzinger, and Elders Mr. Hoffman, Fred J. Brand.

24. *On Advisory Members*—Revs. William F. Lichliter, E. F. Wiest, William F. DeLong, and Elders Howard Knecht, P. Rheim.

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 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 and 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, 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.

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 at 8 A. M., an early service on the Lord's Day, in Zion's 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. The Committee on Religious Services respectfully submitted the following appointments for Sunday service in the various churches:

Zion—8 A. M., Dr. J. S. Stahr; 10 A. M., Dr. A. E. Dahlman; 7.30 P. M., Dr. John C. Bowman.

St. John—10 A. M., Dr. J. S. Kieffer; 7.30 P. M., Dr. T. J. Barkley.

Salcm—10 A. M., Rev. T. P. Bolliger; 7.30 P. M., Dr. Wm. A. Hale.

Christ—10 A. M., Rev. R. C. Bowling; 7.30 P. M., Rev. W. F. Curtis.

Trinity—10 A. M., Dr. A. R. Bartholomew; 7.30 P. M., Rev. Warren Johnson.

St. Andrew's—10 A. M., Rev. C. B. Schneder; 7.30 P. M., Dr. J. S. Kieffer.

Dubbs' Memorial—10 A. M., Rev. W. F. Curtis; 7.30 P. M., Rev. H. H. Sangree.

Grace Reformed—7.30 P. M. Rev. J. G. Dengler.

St. Matthew Lutheran—7.30 P. M., Rev. C. D. Kressley.

Immanuel Evangelical—10 A. M., Dr. J. H. Roentgen; 7.30 P. M., Rev. W. C. Sykes.

Presbyterian—10 A. M., Dr. L. B. C. Lehr; 7.30 P. M., Dr. G. H. Sonder.

St. Paul's Lutheran—7.30 P. M., Dr. V. W. Dippell.

Ebenezer Evangelical—10 A. M., Rev. C. Hassel; 7.30 P. M., Rev. H. J. Christman.

Baptist Church, Chew and Sixth Sts.—10 A. M., Rev. D. F. Boomersline; 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. N. Naly.

Trinity United Evangelical—10 A. M., Rev. E. C. Stuebi; 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. H. Watts.

Bethany United Evangelical—10 A. M., Rev. H. Y. Stoner.

Calvary M. E.—10 A. M., Rev. William Leich; 7.30 P. M., Dr. C. Clever.

Linden Street M. E.—10 A. M., Dr. J. H. Pannebecker; 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. M. Mullan.

Salem Evangelical—10 A. M., Rev. H. Bright.

Zion U. B.—11 A. M., Rev. G. H. Engelman; 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. A. Hunsicker.

Zion United Evangelical—10 A. M., Rev. Philip Ruhl; 7.30 P. M., Rev. D. B. Shirey.

Seibert United Evangelical—10 A. M., Dr. H. A. Meier.

Salisbury Reformed—10 A. M., Rev. W. J. Meier; 7.30 P. M., Rev. R. E. Crum.

Salem Reformed, Catasauqua.—10 A. M., W. F. Horstmeier; 7.30 P. M., J. M. S. Isenberg.

Christ Reformed, Bethlehem.—10 A. M., Dr. Wm. A. Hale; 7.30 P. M., Dr. W. E. Hoy.

Trinity Reformed, Freemansburg—10 A. M., J. T. Fox.

South Bethlehem Reformed—10 A. M., C. Heyl; 7.30 P. M., M. Noll.

St. Paul's Reformed, Bethlehem—10 A. M., S. W. Seemann; 7.30 P. M., W. F. DeLong.

For Rev. W. H. Mader, Easton—7.30 P. M., Dr. C. M. Schaaf.

St. Mark's Reformed, Easton—10 A. M., Rev. E. Laubach; 7.30 P. M., Dr. A. E. Baichley.

Coplay Reformed—10 A. M., J. C. Horning; 7.30 P. M., H. Bright.

East Greenville—10 A. M., H. C. Nott; 7.30 P. M., A. K. Zartman.

Northampton—10 A. M., C. E. Wagner; 7.30 P. M., J. L. Barnhart.

Apple's Church—9.30 A. M., C. B. Heller.

First Reformed, Easton—10 A. M., Dr. L. K. Evans; 7.30 P. M., Dr. J. H. Steele.

College Hill, Easton—10 A. M., J. L. Barnhart; 7.30 P. M., E. T. Rhoads.

Perkasie—10 A. M., P. H. Schnatz; 7.30 P. M., J. Lewis Fluck.

Quakertown—10 A. M., J. H. Steinert; 7.30 P. M., A. J. Collison.

Macungie—10 A. M., J. Otto Vitz; 7.30 P. M., J. G. Walter.

West Bethlehem—Rev. Z. A. Yearick.

Rittersville—2 P. M., C. S. Ewing; 7.30 P. M., A. C. Shuman.

Siegfried—Rev. A. C. Casselman.

Tatamy—Dr. William C. Schaeffer.

Immanuel Evangelical, Catasauqua—10 A. M., Louis Kunst; 7.30 P. M., S. P. Mauger.

FOREIGN MISSION SERVICE.

Wednesday, May 17, 7.30 P. M.

Rev. Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, Hagerstown, Md., presiding. Address, by Rev. Dr. D. B. Schneder, President of North Japan College, Sendai; address, by General John E. Roller, of Virginia: "The Reflex Influence of Missions"; address, by Rev. William E. Hoy, D.D., of Yochow, China.

HOME MISSION SERVICE.

Thursday, May 18, 7.30 P. M.

Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, Frederick, Md., presiding. Address, by Rev. Dr. John M. Schick, of Washington, D. C.; address, by Rev. D. N. Dittmar, Field Secretary of Home Missions.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE.

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Miller, President of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O., presiding. Address, by Rev. Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Supt. of Public Instruction: "Relation of the College to the Congregation"; address, by Rev. Dr. George W. Richards, Prof. of Church History, Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.: "Relation of the Theological Seminary to the Congregation."

PREPARATORY SERVICE.

Saturday, May 20, 2 P. M.

Service conducted by Rev. A. S. Weber, Baltimore, Md. Sermon, by Rev. Philip Vollmer, D.D., of Philadelphia, Pa.

Conference—3 P. M. Rev. John C. Horning, of St. Louis, Mo., presiding. Address, by Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Miller, Secretary of Sunday-school Board: "What the Church Does for the Young People"; address, by Rev. Dr. C. C. Clever, of Hagerstown, Md.

Consistorial Conference—Elder F. G. Hobson, Esq., of Collegeville, Pa., presiding. Address, by Rev. W. F. More, Supt. of Bethany Orphans' Home: "Church Finance"; address, by Hon. M. A. Foltz, of Chambersburg, Pa.: "An Educated Laity"; address by Rev. Dr. Cyrus J. Musser, Editor of Reformed Church Messenger: "The Church Paper and the Larger Outlook."

Reception to General Synod—By the Reformed churches of Allentown, 7.30 to 10 p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, with luncheon served by the ladies of the Reformed churches of Allentown, Pa.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

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

I. REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD OF 1902.

DEAR BRETHERN—Your Committee, appointed on Minutes of General Synod, begs leave to present the following items claiming your attention, namely:

Item 1, p. 9. The election of Rev. F. L. Kerr, as Corresponding Secretary of General Synod of 1902, fails to be recorded in the printed minutes.

Item 2, p. 9. A vacancy in the office of Assistant Clerk has been occasioned by the death of Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D.D., who died, Dec. 23, 1902, at Glade Run, Pa.

Item 3, p. 34. The election of delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 4, p. 51. The election of delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches, which convened in session, June, 1904, in Liverpool, England.

Item 5, p. 59. Necrological report by Stated Clerk.

Item 6, p. 140. The terms of six members of the Board of Home Missions expires, May, 1905.

Item 7, p. 140. The terms of six members of the Board of Foreign Missions expires, May, 1905.

Item 8, p. 143. The term of Elder Jacob Rader, as member of Board of Directors on Orphans' Home, expires in 1905.

Item 9, p. 153. The appointment of a committee to devise a plan for a ministerial relief society; under the supervision of General Synod.

Item 10, p. 154. Instructions given to the Stated Clerk to have blanks for reports of Young People's Societies printed, and to distribute the same annually to the Stated Clerks of Classes, with the other blanks needed by the pastors.

Item 11, p. 189. Instructions given the Stated Clerk to change statistical blanks for Sunday-schools, so as to meet present requirements.

Item 12, p. 190. Expiration of terms of office on Sunday-school Board.

Item 13, p. 198. Licensure, Ordinations, etc., are to be recorded, from year to year, by the Stated Clerk, in Ministerial Register, chronologically.

Item 14, p. 201. The Stated Clerk was instructed to appoint a roll clerk to make a daily record of the attendance, and report the quorum to the President.

Item 15, p. 202. The appointment of a committee to prepare a new constitution.

Item 16, p. 209. A correction in the printed minutes of General Synod, in regard to Treasurer's salary.

Item 17, p. 210. Instructions given to the Stated Clerk to have a certain number of copies of Minutes of General Synod printed.

Item 18, p. 210. A committee was appointed to receive bids for the printing of the minutes, and award the contract.

Item 19, p. 213. The sale of the Digest of General Synod's Proceedings given to the Reformed Publication Board, Philadelphia, Pa.

Item 20, p. 213. A permanent committee in charge of Reformed Church Hymnal and Directory.

Item 21, p. 214. The publishing of a pocket edition of Directory, in hands of permanent Committee on Hymnal.

Item 22, p. 215. A suitable liturgical form for the reception of members by re-profession of faith.

Item 23, p. 222. The services of Rev. Dr. C. Cort as agent to secure reduced rates on railroads for delegates and visiting brethren attending the sessions of General Synod.

Item 24, p. 223. A special committee was appointed to have in charge an exhibit at the exposition in 1903, at St. Louis, Mo.

Item 25, p. 224. The Stated Clerk was instructed to transmit, to the Speaker of the House at Washington, D. C.,

Synod's action in regard to the proposed publishing of the Jefferson Bible.

Item 26, p. 25, 27. The overtures having reference to the change in the construction of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and the establishment of office headquarters was referred to special committee (Rev. Dr. W. C. Schaeffer, chairman).

Item 27, p. 191. General Synod requested the two Classes concerned in the Hartzel appeal case to hold a conference and make efforts to adjust the difficulty in the interests of justice and mercy.

Item 28, p. 215. General Synod expresses its grateful appreciation of the service rendered by Rev. Alex Smellie for the honor shown to the Heidelberg Catechism.

Item 29, p. 42. The appointment of a Committee on Correspondence with Continental Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. DELONG,
J. LEWIS FLUCK,
JAMES M. MULLAN,
ELDER JOSEPH EISEMAN,
ELDER P. W. SEIBERT.

The action taken by General Synod on the foregoing report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. S. Kieffer and H. T. Spangler. See Art. XII, on the State of the Church. On items 3 and 4, see Art. XI, on Correspondence with Sister Churches. On item 5 attended to, see Art. XII, on State of the Church. On items 6, 7, 8 and 12, see Art. XXII, on Nominations. On item 9, see Art. XIV, on Benevolent and Christian Institutions. On items 10, 11, 13, 14, 25 and 28, attended to. Item 15, see Art. XVIII, Church Government. On item 16, referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, see Art. XX. On items 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, see Art. XXI, on Publication. On 23 and 24, see Art. XXIII, Miscellaneous. On items 26 and 27, see Art. XVI, on Appeals and References.

II. Minutes of the District Synods.

The several Standing Committees on the Minutes of the various District Synods presented their reports, which were

separately considered, item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The several reports, with action thereon, are as follows:

I. MINUTES OF THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Your committee, to whom was referred, for inquiry, the Acts and Proceedings of the Eastern Synod, for the years 1902, 1903 and 1904, would report that we have carefully gone over these records, and find:

1. That, at the session of Synod in 1902—the first succeeding the meeting of General Synod—the several recommendations and instructions of the General Synod were accepted, and all acted on favorably.

2. In the Minutes of 1903, there are two appeals:

a. One is the appeal of Rev. Dr. H. M. Kieffer against the First Reformed Church, Easton, Pa., (p. 98).

b. The other is an appeal of Rev. N. W. Helfrich against Lehigh Classis (p. 102).

Respectfully submitted,

L. KRYDER EVANS, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod on this report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted. The appeals in item 2, marked a and b, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, D. Burghalter and Elder A. L. Rauch. For further action on these cases, see Art. XVI, on Appeals and References.

II. OHIO SYNOD.

Your Committee on the Minutes of Ohio Synod respectfully reports the following:

Item 1. (1902, p. 15) Ohio Synod accepts and adopts all the recommendations and apportionments of General Synod.

Item 2. (1904, p. 65) Ohio Synod overtures General Synod respecting the relation of the Ministerial Relief Society to the General Synod.

L. B. C. LAHR, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod on the fourth day of its sessions is as follows: Item 1 was adopted. As to the answer to the second item in the report, the attention of the Ohio Synod is directed to the communication from the Society for Relief of Ministers, etc., as found in Art. XIV, under the head of Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

III. SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest respectfully reports the following items which claim the attention of General Synod:

Item 1. Synod complies with the request of General Synod to report annually concerning its Home Mission work, and adopts the changes made in the Sunday-school statistics (p. 15, 1902).

Item 2. Synod draws the attention of all its congregations to the support of special workers in the Foreign Mission field, as recommended by General Synod (p. 62, 1902).

Item 3. It recommends the second Sunday in February to be observed as a special day for Missions (p. 66, 1903).

Item 4. Synod of the Northwest takes favorable notice of the annual support given by General Synod to its Board of Missions, and mentions the good fruits that have resulted therefrom (p. 53, 1904).

Item 5. An urgent request is made to General Synod on behalf of the Reformed Hungarians in Manitoba, Can., stating that Rev. Kalman Kowacsi, in Bekevar, Can., would be willing to serve as missionary in the Reformed Church (p. 67, 1904).

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

W. F. HORSTMEIER, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod, on the fourth day of its sessions, on this report is as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 were adopted. Item 5 was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. See Art. XIII, on Missions.

IV. PITTSBURG SYNOD.

The following report on the Minutes of Pittsburg Synod was presented and adopted:

To the Reverend General Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Committee on Minutes of Pittsburg Synod beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find nothing requiring your attention, except that

the Synod took favorable action on all apportionments, recommendations and instructions of your body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. CRUM, *Chairman.*

The action taken by General Synod, on the fourth day of its sessions, on this report, was its adoption.

V. POTOMAC SYNOD.

The following report on the Minutes of Potomac Synod was presented and adopted:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Potomac Synod have carefully examined the minutes for the past three years, and find there is nothing in them claiming the attention of your reverend body further than the fact that all the apportionments and recommendations of the General Synod were adopted by the Potomac Synod.

F. C. YOST, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report, read on the fourth day of the sessions, was adopted.

VI. GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

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

Item 1. The matter of the suspension of the Rev. J. Wirz was referred by Synod to New York Classis, for re-investigation (p. 10, 1902).

Item 2. West Pennsylvania Classis was dissolved by Synod, in accordance with the request of its own members (p. 15, 1902).

Item 3. Synod expresses satisfaction and gratitude to General Synod for its help and financial assistance in its work of Home Missions (p. 11, 1903).

Item 4. Synod accepts the apportionment system recommended by General Synod, and refers the same to its Classes for favorable action (p. 11, 1903).

Item 5. Synod appoints a committee to give expression of its conviction in regard to a deliverance of General Synod, in reference to the statements in a sermon of its president,

and respectfully requests General Synod to reconsider its action (p. 11, 1903; p. 9, 10, 1904).

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

Item 7. Synod requests General Synod to consider the translation and publication of the German Minutes of the General Synod (p. 8, 20, 1904).

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. BERLEMANN, *Chairman*.

The action of General Synod on this report, taken on the fourth day of its sessions, is as follows: Item 1 was laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Minutes of German Classis reports; referred to a special committee to report at next triennial session. Items 2, 3, 4 and 6 were adopted. In regard to the request contained in the 5th item, General Synod adopted a resolution rescinding its action taken in regard to the sermon preached at the opening of Synod, three years ago; see Minutes of General Synod 1902, p. 217. Item 7 was duly considered, and the request granted.

VII. CENTRAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Central Synod presented its report, on the fourth day of the sessions, which was disposed of, item by item, and finally adopted:

Item 1. The recommendations of General Synod in regard to the circulation of missionary literature, the fostering of the Deaconate Home, and the best interests of the Sunday-school were severally adopted.

Item 2. Central Synod gratefully acknowledges the apportionment of \$4,500 for German-English Missions, of which amount, \$3,222 has thus far been received.

Item 3. Central Synod requests General Synod to carry forward speedily the inaugurated measures for the support of needy ministers in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. C. ROENTGEN, *Chairman*.

Item 2 was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions, and item 3 to the consideration of the Society for Relief of Disabled Ministers.

VIII. SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Interior was presented, considered, item by item, with the following results:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN—Your committee has examined the Minutes of the Synod of the Interior, for the past three years, and find that favorable action was taken by said Synod, in 1902, on all requests and recommendations made by the General Synod to District Synods. In a few cases, the form of the action was somewhat changed, but the result was the same.

This Synod assumed all of its apportionments, made by the General Synod for the three years, for the contingent fund, for Home, Foreign, Hungarian, German and Harbor Missions, and upon investigation we find that this Synod not only assumed all of the apportionments, but the treasurer's accounts show that all of them were paid in full, with a considerable amount for Home and Foreign Missions in special contributions.

The Minutes for 1904 (p. 16) contain an overture to this General Synod on Church union.

The overture is as follows:

The prayer of Jesus the Christ, "Holy Father, keep them in Thy name which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as we are" (John 17:11), appeals to us in this age as never before. Unification of the forces of our Master bespeak speedy victory against Sin and Satan and over the powers of darkness, with which we have to contend, especially in the mission work in this beautiful land of ours.

The Synod of the Interior believes the time has come when the Reformed Church in America and the Reformed Church in the United States being of one doctrine as expounded and declared through the Heidelberg Catechism, should become an organic unity in government as well as in faith. Therefore:

Resolved, That this Synod overtures the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States to institute such measures, at the next meeting to be held in Allentown, Pa., as

shall result in such an organic union with the Reformed Church in America and other bodies comprising the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian form of government.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. SHUEY, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on this report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted, and item 2 was referred to a special committee, whose report appears in Art. XVI, on Appeals and References.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

I. English Classes.

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

The Committee on the Minutes of the English Classes respectfully report the following:

Item 1. Minutes were placed in the hands of your committee from the Classes: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Wyoming, Reading, Miami, Lancaster (Synod of Ohio), 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 and Wichita.

Item 2. No minutes were received from the Classes of Schuylkill, Westmoreland and Lincoln.

Item 3. The examination of these several minutes shows that all the Classes took favorable action on all the instructions and recommendations referred to them by General Synod, with the following exceptions: (a) East Susquehanna and Lebanon, which Classes decline to enter into conference on the Klopp and Hartzel complaints as recommended by General Synod.

(b) Goshenhoppen Classis, which declines to accede to General Synod's recommendation with reference to questionable methods of raising church funds.

(c) St. Joseph and Mercersburg Classes decline to accede to Synod's request in the matter of the appointment of an Executive Committee on Missions.

OVERTURES.

Item 4. Reading Classis overtures General Synod to inaugurate such measures as will enlarge and increase the efficiency of the present Ministers' Relief Society.

Item 5. Wyoming Classis overtures Synod to direct the Sunday-school Board to restore the use of the Authorized Version of the Bible in the lesson helps, or that the Authorized and the Revised Versions be printed in parallel columns.

Item 6. Lehigh Classis presents a similar overture.

Item 7. Reading Classis overtures Synod to recommend that the Classes require of all pastoral charges to report definitely whether or not written records are kept as to the property of the consistory.

Item 8. Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, overtures General Synod with reference to the publishing of fuller and more satisfying statistics.

Item 9. The same Classis overtures Synod to provide for the annual publication of the statistics of each Classis in one of the Reformed Church Almanacs.

Item 10. Allegheny Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, overtures General Synod to furnish Classes blanks for tabulating the statistics of Young People's Societies.

Item 11. Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio, overtures General Synod to take aggressive measures for the extension and direct supervision of Young People's Societies.

Item 12. Kansas Classis overtures General Synod for representation of the Synod of the Interior in the Board of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

The Report on Minutes of English Classes was disposed of as follows: Item 1 and item 3 (a, b and c) were severally adopted. Item 2 was adopted, and the attention of the several Classes was directed to the omission. Items 4, 5 and 6 were reported as having been attended to. Items 8 and 9, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John Ph. Stein, A. K. Zartman, James G. Dengler, and Elder Isely. Items 10 and 11 were referred to the Standing Committee on Young People's Societies. Item 12, referred to the Standing Committee on Missions.

II. Minutes of German Classes.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of German Classes reported during the afternoon session on Tuesday. The report was considered item by item and afterward adopted as a whole. It is as follows: .

REPORT ON MINUTES OF GERMAN CLASSES.

Your Committee received the Minutes of the following Classes:

1. From the Synod of the Northwest—Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Ursinus, Chicago, Nebraska Classes.

The minutes of Zion's, Indiana, Missouri, South Dakota, Manitoba and Portland, Ore., Classes were missing.

2. From the German Synod of the East—Minutes of New York, Philadelphia, Maryland and West New York Classes were received.

3. From the Central Synod the minutes of Erie, Heidelberg, St. John's Classes were received; those of Cincinnati Classis are missing.

From these documents the following items call the attention of General Synod:

Item 1. All Classes acted favorable on the recommendations of General Synod and also on the draft of the new Constitution.

Item 2. New York Classis, regarding the resolution of General Synod (Minutes, p. 197) referring to doubtful methods in order to gain money for church purposes, says: "Many of our congregations are compelled to arrange different festivities in order to gather money and we have to confine our efforts to

see, that at all such occasions all things be done decently and in order."

Item 3. The German Maryland Classis accepts the recommendation of General Synod to circulate the Missionary Gleanings, but substitutes the "Missionsbote."

Item 4. The same Classis, in adopting the resolutions of General Synod on Foreign Missions raises the question whether it would not be advisable that young missionaries be first tried on the field and fully prepared for their work before they enter into marriage.

Item 5. The same Classis passes the following resolution: In answer to the action of General Synod in the case of German Maryland Classis versus the Synod of the Northwest (p. 194), Classis declares, that the said appeal case was not pressed in order to save precious time to General Synod. For this reason the case was not a "hypothetic" one and Classis could expect a different answer from General Synod. The answer given can be explained by the fact, that General Synod to adjudge the matter, appointed a committee of whom three members belonged to the same Synod against which the complaint was lodged. Classis overtures General Synod to consider the matter again.

Item 6. Is a request of Erie Classis, regarding church union.

Item 7. Is a request of New York Classis not to be apportioned for the members in the Hungarian congregations in its bounds, because they have not paid their share of the assessment and probably never will do so.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. MEIER,

J. S. KOSOWER,

H. C. NOTT,

M. BACH.

Item 1, adopted. The Classes whose minutes were missing are reminded of this fact. Items 2, 3, adopted. Item 4, referred to the Board of Foreign Missions. Item 5, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. F. W. Lerch, J. C. Horning, and Elders C. E.

Dieffenbacher and Martin Coy. The committee was instructed to report to next General Synod. Item 6, referred to the Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

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

To the Reverend General Synod:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the several items referred to us:

1. The Triennial Statement of the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and Ministers' Widows"; a request that this statement be published in the minutes; the action of the Society in response to the suggestions by the General Synod at Baltimore, Md., May, 1902.

2. Catalogues of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.; Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio; Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; Catawba College, Newton, N. C.; Mission House, Sheboygan, Wis.

3. Documents from the Alliance and Western Section of Reformed Churches holding to the Presbyterian System.

a. The report of the Alliance.

b. The recommendation of the Alliance concerning the observance of the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Knox.

c. Reports of the Executive Commission of the Western Section for the years 1904, 1905.

d. Report of the Executive Commission on candidates for the ministry.

e. The credentials of Dr. John Prugh as delegate representing the Alliance of the Western Section at this General Synod.

f. Letter of Dr. John Prugh bearing the greetings of the Executive Commission to this Synod.

4. a. Report of Drs. Prugh and Cort of a meeting of representatives of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches called to consider a closer union.

b. A plan of Federation of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches designed to promote closer relations and administrative co-operation.

5. A communication of the National Federation of Churches on the subject of co-operation of the Churches in Christian work.

6. A communication of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., requesting that a Temperance Committee be appointed with a view to mutual conference and combined effort by sister Churches against our common foe, the liquor traffic.

7. A request from the American Anti-Saloon League, that the General Synod send delegates to the tenth National Anti-Saloon Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., November 22-24, 1905.

8. A letter from Samuel McCauley Jackson offering to donate his translations in manuscript of Zwingli's work, provided the General Synod will publish them.

9. A letter from Rev. William Hansen declaring the reason for a harbor missionary for Halifax, Canada.

10. A letter from Rev. William Hansen requesting the General Synod to pay the expenses of the delegate from Manitoba Classis.

11. A copy of the "Life of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D.," edited by Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, A.M., and presented by the editor to the General Synod.

12. A copy of the book, "The Unity of the Church in the Light of the Scriptures," by Rev. A. Seyring, and presented by the author to General Synod.

13. A copy of "Catechetical Bible Lessons," by Rev. Albert Clayton Shuman, A.B.

14. A stamp and pad presented by the Corresponding Secretary of the General Synod of Baltimore, Md.

15. Report of the Rev. W. F. Horstmeier, delegate to the Reformed Alliance of Germany and other Reformed bodies in Europe.

16. Letter of George May Powell, regent of the Evangelical Association upon the restoration of the family altar.

17. Invitation of Rev E. C. Steubi to General Synod to convene in the First Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, in 1908.

18. Communication of M. J. Reigel, Easton, Pa., on the Kieffer appeal.

19. A copy of "The German Pioneers in Pennsylvania," by Dr. George W. Richards, D.D., and presented by Rev. C. B. Alspach.

20. A copy of the Swander Memorial Lectures entitled "Old Truths in New Form," published by the Reformed Church Publication Board, Philadelphia.

21. A copy of the History of Japan Mission of the Reformed Church, by H. K. Miller, presented by the Board of Foreign Missions.

22. A Form of Service for Organ Dedication, from Westmoreland Classis.

23. A communication from the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. EBBERT, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was disposed of in the following manner. For General Synod's action on items 1 and 23, see Art XIV, on Benevolent and Christian Institutions. On items 2, 7 and 17, see Art. XXIII, Miscellaneous. On items 3 (a, b, c, d, e, f,) 6 and 16, see Art. XI, on Correspondence with Sister Churches. Items 4 and 5 were referred to a special committee, see Art. XVI, Appeals and References. On item 8, the following action was taken: *Resolved*, That, since the General Synod is not in the publishing business, the offer of the translated manuscripts of the Treatises of Zwingli, made by Rev. Samuel McCauley Jackson, be gratefully acknowledged with thanks. On item 9, see Art. XIII, on Missions. Item 10 was reported as attended to. On items 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21, see Art. XIX, Synodical Archives. On item 16, see Art. XII, on State of the Church. On item 18, see Art. XVI, Appeals and References. Item 22, referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. John S. Stahr, J.

Spangler Kieffer, H. J. Christman, and Elders J. Gassman and James M. Wilson, who presented their report, which was recommended, with certain instructions to report at the next triennial sessions.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. Reports from Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

The delegates elected by General Synod at Baltimore, Md., in 1902, to corresponding bodies presented their reports which were received and adopted.

These reports as respectively presented are as follows:

I. GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

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

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN: It was my privilege to present your fraternal salutations as corresponding delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, convened in regular annual session at Asbury Park, N. J., in the month of June, 1903. I set forth the progress made by our branch of the Reformed Church since the organization of our General Synod in 1863, and the confessional and historic ties that should bind us in closer union as cognate branches of the Reformed family of churches reaching back to the great Reformation of the sixteenth century. My address was greeted with hearty applause and afterwards published in full by the Christian Intelligencer, the organ of the Dutch Reformed Church, as well as by several of our own church papers. The sentiments of my address were heartily reciprocated by the President of that body, Rev. Dr. Cornelius L. Wells, who has since departed this life and joined, as we trust, the general assembly and Church of the first-born above. I greatly enjoyed my sojourn of several days with the brethren of the Reformed Church in America. While anxious to keep in view the ancient landmarks of orthodox Calvinistic faith, they are also striving to remodel their liturgy and adopt modern methods better suited to secure the extension of Christ's kingdom amid the changing conditions of our modern civilization. In short this sister Reformed

Church, which has the oldest Protestant organization on American soil, dating from 1628, is a power alike for progressive and conservative Christianity.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT.

Apollo (R. F. D.), Pa., May 16, 1905.

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

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

DEAR BRETHREN: As your delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, it is my pleasure to report that I attended the meetings of the Assembly in session in Buffalo, N. Y., June, 1904, and presented the fraternal greetings of this body. Your delegate was most cordially received and was invited to address the Assembly on Thursday morning. To this address Rev. Dr. J. Addison Henry, the Moderator, responded happily and ordered your delegate to convey to the General Synod an expression of the cordial relations existing between the two Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. MUSSER.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 19, 1905.

III. THE GENERAL SYNOD OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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

BRETHREN: Having been appointed corresponding delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, I discharged this duty on June 9th, 1903, when I attended the Synod in session in Baltimore, Md., conveyed to that body your greeting, and presented to it a copy of the minutes of your 14th triennial sessions. The President, Rev. Dr. E. J. Wolf happily responded, and charged me to bear to your reverend body the fraternal greetings and good wishes and assurance of esteem of the body over which he presided. The Stated Clerk subse-

quently sent to me a copy of the minutes an examination of which shows the large and growing field of work occupied by this sister church. My expenses, \$3.54, have been paid by your treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 7, 1904.

IV. THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH.

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

Your delegate chosen to convey the fraternal greetings of this body to the Synod of the Moravian Church, respectfully reports that the secundus, Rev. A. Zimmerman, attended the sessions of the Moravian Synod held in Bethlehem, Pa. We have learned that he was cordially received, that he made an address to which the presiding officer responded, requesting him to convey to this Synod the Christian greeting of their body and their best wishes for success in our efforts to extend the Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH.

V. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church:

Your delegate chosen to convey the greetings of this body to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, was unable to attend its sessions, and the secundus having entered another denomination, left your body without representation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BOMBERGER.

VI. REPORT OF DELEGATE TO REFORMED ALLIANCE OF GERMANY AND OTHER REFORMED BODIES IN EUROPE.

Your delegate, having been appointed to represent General Synod at the above mentioned bodies on the occasion of his visit on the continent in 1902, respectfully reports that during

his stay there none of the above mentioned bodies were in session, and is therefore unable to report anything beyond this statement.

Respectfully,

W. F. HORSTMEIER.

II. Election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

1. To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America: Rev. John M. Schick, D.D., primarius; Rev. Ph. Vollmer, D.D., secundus.

2. To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in U. S.: Rev. H. J. Christman, primarius; Rev. A. K. Zartman, D.D., Secundus.

3. To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: Rev. William C. Schaeffer, D.D., primarius; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., secundus.

4. The Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church: Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D.D., primarius; Rev. Henry H. Apple, secundus.

5. German Evangelical Synod of North America: Rev. Charles F. Kriete, D.D., primarius; Rev. Frank Grether, D.D., secundus.

6. General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church: Rev. William A. Hale, D.D., primarius; Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., secundus.

III. Delegates from Corresponding Bodies.

No delegates were present from any of the corresponding bodies. A letter of regrets was received from Rev. J. A. Hall, D.D., of Canton, Ohio, a delegate from the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, stating his inability of being present at these sessions conveying the fraternal greetings of the body which he had the honor to represent.

On the 5th day of the sessions Rev. Henry Otis Dwight, a representative of the American Bible Society was introduced to General Synod, who briefly addressed the body on the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in Home and Foreign lands, and the wonderful work that is being accomplished in opening the

heathen world for the great work of evangelization. The address delivered was well received, and a resolution was adopted commending the American Bible Society to the Church for its aid and its prayers.

IV. The Alliance of Reformed Churches.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod on the second day of the sessions reported in item 4 the election of delegates to the Alliance of Reformed Churches, Liverpool, England. The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE DELEGATION TO THE EIGHTH GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES HOLD-
ING THE PRESBYTERIAN SYSTEM.

FATHERS AND BRETHEREN: The Eighth General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, met in the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 28th, 1904, and adjourned on Thursday evening, July 7th. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. John Watson, D.D., of Liverpool, on the topic "Reasonableness the Touchstone of Truth." The opening address was delivered after the sermon by Principal Caven, of Toronto, the President of the Alliance. The program for the morning, afternoon and evening sessions was composed of papers, discussions and addresses on theological, ecclesiastical and practical subjects.

The Reformed Church in the United States was represented on the program by a paper on "Recent Theological Movements in Germany," by Dr. Richards, an address on "The Master's Command to the Church," by Dr. Shick, and a report on Church work on the European Continent, by Dr. James I. Good; while Dr. J. S. Stahr presided at the Friday evening meeting. Two of the members of the Reformed Church were members of the Business Committee of the Alliance. The following delegates elected by the last General Synod, or afterwards appointed by the President, were in attendance: Pastors John M. Shick, D.D., John S. Stahr, LL.D., John H. Prugh,

D.D., Henry M. Hermann, D.D., John C. Bowman, D.D., Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., William C. Schaeffer, D.D., Cyrus Musser, D.D., J. J. Good, D.D., H. M. J. Kline, D.D., G. W. Richards, D.D., and A. S. Weber, D.D.; Elders P. Keil, Esq., and George A. Wood, Esq.

The following pastors and elders of the Reformed Church in the United States were appointed members of the Executive Commission, Western Section: Pastors Drs. Good, Prugh, Shick, Richards, Cléver and Rev. B. S. Stern; Elders George F. Baer, Esq., and John W. Appel, Esq.

The genial hospitality of the Christian people of Liverpool, as well as the personnel and spirit of the Alliance, made the Eighth Council both profitable and enjoyable for those in attendance. The Council accepted the invitation extended by the Classis of New York of the Reformed Church in America, and by the Presbytery of New York of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, to meet in the city of New York in the year 1909.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we call the attention of your honorable body to the death of the last President, Dr. Caven, since the meeting of the Alliance. Than he, there was no member in attendance commanding more general respect, reverence and affection.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. RICHARDS, *Chairman.*

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

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, on the seventh day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The Report is as follows, to wit:

I. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To your committee were referred various reports and other communications, most of which are printed and from which the following items are condensed and presented to General Synod for action:

1. General Synod has learned with great pleasure of the invitation extended by the German Emperor to the Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., to attend in his official capacity as President of General Synod, the dedication of the Reformed Cathedral at Berlin, in February last. We hereby express to his Majesty the great appreciation of this body of the honor thus conferred upon our Church, and we assure him of our well-wishes and prayers for the peace and prosperity of the great German empire.

2. General Synod notes with gratitude the cordial invitation of the Classis of Amsterdam, in Holland, extended to our Church to participate in the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the organization of that venerable body, which has been a faithful foster-mother to our own Church in America during the years of her infancy and poverty. We hereby endorse the official letter of congratulation sent by the President of General Synod in response to that invitation, as published at the time in our church papers.

3. General Synod learns with great pleasure of the interest manifested by the Reformed Church of Hungary in the welfare of our own Church, as evidenced by the cordial greetings contained in an official letter sent to this body by the Rev. Bartholomew Kunz, in the name of the President of the General Conventus of the Reformed Church in Hungary. We heartily reciprocate this feeling of love and esteem, and direct the Committee of Correspondence with Continental Churches to convey these greetings, and give expression to our sentiments of fraternal affection to our brethren in Hungary.

4. Nothing pleases General Synod more than the continued prosperity of the cause of the Reformed Church throughout Germany, crystallized in the "Reformirte Bund," and evidenced in the reports received from the Secretary of the Union, as well as from the reports of our correspondents.

We highly appreciate the fraternal feelings shown to representatives of our Church who from time to time have attended the bi-annual meetings of the "Reformirte Bund." We hereby appoint Rev. Dr. Roentgen, of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey to

the officers of the Union the fraternal greetings of General Synod, and authorize the Stated Clerk of this body to give credentials to any minister or elder of our Church who should wish to attend the meeting of the "Bund," which will be held at Herford, in the month of August of this year.

5. The twenty-first day of May having been the day set apart by the Alliance of the Reformed Churches for the observance of the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Knox, the Reformer of Scotland, General Synod hereby gives expression to its high appreciation of the life and work of that great leader of the Reformed cause in the sixteenth century, and we instruct the Committee of Correspondence with Foreign Churches to convey these sentiments to that church in Scotland which has the honor of claiming in a more intimate way the "man who never feared the face of men," as her reformer and leader.

And since the precise day of Knox's birth is uncertain, we request all our congregations, if they have not observed May 21, to appoint a time most convenient to them for observing in a fitting way the birth of a man whom also our Church regards as one of the founders and fathers of the Reformed Church.

6. As the 400th birthday of John Calvin will occur in the year 1909, we recommend the appointment of a special committee to propose to the next General Synod a plan for the appropriate celebration, by our church bodies as well as congregations, of the birthday of the man whom we, together with the Protestant world, regard as one of the greatest leaders of the Church Universal.

7. Two papers from the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches have been referred to this committee. As they are too extensive to be printed in full in our minutes, we recommend the following resolutions, proposed by that body, for adoption:

Concerning the use of the Bible in the public schools:

"(a) We recommend that General Synod expresses its sincere gratification that so much stress is laid upon sound moral training by our school system, and that the Bible is so

largely read in the public schools of this country; and it also expresses the earnest hope that this desirable condition may continue through all the days to come.

“(b) We recommend that General Synod express its regret that confusion should have been introduced into the practice regarding the use of the Bible in our public schools, by reason of the inconsistent decisions by the courts and the varying interpretations given by school authorities in different places of practically the same constitutional and statutory provisions, and that the Church advises its officers and people that they should seek to exert a prudent Christian influence upon public sentiment in their respective localities upon this subject.

“(c) We recommend that this Synod declares that moral instruction and ethical training are necessary for good citizenship, and should have a place in our public school system, and that this is possible without inculcating any denominational tenets; and, further, that the Bible is the very best instrument to impart this moral instruction and training, in connection with our public schools.”

8. With reference to religious work in the Philippines and Porto Rico:

“(a) We rejoice in the provisions of the Constitution of the United States of America which are designed to aid in the promotion of religious liberty.

“(b) We understand that the relation of the Federal Government of the United States to religious work in the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico is and ought to be one of absolute impartiality between different religious denominations, and of helpfulness in establishing full religious liberty, limited, however, by the qualification that no religious practices should be tolerated which are recognized ‘by the general consent of the Christian world in modern times as proper for prohibitory legislation.’”

9. Concerning a plan for keeping temporarily absent members of our congregations in closer touch with the privileges and activities of the Church:

“(a) That pastoral efforts be constantly made to impress on church members customarily absent from home the obligations of the Christian profession and their duty to wait faithfully on Gospel ordinances wherever in God’s providence they may be.

“(b) That there be the endeavor to secure correspondence at stated intervals between absentee members and the home church, and, as well, a regular receipt of contributions for the Lord’s cause.

“(c) That absent church members, whether traveling or localized, be given commendatory testimonials, such as were employed in the ancient Church, to be used as introductions in Churches and wherever else there may be occasion for them.

“(d) That our congregations have a ‘Stranger’s Committee,’ like that found in the United Free Church of Scotland, or a similar Committee, charged to be on the lookout for visiting church members, to extend them a fraternal greeting, and to assure them of a cordial welcome to the place of worship and to all the privileges of the congregation.”

10. The Alliance of Reformed Churches has appointed Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., as a delegate to convey to this General Synod its fraternal greetings.

11. The amount towards defraying the expenses of the Alliance apportioned to our Church is \$390 per annum.

12. It is recommended that Rev. Mr. Stuebi be appointed a member of the Committee on Correspondence with the Continental Churches.

13. Erie Classis complains of an unfriendly spirit exhibited by our Presbyterian brethren in connection with our Hungarian work in Cleveland. We recommend reference of this complaint to our Board of Home Missions for careful investigation and action.

PHILIP VOLLMER,
N. H. SKYLES,
J. H. STEELE,
J. W. WILSON,
N. C. E. GUTH.

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church submitted its report on the eighth day of the sessions, which was received and adopted. The report reads as follows, to wit :

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

DEAR BRETHREN : The reports on the State of the Church submitted by the different Synods included in this body, the reports of the various Boards of the Church and the discussions which have taken place on the floor of this Synod, together with the personnel and the general spirit of the Synod, all serve to emphasize the fact that we have reached a period in our history that is of profound significance. For the encouraging growth of the church during the last three years, the prosperity of our literary and theological institutions, the progress of our missionary work, the increase in the benevolent contributions of the Church, and for the spirit of harmony and mutual confidence, manifest now more than ever before, we owe devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, whose signal blessing has been upon our labors, and whose Spirit has manifested His power in the hearts of His people.

The age in which we live, with all the advantages which accrue from the forces of civilization and culture, and which are available for the service of the Church and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, presents problems of great difficulty, and is fraught with danger to many precious interests. Whilst it is undoubtedly true that in scientific circles materialism is on the wane, and there is a growing recognition of the spiritual and supernatural elements of our composite human nature, there is, at the same time a fearful tendency towards a practical materialism, a secularizing trend in modern life by virtue of our marvelous industrial development, which draws men away from the contemplation of divine realities and high ideals, and often captivates their best powers in the service of this world to the exclusion of all concern for the things that have permanent value and soul-satisfying power. Again, the application of

scientific methods to the study of religious questions and phenomena, has produced a good deal of uncertainty and unrest because of the changed view-point in the development of doctrine; and this uncertainty is increased by the bold and often rash assertions of scholars who claim to have made new discoveries subversive of old truths, when, after all, a little patience and further investigation will serve to show that the old verities of the faith remain sure and steadfast. For these reasons many tremble for the safety of the ark of God. But there is abundant evidence to show that, notwithstanding these tendencies of the present age, there is in the Reformed Church a healthy spiritual life, that faith which works by love has never brought forth better and richer fruit within our borders than at the present time, and that the outlook for the future in the maintenance and development of our precious heritage is bright with promise.

Such evidence is found, first of all, in the normal, healthy growth of the Church during the last triennium. The statistical tables show an increase of 48 ministers, 37 congregations, 8,546 members, 5,991 communicants, 173 infant baptisms, 617 confirmations, and 723 receptions by certificate and renewal of profession. There is a loss of 2,064 unconfirmed members, 66 adult baptisms, and 38 students for the ministry. There are 34 Sunday-schools less; but there is an increase of 97 scholars and 399 officers and teachers. The benevolent contributions have grown larger by \$90,744, and the contributions for congregational purposes have increased \$147,988. Some of these figures suggest discrepancies in the statistical reports for which allowance must be made. But taking them all in all they indicate growth and progress. The increase in the contributions of the churches for congregational and benevolent purposes is particularly gratifying, resting, your committee believes, not simply upon larger means as the wealth of the community grows, but also upon a deeper consciousness of the needs and opportunities of the Church, and a spirit of love and devotion to her interests on the part of the members.

Of even deeper significance is the phenomenal progress

made during the last three years in the missionary operations of the Church, and the prosperity of her educational institutions. The presence at this Synod of so many missionaries from the home and foreign fields, the messages which they bring, and the reports which come to us from the different Boards are soul-inspiring, and challenge both the gratitude of the Church for the success which God has seen fit to grant His servants in their labors, and the zeal and self-sacrificing devotion of the church in the prosecution of the Master's work in view of the great opportunities which are open before us.

Our literary and theological institutions are fully alive to the problems of Christian education committed to their hands, and there is great cause for rejoicing in the fact that every one of them is making strenuous efforts to increase its efficiency and enlarge its influence. Still more is it a cause for rejoicing that men and women whom God has blessed with temporal good, and who have the means to do liberal things for these institutions, are learning to see the importance of strengthening these factors of our Church life, because upon these institutions depend the prosperity of our congregations, the success of our missions, and the tone and character of our moral and religious life.

Again, that the heart of the Church beats true to the spirit of our loving Lord and Master, is evident from the fostering care bestowed upon the orphans of the Church, and growing disposition to provide for aged and disabled ministers and ministers' widows, and to extend help to the destitute and the afflicted by loving ministration in Deaconess Homes and Hospitals. For the Master has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

All these facts indicate a growing consciousness of our mission, an awakening sense of power, a deepening insight into the magnitude of the opportunities and responsibilities which lie before us. From this point of view, it is not without significance that this Synod was represented by its president at the consecration of the Protestant Cathedral in Berlin, that the labors of our missionaries and the work of our literary and

theological institutions challenge the attention of thoughtful men throughout the world, and that there is fairly thrust upon us the necessity of rising to a higher plane of effort and accomplishment in the Sunday-school, in the College, in the Theological Seminary, and in missionary activity. And shall not the quickened conscience, prompting to fuller consecration, and the trumpet call of need and opportunity for larger work in the Church, make us ashamed of discord and doubt, and hesitation, and unite us, heart and hand, in zealous endeavor to do the Master's work in the Master's own way?

It is with profound sorrow that we refer to the unusually large death roll as reported by the Stated Clerk. Sixty-one ministers have finished their labors on earth, and gone to their eternal home, in the presence of their Lord and Redeemer. Among these, we find many whose services were pre-eminently valuable in the Church, and whose fragrant memory will abide among us for years to come. The Brethren Dahlman and Callender, Rupp and Gerhart and Sechler, so full of service, so illustrious in their work, so faithful in their devotion, certainly deserve the tribute of our affection and esteem in connection with the keen sense of sorrow which we feel because of their departure.

Seeing that so many have fallen, and that the number of those who are willing to take up the work of ministry in their stead is so small, let us strive to be more faithful and diligent, each one in his calling, and let us pray the Lord of the harvest that he send more laborers into His vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,
HENRY S. GEKELER,
JOHN H. PRUGH,
J. S. KIEFFER,
F. VON TACKY.

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IN MEMORIAM

REV. JACOB DAHLMAN, D.D.—DIED DEC. 23, A. D. 1902.

This General Synod desires to express and place on record its grateful appreciation of the long-continued and faithful services of the Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D.D., for many years an officer of this body, first as German Clerk and afterwards as Assistant State Clerk. Dr. Dahlman was officially connected with this General Synod from the time of its organization, in 1863, to the time of his death, December 23, 1902. Perhaps no one was more intimately acquainted with the business of this Synod, in all its details, than he. By his knowledge of the affairs of the Synod, its traditions and customs, the questions previously decided by it, and the questions coming up for decision, from time to time, he was able to be, in an unusual degree, serviceable and useful to this body. Certainly no one was more attentive, diligent and painstaking than he in the fulfilment of his duties as a member and officer of this General Synod. Remembering the valuable services rendered by this our brother, his warm-hearted and affectionate disposition, and his ardent and life-long devotion to the Church of which he was a minister, this General Synod expresses its respect for his character, and its sense of the loss it has sustained by his death, and of his worthiness to be held in grateful and affectionate remembrance by us all.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER,
HENRY T. SPANGLER.

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Communication from the General Conventus of the Reformed Church in Hungary.

To the Reformed Church in the United States of America:

DEAR BRETHREN—The General Conventus, as the highest governing body of the Reformed Church of Hungary, during its sittings, held at Budapest, June 3-6, in 1903, had the honor

of receiving your salutation, dated at Reading, Pa., 11 March (1903), and also a copy of the Proceeding-book of your Baltimore Synod.

Our heart is filled up with thanks and gratitude for the Christian care and sacrifices, with your Church—like ours in designation and creed—by its Board of Home Missions, had done towards our brethren in faith who emigrated to your land of freedom. We are long ago seeking the relation with your Church, under whose protecting wings our emigrated families had found a second home and won helping hands for the maintenance of the religious life of their own. We are also convinced of obligations for doing our best to join hands with yours in matters of sustaining your efforts for our Hungarians among you.

In order that the fraternal relation should take a lasting shape, our Conventus recently decreed:

1. We perpetuate your fraternal greeting in our Proceeding-book, and at the same time we return our warmest salutation expressed in this present letter.

Your Church was, in former centuries, united with Holland. We are also much indebted to that free nation and its Reformed Church, namely, during the thirty years' wars and afterwards, our candidates for ministry received their final and fuller instruction in the famous universities of Holland. Further, the Confederated Belgic States saved (11 February, 1676,) the Hungarian exiled ministers, who, like confessors, suffered in chains, from out the galleys of Naples. Your Church became, since 1793, self-sustaining, and independent from the Mother Church, and grew, during a century, as a powerful Reformed Church. Under the historical developments—which no human eye could foresee—and under the hidden guidance of the Providence, lo! your Church was called to make shine the Gospel's light upon our Hungarian brethren, and to foster them in our creeds. Thus are we brought into connection with you, dear brethren! May be blessed the miraculous hand of the Almighty God that He deigned to present, with such a protecting Church, our fellow men in the transatlantic regions, whereto, short of means, our hands could

not reach immediately. This touching motive urges us to lend a helping hand to your Church. Accept, therefore, we pray, our warmest greeting, with the promise that we shall do all possible for the durability of the common and necessary relation.

2. Our Conventus resolved to form a standing committee of five members, whose problem will be to study the means to realize these connections, and also to gain information about the demands of your Board of Home Missions, including the gaining of knowledge in regard to the condition and organization of the Hungarian congregations already formed. This standing committee shall prepare a project to our next Conventus, and thence to our General Synod, which will convene in the issuing year. Such a synod must be held, usually, according to our constitution, once in every tenth year, while our Conventus convenes every year.

Till the convocation of the General Synod, the Presidency of the Conventus must follow, with due attention, the events of the Hungarian believers in America; and in case of necessity, it should take steps for acting through the Cis-danubian Superintendency. Therefore, we ask your committee to send all communications to the ministerial president of our Conventus.

We send this salutation and information to Rev. Dr. J. Good, asking him to lay it before the Corresponding Committee and to the respective forums. We adjoin a copy of the Proceeding-book of our Conventus.

We are greeting gratefully the presidents and office-bearers of your Synod, and the whole Reformed Church, praying God's all blessings upon them, that your dear Church may be enabled to fulfil the multifarious tasks to advance from victory to victory.

Budapest, 5 September, 1903.

The Presidents of the General Conventus of the Reformed Church in Hungary:

BARTHOLOMEW KUNTZ,

Pastor at Miskolcz, and Superintendent (bishop) of Cis-tibiscan Superintendency.

P. BARIFFY VENO,

Chief Curator of the Transylvanian Superintendency.

Necrology.

As an additional record of facts supplementary to the preceding report on the State of the Church, it is herewith reported that the following ministers of the Reformed Church have died during the triennial interim, beginning June 1, 1902, and closing May 16, 1905. Fifty-one ministerial brethren have fallen asleep and entered into rest.

JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Names.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Residence.	Time of Death	Age.		
					Yrs.	Mo.	Da.
Aszman, Robert G.	1880	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.	Apr. 21, 1904	54	4	28
Bartholomew, Abraham	1861	1861	Lehighton, Pa.	Aug. 15, 1903	70	4	28
Bank, D.D., Carl	1855	1856	New Brunswick, N.J.	Apr. 21, 1901	71	7	1
Bridenbaugh, Paul S.	1903	.....	Reading, Pa.	Aug. 31, 1904	24	6	25
Callender, D.D., Sam'l N.	1845	1846	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	May 5, 1904	84	.....	19
Cort, Lucian	1857	1858	Scottdale, Pa.	Mar. 29, 1905	80	11	2
Dahlman, D.D., Jacob	1862	1862	Glade Run, Pa.	Dec. 23, 1902	71	8	12
Dieffenbacher, Eusebius H.	1866	1866	Jerseytown, Pa.	Nov. 27, 1901	67	5	21
Dieffenbacher, Cyrus R.	1862	1862	Youngstown, Pa.	Dec. 4, 1904	64	11	12
Ebbinghaus, Jno. Wm.	1865	1865	Nashville, Tenn.	Dec. 3, 1901	62	11	22
Facius, Gustavus	1876	1876	Washington, D. C.	Sept. 8, 1903	72	11	16
Fenneman, D.D., W. H.	1839	1839	Hamilton, Ohio	Nov. 18, 1901	72	4	17
Geary, Ambrose Carl	1870	1871	Fishersville, Pa.	Dec. 7, 1901	57	10	1
Gerhard, D.D., Calvin S.	1870	1870	Reading, Pa.	Oct. 29, 1902	57	.....	26
Gerhart, D.D., Eml. Vogel.	1841	1842	Lancaster, Pa.	May 6, 1904	86	10	11
Grether, Frederick	1898	.....	Glendale, W. Va.	Sept. 1, 1904	32	9	24
Good, Reuben	1845	1845	Tiffin, Ohio	May 31, 1903	84	10	23
Goss, D.D., Sebastian C.	1866	1866	Wadsworth, Ohio	Feb. 21, 1904	62	7	12
Hartzell, George P.	1876	1876	Liscomb, Iowa	Aug. 25, 1902	57	7	23
Hennung, George W.	1863	1863	Osnaburg, Ohio	Oct. 24, 1902	69	9	19
Henschen, Ernst Wm.	1873	1873	Cleveland, Ohio	Mar. 26, 1903	53	4	8
Herold, Julius A. ....	.....	.....	Allegheny, Pa.	Oct. 21, 1902	76	3	18
Hilbish, Henry	1857	.....	Jonestown, Pa.	Aug. 26, 1904	67	11	13
Hoffmeier, Thos. Franklin.	1868	1869	Mt. Pleasant, Md.	Nov. 1, 1902	65	.....	1
Hottenstein, Aaron R.	1861	1862	Mahanoy, Pa.	March 4, 1901	68	11	16
Huber, Thos. A.	1876	1876	S. Bethlehem, Pa.	July 22, 1904	59	6	9
Kefauver, D.D., Lewis H.	1853	1854	Tiffin, Ohio	April 25, 1903	76	3	.....
Keller, D.D., Reuben	1877	1877	Lindsey, Ohio	May 3, 1905	57	.....	.....
Kercher, John	1836	1836	Lacon, Ill.	Jan. 29, 1904	91	11	6
Klein, David Glinther.	1857	1857	Redding, Cal.	Jan. 17, 1905	76	2	26
Knepper, Charles	1867	1867	Carnegie, Pa.	Apr. 3, 1903	68	4	.....
Mayer, Luclan J.	1860	1860	Oak Lane, Pa.	July 27, 1903	69	.....	.....
Marcus, Frederick W.	1879	1879	Galion, Ohio	Aug. 13, 1904	52	1	24
Madrook, William D.	1852	1852	Paterson, N. J.	Aug. 22, 1903	75	7	14
Rupp, D.D., William	1861	1865	Lancaster, Pa.	Apr. 3, 1904	64	11	17
Rusterholz, Ernst J.	1897	1897	Green Bay, Wis.	July 24, 1904	28	10	.....
Schorcy, Peter D.	1844	1844	Lancaster, Ohio.	May 1, 1903	91	1	27
Schwartz, D.D., Louis Benj.	1844	1844	Brookline, Mass.	Nov. 9, 1903	82	4	27
Schwedes, D.D., Francis R.	1862	1862	Terre Haute, Ind.	Sept. 26, 1903	73	3	21
Sechler, D.D., John H.	1874	1875	Philadelphia, Pa.	Apr. 12, 1905	54	.....	.....
Shaley, William E.	1886	.....	Waukegan, Ill.	Nov. 4, 1903	40	7	11
Shriver, Walter W.	1901	1901	Las Vegas, N. M.	Aug. 11, 1902	29	.....	.....
Siles, Isaac A.	1870	1870	Tiffin, Ohio	Mar. 10, 1905	56	7	1
Steinacker, Wm. H. E.	1884	1884	Plymouth, Wis.	Sept. 8, 1902	44	9	15
Steinmetz, D.D., Jno. W.	1858	1858	Reading, Pa.	Jan. 24, 1905	70	11	10
Vitz, Peter	1855	1856	Huntingdon, Ill.	June 25, 1904	78	8	19
Vogelin, John	1869	1869	Germantown, Pa.	Sept. 15, 1901	63	.....	.....
Yogt, D.D., John	1846	1846	Delaware, Ohio	Nov. 2, 1902	77	10	1
Walbert, George B.	1889	1889	East Greenville	June 13, 1903	40	7	6
Wells, Louis Martin.	1889	1890	Bellaire, Ohio	July 27, 1902	36	2	25
Ziegler, Jacob	1871	1871	Avenue City, Mo.	Aug. 8, 1903	83	2	5

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, 1905.

In 1863, now forty-two years ago, the General Synod was constituted, and at once organized its Board of Home Missions. It was not, however, until 1890 and 1892 that the several missionary organizations which had hitherto existed in the District Synods were unified and brought to work harmoniously under the General Board. The present method of administration has therefore existed for only about fourteen years. These have been years marked by uninterrupted growth and gratifying results, and have borne testimony to the wisdom of the plan of unification which the Church at that time adopted.

At the close of the fourteenth triennium, we submit to your reverend body a report of the work prosecuted during the past three years, that will give an outline of the progress, the results, the present condition, the prospects and the needs of the cause entrusted to our care.

AN OCCASION FOR GRATITUDE.

Your Board feels constrained to call upon Synod to join us in thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for his signal blessing and favor shown to the officers and members of your Board, and to the missionaries and their families under its care, in preserving their lives and in permitting them to continue their work under favorable circumstances. The marked achievements of the past three years have brought the cause of home missions to the highest point ever reached in the history of our Church. While this is largely due to the divine favor that has attended our efforts, yet much is due also to the intelligent interest, earnest co-operation, inspiring

confidence and liberal support that have been given to the Board in its work by the pastors and congregations of the Church, all of which it desires here to acknowledge and record with a profound sense of appreciation and gratitude.

ORGANIZATION.

The members of your Board met immediately upon the adjournment of the last General Synod at Baltimore, Md., on May 28, 1902, and effected an organization by the election of the following officers: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., Vice-President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Secretary; Elder George W. Stein, Treasurer, and Elder C. M. Boush, Treasurer of the Church-building Fund and Attorney of the Board. The Executive Committee was constituted of the President, Vice-President and Secretary, together with Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D., and Rev. C. E. Miller, D.D.

Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., was General Superintendent, who, in connection with the general oversight of the work, gave personal attention to the missions in Ohio and Pittsburg Synods.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer was Superintendent in the Eastern and Potomac Synods.

Rev. A. S. Dechant was Superintendent in the Synod of the Interior.

Rev. D. N. Dittmar was Field Secretary.

On January 1, 1903, Rev. A. S. Dechant resigned as Western Superintendent, in order to resume regular pastoral work.

At the annual meeting of the Board, in April, 1903, Rev. D. A. Souders was chosen to succeed Rev. A. S. Dechant, after which the following re-assignment of Superintendents was made: General Superintendent Fouse to the Synod of the Interior, Superintendent Whitmer as heretofore, and Superintendent Souders to the Ohio and Pittsburg Synods.

By this arrangement, each Superintendent now resides within the territory assigned to him, and thereby the suggestion of the last General Synod is met.

The several members of the Board have cheerfully given their best efforts to the work entrusted to them, which has a manysidedness and importance that is not always understood. Questions of finance, of law, of expediency, of organization and of administration demand constant attention.

Our Secretary, Treasurers and Attorney have rendered valuable and important services, requiring skill and trained ability, for a nominal compensation.

Our Superintendents and Field Secretary are tried men of large experience, good judgment and consecrated zeal. They mediate between the Board and the individual mission by their personal contact and their relation to both the Board and the missions. No system of correspondence from any point, however well conducted, can supersede this agency. Without it, the cause would languish, and the work in many places would be endangered.

Our missionaries, as a class, are capable, faithful, self-sacrificing and efficient. Many of them are doing heroic service that deserves the sympathy and appreciation of the Church.

Our missions are mainly located in the centres of population. They are well organized and energetically conducted. Only men who are well equipped, strong and courageous can be used as missionaries in our day. To locate and maintain missions in cities is expensive as a first cost, but wise, because of the later permanent results, as experience has abundantly proven. Our missions have grown proportionately as fast as the established charges, or even faster, and their average contributions per member have been far larger. In the face of difficulties, a broad and substantial foundation for future efficiency is being laid.

It is required of all our missions that all church property in their control shall be properly insured against fire, in some substantially accredited insurance company.

GERMAN WORK.

The two Boards of the German Synods have, with commendable zeal and encouraging success, prosecuted the work

in their respective fields. The following particulars and statistics for the German Board of the East have been given by its President, Rev. P. H. Dippell, D.D.:

By the grace of God, we have been enabled to carry on our work especially in the larger cities located within the jurisdiction of our Synod, for the reason that most of the German immigrants remaining in the East have a preference for city life. Although we frankly confess that we have not succeeded to the extent of our desires, yet we are deeply grateful to a divine Father that the work of our faithful missionaries has not been in vain. We are grateful also to the General Synod for its noble support and encouragement, without which we could not have carried on the work successfully. But we regret to report that in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Buffalo, and, in fact, in all the larger cities, are large numbers of Germans whom we have not been able to reach, and these highly important fields are still open and before us. We therefore sincerely hope and pray that your Board will again cheerfully recommend this work to be carried on by the German Synods, and so help us to carry out the work as successfully as it is possible to do.

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that one of our most promising missions in Buffalo is now self-sustaining, and the prospects are bright for several others. We have also established a new mission in Newark, N. J., to be organized in a few months.

Some of our missionaries have felt it their duty to conduct their evening services in English, in order to enable them to retain the younger element in the Church, knowing that by the use of German services exclusively, they were unable to do so.

In conclusion, we appeal for a renewal of the past appropriation. We do this in confidence, knowing that it is God's work. We try to work with enthusiasm, but to be successful we need your help.

Statistical and Financial Report.

Missions and missionaries, 13; congregations, 13; members, 2,163; unconfirmed members, 1,521; Sunday-schools, 13; scholars, officers and teachers, 2,345; churches, 12; parsonages, 11; for congregational use, \$37,242; for benevolence, \$993; value of church property, \$164,750; debt on church property, \$60,850; support given by the Board, \$3,555; amount of salary paid by the missions, \$5,910.

The triennial report of the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of the Northwest and of the Central Synod was presented by its President, Rev. Conrad Hassel, and is as follows:

The territory in which this Board is carrying on its operations is remarkable for the wealth of its material resources and the rapid growth of its population. A large per cent. of this vast population is composed of Germans. Many of them live in the large cities, others in the smaller ones, while still others take up the farm lands and form new colonies and settlements.

The Reformed Church has Bohemian missions and Hungarian missions, and it is right that it should have them. This is an important work, and its interest should be vigorously pushed. The vast importance of our foreign missions and the home work intrusted to the General Board goes without saying. But the Church should not forget its work among the Germans. Its importance should be strongly emphasized. A work of so much value to the Church as a whole deserves the hearty endorsement of its entire constituency.

Scores of German churches have become English, and others are advancing in that direction. While at one end of the line German churches are being created, at the other end many are becoming English. Whatever may be the various attitudes toward this trend, the fact is recognized by all. It may also be mentioned that circumstances make it necessary for the German Boards to support German-English missions; at present, there are seven. These facts were brought to the notice of the General Synod at its meeting in Baltimore, in

May, 1902, and it generously and unanimously passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod fully appreciates the work of home missions as conducted by the German Synods.

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.

This gives the English Synods an opportunity to do something for a work that concerns the whole Church, and enables the German Synods to concentrate their force more fully upon conquests in the German field. We hope that the General Synod will again take favorable action in this matter. The amount received up to the present writing, March 3, 1905, is \$3,222.60.*

The main stronghold of the German section of the Reformed Church lies in the West. The stupendous task of developing the vast amount of material accessible to our Church in this immense territory devolves upon the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of the Northwest and Central Synod. This work has been steadily increasing in magnitude and importance. For example:

Seven years ago, there were 24 missions and 30 congregations, with a membership of 2,587 and an annual support of \$6,825. Now there are 44 missions and 72 congregations, with a membership of 4,930 and an annual support of \$11,546. Thus in this short period there has been a numerical increase of 20 missions, 42 congregations and 2,343 members, and an increased financial support of \$4,721. Six missions have become self-supporting during the last three years, and quite a number will become in the next few years.

The time was, in the history of our German missionary operations in the West, when new fields had to be sought;

*The amount annually apportioned for three years is \$4,500. The amount received within this time is only \$7,575.07, leaving a deficit of nearly \$6,000.—Ed.

now they come to us unsought, and even more rapidly than we are able to take care of them. Christ has indeed set before us an open door, great and effectual, and no man can shut it, unless we shut it ourselves by failing to act promptly and efficiently. God has given us the opportunity, the ability, and, as a consequence, the responsibility. We append the following statistics of the past year:

Missions and missionaries, 44; congregations, 72; members, 4,930; unconfirmed members, 3,526; Sunday-schools, 58; Sunday-school scholars, officers and teachers, 3,563; for congregational use, \$28,378; for benevolence, \$4,025; churches, 43; parsonages, 30; value of church property, \$181,150; debt on church property, \$55,057; insurance, \$99,695; support given by the Board, \$11,546; salary paid by the missions, \$10,821.

HUNGARIAN WORK.

For many years, Hungarians of the Reformed faith have been emigrating to this country, until now they number perhaps one hundred thousand. About fifteen years ago, we began work among them, securing ministers from Hungary at our expense and mainly through the co-operation of the Reformed Church of that country. This work was successfully carried forward until we had on our roll of missionaries seventeen Hungarian ministers. It was to us a labor of love, costing us much concern and many thousands of dollars. We had plans for the enlargement of the work, and the future was full of bright promise. But just at this stage, in March, 1904, to our great surprise, Count Joseph Degenfeld appeared in our midst, who claimed to have come in the name and by the authority of the Reformed Church in Hungary. He at once began privately and by personal interviews to treat with our ministers and congregations, and succeeded in alienating and leading to secession eight of the seventeen ministers and six of the seventeen congregations, while they were in organic relation with the Reformed Church in the United States and under the direction of its Board of Home Missions. These ministers, in October, 1904, in the name and by the authority of the Reformed Church of Hungary, organized "The American Hungarian Classis,"

subject to the Church in Hungary and owing allegiance to that body. By this act, she violated and brought into reproach her own church law, which requires that a transfer of church relation can be made only through a certificate of dismissal.

If she had been taking care of her own people in this country, we would never have entered upon this work. If she is now concerned for the spiritual interests of her countrymen, there are many thousands whom we have not reached and who are spiritually destitute. Why not go to these and let our work alone?

But all honor to the ministers and congregations whom the glitter of gold cannot bribe, and whom the threat of being discredited in the home land did not drive to dishonor their vows and obligations to the Church into which they have been incorporated. Where Christian integrity is recognized, they will be held in growing estimation.

This movement to establish an American Hungarian Church has been irregular, unconstitutional, revolutionary and demoralizing. It is not a withdrawal, but a secession and an effort to set up a rival organization.

We would fain believe that the Church in Hungary has been unwittingly led to countenance and authorize this movement, and we are willing also to believe that the ministers and congregations that have been induced to go into this secession movement have done so without realizing the position in which they have placed themselves before God and all right-thinking men. This condition of things led the Board, in February last, to send a statement of these facts to our English, to our German and especially to our Hungarian people, that the whole Church might the better understand the gross wrong done by this effort to establish a foreign Church on American soil, thus occasioning division instead of unity in the body of Christ.

The ministers and the congregations out of whom The American Hungarian Classis has been organized are as follows: Rev. Zoltan Kutly, New York, N. Y.; Rev. Elemer Kutly, Passaic, N. J.; Rev. Alexander Vajo, Woodbridge, N. J.; Rev. Ladislaus Bereczky, Phoenixville, Pa.; Rev. John Ujlaky, Mt.

Carmel, Pa.; Rev. Julius Balogh, Pocahontas, Va.; Rev. Bela Kovacs, Johnstown, Pa., without his congregation, and Rev. Ernest Komjathy, Bridgeport, Conn., without his congregation. The South River, N. J., congregation also refused to go with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Vajo, but has since united with the Presbyterian Hungarian Church.

In certain localities, the people, in large numbers, refused to go with their pastors; and now, in some cases, as the result, an antagonistic congregation has been organized in the same town. It is apparent that there will be hindrance in our work, especially in getting ministers from Hungary, and we may be compelled to educate a Hungarian ministry in this country. A beginning has already been made. Through funds contributed especially for this purpose, we are now assisting two students in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. Our Superintendents have been instructed to seek out, through the Hungarian pastors, suitable candidates for the ministry from among their own people. The challenge is also made to persons of means to help this feature of the work by special gifts so as to enable us to raise up a Hungarian ministry on our own soil, which shall be in accord with American church life. The Board proposes to continue this interesting and important work, even though at some disadvantage. We must protect and take care of the ministers and congregations who have chosen to remain with us. The amount apportioned upon all the Synods for Hungarian and Bohemian work was \$27,000. The amount received was only \$14,022.21, leaving a deficiency of \$12,977.79.

BOHEMIAN WORK.

There is a large Bohemian population in the United States, among whom we have two organized missions, the one on the west side of Chicago, Ill., and the other in Cleveland, Ohio. Both of them are well located and now have creditable and comfortable church buildings. The Bohemian work is especially difficult because the people are largely dominated by infidel leaders. Quite two-thirds of the Bohemian papers circulated in the United States are infidel in tendency. Because this is so, and the work is difficult, it is all the more important that it be vigorously prosecuted.

THE HARBOR MISSION.

The harbor mission at New York City is on Ellis Island and under the efficient management of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte. He is now in the fifteenth year of this service, and is familiar with the laws, rules and regulations of the government, and therefore can assist immigrants in conforming to them. He is also well acquainted with the ministers and congregations of our Church, and can direct strangers to desirable locations for church advantages as well as to where they may find suitable employment. Foreigners of the Reformed faith are met at the landing by our missionary and a kindly hand is extended to help them as they set foot on our shores. Ministers, parents and relatives both in Europe and America direct children and even whole families coming to our land to the care of the Harbor missionary at New York. Single women, young children or aged persons traveling alone from the United States to Europe are also frequently directed to him. He meets them on their arrival at the railroad depot, takes them to proper lodging places and conducts them to the departing steamer.

Besides caring for the welfare of our own people he is active in general charity work among the immigrants. He has now served under five different commissioners, doing work which government officers cannot do, such as providing clothing for the poor who have lost their baggage on the voyage. Also food is furnished in cases of need, and in extreme cases even railroad tickets. Cases of distress are not confined to immigrants, but among them are citizens of the United States returning to this country, sick, helpless and penniless. The funds of this charity are furnished by congregations, societies and individuals who have learned by actual contact the need of this phase of work at the landing.

But above all this is the spiritual assistance given. The sick in the hospitals are visited and the afflicted comforted. Many deaths occur, many are deported and thereby fond hopes are crushed. Many are afraid to state their case to the government officers, but open their hearts in confidence to the minister of the gospel.

Many immigrants after having located in this country seek the further advice of the first friend they met on landing, the Harbor missionary. The correspondence that he conducts as a part of the work of his office amounts to about 1,500 letters each year. He distributes yearly among the immigrants about 1,000 church calendars with the names and addresses of our Reformed ministers in the United States, about 1,000 tracts with the same names and addresses, and about 800 copies of the *Kirchenzeitung*, with the news from our congregations, whereby the strangers are enabled to get reliable information as to where they may find Reformed churches in which to worship and a friendly invitation to unite with a congregation as soon as they reach their new home.

All this work must be done in rain or sunshine, early in the morning or late at night, as the discharge from the vessel at the landing may take place. The stress and strain of this trying and important work are not generally appreciated. It is an efficient factor in the extension of our Church, the value of which cannot be estimated.

We regret to report that of the \$3,600 apportioned for this triennium only \$3,014.62 reached our treasury. This work cannot be conducted for less than the full amount apportioned. The debt here created is part of the amount we are compelled to carry.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONARY.

In accordance with an agreement 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. A. C. Dieffenbach filled the position when our last report was made and was assigned to Allegheny, Pa., where he continued up to December 31, 1902, when he was released as Sunday-school missionary and commissioned to take charge of the mission organized at that place. The office remained vacant until December 1, 1904, when Rev. Henry S. Gekeler was commissioned and sent to Indianapolis, Ind., where he is expected to continue until we can organize and sustain a mission there.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The women of the Church are organized into Synodical and Classical societies in the Eastern, Ohio, Pittsburg and Interior Synods. There is no Synodical society in the Potomac Synod, though some of its Classes are organized.

Woman's organized work has given strength to the missionary operations of the Church. The special training of thousands of young people, reaching even to the children in Mission Bands, must not be computed by the outward results at hand and therefore cannot be estimated.

The society of General Synod has paid into the treasury of our Board during the triennium for general work \$9,474.66, and for church-building \$1,432.05, a total of \$10,906.71. The figures given may not indicate the full extent of their help, but this is what we received.

The Board is thankful to the women for the assistance given and congratulates them on the excellent work they are doing; and we earnestly beg them to give to home missionary work the large consideration and aid which its importance demands.

HOME MISSIONARY DAY.

The Board has sought to make effective the second Sunday in November, set apart by General Synod as Sunday-school Home Missionary Day. We have each year at our expense distributed suitable programs and envelopes among the pastors of the English congregations throughout the Church. No doubt good has resulted therefrom, but there has been no apparent corresponding increase in the offerings for home missions. We are therefore led to believe that the funds contributed on this day have been largely applied to the apportionment for home missions, instead of being returned as special offerings with which the Board should undertake additional work, as the General Synod intended. The day was designed to provide a favorable opportunity for the training of the young in the knowledge of our work and in the spirit of benevolence, and not in any sense to take from the congregation the privilege and responsibility of giving to the full extent of their ability

toward the support of the benevolent operations of the Church. This day should not be made a substitute for systematic, intelligent and faithful giving in the congregation.

A MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.

To meet an expressed desire and in order to furnish all necessary information concerning Home Missions the Board in September, 1903, began to publish a small four-page monthly called *The Home Missionary Bulletin* for gratuitous circulation in the English Synods. We supposed it could be mailed like other publications at one cent a pound; but as it had no subscription list and was sent for free distribution, this could not be done. It is now sent at the nominal yearly cost of one cent a copy. It contains no general church or secular news, but home missionary matter only, so as not to interfere with any of the other church periodicals.

Its present circulation is 26,000, but to accomplish its purpose fully a copy ought each month to be placed in every family in the Church. It is believed that the cost incurred in its publication, possibly \$1,400 a year, will be far more than compensated by the results that may be expected to follow the fresh and important information that is monthly communicated through its columns.

LEGACIES.

We have received as legacies, other than for Church-building Funds, during the past three years the sum of \$3,674.82. 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 recorded with particulars in the Treasurer's statement which is a part of this report.

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, 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. 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 eighty of these funds on record and at work, over \$106,000, all gathered since April, 1886.

In the triennial report of 1899 the Board gave a full list of the funds received up to April 1, 1899; and in the report of 1902 the list was continued to April 1, 1902.

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, 1902, and April 1, 1905, including the name of the fund, the name of the giver, the date of the giving and the place and the time of use. When the name of a place is given, of course the mission there located is meant.

I. THOSE OF THE BI-SYNODIC BOARD.

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

44. The Michael Weiss Church-building Fund, \$500. Given March 22, 1902, by will of Elder Michael Weiss, of Wapwallopen, Pa.

45. The Archie Campbell Shuford Church-building Fund, \$500. Given January 20, 1903, by Elder A. A. Shuford, of Hickory, N. C.

46. The Josiah Griffith Church-building Fund, \$500. Given May 24, 1904, by will of Josiah Griffith, of Inler, Pa.

47. The Second Church (Reading) Sunday-school Church-building Fund, \$500. Given June 23, 1904, by the Sunday-school of the Second church, Reading, Pa.

48. The Benneville and Seraphine A. Dissler Church-building Fund, \$1,000. Given September 7, 1904, by will of Mrs. Seraphine A. Dissler, of the Second church, Reading, Pa.

49. The Leonora Boys Church-building Fund, \$1,000. Given September 7, 1904, by will of Mrs. Seraphine A. Dissler, of the Second church, Reading, Pa.

50. The Rev. Dr. Jacob O. Miller Church-building Fund, \$500. Given January, 1905, by will of Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, of York, Pa.

51. The Catharine Trone and Richard Bernard Schmidt Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed March 30, 1905, by Rev. Ambrose M. and Mrs. Alda May Schmidt.

II. THOSE OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

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

79. The Whitemarsh Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by the congregation and Sunday-school at Fort Washington, Pa. Completed December 24, 1901, but, by oversight, omitted from the list of May 1, 1902. Invested at Ohmer Park, Dayton, O.

80. The Mary J. Brinker Church-building Fund, \$2,450. Given by will of Miss Mary J. Brinker, Lisbon, O. Completed April 18, 1902. Of this amount, \$1,500 were loaned to the Hungarian church, New York, N. Y. Now invested in Lorain, O. Invested in Homestead, Pa., \$950.

81. The Daniel and Polly Frantz Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by Mrs. Polly Frantz, Adam N. Frantz and Rev. Daniel N. Frantz, of Dakota, Ill., June 18, 1900, and invested in Des Moines, Iowa.

82. The Rev. Daniel N. Frantz Church-building Fund, \$500. Given July 9, 1902, by the will of Mrs. Polly Frantz, Dakota, Ill. Invested in Lawton, Iowa.

83. The George W. and Agnes Hoffman Church-building Fund, No. 1, \$500. Given by Elder George W. and Mrs. Agnes Hoffman, Gettysburg, Pa., July 17, 1902. Invested in Homestead, Pa.

84. The Middletown Sunday-school Church-building Fund, \$500. Given May 31, 1902, by the Sunday-school of Middletown, Md. Invested in Homestead, Pa.

85. The William F. Brinker Church-building Fund, \$500. Given May 31, 1902, by will of Elder W. F. Brinker, of the Second church, Greensburg, Pa. Invested in Homestead, Pa.

86. The Wichita Classis Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed May 19, 1902. Invested in the Hungarian church, New York, N. Y., and now in Lorain, O.

87. The John and Eve M. Auer Church-building Fund, \$100. Given June 20, 1902, by Mrs. Catharine A. Certia, of Louisville, O. Invested in Toledo, O.

88. The York Trinity Missionary Society Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed June 26, 1902, by the Jacob O. Miller Missionary Society of Trinity church, York, Pa. Invested in Toledo O.

89. The Henry M. Housekeeper Church-building Fund, \$500. Given July 2, 1902, by Elder Henry M. Housekeeper, of Trinity church, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Homestead, Pa.

90. The Sarah A. Housekeeper Church-building Fund, \$500. Given July 2, 1902, by Mrs. Sarah A. Housekeeper, of Trinity church, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Homestead, Pa.

91. The Bernard Wolff Memorial Church building fund, \$500. Given August 2, 1902, by Mrs. Annie W. Wolff, of Grace church, Pittsburg, Pa., in memory of her husband. Invested in Allegheny, Pa.

92. The Joseph and Elizabeth B. Correll Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed by their daughter, Miss Susanna Correll, of Belvidere, N. J. December 29, 1902. Invested in Toledo, O.

93. The John Williamson Nevin Diehl Church-building Fund, \$500. Given January 15, 1903, by Elder L. H. Diehl, of Astoria, Ill. Invested in the Bohemian church, Chicago, Ill.

94. The Jacob Dietz Church-building Fund, \$500. Given January 15, 1903, by will of Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, of Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Apollo, Pa.

95. The George W. Dietz Church-building Fund, \$500. Given January 15, 1903, by will of Elder J. Y. Dietz, of Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Homestead, Pa.

96. The Sarah E. Rupp Church-building Fund, \$500. Given January 15, 1903, by will of Elder J. Y. Dietz, of Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Homeville, Pa.

97. The Elizabeth Dietz Frey Church-building, Fund, \$500. Given January 15, 1903, by will of Elder J. Y. Dietz, of Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Crafton Terrace, Pittsburgh, Pa.

98. The Catharine Albright Church-building Fund, \$500. Given January 15, 1903, by will of Elder J. Y. Dietz, of Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Homestead, Pa.

99. The Rev. Dr. Benjamin and Amelia B. Bausman Church-building Fund, \$500. Given March 4, 1903, by themselves. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

100. The Elizabeth G. Houck Church-building Fund, \$500. Given March 5, 1903, by her sisters, Mrs. Catharine S. Jacobs, Mrs. George A. Simmons, Miss Emma B. Houck and Miss Ella V. Houck, of Frederick, Md. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

101. The Rev. Calvin U. Heilman Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed March 11, 1903, by the Water Street charge, Alexandria, Pa. Invested in Grace church, Altoona, Pa.

102. The Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke Church-building Fund, No. 2, \$500. Given March 12, 1903, by Mrs. Harriet O. McC. Schnebly, of Mercersburg, Pa.

103. The Clarion Classis Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by the Classis, January 17, 1903. Invested in Apollo, Pa.

104. The St. Paul's (Reading) Sunday-school Jubilee Church-building Fund, \$500. Given March 23, 1903, by St. Paul's Sunday-

school, Reading, Pa., on the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Dr. B. Bausman.

105. The Rev. Franklin J. Mohr and Family Church-building Fund, \$500. Given April 20, 1903, by Rev. F. J. Mohr, in grateful memory of the goodness of God during a ministry of fifty years and fifty years of family life. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

106. The Jane and Annie S. Evans Church-building Fund, \$500. Given June 1, 1903, by Miss Jane Evans, of Reading, Pa. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

107. The George W. and Agnes Hoffman Church-building Fund, No. 2, \$500. Given July 11, 1903, by Elder George W. and Mrs. Agnes Hoffman, Gettysburg, Pa. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

108. The George G. Solliday and Family Church-building Fund, \$500. Given June 6, 1903, by Elder George G. Solliday, of Christ church, Hagerstown, Md. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

109. The Sophia Knappenberger Lorah Church-building Fund, \$500. Given June 15, 1903, by Mrs. Sophia Lorah, Monroe, Pa. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

110. The Woman's Missionary Society of Reading Classis Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed May 21, 1903. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

111. The Sarah W. Reber Church-building Fund, \$500. Given September 9, 1903, by Elder James T. Reber, of St. Paul's church, Reading, Pa., in memory of his beloved wife. Invested in New Kensington, Pa.

112. The Mary Kunz Church-building Fund, \$500. Given October 1, 1904, by Mr. John Kunz, of Huntingdon, Pa., in loving memory of his mother. Invested in Toledo, O.

113. The Catharine C. Evans Church-building Fund, \$500. Given September 9, 1903, by the will of Mrs. Catharine C. Evans, of St. Paul's church, Lancaster, Pa. Invested in Toledo, O.

114. The Rev. Frederick Rahausser Church-building Fund, \$500. Given November 27, 1903, by Miss Ella A. Rahausser, of St. Mark's church, Pittsburg, Pa., in memory of her grandfather. Invested in Cleveland, Ohio.

115. The Emmanuel J. Diehl Church-building Fund, \$500. Given November 25, 1903, by Elder Emmanuel J. Diehl, of Charlesville, Pa. Invested in Cleveland, Ohio.

116. The Job's and Millow Church-building Fund, \$500. Given February 4, 1904, by Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod. Invested in Cleveland, Ohio.

117. The John Rauch Church-building Fund, \$500. Given February 22, 1904, by Miss Eliza A. Rauch, of Martinsburg, W. Va., in loving memory of her father. Invested in Cleveland, Ohio.

118. The Philadelphia Trinity Ladies' Missionary Society Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed September 22, 1903, by the Ladies' Missionary Society of Trinity church, Philadelphia, Pa. Invested in Philadelphia, Pa.

119. The Ministers and Elders of the Interior Synod Church-building Fund, \$500. Completed April, 1904. Invested in Pittsburgh, Pa.

120. The Isaac Strauss Church-building Fund, \$500. Given June, 1904, by the will of Mr. Isaac Strauss, of Shartlesville, Pa. Invested in Chicago, Ill.

121. The Martha Simmons Houck Church-building Fund, \$500. Given April 16, 1904, by her aunt, Miss Emma B. Houck. Invested in Pittsburgh, Pa.

122. The Rev. Dr. Henry Mosser Church-building Fund, \$500. Given May 24, 1904, by the Ladies' Guild of the First church, Reading, Pa. Invested in Pittsburg, Pa.

123. The Catechumen Church-building Fund, No. 2, \$500. Completed July 22, 1904. Invested in Pittsburg, Pa.

124. The Elizabeth Schindel Roulette Memorial Church-building Fund, \$500. Given September 14, 1904, by Mr. William U. Roulette, of Zion's church, Hagerstown, Md. Invested in Lisbon, Ohio.

125. The Charles A. Heim Church-building Fund, \$500. Given October 15, 1904, by the will of Miss Elizabeth G. Houck, of Frederick, Md. Invested in Struthers, Ohio.

126. The Jonas Deissinger Church-building Fund, \$500. Given October 29, 1904, by the will of Dr. Jonas Deissinger, of York, Pa. Invested in Dillonville, Ohio.

127. The Amityville Ladies' Aid Society Church-building Fund, \$500. Given December 10, 1904, by the Ladies' Aid Society of Amityville, Pa. Invested in Lisbon, Ohio.

128. The Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio Synod Church-building Fund, No. 2, \$500. Completed July 24, 1904. Invested in Lisbon, Ohio.

129. The Matilda H. Focht Church-building Fund, \$500. Given by Mr. William J. Focht, of Huntingdon, Pa. Invested in Indianapolis, Ind.

PARTIAL FUNDS.

Although details are not given, it is a matter of interest to know that in addition to the above list many Church-building Funds are in process of completion, as follows: The Ella Hobson Fund; the Martinsburg (Pa.) charge Fund; the Mercersburg Academy Fund; the Knieriem Sisters' Fund; the North Penn Ministerial Association Fund; the Samuel Achenbach Fund; the Rev. Dr. Rudolph Duenger Fund; the Andrew J. and Mary C. Fricker Fund; the Catechumen Fund, No. 3; the Mission Band Fund; the Pittsburg Synod Fund; the Carlisle Classis Fund; the Tohickon Classis Fund; the St. John's Classis Fund; the

Iowa Classis Fund, No. 2; the W. M. S. of Ohio Synod Fund, No. 3; the W. M. S. of the Interior Synod Fund, No. 2; the W. M. S. of St. Paul's Classis Fund; the W. M. S. of Allegheny Classis Fund, No. 2; the W. M. S. of the Reformed churches of Lancaster, Pa., Fund.

This department of Church-building Funds is prosperous, has made encouraging progress and is an important feature of our work. We have under supervision and control in lots and church buildings property which at a fair valuation amounts to \$522,950. We have invested in lots and church buildings \$174,875.16. Of this amount \$81,728 is borrowed money, loaned to our missions at a lower rate of interest than they could otherwise secure. Every dollar of it is amply secured by real estate.

We must help to establish our mission churches. To locate a missionary and not aid him in securing a well-situated lot, and in erecting thereon at least a modest but comfortable church edifice is poor economy, and is putting upon the missionary burdens and trials he ought not to be asked to bear. We must command more money than our Church-building Funds provide, so as to take advantage of opportunities and thereby save the Church from loss, and the mission from failure or a sickly existence. There never was a time in our history as a Church when liberal giving promised better results than now.

Since our last report twelve mission churches have been built. This exceeds in number as well as in the character of the edifices any like period in the history of the Church, and was possible only through the assistance we were able to give by the loan of money. This has given permanence to the missions and an opportunity to make healthy progress in every department of church activity. Other promising fields are waiting an entrance upon similar work, and we are held back only by the lack of funds. Should not such facts appeal to the stewards of wealth and induce them by their gifts to create memorials that shall be a blessing to unborn generations?

SELF-SUPPORT.

The work of home missions is to stimulate to self-support the churches that are born through its agency and fostered by its care, to develop them from dependence to independence,

and to make them efficient in helping others. The average mission church has its beginning in weakness and dependence. A proper ambition, however, will help it to realize the privilege of self-support and impel it to make the effort as soon as possible. The following missions have reached self-support this triennium. The sacrifice required was in each case cheerfully made:

Name.	Location.	Synod.	Pastor,	Date of Self-Support.
Faith,	Baltimore, Md.	Potomac,	A. S. Weber, D.D.,	Apr. 1, 1904.
Grace Memorial,	Washington, D. C.,	Potomac,	J. M. Schick, D.D.,	Apr. 1, 1904.
Brown Memorial,	Wichita, Kans.,	Interior,	Bruce Griffith,	Apr. 1, 1904.
Christ,	Baltimore, Md.	Potomac,	G. R. Poetter,	Apr. 1, 1905.
Christ,	Norristown, Pa.,	Eastern,	Benoni Bates,	Apr. 1, 1905.
Trinity,	Akron, Ohio,	Ohio,	Jas. S. Freeman,	Apr. 1, 1905.
Fourth Church,	Harrisburg, Pa.,	Eastern,	Milton H. Saugree,	Apr. 1, 1905.

NEW MISSIONS.

It is with satisfaction that we report a considerable enlargement of our work in the establishment of new missions. Notwithstanding the loss by secession of three Hungarian missions organized within this triennium, there remain 26 new missions, including three that have been re-enrolled. They are as follows:

Location.	Synod.	Missionary.	Date.
Lancaster, Pa., Faith,	Eastern,	Daniel G. Glass,	April 9, 1902.
Lewistown, Pa.,	Eastern,	Edwin T. Rhodes,	April 9, 1902.
Philadelphia, Pa., Bethel,	Eastern,	Morgan A. Peters,	May 23, 1902.
Waterloo, Ind.,	Ohio,	{ Afterward referred } { to their Classes }	July 9, 1902.
Paulding, Ohio,	Ohio,		July 9, 1902.
High Point, N. C.,	Potomac,	David E. Bowers,	Jan. 13, 1903.
Homestead, Pa.,	Pittsburg,	Albert J. Collison,	Jan. 13, 1903.
Oak Lane, Pa.,	Eastern,	Abner S. Dechant,	April 15, 1903.
Greensboro, N. C.,	Potomac,	Shuford Peeler,	April 15, 1903.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.,	Interior,	Vacant,	April 15, 1903.
Homestead, Pa., Hung.,	Pittsburg,	Alexander Harsanyi,	June 30, 1903.
Enoir, N. C.,	Potomac,	Wm. H. McNairy,	June 30, 1903.
Lisbon, Ohio,	Ohio,	Charles H. Brandt,	June 30, 1903.
McKeesport, Pa.,	Pittsburg,	Aaron Noll,	June 30, 1903.
York, Pa. { Emmanuel's, } { St. Stephen's, }	Potomac,	Robert L. Bair,	Jan. 12, 1904.
Edinburgh, Ill.,	Interior,	John W. Bechtel	Jan. 12, 1904.
Toledo, O., Hung.,	Ohio,	Vacant,	Jan. 12, 1904.
Dillonvale, O., Hung.,	Ohio,	Stephen M. Kovachy,	April 12, 1904.
Spruthers, Ohio,	Ohio,	George E. Metzger,	April 12, 1904.
Oskaloosa, Ia.,	Interior,	Edgar V. Loucks,	April 12, 1904.
Pittsburg, Pa., Christ,	Pittsburg,	J. Grant Walter,	July 5, 1904.
W. Hazleton, Pa., Memorial,	Eastern,	Cosmos H. Herbst,	July 5, 1904.
Derry, Pa.,	Pittsburg,	Edward D. Bright,	July 5, 1904.
Omaha, Neb.,	Interior,	Vacant,	Oct. 11, 1904.
Altoona, Pa., Fourth,	Potomac,	Vacant,	Jan. 9, 1905.
York, Pa., Emmanuel's,	Potomac,	Vacant,	April 5, 1905.

This decided advance was made possible by the increased receipts from the churches. More charges than ever before paid their apportionment in full. The services of the Field

Secretary have been specially helpful in securing this result. Not to advance in this day of opportunity and demand is little better than retreat. The Board has been loyal to the instructions given us, though there has been no proportionate increase of revenue for the growing work.

THE FINANCES.

By comparison of the receipts of the triennium with those of the preceding one, excluding the Church-building Funds and loans, it will be seen that the actual income from all sources was \$172,426.80, an advance of \$42,352.07.

In home missions it is not possible to present any object of unusual interest and attractiveness calling out large special gifts for particular objects. The dependence of the Board for the support of the work is the apportionment made by General Synod. The whole amount received from this source for the work conducted by this Board is \$172,426.80, the amount apportioned was \$210,600, leaving a deficiency of \$38,173.20; and because of this your Board has been compelled to carry a debt varying from \$35,000 to \$15,000. At present it is about \$20,000.

THE WORK IN HAND.

By reference to the enrollment list it will be seen that the present number of missions is 106 including 4 that have just become self-supporting. Their location will emphasize the fact that the work is no longer confined to the frontier or even the newer States, but that our most urgent calls have come from the growing and populous communities in the older States. The great cities of the country are becoming the most important and urgently needy fields.

The increased expenses of living are working hardship on our missionaries, and the Board has been obliged in some cases to come to their relief by supplementing their income. It is poor policy to put a missionary under special stress for the necessities of life. Because of this condition of affairs the normal reduction in salaries could not in all cases be made.

To support the work in hand we must have annually \$60,000. In addition to the missions now enrolled and to whose

support we are pledged, there are other fields of rich promise and great importance calling to us for help. To deny these appeals means serious loss to the communities from which they come and where real need exists. It means also a surrender of the sources of strength and the opportunity of growth so vital to the larger prosperity of the Church.

To meet the demands on us we must have the entire apportionment asked for, not merely two-thirds of it. The size of the treasury must in large measure determine the extent of the Board's operations. The income must be enlarged if the work is to be enlarged. Unless the Church will generously respond to these appeals for help there will be left no alternative but to decline additional new work or to cut down appropriations to the point of serious embarrassment and injury to the missionaries in the field, which would be equally disastrous. It is not good business continuously to carry a debt from one triennium to another in doing work in the Lord's name.

Missions that give no promise of self-support within a reasonable time must be consolidated with near congregations, wherever that is possible. The Board cannot carry missions forward indefinitely.

THE CLAIMS OF THE FUTURE.

It is a striking fact that the field has not only widened in extent, but has also whitened unto the harvest with great rapidity in these later years. The problem for us is how shall we meet the demands of this great field with our limited resources of men and money. The outlook for the future is full of encouragement only as the Church shall realize her responsibility for the evangelization of our country. The doors are wide open. How fast and how far we shall be permitted to enter will depend on the response the Church will make to our appeals. There is need of the consecration of more money to the service of the kingdom. Our Church is growing in numbers and wealth and the opportunities for service are enlarging on every hand, but there is not a corresponding growth in the grace of giving. We plead for that which shall be individual, systematic and proportionate.

There is also a growing demand for men, earnest, capable,

consecrated men, which is far in excess of the supply. Let the Church continue to pray the Lord of the harvest to bring forth His laborers.

The Master bids us "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Let us definitely see the field to which we are sent, and be inspired to greater devotion and zeal by the thought of an enlarged and more glorious Church and of a nation exalted in righteousness. With the men and means we should command and by a wise and vigorous prosecution of the work to which Providence calls us, we ought to do more than we have so far done. Hitherto the growth of the Church at home and abroad has been largely through the creative power of home missions. This is the witness to the importance of this work, and this is also the ground of its appeal for continued recognition and support.

CONCLUSION.

That the United States is becoming more and more a world power is beyond question; and as such it is destined to exert a controlling influence not only along political and commercial lines, but more especially also in the affairs of Christ's kingdom. A vast tide of foreign immigration is sweeping in on our shores. The power of this alien host is slowly but surely modifying our national life. While we are warranted in rejoicing over what has been done for the stranger within our gates, yet it is painfully apparent that we have touched only the outer edge of this growing multitude. The safety of the nation depends largely upon the establishment of the Christian Church in the destitute places of the land.

The work of the Board of Home Missions ought to stand at the front of all the agencies of the Church for the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ in this land; and further, if we are to do much work in the foreign field, it will be done by planting numerous churches in the home land, so as to increase our forces and means for a greater work in heathen lands. If this land is to be the noblest, grandest and freest under the sun, we must bring the masses that are here under the influence of the gospel. All the sacred interests of Church and country call for increased efforts in and offerings for the home work.

The missionary zeal of any church is largely measured by the zeal of its pastors. The responsibility for securing the needed help in men and money rests primarily in their hands. Home missionary work will make the church of the future. As we doubled our membership in the last thirty years, we can more easily double it again in the next twenty-five years. Our present prosperity and our many advantages are all in our favor.

When Christians shall learn to guard their alms not as charity to be met, but as a privilege and sacred duty; when they shall look upon the Church not as a beggar and themselves as the owner of goods, but on the Lord as their Master and themselves as stewards; when they shall calculate their alms on the principle of proportionate giving and according to the scale laid down by the Saviour when He commended the widow's mite, by using not the descending but the ascending scale, from pinching poverty to princely wealth, then the Lord's treasury will be adequately supplied with means for the work which He outlines for His people.

We have entered upon a century that will unfold the greatest movement of the ages in advancing the cause of Christ at home and abroad which the Church has ever known. The chief factor in this movement we believe must be home missions. To discharge our part of this work the need is not for more or different machinery nor for change in methods, but for conscientious co-operation in making more effective what we already have. The finger of Providence points the way, and the ringing voice of command is that we go forward.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

NAME OF BOARD.	Number of Ministers.	Communicant Members.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars, Teachers and Officers in Sunday-schools.	Amounts raised by the Missions for Benevolence.	Amounts raised by the Missions for Congregational Use.	Amount received by the Board from the Church at large for Home Missions.	Amounts received by the Board for Church-Building.
Board of General Synod...	108	11,981	103	.....	\$11,995	\$125,834	\$172,427	\$38,117
Synod of the Northwest and Central Synod.....	44	4,930	58	3,563	4,025	28,378	11,546	17,557
German Synod of the East.	12	2,163	12	2,283	993	37,242		
Totals	164	19,074	173	.....	\$17,013	\$191,454	.....	.....

THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR THREE YEARS.

Traveling, hotel and other expenses of the Board for the thirteen meetings	\$1,686 94
Traveling and other expensts of Superintendents and Field Secretary	2,064 22
Printing and distributing 12,000 copies of last triennial report..	224 89
Printing and distributing 55,000 copies of Easter Greeting, 1904	81 35
Printing and distributing 45,000 copies of tract, "Building the House of the Lord"	128 94
Printing and distributing 50,000 copies Home Missionary Day Service and envelopes, 1903	343 67
Printing and distributing 105,000 copies Home Missionary Day Service and envelopes, 1904	676 79
Printing and distributing Home Missionary Bulletin from September, 1903	1,830 00
Total.....	<u>\$7,036 80</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The following salaries are paid:

Rev. D. S. Fouse, D.D., General Superintendent.....	\$1,300 00
Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent	1,300 00
Rev. D. A. Souders, Superintendent	1,200 00
Rev. D. N. Dittmar, Field Secretary	1,200 00
Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Secretary	100 00
Elder George W. Stein, Treasurer	100 00
Elder C. M. Boush, Attorney and Treasurer of the Church-building Fund	500 00
Total.....	<u>\$5,700 00</u>

There was paid in interest during the past three years on money borrowed to carry on the work \$10,205.47.

The term of service of Revs. T. J. Barkley, D.D., J. J. Leberman, D.D., John Bachman, D.D., Samuel R. Bridenbaugh, D.D., and Elders George W. Stein and James T. Reber, expires with the present sessions of Synod.

OVERTURES.

The Board respectfully asks your reverend body to endorse and authorize the following items:

1. That Synod devote one session to the recognition of God's blessing upon the home missionary work and to the pre-

sentation of its claims, so that we may gather inspiration for the future.

2. That Septuagesima Sunday of each year be set apart as a day of special prayer in behalf of the cause of home missions, and that on that day special sermons be preached setting forth its claims upon the Church.

3. That the second Sunday in November of each year be again designated as Home Missionary Day in the Sunday-schools, and that special emphasis be laid on the fact that the offerings of this day should not be applied to the apportionment but be over and above the apportionment.

4. That the special attention of pastors and congregations be called to Art. 130 of the Constitution, relative to the transfer of members from one congregation to another, and that obedience thereto be enjoined, since its neglect is the occasion of the loss of many of our members to the Church and to our missions, where they are needed and where they could be of great service.

5. That in view of our steady growth in the planting of missions in large cities and centers of population, where help must be given in securing desirable church property, and because of its safe, practicable and of permanent value, the loan-plan of Church-building Funds, as monuments to the past and efficient helps to the present and future, be again favorably commended to congregations and individuals.

6. That in view of the increased expense of living, the expansion of our work, the fields of rich promise that call to us for help, the increase of our church membership and the ability and growing willingness of our people to give to the Lord's cause, we ask that Synod assume and apportion the sum of \$97,000 per annum, as follows :

For Home Missions, upon the English Synods.....	\$70,000
For <u>Hungarian and Bohemian Missions</u> , upon all the Synods....	9,000
For the Harbor Mission, upon all the Synods.....	1,500
For German-English Missions under the German Boards, upon the English Synods	4,500
For church-building, upon the English Synods	12,000

The record of this triennium is now before you. It contains what we hope will inspire and stimulate to greater efforts for the furtherance of this blessed cause. In this work the Board is your servant and desires to be guided by your wisdom and therefore awaits your instructions.

A GREAT LOSS.

After all the foregoing had been prepared and was about to be put in print, came the sad news of the death of Rev. John H. Sechler, D.D., a member of this Board. He was elected in 1890, was re-elected in 1896 and again in 1902, and thus was taken from us in the middle of his third term.

In 1896, he became a member of the Executive Committee, and it was here that his rare qualities of head and heart were seen to the best advantage, often in very difficult cases. With clear views and strong convictions, frank and fair-minded in discussion, a man of good judgment and close attention to business, he was most useful in the meetings of the Board and his valuable services were greatly appreciated. With deep sorrow the vacancy thus created is referred to the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

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

Receipts for three years, from May 4, 1902, to April 29, 1905.

FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Eastern Synod	\$65,649	71
Potomac Synod	28,441	40
Ohio Synod	16,057	19
Pittsburgh Synod	17,848	21
Synod of the Interior	3,444	36
Central Synod	49	53
Sunday-school Home Missionary Day offerings...	2,862	93
Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod...	8,220	54
Miscellaneous sources	5,241	03
	—————	\$147,814 90

FOR HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN MISSIONS.

Eastern Synod	\$ 7,332	27
Potomac Synod	2,357	10

Ohio Synod	1,501 61	
Pittsburgh Synod	1,077 50	
Synod of the Interior	314 79	
Central Synod	356 17	
German Synod of the East	108 90	
Northwestern Synod	5 00	
Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod...	68 87	
	<hr/>	14,022 21

FOR THE HARBOR MISSION.

Eastern Synod	\$ 1,125 94	
Potomac Synod	352 87	
Ohio Synod	247 02	
Pittsburgh Synod	388 00	
Synod of the Interior	42 00	
Central Synod	376 20	
German Synod of the East	80 34	
Northwestern Synod	402 25	
	<hr/>	3,014 62

FOR GERMAN MISSIONS.

Eastern Synod	\$ 3,963 80	
Potomac Synod	1,305 13	
Ohio Synod	951 90	
Pittsburgh Synod	920 00	
Synod of the Interior	264 66	
Central Synod	141 58	
German Synod of the East	28 00	
	<hr/>	7,575 07

Total for all purposes for three years.....\$172,426 80

Comparative State of Receipts for three years, from May 4, 1902, to
April 29, 1905.

HOME MISSIONS.

PERIOD.	1902.	1903.	1904.	Total for 3 years.
May, June, July	\$13,333 76	\$20,415 43	\$25,635 07	\$ 59,414 26
August, September, October.....	7,554 49	7,770 67	3,870 20	19,195 36
November, December, January.....	15,319 10	10,446 36	13,256 67	39,022 13
February, March, April.....	9,208 98	10,048 74	10,925 43	30,183 15
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	\$45,416 33	\$48,711 20	\$53,687 37	\$147,814 90

HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN MISSIONS.

May, June, July	\$ 1,720 95	\$ 2,921 24	\$ 3,107 16	\$ 7,749 35
August, September, October.....	211 67	474 67	418 12	1,104 46
November, December, January.....	837 98	902 64	666 64	2,407 26
February, March, April.....	395 96	855 96	1,509 22	2,761 14
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	\$ 3,166 56	\$ 5,154 51	\$ 5,701 14	\$ 14,022 21

THE HARBOR MISSION.

May, June, July	\$ 255 67	\$ 497 30	\$ 460 04	\$ 1,213 01
August, September, October.....	134 49	234 45	213 74	582 68
November, December, January.....	202 76	181 89	203 66	588 31
February, March, April	143 87	178 94	307 81	630 62
	\$ 736 79	\$ 1,092 58	\$ 1,185 25	\$ 3,014 62

GERMAN MISSIONS.

May, June, July	\$ 1,066 71	\$ 2,024 77	\$ 1,620 92	\$ 4,712 40
August, September, October.....	90 57	253 76	276 55	620 88
November, December, January.....	415 87	280 65	397 46	1,075 98
February, March, April	203 91	339 60	622 30	1,165 81
	\$ 1,777 06	\$ 2,898 78	\$ 2,899 23	\$ 7,575 07
Total for all purposes.....	\$51,096 74	\$57,857 07	\$63,472 99	\$172,426 80

LEGACIES RECEIVED.

1902.	
Aug. 14.	From the estate of Mrs. Lizzie Hobson, Collegeville, Pa.\$ 10 00
Oct. 13.	From the estate of Mrs. Polly Frantz, in memory of her two grandsons, Russell G. Frantz and Nevin E. Frantz, Dakota, Ill. 200 00
Nov. 8.	From the estate of Miss Mary M. Brownback, Uwchland, Pa. 964 82
1903.	
Jan. 8.	From the estate of Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, Philadelphia, Pa. 2,500 00
Total.....	\$3,674 82

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. STEIN, *Treasurer.*

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

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, April, 1902\$ 2,226 33

ON APPORTIONMENTS.

From the Eastern Synod,

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....\$2,651 14

April, 1903, to April, 1904..... 2,816 69

April, 1904, to April, 1905..... 2,319 15

—————\$ 7,786 98

From the Potomac Synod,

April, 1902, to April, 1903..... 72 64

April, 1904, to April, 1905..... 139 65

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From the Ohio Synod,

April, 1902, to April 1903.....	820 48	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	844 48	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	966 83	
	<hr/>	2,631 79

From the Pittsburgh Synod,

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	1,148 00	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	1,170 00	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	1,188 00	
	<hr/>	3,506 00

From the Synod of the Interior,

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	185 03	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	237 88	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	196 23	
	<hr/>	619 14
		<hr/> \$ 14,756 20

On Church-building Funds,

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	13,342 21	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	7,186 47	
April, 1904, to April 1905.....	5,058 88	
	<hr/>	25,587 56

On Obligations issued,

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	7,550 00	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	24,378 00	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	38,065 00	
	<hr/>	69,993 00

From the Missions on interest,

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	921 65	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	848 60	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	819 59	
	<hr/>	2,589 84

From the Missions on their debts,

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	6,612 94	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	2,824 40	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	4,568 63	
	<hr/>	14,005 97

For the Bohemian chapel, Chicago, Ill.,

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	766 52	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	404 80	
	<hr/>	1,171 32

Total.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$130,330 22
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EXPENDITURES.

For investments,		
April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	\$18,967 71	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	20,136 04	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	30,902 53	
	<hr/>	\$ 70 006 28
For interest on indebtedness,		
April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	3,253 00	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	3,295 93	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	3,656 54	
	<hr/>	10,205 47
Obligations paid,		
April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	9,600 00	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	12,500 00	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	47,100 00
Salary of Treasurer and Attorney, and incidental expenses,		
April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	569 66	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	689 00	
April, 1904, to April, 1905.....	612 19	
	<hr/>	1,870 85
Hall rent for the Bohemian congregation in Chicago, Ill.,		
April, 1902, to April, 1903.....	280 90	
April, 1903, to April, 1904.....	11 25	
	<hr/>	292 15
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		\$129,474 75
Balance in the treasury		855 47
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		\$130,330 22

And now, April 18, 1905, this certifies that the undersigned, appointed by the Board of Home Missions to audit the books and accounts of Elder C. M. Boush, Treasurer of the Church-building Fund, have attended to their duty and find his accounts correct and true as above stated.

JOHN J. LEBERMAN,
A. M. KEIFER,
Auditing Committee.

As required by the rules of this Board (see Manual, Art. 12), your Treasurer of the Church-building Fund sent out to each mission having financial aid from this fund a statement of the claim of the Board and the conditions thereof, and required of each congregation an itemized

report of its financial condition and of the provisions made for the payment of its indebtedness and of the value of its real estate.

From these reports your Treasurer finds that the real estate occupied by the missions that are assisted with funds for the acquisition of houses of worship is, at a conservative estimate, valued at \$522,950, which does not include the value of the property held by congregations that were aided and have paid their debt to the Board.

The investments of the Board in these properties amount to \$174,875.16, secured by liens on said real estate by mortgage or deeds, and by fire insurance on the buildings as collateral.

The indebtedness of the Church-building Fund in bonds amounts to \$81,728, all but \$700 bearing 4½ per cent. interest, the \$700 bearing 5 per cent. The interest on these bonds was at all times paid punctually when due in semi-annual instalments, and whenever a request came to the Treasurer for payment of part or all of the principal before due, payment was made in less than thirty days after notice making these bonds as desirable as any government, state or municipal bond and as secure as either of them, having the constituency of the whole Reformed Church besides the above-named real estate as security.

This Board has bequests and completed Church-building Funds amounting to \$73,962 and partial payments on Church-building Funds amounting to \$3,612.64, making a total of \$77,574.64.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Bousu,

Treasurer of the Church-building Fund.

April 4, 1905.

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS.

MISSIONS.	MISSIONARIES.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Amount raised by the Mission for Congregational Use.	Amount raised by the Mission for Benevolence.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1902.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1905.
Eastern Synod.							
Bridgeport, Conn.	Stephen P. Harsanyi ..	1	200	\$ 1,718	\$ 200	\$ 420	\$ 360
Easton, Pa.	John W. Gilds	1	270	1,790	204	550	350
*Harrisburg, Pa.	Milton H. Sangree	1	187	1,040	215	800	.....
Harrisburg, Pa.	J. Rauch Stein	1	206	2,012	178	750	500
Lancaster, Pa.	Daniel G. Glass	1	146	1,026	173	500	200
Lewistown, Pa.	Edwin T. Rhodes	1	146	3,501	90	400	600
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Albert Gonsler	1	211	2,037	99	600	200
*Norristown, Pa.	Benoni Bates	1	201	2,145	225	900	.....
Oak Lane, Pa.	Abner S. Dechant	1	59	2,930	102	1,400	100
Philadelphia, Pa.	Franklin H. Fisher	1	159	2,900	106	550	450
Philadelphia, Pa.	Charles B. Aispach	1	268	3,036	241	900	300

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.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1902.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1905.
Eastern Synod.							
Philadelphia, Pa.	Elwood W. Middleton ..	1	169	1,754	215	575	425
Philadelphia, Pa.	Edwin C. Hibshman ..	1	149	2,348	136	650	500
Philadelphia, Pa.	Harry E. Jones	1	186	4,220	256	650	450
Philadelphia, Pa.	Morgan A. Pefers	1	66	1,312	52	500	500
Scranton, Pa.	Marion L. Firor	1	45	956	112	350	800
South Norwalk, Conn.	Gabriel Dokus	1	175	595	16	260	420
Steelton, Pa.	Edwin W. Lentz	1	22	1,450	93	475	425
Trenton, N. J.	Stephen Virag	1	200	1,073	80	420	350
Walnutport, Pa.	Moses N. George	1	45	500	13	50	150
West Hazleton, Pa.	Cosmos H. Herbst	1	90	1,625	37	420	200
Harbor Mission, N. Y.	Paul Sommerlatte	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200
		21	3,200	\$39,998	\$2,827	.....	.....

* Self-supporting April 1, 1905.

Potomac Synod.							
Altoona, Pa.	John D. Hicks	1	205	\$ 2,350	\$ 180	\$ 750	\$ 300
* Baltimore, Md.	Gustav R. Poetter	1	251	2,300	231	1,050	.....
Baltimore, Md.	Charles W. Levan	1	124	998	95	620	450
Baltimore, Md.	Robert J. Pilgram	1	205	1,423	165	400	525
Baltimore, Md.	James M. Mullen	1	154	635	106	350	750
Burlington, N. C.	James D. Andrews	3	252	575	125	210	400
Greensboro, N. C.	Stunford Peeler	1	28	175	25	.....	600
High Point, N. C.	David E. Bowers	1	67	125	33	50	450
Lenoir, N. C.	William H. McNairy	1	21	275	19	100	450
Lexington, N. C.	Jacob C. Leonard	2	103	785	227	375	425
Roanoke, Va.	Thomas J. Haeker, D.D.	1	69	716	68	225	875
Salisbury, N. C.	Wm. B. Dutera, Ph.D.	1	60	683	51	250	600
Thomasville, N. C.	Frederick Cromer	3	180	231	40	250	350
York, Pa.	Robert L. Bair	1	54	283	16	300	500
York, Pa.	Vacant	1	61	608	34	300	500
		20	1,834	\$12,162	\$1,415	.....	.....

* Self-supporting April 1, 1905.

Note.—Altoona, Pa., Fourth church, enrolled but not yet organized.

Pittsburg Synod.							
Allegheny, Pa.	Albert C. Dieffenbach ..	1	148	\$ 5,400	\$ 275	\$ 900	\$ 600
Apollo, Pa.	D. Elmer Master	1	100	1,100	169	500	300
Braddock, Pa.	Vacant	1	133	800	229	650	350
Cornellsville, Pa.	Andrew J. Heller, D.D.	1	49	419	68	375	750
Cumberland, Md.	Eugene P. Skyles	1	109	202	68	325	675
Duquesne, Pa.	David B. Lady, D.D.	1	44	407	41	200	750
Grove City, Pa.	Edgar S. Hessler	3	81	715	115	375	400
Homestead, Pa.	Albert J. Collinson	1	56	567	98	200	850
Homestead, Pa.	Alexander Harsanyi	1	182	1,565	35	425	500
Johnstown, Pa., Hung.	Andrew Kovach	1	130	25	25	200	500
McKeesport, Pa.	Aaron Noll	1	99	2,946	119	800	200
New Kensington, Pa.	Vacant	1	132	.....	98	425	450
Pittsburg, Pa.	Alexander Kalassay	4	296	5,910	175	400	400
Pitcairn, Pa.	Albert E. Bauman	1	81	825	112	350	500
Scottdale, Pa.	Charles R. Ferner	1	159	929	325	.....	175
Shartsville, Pa.	Frederick H. Keller	1	180	1,008	174	500	200
Thurlocreek, Pa.	Tilghman R. Dietz	1	155	1,600	265	600	250
Vandergriff, Pa.	Snyder D. Stephan	1	73	935	62	300	500
Homewood, Pa.	J. Grant Walter	1	61	300	25	300	900
* City Missionary	Alpha K. Kline	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		24	2,268	\$25,653	\$2,481	.....	.....

* For Pittsburg, Pa., and vicinity.

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.	Salary to be Paid by the Mission from April 1, 1905.	Appropriation voted by the Board from April 1, 1905.
Ohio Synod.							
Alliance, Ohio	John C. Gekeler	1	94	\$ 836	\$ 37	\$ 360	\$ 650
*Akron, Ohio	James E. Freeman	1	198	1,170	700	.....	.....
Athens, Mich.	Francis M. Shults	2	106	1,428	94	450	150
Barberton, Ohio	Charles E. Ewing	1	157	1,111	311	650	150
Cleveland, Ohio, Hung.	Alexander Csutagos	4	425	1,876	18	375	300
Cleveland, Ohio, Boh.	Anthony Korbek	1	61	537	6	120	550
Columbus, Ohio	Sam'l B. Yockey, D.D.	1	73	580	22	250	725
Colon, Mich.	William A. Rex	2	105	324	45	550	50
Detroit, Mich.	Charles W. Brugh	1	73	500	32	200	800
Indianapolis, Ind.	Stephen M. Kovachy	1	113	187	.....	200	600
Indianapolis, Ind.	Henry S. Gekeler	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200
Lima, Ohio	Ervin E. Young	1	109	475	175	360	540
Lisbon, Ohio	Charles H. Brandt	1	57	362	41	400	500
Lorain, Ohio, Hung.	Alexander Ludman	1	96	1,287	.....	208	600
Massilon, Ohio	Oliver P. Foust	2	150	1,737	178	600	350
Ohmer Park, Ohio	William H. Shults	1	24	196	24	115	400
Springfield, Ohio	Reuben F. Shultz	1	185	787	190	550	450
Toledo, Ohio	John H. Hornung	.....	86	416	110	150	850
Toledo, Ohio, Hung.	John Kovacs	1	250	7,274	.....	200	600
Warren, Ohio	Geo. T. N. Beam	1	125	568	200	400	600
Youngstown, Ohio	Vacant	2	130	674	238	350	650
Struthers, Ohio	George E. Metzger	1	32	1,850	10	200	600
				28	2,676	\$21,175	\$2,461

* Self-supporting April 1, 1905.

Interior Synod.

Abilene, Kans.	Ernest N. Evans	1	122	\$ 1,438	\$ 119	\$ 500	\$ 300
Altamont, Ill.	Geo. W. Kerstetter	2	91	1,497	133	300	200
Anna, Ill.	Solomon Ream	2	70	334	79	260	200
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900
Chicago, Ill.	Benjamin B. Royer	1	79	1,393	182	800	700
Chicago, Ill., Hung.	Louis Nanassy	1	257	800	40	300	400
Chicago, Ill., Boh.	James Dudycha	1	50	220	30	.....	950
Conesville, Iowa	Geo. C. Baumgartel	1	82	468	93	250	175
Denver, Col.	David H. Fouse	1	64	1,500	128	400	800
Des Moines, Iowa	Elmer E. Emhoff	1	58	650	62	100	1,100
Edinburg, Ill.	John W. Bechtel	2	86	654	141	425	75
Emporia, Kans.	Lawrence S. Faust	1	29	738	100	175	425
Illawatha, Kans.	Luther L. Hassenpflug	1	91	900	150	425	200
Holton, Kans.	Albert J. Naly	2	.....	.....	200	500	500
Iola, Kans.	Louis C. Harush	1	79	426	107	300	450
Kansas City, Mo.	W. Franklin Curtis	1	72	1,242	158	300	800
Lincoln, Neb.	Peter M. Orr	1	79	629	79	400	575
Leighton, Iowa	Michael Loucks, D.D.	2	101	875	75	400	250
Lonetree, Iowa	Blanchard A. Black	1	111	700	150	550	350
Omaha, Neb.	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000
Oskaloosa, Iowa	Edgar V. Loucks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	700
St. Joseph, Mo.	John W. Love, D.D.	1	66	1,090	71	500	550
St. Louis, Mo.	John C. Horning	1	46	1,353	150	300	700
Shelby, Ill.	John C. Beade	1	72	388	90	375	100
Stout City, Ill.	Thomas F. Stauffer	1	57	1,175	92	200	700
Sioxon, Iowa	John N. Naly	1	100	665	185	500	775
Ursinus, Iowa	George V. Walker	1	75	500	100	275	275
Wilton, Iowa	John B. Bloom	2	37	3,914	87	300	300
Whitewater, Kans.	Calvin Foster	1	30	200	30	200	300
				32	2,005	\$23,816	\$2,801

Note.—Totals for the five Synods: Congregations, 125; communicant members, 11,981; raised for congregational use, \$125,834; raised for benevolence, \$11,995.

II. Report on Home Missions.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted its report on the sixth day of the sessions which was duly considered item by item and finally adopted.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Your Committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

The documents placed into our hands are:

Item 1. The Triennial Report of the Board of Home Missions.

Item 2. Item 5 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest.

The report of the Board makes grateful acknowledgment of the following factors as contributing to the success of the work committed to its care:

1. The divine blessing upon the officers and members of the Board, upon the missionaries and their families and upon the faithful people of the missions.

2. The intelligent interest and earnest co-operation in the work on the part of pastors and congregations.

3. The large experience, good judgment and consecrated zeal of the superintendents and field secretary.

4. The faithful, self-sacrificing and efficient services of the missionaries.

5. The organized work of the women of the church.

6. The increase in the number of church-building funds.

7. Increased receipts from the churches.

The report of the Board also notes the following facts in relation to the work:

1. During the triennium seven missions have become self-supporting; twenty-two mission churches have been built; twenty-six new missions have been established, making the total number of missions under the Board 106.

2. The income of the Board from all sources, not including church-building funds, for the three years was \$172,426.80.

3. There are now available for the use of the Board 180 church-building funds, amounting to more than \$106,000, and twenty funds in process of completion.

4. The Board has invested in lots and church buildings \$174,875.16, including \$81,728 of funds borrowed at a low rate of interest and loaned to the missions.

5. The Home Mission work of the German Synods has been prosperous, these Synods now supporting 57 missions, with property valued at \$345,900.

In view of these encouraging facts and figures, we recommend the following for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That the General Synod notes with gratitude and joy the manifest blessing of Almighty God upon its home missionary work and prays for a continuance of the divine favor upon the missions and the missionaries of the Church; upon its Mission Boards, their officers, members, superintendents and agents; and upon the people, that they may realize the opportunity of saving the nation for Christ by supplying the means of grace to the churchless and Christianizing the unassimilated portions of the population.

2. *Resolved*, That General Synod devote a brief session to prayer for home missions immediately upon the adoption of this report.

3. *Resolved*, That Septuagesima Sunday of each year be set apart as a day of special prayer in behalf of the cause of home missions and that the Classes request the pastors to preach special sermons on that day setting forth the claims of home missions upon the Church.

HOME MISSIONARY DAY.

The Board reports that Home Missionary Day was observed by many congregations and Sunday-schools with good effect. Therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That the second Sunday in November of each year be designated as Home Missionary Day in the Sunday-schools, and that the Classes be requested to call the special attention of pastors and consistories to the fact that the offerings of the day should not be applied to the apportionment, but should be over and above the apportionment.

HOME MISSIONARY BULLETIN.

At present the Board circulates 26,000 copies of the Home Missionary Bulletin at a nominal subscription price of one cent a copy.

5. *Resolved*, That the Classes be urged to call the attention of all the pastors to the necessity of giving circulation to the Bulletin and of bringing it into the families of the Church.

WOMEN'S WORK.

The Board makes grateful mention of the valuable assistance rendered by the Woman's Missionary Societies in the several Synods and Classes and congregations in contributing almost \$11,000 to the work of the Board and in cultivating the spirit of missions.

6. *Resolved*, That the General Synod gives its hearty commendation to the Woman's Missionary Societies already organized in the Synod, Classes and congregations of the Church and urges all the Synods and Classes to foster the development of this good work.

GERMAN AND GERMAN-ENGLISH WORK.

The committee notes with special pleasure the work our brethren are doing in the German Synods and among the German population of the country. Here the Reformed Church has a great field ripe for the harvest. In our cities and in the German communities of the great West there are unbounded opportunities for the Church.

7. *Resolved*, That the attention and liberal support of the whole Church be asked to the home missionary work carried forward by the German Synods of the Church.

HARBOR MISSIONS.

8. *Resolved*, That General Synod records with pleasure its approval of the work of the Harbor missionary of the Reformed Church and commends the work anew to the interest and support of the Church.

HUNGARIAN AND BOHEMIAN MISSIONS.

The General Synod has learned with pleasure of the continued prosperity of this interesting work among the foreigners

on our shores. We record our profound regret at the interference by what appears to be with authority from the Reformed Church in Hungary. We commend the loyalty of those missionaries and missions who manifest the Christian spirit of appreciation of the welcoming hand extended to them and we promise them all the more loving attention in the Lord. Since a test has been made and met, and since there is a large number of these people among us whom we have not yet reached with the means of grace,

9. *Resolved*, That we most earnestly commend the Hungarian and Bohemian missionary work ~~to the entire Church.~~

10. *Resolved*, That the overture of the Northwestern Synod on this subject be referred to the Board of Home Missions for consideration and action.

In reference to providing pastors for the Hungarian work,

11. *Resolved*, That this Synod approves the purpose of the Board to raise a fund for the education of young men for the Hungarian Ministry and that the details of the plan be left to the judgment of the Board.

MISSIONS IN THE WEST.

The roll of missions shows that the Board has 29 missions in the Synod of the Interior, covering the great West, a field which is rapidly becoming the abiding place of many sons and daughters of the Reformed Churches in the East as well as of thousands from the continent of Europe. In view of these facts,

12. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be directed to found new missions in the cities of the West as rapidly as men and means will allow.

THE SOUTH AS A MISSION FIELD.

Eight missions, one in Virginia and seven in North Carolina, is the extent of our home missionary work in the great new South, a section of our country which is developing more rapidly, perhaps, than any other, and where thousands of people are locating not only from the various States of the Union, but also from Europe.

13. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be instructed to establish missions in the cities and larger towns of the South as rapidly as the support given the cause will allow.

FINANCES.

In view of the increased expense of living, the expansion of the work, the fields of rich promise that call for help, the increase of the church membership, and the ability and willingness of the people to give to the Lord's cause, the General Synod is asked by the Board to assume and apportion the sum of \$97,000 per annum for Home Missions. The committee recommends that this sum be increased to \$100,000 as follows:

14. *Resolved*, That General Synod assume and apportion upon the English Synods \$75,000 per annum for home missions, this sum including \$5,000 a year for German-English missions under the German Boards, which the treasurer of General Synod's Board is to pay pro rata in quarterly instalments, 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.

15. *Resolved*, That \$10,500 be assumed and apportioned upon all the Synods for Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions, \$1,500 of the amount to be paid to Harbor Missions.

16. *Resolved*, That \$15,000 be apportioned upon the English Synods for church building, and that the Board be directed to organize and to prosecute vigorously a comprehensive campaign to secure this amount, to secure bequests and to increase the number of church-building funds because of the value of these funds in establishing missions, especially in cities and large towns.

THE DEATH OF DR. SECHLER.

17. *Resolved*, That General Synod joins the Board of Home Missions in lamenting the death of the Rev. John H. Sechler, D.D., a member of the Board in the fifteenth year of service, and hereby places on record its high appreciation of the rare personal qualities of the man and of his valuable services in the Board, in the General Synod, and the Church at large.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER,	A. K. ZARTMAN,
J. C. LEONARD,	JACOB H. COST,
J. H. PANNEBECKER,	SAMUEL MOYER.

III. Foreign Missions—Triennial Report.

Ninth Triennial Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, from 1902 to 1905.

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

DEAR BRETHREN—With one accord, the members of the Board of Foreign Missions own the help of the Lord in their efforts to extend the Kingdom in the regions beyond. The record of the work for the past three years should fill all hearts with joy and gratitude. God has been crowning the labors of our missionaries with success, and the people have been very liberal in their offerings. We have every reason to be thankful and take courage. Let us ascribe all the praise to him who hath made our pastors and people willing, in the day of his power, to obey his last great command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

A report that will present a fair view of our foreign work must include the administration of the Board, the support of the Church, and the condition of the Missions.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOARD.

Re-organization The charter of the Board provides that a regular meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in June, succeeding each session of the General Synod. Agreeably to this provision, the Board met for re-organization in Salem church, at Harrisburg, on June 10th, at 10 a. m. All the old members were present, except Elder Benjamin Kubns, who was excused. The two new members of the Board elected by the General Synod were also present—Rev. Emil P. Herbruck, D.D., of Canton, O., from the Ohio Synod, and Rev. Conrad Hassel, of Galion, O., from the Central Synod. These brethren have proven a power for good in the work of the Board.

Officers. The following officers were elected to serve for three years: President, Rev. James I. Good, D.D., Reading, Pa.; Vice-President, Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa.; Secretary, Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, D.D., Allentown, Pa.; Treasurer, Dr. Joseph L. Lemberger, Lebanon, Pa. These officers, with Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Hagerstown, Md., and John H. Apple, Esq., Lancaster, Pa., constitute the Executive Committee.

The Secretary-elect notified the Board that he was ready to accept their call, and willing to devote all his time and energies to the work.

Headquarters. In order that the secretaries might render the best service to the Church, the Board fixed the headquarters of the Secretary in Philadelphia, and of the Field Secretary at Pittsburg.

Through the courtesy of the Publication Board of the Church, we have had the use of two rooms, as headquarters, free of charge, at No. 1306 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa. This is a great kindness, and the Board appreciates it. It was a wise move, on the part of the Board, to open an office in Philadelphia. Here the Secretary comes in contact with many of the pastors and prominent laymen. There is not a day but what some one comes to the office. Letters are often read to the brethren from the missionaries. These leave their impressions. Another great benefit to our work is in getting into close touch with the workers of other Boards. We have so much to learn from men who have been in this work for many years.

**Office
Outfit.** The Secretary located in the city, September 10, 1902. From the time of his arrival, he felt the need of an office outfit; but he struggled on for two months as best he could until, one day, a worthy brother brought the cheering news: "I have come to tell you that you can select a proper outfit for your office, and the bill will be paid." Such a noble benefaction deserves this prominent recognition, though the name of the donor must be withheld. The Board now enjoys the latest appliances for the conduct of its business.

At the request of the Treasurer, and with the approval of the Board, the Secretary receives all moneys for Foreign Missions. This was done to relieve him of a part of the clerical duties of the office. He still remains the Treasurer, and disburses the funds of the Church. Every Monday, a check is sent to him, covering the receipts of the preceding week. There is a great advantage in this new order of things. The Secretary now has all the financial facts at his command, and this is helpful in the prosecution of the work; besides, it brings him into contact with the pastors and individual contributors, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that his letters of acknowledgment have brought in rich returns.

Death of Members. Since your last meeting, three of our members have gone to their eternal reward: Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D.D.; Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D.

Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D.D., was a member for fifteen years. He had a warm heart for the work, and he was a friend of the missionaries. Very seldom was he absent from our meetings, and his voice was always heard in behalf of the best interests of the work. In his death, the Board has lost a valuable member, and the cause a loyal champion.

Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., brought a consecration of life and heart to the service of his Lord, which was most helpful to our work. We miss his loving fellowship and wise counsel. He took a deep interest in the extension of the Kingdom, and he always lent his influence to every effort that was in the line of progress.

Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D., Secretary emeritus, died, May 4, 1904. He gave eleven years of his life as Secretary of the Board, in directing the missionary operations of the Church. He did his work well. Only the growing infirmities of age made necessary his retirement, in January, 1902, from the active duties of the secretaryship, in which capacity he did noble service for the cause. Dr. Callender had served his day and generation according to the will of God, and he was ready for the summons to the eternal home. His works do follow him. The good never dies; it is immortal!

We quote the action of the Japan Mission, in regard to the late Secretary of the Board, which is as follows:

"Whereas, The increasing infirmities of age have compelled Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender to retire from active service as Secretary of the Board of Commissioners,

Resolved, That the Mission put on record its high appreciation of his faithful performance of duty, and his uniform courtesy towards the members of the Mission, collectively and individually, and that we, as a Mission, unite in the prayer that his closing years may be crowned with the favor and blessing of him whom he has served so long."

Vacancies Filled. The vacancies caused by the deaths of Drs. Dahlmann and Dieffenbacher were filled by the election of Rev. John Bachmann, D.D., of New Knoxville, Ohio, and Rev. Charles A. Santee, of Mercersburg, Pa. Their term of service will expire with this meeting of the Synod, and we heartily recommend their re-election.

Tour of Inspection. Before beginning his work as Field Secretary, Rev. A. V. Casselman spent nine months in visiting Japan and China, leaving August 9, 1902, and returning May 13, 1903. During this time, he made a careful inspection of our missions. One of the special results of the visits of Mr. Casselman are the many pictures taken by himself, illustrative of church and school buildings, congregations and schools. These pictures tell the story of hard, patient and self-sacrificing toil on the part of the missionaries. They also prove to us that the efforts, prayers and offerings of our people have not been spent in vain. Since his return to the homeland, he has been kept busy in visiting the churches with his stereopticon. Wherever he delivers his lecture, the people are loud in their praises. Frequent inquiries are being made in regard to the terms on which he gives the lecture. There are no charges for the lecture; however, the Board expects a free-will offering. During the past year, the offerings have been applied to the North Japan college buildings.

Of his visit to Japan, Dr. Schneder says: "From its beginning, five months ago, to its close, the visit has been one of

inspiration and cheer to missionaries and Japanese alike. The whole work in Japan is receiving an impetus, from his coming, that, in itself, would go far toward the paying of the expense of his trip. We, who are on the field, are deeply thankful to God for having led this brother to us and to the brethren in China. It is a new event in the history of the Reformed Church, and one that means progress." His stay in China had the same happy effect on the workers there.

**Japanese
in America.** Four of our Japanese brethren have pursued post-graduate studies in this country: Prof. T. Demura, Prof. C. Nakamura, Rev. K. Yoshida, and Rev. T. Ichimura.

Prof. T. Demura spent one year in the Pacific University and one year in Yale Divinity School, with a view to a better preparation for his work in the North Japan College. He is one of the first graduates of our school, and a man of exceptional ability. His presence at the re-organization of the Board was a great joy. He said: "The best men in Japan see that material civilization, apart from the true religion, cannot save the people."

Prof. C. Nakamura, who spent two years at Yale, is one of our best teachers. After his return to Sendai, he wrote: "I hope to serve the school better than I did before. During my stay in Pennsylvania, it was very encouraging to me to know that all our friends there are interested in our work here in Japan. I earnestly hope our work will be successful by the blessing of God, and by the support and prayers of our friends."

Rev. K. Yoshida, now of Taira, Japan, spent three years in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster; graduated in May, 1903. He was an apt student, and a favorite with his professors and classmates. Only encouraging reports reach us of his work. He has the confidence of the Mission.

Rev. T. Ichimura, who died on the 11th of November, 1904, in the hospital in New York City, was one of our most faithful evangelists. Through the kindness of Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, he became the first incumbent of the new "Ori-

ental Scholarship" of Union Theological Seminary. He made good use of his advantages. During the summer, our Board bore Mr. Ichimura's expenses in return for valuable services in visiting many congregations in East Pennsylvania. He was a man of ripe faith and absolute surrender to the service of his Lord. He died triumphant in the faith.

Prof. Christopher Noss says: "Most of my knowledge of the Japanese language and the Japanese conditions I owe to him. Would that every missionary might have such a friend." The Japan Mission has urged the purchase of a lot and the erection of a chapel at Fukushima. This was the field of Mr. Ichimura's labors. The mayor of the city is a member of our Church. Some memorials may offend Christian sentiment and good taste, but an Ichimura Memorial Chapel would be eminently proper and of inestimable help to the work in and around Fukushima.

Twelve New Missionaries. It is with great joy of heart that we report the appointment of twelve new missionaries, during the past triennium. Long and urgent have been the calls from the fields for these helpers. Seven of them are now in the active service of the Missions. Five of them will take up the work during the present year. We may well congratulate ourselves on the selection of these capable young persons for the respective positions:

Rev. Herman H. Cook, Jr.	Miss Bessie F. Miller.
Miss Christine Reifsneider.	Dr. Cyril H. Haas.
Miss S. Emma Ziemer.	Rev. Charles E. Roth.
Rev. William Kelly, M.D.	Rev. Jesse F. Steiner.
Miss Grace R. Whitmore.	Miss Mary E. Gerhard.
Rev. Paul E. Keller.	Dr. J. Ross Reed.

Rev. Herman H. Cook, Jr., of New Knoxville, O., is a graduate of the Mission House at Sheboygan, Wis. He is a teacher in the North Japan College, and is doing a good work.

Miss Christine Reifsneider is a daughter of Elder L. B. Reifsneider, of Philadelphia. She is a lady of liberal culture,

and, by her experience as a teacher, well qualified for school work in China.

Miss S. Emma Ziener, of Reading, was a most devoted member of the First Church, and a splendid teacher in one of the schools of the city. She has proved a valuable help to the Girls' School at Yochow.

Rev. William Kelly, M. D., of Chenchowfu, Hunan, China, became a member of our Mission in the spring of 1904. He is a valuable acquisition to our work. He is a good linguist, a skillful physician, and a very devoted missionary.

Miss Grace R. Whitmore is a graduate of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., and of the West Philadelphia Hospital. That she possesses the qualifications for an efficient nurse, is the judgment of those who know her best.

Rev. Paul E. Keller is a son of a missionary, and his wife a daughter of one of our self-sacrificing pastors, Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus. He is a graduate of Calvin College and of Ursinus School of Theology. Few missionaries enter upon their life's work with greater zeal for the salvation of souls.

Miss Bessie F. Miller was the head nurse of the General Hospital, at Lancaster. She is a graduate of the Samaritan Hospital, of Philadelphia. Whilst a student, she had considerable experience in nursing Chinamen, and this led her to offer her services for our hospital work in China.

Dr. Cyril H. Haas is a son of Rev. W. A. Haas, Selinsgrove, Pa., and a graduate of the University of Michigan. He spent the last year in the employ of the Student Volunteer Movement, visiting among the colleges and universities, but we hope he will sail for China in the fall. He will engage in hospital work.

Dr. J. Ross Reed is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He is a young man of promise. His desire is to spend a few months in post-graduate work in some medical university, before his departure for China.

Rev. Charles E. Roth, of Lancaster, Pa., is a son of Rev. George W. Roth, of Boyertown, Pa. He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary

at Lancaster. He will prove a strong acquisition to the teaching force of the North Japan College.

Rev. Jesse F. Steiner, of Tiffin, Ohio, is also the son of a minister. He is a graduate of Heidelberg University, and a most earnest missionary worker. He will be a teacher in the North Japan College.

Miss Mary E. Gerhard, a daughter of Rev. D. W. Gerhard, D.D., of Lancaster, Pa., and a graduate of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., will become one of the teachers of English in the North Japan College.

Farewell Services. Farewell services were held for all the outgoing missionaries. The audiences were large and sympathetic. We feel confident that the impressions made will result in larger offerings for the cause of missions.

Furloughs Missionaries. All Boards recognize the wisdom of furloughs. The missionary returns to recuperate strength, renew fellowships, and repair spirituality. This is an absolute necessity for his continued usefulness on the field. A loss on this score is a loss to the missionary work. There are so many climatic conditions, so many severe hardships and such a constant nervous strain, which militate against a man's vital energy that a furlough is the only remedy for saving him from nervous prostration, mental depression and physical bankruptcy.

During the past three years, four of our missionaries have been home on furlough, the two last-named arriving in America within the past month:

Rev. S. S. Snyder.	Rev. William E. Hoy, D.D.
Rev. Christopher Noss.	Rev. David B. Schneder, D.D.

When Mr. Snyder came home, we were in the midst of raising the funds for the re-building of the Miyagi Girls' School. He immediately began a most active canvass, and was instrumental in securing \$10,000 for the new school buildings at Sendai. No one will question his splendid success in increasing the receipts of our treasury. He was most faithful

in his visitation of the churches. At the earnest request of the China Mission, Mr. Snyder was willing to transfer his field of future usefulness to China. Since last fall, he is helping Dr. Kelly, at Chenchowfu.

The furlough of Rev. Christopher Noss proved a sore disappointment to the Board. After a six months' sojourn in this country, Mrs. Noss was a great sufferer from asthmatic bronchitis. Her physicians agreed that the gravest consequences would attend her return to the harsh climate of Sendai, and the severe nervous tension incident to the missionary's life. Fortunately for the Church, the Eastern Synod elected him to the professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, where, we know, he will continue to influence young men for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Occasions do arise in all missions when it is found inexpedient to return missionaries to the Foreign Field. Such disappointments must be expected in our work, but let us not thereby be discouraged. God wills it, and we must submit. Whilst we keenly feel the loss our Japan Mission will sustain by the withdrawal of Brother Noss, yet if he will spend his missionary experience in behalf of the students and the pastors, his stay will be a great gain to the cause of missions.

Both Drs. Hoy and Schneder have a special message for the Church. They return at this time not because they want to, but because there are pressing needs on the fields to be supplied. They will tell their own story to the Synod. We commend these earnest men of God to your reverend body, and through you to the Church, in the hope that the Holy Spirit may use them for greater things in our Church.

Foreign Mission Day. Obedient to the action of General Synod, the Board has issued three special services in English and German for use in our Sunday-schools on Foreign Mission Day. About 175,000 copies were sent annually to the pastors or superintendents. The services thus far issued were entitled:

Forward Be Our Watchword.

Christ for the World—the World for Christ.

Onward, Christian Soldiers.

We believe that the observance of this day has already proven a great blessing to many Sunday schools. It is one way to impart helpful information, and will foster an intelligent interest in the work. Interest in the extension of the Kingdom can only be kept alive by a knowledge of the facts. Some one has said: "The largest success of the cause of missions is in the hands of the young." We do well to inform our children, and infuse into their hearts a love for perishing souls. If Foreign Mission Day is to train the young for service in the Kingdom, the offering should be made one of the chief features of the day. After all, it is money that the Board needs to carry on the work, and it is the offering which will largely determine the degree of success of this celebration. When we remember that "There's money enough in the hands of Church-Members to sow every acre of the world with the seed of Truth," our responsibility becomes painfully apparent, and our dereliction woefully great. The Lord will bless the children for their loving gifts, when laid on the altar for the growth of our work in Japan and China.

Literature. Believing that a knowledge of the facts of missions is essential to an abiding interest in missions, the Board has been led to publish a number of helpful tracts. There is no better way of kindling a holy enthusiasm for world-wide missions than by studying the world-wide program of Christ. Missionary information is indispensable to insure proper giving. It helps men to give from principle, and in the right spirit. A knowing church is a growing church and a giving church. Mr. Mott says: "To do the will of God, they must know the needs of men." How can men take an interest in the work of missions, if they are ignorant of the spiritual needs of millions of their brethren? "Know and you will feel. Know and you will pray. Know and you will help." This is our apology, if any one will question the wisdom of spending so much money on literature?

History
Japan Mission. The History of the Japan Mission is by far the best description of our work in Japan yet issued by the Board, and it should be read by every active member of the Reformed Church. The book contains 136 pages, with 70 illustrations. There is an English edition of 25,000, and a German edition of 5,000. It is a most creditable publication, and was a worthy contribution by the missionaries to the Twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Japan Mission. Rev. Henry K. Miller was the editor of the work. Pastors and people who have seen it are loud in their praises. In order to help pay for it, the Board has fixed the nominal price of ten cents per copy. Pastors will confer a favor by bringing the book to the attention of their people. An elder read the book, and then made a canvass of his congregation for it. The lament has been that it is so hard to get the information necessary to conduct a mission study class along the lines of our work in Japan. This complaint can no longer be truthfully made.

Dr. Harlan P. Beach, secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, and an authority on Missions, sent us a most enthusiastic testimonial of "the beautiful history": "I do not recall a single production, in this particular line, that excels your own. I do not see how any member of your Church, and, for that matter, of any Church, could even glance through this attractive volume without being allured to look further into this fascinating history. I have long felt that our missionary societies were making a mistake in not doing for all their Missions precisely what Mr. Miller has accomplished for your work in Japan. It is a most wise expenditure of money, for until an intelligent interest is aroused in any church concerning its work in foreign fields, there is little hope of any considerable amount of sympathy or financial support being secured. I am sure that your Board will find it one of the best investments that can be made, even though to some it may seem as if money should only be devoted directly to the work on the fields. Let me congratulate Mr. Miller and yourself upon this fine specimen of the bookmaker's art, and let me wish for your Board the continued blessings of God."

Finances. All the receipts of the Board, from May 1, 1902, to May 1, 1905, have been \$237,800. This is more than double the amount of three years ago. We are devoutly grateful to the people for their liberal offerings. Evidently, there is a steady growth in Christian liberality. The nerve of missions is not cut. The cause is growing in favor with the people. It is a great satisfaction to the Board in knowing that all the boards and institutions of the Church report large increases in their receipts. For this, let us be thankful.

Emergency Fund. Notwithstanding our splendid offerings, the Board has been increasing its debt until it has assumed alarming proportions. The erection of the new school buildings, and the purchase of additional lots in Japan and China have cost the Church not less than \$75,000. All the buildings at Sendai are completed, but to pay for the same, our Treasurer had to borrow a large portion of the money. In order to save the Japan Mission from serious disaster, an effort is being made to raise an Emergency Fund of \$50,000. That the Church sees the need of this special effort is proven by the interest the pastors and people are taking in it. No one who knows the needs will question the propriety of it. If there ever was a clear call of providence to us, as a Church, that time seems to be now. The erection of the new buildings for the Miyagi Girls' School and the North Japan College was an imperative duty, and the necessity of paying for them is just as imperative. Our condition is critical. The time has come for heroic action. As a Church, we cannot afford to allow the present opportunities to slip our grasp. To prove faithless now, when God's providence offers us untold possibilities, may bring down upon us the sore displeasure of the Almighty. Grant that we are in debt, our situation is not unusual, when compared with that of other boards. We know of no progressive Board that is not groaning under a heavy debt. It seems to be a necessity in carrying forward the work of the Lord to go into debt. It may be a good rule, in daily life, to "pay as you go," but to apply the reverse to the work of missions, "go as you

pay" will deprive many a poor sinner of salvation, and rob heaven of many a saint. Experience has taught us anew that our Board needs a working capital, or reserve fund, upon which we may draw in emergencies, and to which we may add in prosperity.

Apportionment. We beg to call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the estimates of the Japan and China Missions exceed the apportionment laid by the Synod on the Classes. If the full amount, \$45,000, had been paid, we would not be so heavily in debt. There has been an annual deficit on the apportionments of, at least, \$12,000. May we not ask for a recommendation from the Synod to the Classes, that they urge all congregations to meet this reasonable obligation? With the growth of our work, we will need a larger apportionment. The work demands at least \$75,000, annually, for the next three years.

Annuity Bond. The Board has issued an annuity bond, which is an offer and an opportunity to the friends of Foreign Missions who may have it in their hearts to help this sacred cause, but who are dependent upon their income as long as they live. These bonds guarantee an annuity for life. The investment is permanent. The interest is sure. With his own hand, the donor gives the money to the Board, in full assurance that it will be applied to proper uses. Thousands of dollars are lost annually to the Church, because certain members delay making their wills until it is too late. The annuity bond is a safeguard against all delay, litigation and expense. We bespeak for this bond the approval of the Synod. We are glad to report the sale of seven bonds amounting to \$5,900. A copy of the bond will be found elsewhere in this report.

Missionary Outfits. The Board is anxious that all missionaries-elect shall, so far as possible, provide the funds for their outfits. The allowance for this purpose is \$600 for married men, and \$300 for single men. Experience

has taught us that there will be no trouble in getting the money, when the effort is made. The people are willing to heed all just demands.

Oppose Specials The Japan Mission requests the Board to discourage the habit of members sending special gifts to individual workers in foreign fields. General missionary experience proves that it is a bad thing for native workers to receive such support from persons in America. All such moneys ought to be applied to the payment of salaries fixed in the regular way. The Board is in full accord with the spirit of the petition, and will exert its influence to remedy the evil.

Relation In regard to the relation of the Board to congregations, societies or individuals supporting missionaries, the following action was taken :

Whilst the Board appreciates the offer of supporting missionaries, either in whole or in part, by congregations, societies or individuals, and will gladly accept any suggestions relative to the appointment of particular persons, yet it is the judgment of the Board that the choice, and commission, and oversight of all missionaries must be left exclusively in the hands of the Board itself.

The Board appreciates the action of the Japan Mission in adopting a "Schedule of Examinations" in the Japanese language, and the following action will govern us in the future :

Whereas, The missionaries now enjoy the advantage of an able Japanese teacher ; therefore,

Resolved, That we notify the Mission that, in the future, examinations in language study shall be held, and that the course be completed in three years, as prescribed by the Mission.

Resolved, That reports be sent to the Secretary of the Board, who shall have general oversight of the matter, and that failure to complete the course within the prescribed time, unless excused by the Mission, may be made the ground for a recall.

The Synod will rejoice to know that Elder Benjamin Kuhns, of Dayton, Ohio, has paid all the expenses in placing a copy of that excellent book, "The Pastor and Modern Missions," by John R. Mott, into the hands of every pastor of our Church. The Board appreciates the Christian liberality of one of its members, and expresses the opinion that this act, in addition to many previous acts of beneficence in behalf of our work, will prove to be productive of beneficent results.

One of the encouraging incidents of the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of our Japan Mission was the letter of thanks to the Board, by Rev. Kametaro Yoshida, President of Miyagi Classis, the original and translation of which will form a part of this report. The Board replied with grateful appreciation, and reassuring words of its delight in watching the growth, in grace and truth, of our Japanese brethren.

**Letter of
Congratulation.** We hear that a period of just twenty-five years has elapsed since your Society, at the Lord's command, began evangelistic work for our Japanese Empire, and that you are about to hold great thanksgiving services. We also, in the presence of God, seeing that your Society has attended to this work with sagacity and perseverance, and that the various missionaries dispatched by it have done evangelistic work with zeal and fidelity, so that the labor has not been in vain, and you are today spreading the glorious light of God's Kingdom in our North Japan—for the sincerity with which your Society serves the Lord, we cannot but give thanks. Very respectfully, we hereby offer our congratulations on the occasion of your twenty-fifth anniversary celebration.

KAMETARO YOSHIDA, [SEAL]

President of Miyagi Classis.

18 APRIL, 1904.

To the Honorable American German Reformed Mission.

The Board would notify the General Synod that the term of office of the following members expires at this meeting:

Rev. James I. Good, D.D.
 Rev. John Bachmann, D.D.
 Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.
 Rev. Charles A. Santee.
 Elder John W. Apple, Esq.
 Elder J. Z. Gerhard, M.D.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH.

Twenty-seven years ago our Church began the work of Foreign Missions in earnest. Up to that time we did not have a Mission in a foreign land, nor did we have a missionary whom we could call our own. For twenty-five years, from 1840 to 1865, all our contributions, amounting to \$28,000 were sent to the American Board towards the support of the Rev. Benjamin Schneider, D.D., a minister of our Church, at Broosa, in Asia Minor. From that time until 1878 very little money came into the treasury for the spread of the Gospel among the heathen.

That the time had come for our Church to establish a foreign mission is evident from the frequent appeals which found their way into the columns of the "Messenger." One brother writes: "There is, we think, no need of argument that she should. It is simply a duty to the divine commission. It is also a privilege to which we may attain if we be faithful." Another says: "Japan is still waiting for us; who will go to preach the Gospel to that hopeful people?" In the Report on the State of the Church at the General Synod held in Lancaster, Pa., May, 1878, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, the chairman, uses this strong language: "Of our participation in the cause of foreign missions we can hardly speak without self-reproach. But even our sense of shame for past indifference and neglect, in this regard, encourages the hope, that after another three years, we shall be able to render a better account of our stewardship of that Gospel which we owe to the perishing thousands in heathen lands."

Dr. Bomberger spoke with a prophet's vision, for at that meeting of the Synod, the President of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Rev. David VanHorne, D.D., was instructed to inquire into the advisability of establishing a Mission in China or Japan. The result was that on June 1, 1879, our first missionaries, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring and wife arrived at Yokohama. Since then the Board has sent out to Japan and China thirty-four married and single missionaries, of whom twenty-six are in the active service of the Church.

**Signs of
Progress.**

It is a pleasure to record the fact that the interest in the foreign work is steadily increasing. To be sure, we do not have the men nor the means to meet all the demands of our two promising missions, yet our very limitations must help to fan the flame of world-wide evangelization. God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. The receipts for the year 1879 were about \$7,000; for the year 1904 they have been \$69,000. Then our membership in the home Church was 147,788, the receipts for benevolent objects \$61,727, and for congregational purposes \$532,229; now, the membership is 255,880; for benevolent objects, \$281,892, and for congregational purposes, \$1,450,247. These statistics are the best evidence that the establishment of our foreign missions has been a distinct gain to the Church. With the departure of the first missionary a new life was kindled in the hearts of our pastors and people, and today the whole Church is a burning bush on fire with a holy enthusiasm for bringing souls into the Kingdom of the Lord. Our people are beginning to realize that the work of missions is not a luxury, but a necessity to the life of the Church. There is no dissent from the testimony of that great theologian, Dr. A. M. Fairbairn: "No Church can live on its past; it must live by faith and duty in the present; no Church has any claim to be whose only right is historical. The only claim is present truth and life, love and service, making the Church a Temple of the living God, a body for the living Spirit of Christ." That was a true saying of Thomas Chalmers: "Foreign Missions act on home missions, not by exhaustion, but by fermentation."

**Reflex
Influence.**

Our Church has almost doubled its membership since we are doing foreign missionary work and our home missionary work has never been so prosperous as now. Nothing pays such big dividends on the investment made of all the enterprises in the Church as missions. This is the spring of action in Christian work. If you want to arouse the sleeping energies of the Church to all her institutions of charity and learning you must talk missions. Missions have proved to be the heart of the Church. A Church is prosperous in the degree that she becomes the vehicle of the grace of God, a living center of energy and force, changing ever the secret life that is in her into the lives that are to be, penetrating the present, preparing the future, being in all the earth as the body of the living God. Missions sustain the Christian life, and they supply the one great avenue for service and joy in the world. Happily we as a Church have caught the vision of the world in need, and are uniting our forces in its conquest for Christ.

Bequests.

The Board fully appreciates the liberal bequests of friends which deserve special record. These large donations have been a great help to the cause at a time when the calls are so urgent. May these generous gifts constrain other members to do likewise, for thereby we link the heart's best impulses with the Lord in His great love to a world in ruins by the fall.

Bequest of Mrs. Sarah Ziegler, Spring Mills, Pa.....	\$ 150 00
“ “ Mrs. Lizzie Hobson, Collegeville, Pa.	10 00
“ “ Fredericka Sunderman, Waukon, Iowa.....	941 40
Legacy Mary J. Brinker, Lisbon, Ohio.....	149 99
Bequest of Frederick Boch, Jr., Klemme, Iowa.....	5 00
“ “ Henry Brown, Center county, Pa.....	1,917 50
“ “ John W. Oberly, Allentown, Pa.....	100 00
“ “ Simon Stockmeier, Timothy, Wis.....	25 00
“ “ Samuel N. Callender, D.D., Mechanicsburg, Pa.	300 00
“ “ J. G. W. Heyman, Hunt's Corners Congrega- tion, Ohio	25 00

Special Gifts.

In the summer of 1902, the three congregations of Tiffin, Ohio, promised the support of a lady teacher, and the consistory of the congregation at Fort Washington, Pa., in behalf of the members pledged the same amount

for a similar purpose. Both of these offers came at a most opportune time. It enabled the Board to appoint the lady teachers so needful in the China Mission. If other churches would aid in providing the salaries for new missionaries we could soon fill up the needs in our growing missions. It was voted to devote the contribution from Fort Washington towards the first year's support of Miss Christine Reifsneider, and that of the Tiffin Churches to the first year's support of Miss S. Emma Ziemer.

About the same time the Heidelberg Classis unanimously assumed the support of a foreign missionary, pledging \$800 per annum. It was a kind providence that these dear brethren should act at a time when all the appeals from the field were for immediate reinforcement. Rev. Herman H. Cook, Jr., is the missionary of Heidelberg Classis.

The Lord has put it into the hearts of Elder George W. and Agnes Hoffman, of Gettysburg, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2, to give the Board \$1,000 for two Church Building Funds. The Church should know that about four years ago these aged servants of God donated \$1,000 with the request that the interest should be perpetually used for the education of native ministers in China. To quote his own words, "Now, as we believe that you have your heart and soul set in faith on foreign missions, we hope your Board will be able to see its way to accept the offer, and we will start the above said fund, through faith that it will be a mighty element for good in foreign missions. While we believe in the education of foreigners for their fields, yet, while many are ready to make the sacrifice to go as foreign missionaries, we also believe that they should have a mission church started wherever they are located. Hence we will throw our lines in that direction for the present." Such is a frank statement of this dear brother whose heart is fixed on the salvation of the poor heathen. May his example stimulate others in the Church to similar deeds of charity.

Besides this donation, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have also given \$3,000 for a Memorial School Building in China.

We note with peculiar delight the bequest of the late Secretary, Dr. Samuel N. Callender.

Dr. William Mann Irvine, of Mercersburg Academy, has kindly promised to contribute \$700, in addition to the \$800, for Dr. Beam, towards the support of a teacher in the Boys' School at Yochow. The students at Mercersburg also support six boys in the China school. The Board appreciates this help.

Brown A legacy that deserves special mention is the one
Legacy. of Henry Brown, of Walker township, Center county, Pa. He died September 28, 1895. One-fourth of his estate he left to the Board of Foreign Missions as a memorial to his deceased daughter, Sarah Jane, to be used for the spread of the Kingdom in the empire of Japan. Did not this father, in the disposition of his property, show a spirit worthy of imitation by all Christian parents? Whilst each child living will receive its full share, the father did not forget the one to glory gone. By giving her portion to the Board of Foreign Missions she will continue to work for Jesus in the world. How much richer the Boards and Institutions of the Church would be, and how much more helpful the dead could be to the living, if more fathers would follow the good example of our friend Henry Brown. Blessed are the dead whose works do follow them!

Young Ten years ago many of our Young People's So-
People. cieties took one or more \$10 shares for the support of the Christian Endeavor Missionary, Rev. S. S. Snyder, to be paid during a period of seven years. Some have continued paying this amount, each year, to the present time, for which we are very thankful. Less than one-half of the original pledges are being kept alive. The Board is anxious to raise a fund large enough among the young people to support two missionaries, one in China, and one in Japan. This fund should amount to \$3,000. The shares are \$10, and it is desired that each Society shall take one or more shares. Denominational loyalty is one of the fundamental principles of the young people's movement, and this means devotion to the interests of the Church as centered in the various Boards. We are pleased

to note that the tendency is in this direction, and the prospects of greater usefulness are most encouraging. The weak point, however, in our young people's work lies in the lack of unanimity of purpose rather than in the variety of organization. To make the work effective there must be a systematic effort towards concentration of forces. It is less important that a Society should have a name than that it should have a declaration of purpose. By this we mean that it does not matter so much whether a Society bears the name of Christian Endeavor, Heidelberg League, or Guild, only so that it supplies a need in the Church life and achieves a worthy end. May we not, therefore, hope for a more united and concentrated effort along all lines of Christian activity. A declaration from the General Synod, at this time, we believe would help to promote the efficiency of the young people's work in our denomination. Every member of the Board realizes the fact that in the young lodges the energy of the age, and the hope of the Church. We know the benefit of co-operation in the work of the Lord.

Sunday Schools. More than ten years ago, a successful effort was also made to enlist the aid of the Sunday-schools in the support of the Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. H. K. Miller. For some reasons, this fund has been growing less, every year, until but one-third of his support was contributed by the schools in 1904. No doubt, in some schools, this object has been lost sight of; in others, the money is devoted to the classical apportionment, to which no one can object; but in the majority of schools, no pledge was ever made. In the annual reports of many denominations there is a column showing regular contributions by the Sunday-schools for Foreign Missions. We would like to be able to report similar offerings from all our schools. We have over 1,600 Sunday-schools. An average of two dollars from each school would support a missionary in Japan and China. How easily it could be done if all were of one mind. Concert in action will always bring great results. In view of the pressing needs in our work, we bespeak favorable action on the part of the Synod. When the children will give to missions, and pray for missions, and work for

missions, as Christ would have them do, then, "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

Work of Women. Words fail us to characterize the work of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod. There has been a great revival of interest on the part of our noble helpers. Year by year they assume new responsibilities and meet them well. Not only do the women support the Miyagi Girls' School at Sendai, but in addition the Woman's Missionary Society of the Eastern Synod has pledged the support of the two missionary nurses in China, and the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Synod the support of a lady evangelist for China. Classical Societies are also raising smaller amounts for special objects and are nobly sustaining our work. To all the women who have given aid to the Board we desire through the Synod to express our deep sense of grateful appreciation. In view of the splendid help of the women of our Church we are ready for a revision of the saying of St. Paul, and in the future we shall say, "Help those women with whom we labor in the Gospel."

Need of Prayer. That the Church may catch the vision of the millions needing redemption and increase her gifts by many thousands, we need to rely upon God for strength. Our Lord teaches us that the prayer of faith has the promise of power. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest," this is the condition. The men who pray are the men who do the work in the Kingdom of God. It is from homes and hearts where the secret flame of communion glows on the altar that laborers go forth into the great harvest field. "Apart from me," saith Christ, "ye can do nothing." "According to the power that worketh in us." How may we get this power? Let the Church throw open the flood-gates; let it pray to the Father who has promised the Spirit in the name of the Son, and we have greater certainty that the Spirit will descend than we have that parents will give good gifts to their children. The Church that forgets those in the work will not intercede with power that its own sons and daughters may be sent forth.

Our ambition and ideals for the Church are our real prayers for her. When all the Church will pray, as a few of her members do, with one heart and mind, "Lord, send forth more laborers into the harvest," then we may look for the conquest of the world, and all souls will rest in the loving heart of Jesus. Brethren, let us engage in special prayer for our work during this meeting of Synod.

CONDITION OF THE MISSIONS.

No one can view the fields of our work without deep and solemn impressions. Deepest and most inspiring of them is the impression of the vast dimensions of our operations. We have a host of native and foreign workers, whose labors are becoming as diversified as the needs of the fields. In chapel and school, in hospital and dispensary, by the human voice and the printing press, the truth of Christ finds its way into many hearts and homes. If it were possible for us to place side by side the pleas from the fields and the answers of our people, it would bring a blush of shame to all our faces.

Open Fields. There are strategic points in Japan which must be held for our Church. We regret that up to this time we could not allow them to be occupied, but we did not have the men nor the money. From across the sea the cry for help rings out over the Church, but, alas! our only response—we have no men and no money. Dr. Schneder, who is the very essence of conservatism, writes: "What I want to say is that the Japan work is now being crippled for lack of experienced men in sufficient numbers. We are too weak now for the work that has grown upon us. We can't meet the demands that are made upon us by our present situation. We ought to have from three to five men now, more than we have, well on in their training for service. Instead of that our best one has been taken away, and we have just gotten the sad news that our most promising evangelist, Mr. Ichimura, has died. The only way to partially remedy the situation is to send men now—not in a year or two." We rejoice in being able to report the appointment of twelve missionaries during the past three years, but what are these among the perishing millions?

Present War. This is not the place to speak of the present Russia-Japan war, of its causes and issues, but that the final outcome will promote the glory of God, no believer in Him can doubt. It is the driving of the forces of the Kingdom of God towards triumph. The immediate effect of the war seems to be different according to locality. In some places it has given rise to persecution, notably in Yamagata, Hiroshima and the Hokkaido, which takes the form of charging the Christians with sympathizing with Russia, worshiping the Czar, claiming that this is a war between the Christian religion and the religions of Japan. In other places, Fukui for example, it has given opportunity to the missionaries which seemingly could not have been secured otherwise; while almost everywhere it has given an opportunity for preaching the Gospel in a personal way, by creating a bond of sympathy whereby believers and unbelievers are brought together in a common effort to relieve suffering consequent thereupon. Again in some places it has been an advantage by making the people more serious and therefore more impressible.

No one knows Japan who has not felt her heart-beats during the past twelve months. There is a newness of life and spirit here that no one can understand who has not been in the midst of it. There is a favorableness to Christianity and to the higher aims of humanity that is truly wonderful. Japan now has before her the possibility of becoming a great spiritual power in the East. The present situation in Japan is one of the greatest opportunities to our Church.

Prospects in China. And what of our field in China? Dr. John Hykes, who has spent thirty-two years in that vast empire, assures us that Hunan is the most hopeful province for Christian work. Out of Hunan, he says, will come the greatest statesmen and preachers of the future. He claims we have an ideal field for service. Until recent years, Hunan was proverbially known as an anti-Christian province, but now a large number of the people welcome the missionary, and abandon idolatry. Whole villages have given up idol wor-

ship. This breaking with the past displays great courage. The latest testimony is that the 258 missionaries and the 30,000 native Chinese slain in the Boxer uprising are producing a harvest altogether beyond the present ability of the missionaries to gather.

JAPAN MISSION.

In Japan we have three chief stations, Tokyo, Sendai, and Yamagata, with sixty preaching places. There are twelve foreign missionaries, thirty-two native pastors and fifteen Bible Women. Three new missionaries are under appointment for Japan. But what are these among a population of five million souls for whom we are largely responsible?

The following are the missionaries of our Japan Mission:

Rev. Jairus P. Moore, D.D., Tokyo.

Rev. David B. Schneder, D.D., Sendai (absent).

Rev. Henry K. Miller, Yamagata.

Miss Lena Zurfluh, Sendai.

Prof. Paul L. Gerhard, Sendai.

Rev. William E. Lampe, Sendai.

Rev. Allen K. Faust, Sendai.

Miss Sadie L. Weidner, Sendai.

Miss Lucy M. Powell, Sendai.

Miss B. Catherine Pifer, Yamagata.

Rev. Jacob M. Stick, Sendai.

Rev. Herman H. Cook, Sendai.

Under appointment: Rev. Charles E. Roth, Rev. Jesse E. Steiner, and Miss Mary E. Gerhard.

Of the 3,500 Christians in North Japan, 2,000 belong to our Church. Our work in Tokyo and Yamagata was from the beginning mainly evangelistic. Sendai is the seat of our two flourishing schools, the North Japan College and the Miyagi Girls' School, and the center of a large evangelistic work. There is no province in the empire more promising for the speedy triumph of the Gospel.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The field embraced by our evangelistic operations is the same in extent as the last report. This work as a whole is under the care of an evangelistic committee, composed of members of the Mission, and holds monthly meetings in the city of Sendai. In speaking of the condition of the work there is progress all along the line. The people are not only more willing to hear, but more ready to receive Christianity than at any time since the work has been begun. There is a widespread spirit of inquiry and a readiness to hear faithful Gospel preaching; and doors of opportunity are opening faster than we are able to enter. Lack of efficient workers seems to be the special need. Yet in some places even this has proved a blessing, being the means of making stronger Christians by throwing them on their own responsibility.

Results.

What has been, and what is the spiritual condition of those within the field? One of the missionaries writes: "To put one's finger on the spiritual pulse and state, positively, that it is weak or strong, fast or slow, is exceedingly difficult. As foreigners we do not come into as close contact with the people, and do not know their inner spiritual life, as well as the pastor in the homeland. We are, in large measure, dependent upon the reports of our native co-laborers, and these are sometimes imperfect. While the spiritual condition is not as yet up to the true mark; while we fail to see, on the part of many, true spirituality as we of the West understand the term, we are glad to be able to report that there are many who are bright and shining in the midst of great spiritual darkness; who are serving the Lord in sincerity of heart, and honor their profession by their upright lives."

Sendai District. At Sendai, the various reports show that the work has, in general, been very promising. Dr. Schneder says, "upon the average." Considerable itinerating has been done by the missionaries and a number of the teachers of the North Japan College. At Shiroishi, the Christians built a chapel without asking or receiving mission aid. This is a remarkable case, and shows the spirit of true independence. At

another place in the same district, 115 persons recently handed in their names as desirous of becoming Christians. And there is also a movement on foot to build a house of worship.

Hitherto, in the city of Sendai, the merchant class has shown little regard for Christianity. However, in recent years, many of them are turning towards the light, and confess faith in Jesus. One of the wealthiest merchants is now an active member in the Sendai Church, and his conduct, up to this time, has shown that Christianity has laid deep hold on his life. In feudal times, the merchants were classed as the lowest of the four classes into which society was divided, and they were accordingly despised. This feeling has not fully died out, even yet. But the merchants of today are beginning to see that the gospel of Christ has something specially for them, and that, from its standpoint, they, too, have a mission to fulfil and a blessed future to await for their own souls.

Yamagata District. There is an urgent request from the Mission that we locate a foreign missionary in Akita. What claims has this field on our Church? One of our missionaries resides at Yamagata, a province contiguous to Akita. Geographically, the work falls to our lot. Many of our best native workers have come from this district. Only one of them is now working in this needy field, and we should do something, by way of compensation, for the workers that are strengthening our work in other parts of the Empire. Now is the time to push the work in this field.

Akita. What, then, are the needs of the Yamagata-Akita field? First of all, a missionary family ought to be located in Sakata and another in Akita without delay. On account of the severe climate, these families will need foreign-built homes. They also require the necessary munitions of war for a successful campaign—church lots and buildings, parsonages, etc. It is true economy to provide these things right in the beginning. Later on, another missionary family should locate in the city of Yamagata, for the purpose of starting a second congregation there, and taking charge of the work to the south. Second. Church buildings and parsonages

should be erected at Yonezawa, Tsurugaoka and Shinjo (in case the plan of starting work in the last mentioned large town can be carried out). Third. An organ fund is needed, with which to supply cheap musical instruments to such congregations as can make good use of them. The Mission asks the Church to remember the Yamagata-Akita field, and, by means of their prayers and gifts, supply these needs speedily!

Fukushima. The town of Fukushima, situated along the railroad, about 60 miles south of Sendai, is in the heart of a large and fertile valley. We have had work there for about 19 years. The leading Christian of the town is Mr. Suzuki, an ex-mayor, and a man of influence in the town. Under the present favorable outlook in Japan, it is extremely important that the work at this place should be pushed. This the Christians themselves, especially Mr. Suzuki, have felt during the past year. But they are as yet few in number, and can not do all that is necessary to the prosperity of the Church. Their chapel is in an out-of-the-way, unhealthful location, and a small, poor structure at that. They need a new lot in the center of the city and enough money to build a good church. This is essential, not only to the success of the work in this capital town, but in all the rich country around; and the time to move forward is now. About \$700 will be needed for a good lot. Who will give us a gift large enough to purchase a church lot in this important town? If only the ground is bought now, while it is cheap, the church building can be erected later. It is the policy of the Board and the Mission to put up good, substantial church buildings in the capital town of each province, and Fukushima seems by far the most urgent place now. Will not some one respond to this call? God grant it.

Tokyo
District. In order to fully appreciate the needs of this field, we must understand its peculiar conditions. The fact must be borne in mind that Tokyo is both the capital and the metropolis of the Empire, and, as such, is the very center of Japanese life—political, social, literary and educational. Also, that here was the beginning of our work, and for the first six years it was the only mission field we had.

In view of the importance of this great city, and the influence at work here, an influence which reaches out to the remotest parts of the country, any mission doing work here should, and must, have a plant which is in keeping with the importance of the place. Such a mission-plant should compare favorably, in its appointments, with other mission plants and interests of the city. The question then arises, have we such a "plant?" Have we met these conditions? No; such has not been the case. The buildings and equipment for carrying forward the work are sadly insufficient in order to establish such a work as will really be a credit to our mission, and an honor to the Lord Jesus Christ, whose servants we are.

Kanda Church. At the present time, we have, in the city itself, one organized congregation, the Kanda church, formerly called the *Moto-daiku cho*, and one preaching place, a new interest, started since Dr. Moore's last return to Japan. The Bancho church, organized many years ago, is now independent of the Mission, but is doing a noble work. In the country, within a radius of thirty miles of the city, we have five interests, two of them started during the last year and a half,—a charge or parish consisting of one congregation and six preaching places. The Kanda church is a building which, with furniture, cost \$1,100, United States money. This is all we have in the city, with the exception of a new preaching place in a remote part of the city, where we have rented a native house for preaching and Sunday-school work. Our outlying country work is also sadly in need of better buildings and improved facilities. At one point, *Koshigaya*, we have a Japanese dwelling fitted up as a church. The native Christians own this building. Our Mission made a contribution of \$100 at the time it was fitted up. At another point, *Iwatsuki*, there is a semi-foreign chapel which cost less than \$500. The Mission and the native Christians together paid for this building. At *Hasuda*, about a dozen of the native Christians clubbed together to provide a place of worship. They were poor in this world's goods, but rich in faith and of a self-sacrificing spirit.

Dr. Moore has prepared an appeal for help towards the

erection of a new Kanda church in Tokyo. The building is an absolute necessity. The Board commends this worthy object to the favor of the Church. In view of our splendid work there, we cannot afford not to furnish a suitable building.

Work of Kimura. During the past year, there has been a mighty revival in Japan, under the evangelist, Kimura Seimatsu, formerly a student of the North Japan College. After years of seed-sowing and work along ordinary lines, extraordinary efforts may be in place, in fact, may be necessary. The success attending the efforts of this servant of the Lord has been simply phenomenal. Thousands have been brought under the convicting influence of the Spirit, and many of these converts are now identified with our Mission. The largest number at any one place was in a small town called Kakuda, in the province of Fukushima, not far from Sendai, where, during two services held on successive days, one hundred and sixteen signified their desire to unite with the Church. What the permanent results will be, remains to be seen. That this servant of God, whose soul is all aflame with the love of his divine Master, and whose words burn like a fire, may be spared many years, and be used for great good, is the prayer of all our missionaries.

Need of Chapels. There is great need for chapels and missionary residences. Only twenty of the sixty preaching places have churches or chapels, so that forty stations must rent houses. This is expensive. Sometimes, the rent is so high that if this money could be saved for ten years, it would pay for a suitable chapel. Besides, the surroundings in the homes are not helpful to the worshippers. The services are often held in rooms where heathen idols are in full view of the listeners. Helping the Christians to erect chapels will encourage them in their trying work, and give them the privileges of a sanctuary. Do you ask, "How much will a chapel cost?" From \$300, and upwards. The Japan Mission owns six houses which are occupied by the missionaries. There is need for three or four more residences. Foreign-built houses are a pay-

ing investment. Apart from the comforts to the missionary and the protection to health, it is cheaper for the Church to erect these houses than to pay rent. A house can be built, including lot, for about \$3,000.

OUR SCHOOLS IN JAPAN.

North Japan College. The members of the Synod will remember that early in the year 1904 an official was sent to inspect the school, and after giving a thorough inspection he gave a very favorable report to a newspaper reporter at Sendai in which he says: "I think it is a very promising school. I cannot but congratulate Sendai upon having such a good school. It is my conviction that it will surpass government schools in the near future." At the same time the inspector notified Dr. Schneider, that for sanitary considerations, he would have to close the institution by April if better buildings would not be provided. This made it imperative upon the mission to begin at once the erection of the new buildings which are now nearing completion. Our treasurer had to borrow a large portion of the money for this purpose. The original grant for the North Japan College buildings was \$25,000. This amount will pay for the recitation hall, but not for the dormitory which is an absolute necessity. The mission asks for \$10,000 additional to complete the work. Does any one ask, "What is the North Japan College?" It is an institution in which the young men are well and duly prepared for the work of the Christian ministry. It is a great moral and spiritual power, the centre of Christian work in the northern part of the Empire and the greatest hope of future victory in this part of the missionary field. Our Church has always stood for Christian education. Who, then, will refuse to give large gifts for the proper equipment of our flourishing college and seminary at Sendai?

Miyagi Girls' School. It is with great joy of heart that we report the completion of all the buildings for the Miyagi Girls' School, and at a cost of over \$8,000 below the original estimate. The leading Sendai daily says: "The dormitory is one of the best planned and most substantial in

northeastern Japan, and will doubtless be patterned after by many other schools." The ladies' residence was enlarged so as to give a study and sleeping room to each of the four lady teachers, and many other changes and repairs were made. The recitation hall, which is a memorial to the late Christine Vollmer Faust, is a beautiful solid brick structure with granite trimmings. As Japan is an earthquake country, great care was used that the building should be strong, and it is probably as nearly earthquake-proof as a building can be built. It contains eight recitation rooms, a large chapel, library, laboratory and science room, business office, reception room and waiting rooms. Our Girls' School has now a very fine equipment, and there is no better plant in Japan for the Christian education of young women. The cost of these buildings is as follows:

Dormitory	\$7,496 70
Ladies' Residence	2,370 65
Recitation Hall	13,412 47
Moving Bible Women's House	69 00
Two Lots	2,884 31
Fencing, grading, incidentals	672 68
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Total	\$26,905 81

Receipts from all sources for the Girls' School Building amount to about \$27,000.

The credit for the speedy and economical erection of these buildings is due to Rev. W. E. Lampe, who had sole charge of the building operations. In his report of the work so well done he says: "We of the Japan Mission feel grateful to all who by their contributions or in any other way have helped us in this grand work."

The Board again thanks all the individuals and congregations who have paid \$500 each, for rooms in the new school buildings. Are there not those who may read this report, able and willing to contribute \$500 or \$1000 in memory of a saint in glory?

**New
Buildings.**

The new buildings have been a great blessing to the Girls' School. The school now attracts the daughters of the best citizens. Miss Zurfluh

writes :

"We have two daughters of the ex-mayor of Sendai, two daughters of a very prominent judge in Sendai, the daughter of the leading banker in the city, the daughter and sisters of evangelists, and the daughters of the servant and lower classes. Thus side by side these girls are being taught in Christianity. One of our teachers and also one of the servants of the school had to go to the battles' front. Both of these men became Christians before they went to war; the Christian influence that they received in school helped to lead them to the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. The school took an active part in helping to prepare for the soldiers. The girls made over 2,000 ear-caps. We also went to help give the departing soldiers a proper send off.

"The girls and teachers gave up the Christmas treat and raised money and paid for the window in the chapel that is back of the platform. The window is hand-painted, was painted by the architect, and the words, "Glory to God," in gold letters are inserted below it; in the window itself we have the inscription, "Presented by Miyagi Jo Gakko, Christmas, 1903." The effect is beautiful and impressive.

"The Christine Vollmer Faust Memorial Hall is a beautiful, strong building, and its very structure implies what the school is to stand for.

"The teachers and pupils have worked hard under difficult and trying circumstances for over two years, and do certainly feel grateful to all who have contributed, all who have helped to build, plan and give sympathy. When we see the great army of young girls before us, ready to be led to the truth, we can truly say, 'Behold, what the Lord hath wrought,' for one soul is worth more than all the world."

Bible Women. The Christian Church in Japan now has her women who are doing the work of a Dorcas, a Priscilla, a Mary and a Martha; but they go by the name of O Hana San (flower), O Hoshi San (star), O Yuki San

(snow), and O Haru San (spring). We certainly owe much to the earnest, faithful work that is being done by the devoted Bible women whose work a quarter of a century ago was almost entirely an unknown thing in this Sunrise Kingdom. God has richly blessed their work of faith and love, and He is giving them stronger faith and desire to extend His kingdom among their own sisters. God is opening the doors and hearts of the people, and thus the barriers and hindrances that these women used to meet and had to contend with are gradually disappearing.

We have had fifteen regular Bible women during the past year, and four who have done some Bible work and some other work. There are two Bible women in Tokyo doing very efficient work. One Bible woman has been in Yamagata working in the Sunday-schools and having meetings; there will be two women in that field in the future. We have one Bible woman in Sukugawa and one in Wakumatsu. They are a great help to the work there. These Bible women hold prayer meetings, women's meetings, and do house to house visitation, in fact, they do Gospel work wherever the doors are open. Some of our teachers, girls, and Bible women helped at the Gospel tent meetings by way of singing and playing the organ. Some of them teach in two Sunday-schools, and hold several women's meetings every week. They go in all kinds of weather. We certainly owe them our sympathy and most earnest prayers.

Rev. H. K. Miller very strongly urges a Bible Women's Training School, whose aim is to train women for Christian work. Other missions have them, and are seeing good results. Such an institution would require the services of two foreign lady missionaries and several Japanese assistants. It would also be necessary to provide a school building and a home for the foreign teachers. The Japan Mission has recognized the need of such a Bible School and the Board favors it.

Industrial Home. The Industrial Home is the abode of a large number of the students of North Japan College. All of these young men are studying the lesson of self-support, and at the same time they receive a Christian education. The Home is running a dairy, a printing press, a

book store, and a farm. The work is done by the students. The total number in the Home during the year is ninety-two. The average number is seventy-two. Thirty-four are Christians, others are earnestly seeking the Saviour. The expenses for the year amount to \$5,250 which includes the building of two sheds for the dairy and other necessary repairs. Towards this amount the mission appropriated \$750. Regular services are held every Sunday evening and weekly prayer meetings.

Sunday Schools. One of the important branches of the work of the Mission is that being done for the children of Japan through our Sunday-schools. The great good that is being accomplished cannot be estimated by statistics, and yet a few figures may be of interest.

Connected with our work are 45 Sunday-schools with an average attendance of 2,086.

Of these 45 Sunday-schools, some are held in our churches and preaching places and others in the homes of Christians. But often a house, whose owner is a worshiper of gods made with hands, is the only place that can be rented and the children must be taught about the only true God with idols in full view.

The children in these Sunday-schools come from all kinds of homes and the coolies' children are taught side by side with the rich men's sons and daughters. Many of the children must take care of a baby brother or sister and cannot come to Sunday-school without bringing their small charges along tied on their backs, and thus the babies are first introduced to the Sunday-school.

Every week from the Tohoku Gakuin 24, and from Miyagi Jo-Gakko 27, teach in the Sunday-schools of Sendai and vicinity.

Evangelists, evangelists' wives, Bible women, teachers and students of both our schools with the missionaries, are engaged in this work of winning the children of Japan for Christ.

The Nibancho Sunday-school was organized in 1881 and now has an enrollment of 297 with an average attendance of 166.

One class of girls from the Koto Jo-Gakko (Government Girls' High School) numbers 16. Recently two of these girls were baptized.

There are 15 teachers, 6 of whom are from the Tohoku Gakuin and six from Miyagi Jo-Gakko.

During 1903 the offering of this Sunday-school, including the Christmas offering, amounted to \$24.94.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary. The year 1904 marks a notable event in the history of our Japan mission. It was the quarter-centennial of its founding. Interesting and inspiring services were held at Sendai and Tokyo. At those meetings not only the high officials of the province and city, including Prince Date, lent their presence, but these men spoke friendly words of recognition and appreciation. It is doubtful whether there has been anything like it in the history of mission work in Japan. What have we done at home in recognition of this event? Many hearts were praying and planning for its success. Far across the sea our missionaries and native Christians continued daily in prayer for the blessing of God upon this special movement. Whether our prayers and plans shall materialize will depend upon our own efforts as the servants of the King. We dare not expect God to do for us what He has already given us the ability to accomplish. We have the ability to lay on the altar \$100,000 during 1905, and thus attain the high water mark in our offerings for foreign missions. All we ask of the pastors is that they carry the needs of our two missions upon their hearts and lay them, in love, upon the consciences of the people. We believe the story of our noble achievements in Japan will cause many lips to praise God for His great favors.

Strong Appeal. In concluding the report on our Japan Mission we beg to quote from a letter of Dr. Moore. He writes: "How I wish I could make every pastor and member of my Church see the wonderful doors opening to us! To make them see the need of more men and money, so as to be able to seize present opportunities for the furtherance of the work, as we here on the field see it!

"The Christian Church in modern times has never been challenged to stretch forth her hands and reap so great a harvest as she is challenged today by the state of readiness of a great and mighty nation to receive the Gospel. Here, if any-

where in the wide world, the 'King's business requires haste.' What we propose to do here in Japan must be done by us as a mission within the next few years, or we shall miss the greatest chance that has ever come to any Church engaged in the foreign work. Other fields are inviting, too, but here, as some of us look at it, it is a case of urgency, a now or never.

"This is why we as a mission recently sent out an urgent appeal to our Reformed Church. The work to be done is more than to gather hundreds and thousands here and there into the Christian Church. It is to establish firmly the kingdom of God in this "Land of Morning"; to win one of the most remarkable nations in the history of the world to Christ; and when this work shall have been done, Japan will become the leading factor in Christian work here in the far East, and be God's chosen instrumentality in bringing the millions of China and Korea to the feet of the Redeemer."

CHINA MISSION.

This branch of our foreign work consists of two stations where missionaries reside—Yochow and Chenchow, with mission headquarters at Yochow.

MISSIONARIES AT YOCHOW.

Dr. J. Albert Beam and family, Rev. William A. Reimert and family, Rev. Paul E. Keller and family, Rev. W. E. Hoy, D.D., and family (absent); Miss S. Emma Ziemer, Miss S. Christine Reifsneider, Miss Grace R. Whitmore.

MISSIONARIES AT CHENCHOW.

Rev. William Kelly, M.D., and family, Rev. S. S. Snyder and family, Miss Bessie F. Miller.

In addition to the above there are two medical missionaries, Dr. Cyril H. Haas and Dr. J. Ross Reed, under appointment to go out in the fall, one to each station.

Evangelistic Work.

For several years the Gospel has been faithfully preached at Yochow, and there is now in that place a congregation of 95 members, with a Sunday-school of nearly 100. In the church and in the street chapel,

in the boys' and girls' schools, and in the hospital, the Word of God is constantly proclaimed. The Bible class, established for the instruction of inquirers, numbers over 60. The women's meetings are well attended.

Boys' School. The Boys' School is doing a quiet, solid work. The pupils are all mere beginners, and are preparing for advanced courses of study. The students number 42. There is a very active Y. M. C. A. work being conducted by Rev. Wm. A. Reimert. About 15 of the boys keep the morning watch, engaging every morning, before breakfast, in an hour's Bible study and prayer. The religious tone of the school is encouraging indeed.

Girls' School. The Girls' School numbers 18 pupils. Here Miss Ziemer and Miss Reifsneider find their congenial work. Their influence among the girls is very marked. The religious instruction is well calculated to make strong characters; and from this school we look for active workers for woman's work for women in China.

Hospital. In the Hospital and Dispensary Dr. Beam is proving the far-reaching influence of medical work among the Chinese. The missionary physician has practically in his hands the key to the homes of the people. Wherever he goes, he associates the art of healing with the spiritual work of bringing peace to men's souls; and thus he becomes a mighty evangelizing force.

At Chenchow Dr. Kelly has been preaching to large audiences, at the same time doing some practical work in the dispensary. Both Dr. and Mrs. Kelly are teaching large classes of inquirers, and they will soon reap a harvest.

At Yochow we have a well-built chapel, 60 x 30, with a tower 15 x 15. In the rear of the church lot stands the native evangelist's house, this being the substantial outcome of Dr. D. M. Wolf's generous gift. The bell and the organ are the gifts of Rev. Fred Cromer and other friends. The pews are supplied by the Mifflinburg Reformed church, and the pulpit furniture by the First Reformed church of Reading. This

property gives the mission a spiritual home, and it is for the native Christians a refuge and an abode of peace.

There are also three foreign residences for the missionaries. These buildings are of good native brick and will stand for generations. The Girls' School has a small and convenient building. The growth of the school will naturally call for larger buildings before many years. The present Boys' School building, small and inadequate, will eventually be used in some way in connection with the hospital. Dr. Beam is now engaged in the erection of his hospital. When this is completed he will have a splendid building, for the Doctor has given much time and attention to his plans and knows what he needs and wants. For the Boys' School a fine tract of land comprising thirteen acres has been purchased. Upon this beautiful site by the lakeside a commodious building will be erected after Dr. Hoy returns to the field.

**New
Buildings.**

At Chenchow Dr. Kelly is building a double residence, a hospital for men and a hospital for women. The indemnity fund will enable him also to erect buildings for boys' and girls' schools. The property at Chenchow is exceptionally fine, and Dr. Kelly has been enlarging it by new purchases. The chapel, dispensary and bookroom are proving helpful to the Chenchow station. Dr. Kelly has brought us, including the fund from the British Government, a property worth \$30,000 United States gold. This will be useful in the spread of the Kingdom of God.

Needs.

As to the needs of the Yochow station, we must say that we need two women evangelists, two teachers for the Boys' School, and at least one more man to devote himself to purely evangelistic work. At Chenchow we need a woman to open the Girls' School and a man to establish a Boys' School. The Boys' School at Chenchow may be preparatory to the higher course in the Yochow school. Chenchow needs also one more missionary for the evangelistic work.

At Changteh, a large and important city between Yochow and Chenchow, we must locate a family. We need also more residences for the missionaries and their families.

Dr. Kelly. That the Synod may have the facts in the providential opening at Chenchow we add this statement to the foregoing report of the China Mission:

Early in the spring of 1904, a letter from Dr. Hoy to the Board brought the glad tidings that Dr. William Kelly, of Chenchow, was ready to unite with our mission. This good brother went to China in 1899, under the Cumberland Presbyterian Board, and was laboring in Changteh, Hunan, until the spring of 1903, when he felt it his duty to open a new work at Chenchow. So strong was his conviction of the Lord's leading that he sent a conditional resignation to his Board, which he asked them to accept if they did not see their way clear to grant the request. That Board, after carefully considering the matter, and in view of the fact that their station at Changteh was in need of reinforcement to develop the work there, and for lack of funds to operate a separate station, the Board very reluctantly declined the request. Without creating the least unfriendliness he withdrew from the Board, carrying with him the best wishes of his friends.

Since Yochow is the nearest station he applied to Dr. Hoy, stating the terms on which he would unite with our mission. Our Board was immediately notified and Dr. Kelly is now one of our missionaries. In this report we cannot enter into details. Suffice it to say that Dr. and Mrs. Kelly are both good linguists, and they will prove a valuable acquisition to our work. They are capable, affable, earnest and devoted. They are full of sacrifice, and have ever given much to the work. The Synod will be pleased to know that the new missionary has made a transfer of his property at Chenchow to our mission. The compound is about 350 by 450 feet, with a brick wall and stone foundation about eight feet high. The buildings are a residence, a chapel and a dispensary. The property is worth \$4,000 gold. "It is, all in all, one of the finest mission properties in China." We are glad to know that Dr. Kelly is satisfied with his transition, and he writes: "I believe the Lord has led in it all; and so we

enter the work with this assurance which enables us to give a whole-hearted service." We bespeak for Dr. and Mrs. Kelly the sincere confidence and hearty co-operation of the entire Church. Dr. Hoy writes: "Dr. Kelly is worth more to us than money." But it is due this brother to tell the Church that he brought with him, besides his own property, a gift that should stir the hearts of all our people. From a letter of Mr. G. M. H. Playfair, Acting Consul General at Hankow to Dr. Hoy, we gather the inspiring information that our China Mission has received a special grant of \$25,000, this money to be used for hospital and school purposes at Chenchow.

The following communication will explain itself:

Hankow, 29 July, 1904.

H. B. M. CONSULATE GENERAL,

**Indemnity
Fund.**

SIR: I beg to inform you that H. M. Minister at Peking has notified me that H. M. Principal Secretary of State for Foreign

Affairs has sanctioned my proposal that one-half of the Chenchow Indemnity Fund, now in my hands, should be bestowed on the China Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States. This sum is granted for the establishment of a hospital and school in the city of Chenchow Fu in Hunan. The only conditions attached to the grant are that an account of the administration of the money be furnished to H. M. Government, and that some tablet be put up in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the new buildings, explaining the circumstances of the grant, namely, that this money was exacted by H. M. Government, on account of the murder of the two C. I. M. missionaries, not as blood money, but for the ultimate benefit of the people of Hunan by establishing a charitable institution, thus returning good for ill.

I beg to suggest that you devise a suitable Chinese inscription to this effect and submit to me.

I am sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. M. H. PLAYFAIR,

Acting Consul General

REV. W. E. HOY, Yochow.

gave me a deed to it. With that start on their part, the property owners willingly sold their lots at a reasonable figure. So far I have bought five lots, and I shall be able to secure the whole of it for about \$2,000. You cannot imagine what a beautiful compound we have. Both are high, dry, with beautiful surroundings, and have an abundance of trees and flowers. The indemnity funds are sufficient for two hospitals, one for men and one for women, and, according to plans and specifications furnished by a good architect in Shanghai, two schools, the girls' school being in the compound and the boys' in the rear.

We trust you shall be able to send some one for the Girls' School next fall. A lady physician and a nurse shall also be a blessing to the people. The first worker for the Boys' School and another male physician are also very much needed. He has entrusted to us a mission with these funds, and the sooner we can get the missionaries, the sooner we can teach, heal and save the people.

Conclusion. May we not accept these special grants as the leadings of Providence, and as a proof that God is owning our feeble efforts in the spread of the Gospel among the heathen? Should not these gifts constrain all of us to bring larger offerings for the Lord's work in Japan and China? The duty of the hour is plain. The time has come for heroic action. As a Church, let us arise in our might, and press with vigor on. The present crisis in the work of missions should compel us to forget all lesser interests and issues, and hasten with the good news of salvation unto the remotest ends of the earth. May the loving Father in heaven give us the largeness of vision, that we may see the great spiritual needs in all the desolate portions of the world, and bear the glad tidings to souls in sin and sorrow. Then will the gates to heathen lands swing wide open, the righteous nation enter in, and the people be saved.

Your servants in the Lord,

JAMES I. GOOD, *President.*

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, from January 1st, 1902, to December 31st 1904.

1902.	Dr.			
January 1.	To Balance.....		\$	751 30
January 31.	Cash Received.....	\$ 2,299 52		
February 28.	“ “	2,678 19		
March 31.	“ “	3,097 84		
April 30.	“ “	13,916 72		
May 31.	“ “	7,123 80		
June 30.	“ “	1,999 38		
July 31.	“ “	2,849 24		
August 31.	“ “	1,524 27		
September 30.	“ “	3,397 75		
October 31.	“ “	5,428 09		
November 30.	“ “	3,873 57		
December 31.	“ “	6,442 21		
		54,630 58		
1903.				
January 31.	“ “	4,161 55		
February 28.	“ “	3,882 99		
March 31.	“ “	9,114 90		
April 30.	“ “	4,427 52		
May 31.	“ “	12,742 85		
June 30.	“ “	5,973 84		
July 31.	“ “	3,336 53		
August 31.	“ “	3,045 07		
September 30.	“ “	2,292 34		
October 31.	“ “	6,686 92		
November 30.	“ “	4,241 73		
December 31.	“ “	6,244 55		
		66,150 79		
1904.				
January 31.	“ “	3,421 77		
February 28.	“ “	3,162 99		
March 31.	“ “	6,583 19		
April 30.	“ “	9,945 28		
May 31.	“ “	16,533 79		
June 30.	“ “	2,895 95		
July 31.	“ “	5,991 01		
August 31.	“ “	2,062 97		
September 30.	“ “	2,617 23		
October 31.	“ “	4,825 69		
November 30.	“ “	4,891 39		
December 31.	“ “	5,535 23		
		68,466 49		
		180,247 86		

To cash proceeds of notes as follows:

Jan. 1, '02, to Dec. 31, '02.....	\$110,067 77	
Jan. 1, '03, to Dec. 31, '03.....	155,970 52	
Jan. 1, '04, to Dec. 31, '04.....	132,293 01	
	<u>398,331 30</u>	

To cash Special Loans, as follows:

Aug. 1, 1903, Palmyra Bank.....	\$ 9,460 00	
Oct. 31, 1903, Boessels Bank.....	9,500 00	
Nov. 30, 1904, C. S. Slagle, Ex.....	5,000 00	
	<u>23,960 00</u>	
		<u>611,539 16</u>
		<u>\$612,290 46</u>

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1902.

January 31.	By	Amount	paid.....	\$13,195 39	
February 28.	"	"	".....	2,383 93	
March 31.	"	"	".....	6,986 62	
April 30.	"	"	".....	20,730 06	
May 31.	"	"	".....	5,767 90	
June 30.	"	"	".....	7,650 44	
July 31.	"	"	".....	6,865 55	
August 31.	"	"	".....	15,822 31	
September 30.	"	"	".....	15,499 95	
October 31.	"	"	".....	23,470 94	
November 30.	"	"	".....	25,381 15	
December 31.	"	"	".....	30,160 70	
			<u>173,914 94</u>		

1903.

January 31.	"	"	".....	13,141 54	
February 28.	"	"	".....	18,262 02	
March 31.	"	"	".....	27,025 36	
April 30.	"	"	".....	19,405 25	
May 31.	"	"	".....	20,012 82	
June 30.	"	"	".....	23,169 70	
July 31.	"	"	".....	15,134 90	
August 31.	"	"	".....	31,189 04	
September 30.	"	"	".....	14,143 21	
October 31.	"	"	".....	18,720 42	
November 30.	"	"	".....	13,448 37	
December 31.	"	"	".....	17,199 78	
			<u>230,852 51</u>		

1904.

January 31.	"	"	".....	23,878 85	
February 28.	"	"	".....	10,883 61	
March 31.	"	"	".....	27,203 95	
April 30.	"	"	".....	12,139 96	
May 31.	"	"	".....	27,738 35	
June 30.	"	"	".....	7,650 84	
July 31.	"	"	".....	12,542 83	
August 31.	"	"	".....	11,658 30	
September 30.	"	"	".....	3,930 82	
October 31.	"	"	".....	31,812 11	

November 30.	“	“	.....	14,072	25	
December 31.	“	“	.....	22,052	25	
						<u>205,564 13</u>
						\$610,331 57
Less amount paid for reinvestments, Legacy, other mission moneys mispent, etc., not a part of actual expenditures				1,714	46	
						<u>\$608,617 11</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....				3,673	35	
						<u>\$612,290 46</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

JAPAN MISSION.

SALARIES, Etc.

Rev. J. P. Moore, D.D.....	\$ 4,477	56
Rev. D. B. Schneder, D.D.....	4,598	73
Rev. H. K. Miller.....	3,600	00
Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	3,190	00
Rev. Wm. C. Lampe.....	4,339	45
Rev. Christopher Noss.....	4,075	86
Rev. Allen K. Faust.....	2,789	21
Rev. J. M. Stick.....	2,967	44
Rev. H. V. Cook.....	2,943	75
Prof. Paul L. Gerhart.....	3,454	20
Miss Lena Zurfluh.....	1,977	57
Miss Sadie Lea Weidner.....	1,840	00
Miss Lucy Margaret Powell.....	1,650	00
Miss Catharine B. Pifer.....	1,837	50
		<u>43,741 27</u>

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Passage money sending and returning mis- sionaries, outfits, special donations, traveling while in this country, cablegrams, etc.....	14,168	14
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SCHOOLS.

Tohoku Gakuin, Appropriations, etc..	18,272	92
Miyagi Jo Gakko, Appropriations...	8,312	50
		<u>26,585 42</u>

EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Appropriation	16,875	00
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BIBLE WOMEN.

Appropriation	2,975	00
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INCIDENTAL AND CHAPEL FUND.

Appropriation	1,725	00
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MISSIONARY INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	8,113	90
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LADIES' HOUSE REPAIRS.

Appropriation	150 00
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FOREIGN BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Faust Memorial, Kaneko Memorial, Anna W. Lemberger Memorial, In- dustrial Home, etc.....	6,869 60
Girls' New School	32,136 98
Business Office Fixtures.....	1,212 40
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	40,218 98

INSURANCE.

Girls' School, Ladies' Residence, Theological Seminary, Library, etc.	943 75
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INCOME TAX.

Appropriation	1,275 00
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LANGUAGE TEACHER.

Appropriation	1,200 00
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	\$157,671 46

CHINA MISSION.

SALARIES, Etc.

Rev. Wm. E. Hoy.....	\$ 4,809 08
Rev. Wm. A. Reimert.....	3,168 05
Rev. F. Cromer.....	359 63
Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	700 00
Dr. J. Albert Beam.....	2,803 25
Dr. Wm. Kelly	1,559 21
Miss S. Emma Ziemer.....	1,350 00
Miss Christine Reifsnyder.....	975 48
Miss Grace Whitmore.....	466 16
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	16,190 86

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Passage money sending and returning mis- sionaries, outfits, traveling while in this country, cablegrams, maps, etc.....	7,534 65
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FOREIGN BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Boys' School	2,005 73
Girls' School	643 41
Chapel	120 00
Mission House	7,189 30
Memorial Hospital	4,063 87
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	14,022 31

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Instruments, Supplies, etc.....	762 07
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HOUSE BOAT.

Sundries	317 07
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MISSIONARY INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	1,711 25
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Bible Women, Students, Evangelists, personal donations, etc.	4,379 27	
	<u> </u>	44,917 48

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

A. V. CASSELMAN.

Salary and Expenses as Field Secretary.....	3,589 99	
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SALARIES.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Accountant.....	8,649 16	
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CURRENT EXPENSES.

Office Expenses Secretary and Treasurer, Stationery, Traveling and Clerk	2,322 78	
Printing Literature	4,557 42	
Expenses to Board Meetings, Synods, etc.	1,413 69	
	<u> </u>	8,293 89

INTEREST.

Mrs. Caroline G. Weiser, Geo. W. Hoffman, Sundry Banks, etc.	2,522 36	
	<u> </u>	23,055 40

REFUNDED ACCOUNTS.

Legacies reinvested, refunds, etc.....		1,737 23
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LOANS.

Sundry Banks and parties for loans and notes.....	382,650 00	
	<u> </u>	610,331 57
Less reinvestments, other than mission moneys missent, etc., not actual expenditures.....		1,714 46
		<u> </u>
		\$608,617 11

RECAPITULATION.

Dr.

1902.			
January 1.	To Balance	\$ 751 30	
1904.			
December 31.	To Cash Received.....	\$189,247 86	
	Proceeds Notes	398,331 30	
	Special Loans	23,960 00	
		<u> </u>	611,539 16
			<u> </u>
			\$612,290 46

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1904.			
December 31.	By Cash paid	\$608,617 11	
	Balance	3,673 35	
		<u> </u>	612,290 46

Proceeds, Notes Sundry Banks.....	\$398,331 30	
Proceeds, Loans Sundry Parties.....	23,960 00	
Interest paid on notes	2,358 70	
	<u> </u>	\$424,650 00

Running expenses equal to 10.85 per cent.

Note.—There was received for Fire Insurance, through the destruction of Girls' School, Sendai, Japan, \$4,472.66, which was used in the rebuilding of said school.

Dr. William Kelly donated his property valued at \$4,000 to our China Mission.

There was received from the British Government, through Dr. William Kelly, the sum of \$25,069.95, which is in the hands of the Treasurer of the China Mission.

Within the last three years a number of "personal" gifts have been sent to Rev. W. E. Hoy, D.D. These contributions were all unsolicited, and have been applied as follows:

Street Chapel	\$ 43 30
Beneficiary Education	198 33
Evangelist's House	226 70
Chapel Fund	716 68
Mission House Fund	1,095 45
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	\$2,280 46

The above amounts are not included in this statement of Receipts and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

From May, 1902, to May, 1905.

Contributions from churches and individuals.....	\$201,309 73
Fire Insurance on Girls' School Building, Sendai.....	4,472 66
British Government Indemnity Fund.....	25,069 95
Dr. William Kelly's property	4,000 00
Personal Gifts to Dr. W. E. Hoy.....	2,280 46
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	\$237,132 80

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW,
JOSEPH L. LEMBERGER.

INVESTED FUNDS, LEGACIES, ETC., OF THE BOARD, TO
MAY 1, 1905.

Brinker Legacy.	Japanese Imp. Gov. Sterling Loan, 6 per cent., Knoxville Gas Company preferred	\$1,650 00
Dechant Legacy. Bucher 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., "Bucher" 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
	Alms House 1 cent fund of.....	1,200 00
	*And part of Sarah Ziegler bequest.....	
	Interest 5 per cent., payable annually.....	3,200 00
Hiviling Legacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon real estate, securing the "Sarah A. Hiviling" legacy.....	\$2,887 50
	*Part of Sarah Ziegler bequest.....	112 50
	Interest 6 per cent., payable semi-annually.....	3,000 00
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
McCaully Fund.	First mortgage bond, Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad Company, securing the "McCaulley Memorial Building Fund," 5 per cent., payable semi-annually.....	500 00
Matilda Craig 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	} United Telephone and Telegraph, 1st mortgage bond, 5 per cent. semi-annually	500 00
2d China Mission Fund for Education of Native Ministers		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.	
Ziegler Bequest	*Sarah Ziegler bequest	\$150 00

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, }
 COUNTY OF LEBANON, } ss.

On this 15th day of May, A. D. 1905, before me the subscriber, Samuel H. Bentz, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, came J. K. Raudenbush, who being duly affirmed according to law, says that he is a Practicing Accountant, that he has examined the books, vouchers, and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and finds them to be true and correct in all respects.

J. K. RAUDENBUSH,
Public Accountant.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

SAMUEL H. BENTZ,
Notary Public.

LEBANON, PA., May 15, 1905.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to examine and audit the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the same to be correct. We also examined the securities, and find the same to be as follows:

Brinker Legacy, Imperial Japanese Bond and Knoxville Gas preferred	\$1,650 00
Dechant Legacy, Edison Ill. Co. Bond.....	100 00
Bucher Legacy, Edison Ill. Co. Bond.....	500 00
Catherine Dietz Legacy, Mortgage.....	3,200 00
Hiviling Legacy, Mortgage.....	3,000 00
Melinda M. Acker Legacy, Mortgage.....	500 00
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

JOHN W. APPEL,
 J. Z. GERHARD,
Auditors.

BEQUESTS.

The following bequests were given without condition, and have been consumed in the work, viz :

Aug. 18, 1861.	Bequest of	Geo. P. Cook.....	\$ 265 00
Feb. 27, 1865.	"	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 Erkhardt.....	100 00
June 19, 1897.	"	Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz.....	75 00
Dec. 14, 1897.	"	Mrs. Elizabeth Reidel, deathbed 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, first..	500 00
June 29, 1901.	Legacy	Annie Beamer	120 00
Sept. 16, 1901.	Donation	Geo. W. and Agnes Hoffman, second	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.	"	Lvdia Weaver, in full	80 48
Apr. 21, 1902.	"	M. J. Brinker	1,498 50
Aug. 14, 1902.	Bequest	of Mrs. Lizzie Hobson.....	10 00
Dec. 16, 1902.	"	Fredericka Sunderman	941 40
Dec. 27, 1902.	Legacy	Mary J. Brinker.....	149 99
Dec. 31, 1902.	Bequest	of Frederick Boch, Jr.....	5 00

Jan. 16, 1903.	"	"	Henry Brown	95 00
Dec. 23, 1904.	"	"	Henry Brown	1,822 50
May 27, 1904.	"	"	John W. Oberly	100 00
Aug. 9, 1904.	"	"	Simon Stockmeier	25 00
Feb. 1, 1905.	"	"	Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D....	300 00
Mar. 17, 1905.	"	"	J. G. W. Heyman.....	25 00

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

The Board of Foreign Missions knows the value of small gifts from many givers. Only in this way can we advance the work in Japan and China. How easy it is for an individual, or a society to do a little extra service for the Lord! We give the names of those who have been sending contributions for special objects during the past three years.

JAPAN MISSION.

Evangelists.

Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.

A Friend.

Woman's Missionary Society, Trinity Church, Dayton, Ohio.

West New York Classis.

Bible Women.

Bear Creek Sunday-school, Dry's Mills, N. C.

Ladies' Aid Society and Christian Endeavor Society, Lafayette, Ind.

Woman's Missionary Society, Zion's Church, York, Pa.

Woman's Missionary Society, Third Church, Baltimore, Md.

Three Sunday-school Classes, Trinity Church, York, Pa.

Christian Endeavor Societies, St. John's Church, Slatington, Pa.

Second Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio (two).

Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

Christian Endeavor Society, Fourth Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Students, North Japan College.

Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday-school, Shippensburg, Pa.

Rev. H. E. Sechler, Conover, N. C.

Mrs. Martha E. Zartman, Findlay, Ohio.

Christian Endeavor Society, St. Stephen's Church, Reading, Pa.

Christian Endeavor Society, St. John's Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Students, Miyagi Girls' School.

Missionary Society, Trinity Church, Mercersburg, Pa.

St. Paul's Sunday-school, Bellevue, Ohio.

Grace Sunday-school, Sioux City, Iowa.

Christian Endeavor Society, Stroudsburg, Pa.

Christian Endeavor Society, Bucyrus, Ohio.

St. John's Sunday-school, Shamokin, Pa. (two).

First Sunday-school, Reading, Pa.

Woman's Missionary Society, Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sunbeam Mission Band, Manor Station, Pa.

Woman's Missionary Society, First Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Lone Tree, Iowa.

Second Reformed Church, Dayton Ohio (two).

Woman's Missionary Society, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Miss Mary A. Landis, Bethlehem, Pa.

Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday-school, Shippensburg, Pa.
 Woman's Missionary Society, North Carolina Classis.
 Missionary Society, Upton, Pa.
 Home Department, Eighth Avenue Sunday-school, Columbus, Ohio.
 Rev. J. H. Beck, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.
 Trinity Sunday-school, Bloomsburg, Pa.
 Ladies' Society, St. Peter's Church, Yutan, Neb.
 Thirteen Girls, St. Luke's Sunday-school, Philadelphia, Pa.

Native Helper.

Congregation, Huntingdon, Pa.

Part Support of Prof. Demura.

St. John's Church, Catawissa, Pa.

Organs.

Mrs. Matilda Chidsey, Easton, Pa.
 Mission Band, Bath, Pa.
 Salem Mission Band, Allentown, Pa.
 St. John's Mission Band, Allentown, Pa.
 St. John's Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa.
 New Knoxville Sunday-school, Ohio.
 Mission Band, Boyertown, Pa.

CHINA MISSION.

Evangelists.

Students, Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio.

Bible Women.

Woman's Missionary Society and Congregation, Osunburg, Ohio.
 Prof. H. Meier, Mauch Chunk, Pa.
 Grace Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday-school, Altoona, Pa.

Students, Boys' School.

Rev. S. Romeis, Alida, Kansas.
 Christian Endeavor Society, Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hoffman, Gettysburg, Pa.
 Dr. J. Albert Beam, Yochow China.
 Rev. W. A. Reimert, Yochow, China (two).
 Class No. 20, Good Shepherd Sunday-school, Boyertown, Pa.
 Bible Class, Trinity Sunday-school, Telford, Pa.
 Miss Olivia B. Weller, Boyertown, Pa.
 First Sunday-school, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
 Christian Endeavor Society, Union Church, Lineboro, Md.
 Young People's Society, Alexandria, Pa.
 Missionary Society, Pavia Church, Claysburg, Pa.
 Christian Endeavor Society, Virginsville, Pa.
 Kinnickinnick Charge, Kingston, Ohio.
 Skippackville Union Sunday-school, Skippack, Pa.
 Mercersburg Academy, Dr. William Mann Irvine (six).
 Mrs. David M. Kinzer, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Junior Missionary Society, First Church, Baltimore, Md.
 Missionary Society, Everett, Pa.
 Six girls of Mrs. F. E. Freeze, Pittsburg, Pa.

Students, Girls' School.

Miss Dora Ebersole, Greensburg, Pa.
 Mrs. Lottie Herbst, Oley, Pa.
 Mrs. C. F. Kettler, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Wagner, Reading, Pa.
 Mrs. Henry Lutz, Reading, Pa.
 Mrs. Elsie Riedesel, Rockwell, N. C.
 Woman's Missionary Society and Sunday-school Class No. 7, Louis-
 ville, Ohio.
 Mrs. Nettie Anthony, Meyersdale, Pa.
 Christian Endeavor Society, Willow Street, Pa.
 Missionary and Aid Society, St. Paul's Church, Culver, Ind.
 Mrs. W. A. Reimert, Yochow, China.
 Rev. J. W. Love, D.D., Lone Tree, Iowa.
 Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Huntingdon, Pa.
 Mrs. J. Albert Beam, Yochow, China.
 Mrs. M. A. Little, Saxton, Pa.
 Christian Endeavor Society, Cheney, Kan.
 Members Zion's Church, Delaware, Ohio.
 St. Stephen's Sunday-school Class No. 23, Reading, Pa.
 Aid and Missionary Societies, Bethany Church, Crescent, N. C.
 Missionary Society, Heidelberg Church, Stoutsville, Ohio.
 Woman's Missionary Society, Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
 First Sunday-school Class No. 24, Reading, Pa.
 Class of Girls and Miss Carrie K. Miller, Reading, Pa.
 Rev. J. H. Beck, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.
 Tobias S. Bartlet, Reading, Pa.
 Mrs. B. Wolff, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Primary Department, First Church, Xenia, Ohio.
 Sunday-school Class, Miss Grace E. Baichley, Tiffin, Ohio.
 Salem Church, Kinnickinnick Charge, Ohio.

Cook in Girls' School.

Rev. S. T. Wagner, Boonsboro, Md.

Organs.

Two friends, Louisville, Ohio.
 Ladies' Aid Society, Grace Church, York, Pa.
 St. Jacob's Church, near Lisbon, Ohio.
 W. H. Kehl, East Greenville, Pa.

Outfits for Missionaries.

Miss Grace R. Whitmore, Woman's Missionary Society, Mercers-
 burg Classis.
 Miss Christine Reifsneider, Woman's Missionary Society, Phila-
 delphia Classis.
 Dr. J. Albert Beam, Illinois Classis, Interior Synod.
 Rev. William A. Reimert, Y. M. C. A., Ursinus College, and
 School of Theology, and Ziegel's Charge.
 Miss Bessie F. Miller, Woman's Missionary Society, Lebanon
 Classis.
 Miss Mary E. Gerhard, Woman's Missionary Society, Lancaster
 Classis.

Passage Money for Missionaries.

Miss Grace R. Whitmore, Woman's Missionary Society, Ohio
 Synod.
 Miss Bessie F. Miller, Woman's Missionary Society, Lehigh Classis.

EMERGENCY FUND.

The Emergency Fund is a call to the Church for \$50,000 to pay the debt of the Board. This debt is an accumulation of needs that had to be supplied in Japan and China. The new school buildings were a necessity. The extension of the work was imperative. To assist in the speedy completion of the Emergency Fund is an honor any Christian of any age might well aspire to. The men of wealth in our Church are brought face to face with a holy privilege. It is with gratitude to God that we record the kind help from many friends whose names follow:

Berlin Charge, Berlin, Pa., Rev. W. C. Sykes.....	\$ 100 00
Perkasie Charge, Perkasie, Pa., Rev. E. S. Noll.....	100 00
A friend of Foreign Missions, Chambersburg, Pa.....	1,000 00
St. Paul's, Reading, Pa., Dr. B. Bausman.....	1,000 00
First Church Missionary Society, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. J. Stuart Cramer	100 00
St. Paul's, Lancaster, Pa., Dr. J. W. Meminger.....	100 00
N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....	100 00
Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio.....	500 00
Grace Church, Y. P. S. C. E. and Sunday-school, Philadelphia, Rev. A. S. Bromer	200 00
Everett Congregation, ten members, Rev. J. David Miller....	100 00
Dr. J. A. Keller and wife, Alliance, Ohio.....	100 00
Grace Church, Harmony, Pa., Rev. John A. Leuzinger.....	100 00
Dr. J. L. Lemberger, Lebanon, Pa., memorial.....	500 00
A friend, Philadelphia, Pa.....	500 00
Miss Ella R. Rahauer, Pittsburg, Pa.....	100 00
Aaronsburg Charge, Rev. F. E. Lauffer.....	100 00
One who likes to give, Cosby, Mo.....	100 00
St. John's Sunday-school, Lebanon, Pa., Dr. V. W. Dippell, Johnston memorial	500 00
Pastor and wife	400 00
Zion's, Hagerstown, Md., Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer.....	200 00
Missionary Society, Campbelltown, Pa., Rev. P. J. Dundore....	225 00
Dr. J. Bachmann and members, New Knoxville, Ohio.....	383 00
Church of Ascension, Norristown, Pa., Rev. H. W. Bright....	100 00
St. Luke's, North Wales, Pa., Rev. A. O. Reiter.....	100 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper, Philadelphia.....	200 00
East Rowan Charge, Rockwell, N. C., Rev. W. W. Rowe....	100 00
St. Stephen's College Church, Lancaster, Pa.....	120 00
St. Paul's, Manheim, Pa., Rev. A. O. Bartholomew.....	132 00
Charles Mohr, Burbank, Cal.....	100 00
George Hornikel, Poland, Ohio.....	100 00
Mrs. T. T. Worth, Lebanon, Pa.....	100 00
C. N., Sue and C. T. Barnhart, Greensburg, Pa.....	125 00
Zion's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. A. E. Dahlmann.....	200 00
Charles Bolender, Lake, Ohio.....	100 00
First Church, Milwaukee, Wis., Rev. R. C. Nott.....	175 00
Mrs. Sarah H. Super, Collegeville, Pa.....	100 00
A friend of Missions	100 00
Israel Laucks, York, Pa.....	100 00
Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick, Md., Dr. E. R. Eschbach	100 00
Mite Society, Sunday-school and friends Carlisle, Pa., Rev. M. O. Noll	100 00
Three friends of Foreign Missions, York, Pa.....	100 00

J. B. Kunz and wife, Huntingdon, Pa.....	100 00
Aaron Feidt, wife and daughter Alice, Millersburg, Pa.....	100 00
Professors and students, Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.	500 00
Grace Church, Akron, Ohio, Rev. Irwin W. Hendricks.....	200 00
First Church, Greensburg, Pa., Rev. Stanley L. Krebs.....	500 00
Bellefonte Congregation, Bellefonte, Pa., Rev. A. M. Schmidt.	100 00
A friend, Pittsburg, Pa.....	100 00
Dr. S. N. Callender, bequest, Mechanicsburg, Pa.....	300 00
Allied Y. P. S., Philadelphia Classis.....	300 00
Grace Church, Washington, D. C., Dr. J. M. Schick.....	100 00
Philip Williard, Trappe, Pa.....	100 00
W. M. Achenbach, Gladbrook, Ia.....	100 00
Mrs. Maria Voss, Akron, Ohio, Rev. E. C. Stuebi.....	100 00
First Church and Sunday-school, McKeesport, Pa., Rev.	
A. Noll	100 00
Meyersdale Charge, Meyersdale, Pa., Dr. A. E. Truxal.....	150 00
First Church, Canton, Ohio, Rev. F. C. Nau.....	200 00
Second Church Sunday-school, Reading, Pa., Dr. S. R.	
Breidenbaugh	100 00
First Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. Paul S. Leinbach.....	235 00
St. John's, Philadelphia, Rev. T. L. Bickel.....	100 00
Ladies' Aid and C. E. Society, Lansdale, Pa., Rev. J. J.	
Rothrock	100 00
Mt. Pleasant Charge, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Rev. W. H. Tussing..	100 00
St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa., Rev. F. C. Seitz.....	112 00
Manor Charge, Manor, Pa., Rev. C. L. Noss.....	130 00
New Goshenhoppen Charge, East Greenville, Pa., Rev. Calvin	
M. DeLong	112 00
Trinity Church, Altoona Pa., Rev. Lewis Robb.....	125 00
Waynesboro Charge, Waynesboro, Ohio, Rev. A. C. Renoll....	125 00
St. John's Church and Sunday-school, Williamsport, Pa., Rev.	
J. M. Runkel	100 00
Trinity and Mt. Zwingli Church and Sunday-school, Wads-	
worth, Ohio, Rev. H. L. Beam.....	110 00
Zion's Sunday-school, Lehighon, Pa., Rev. D. A. Winter.....	100 00
Emmanuel Church, Hanover, Pa., Rev. Ellis Hay.....	200 00
George W. and Agnes Hoffman, Gettysburg, Pa., R. F. D. 2,	
Rev. F. S. Lindaman	500 00
Salem W. M. S., Harrisburg, Pa., Rev. E. N. Kremer, D.D....	100 00
Shiloh Sunday-school, Danville, Pa., Rev. Geo. E. Limbert....	100 00
Salem Sunday-school, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. F. W. Berle-	
mann, D.D.	100 00
Emanuel Sunday-school, Hazleton, Pa., Rev. S. E. Stofflet....	100 00
Irwin Charge, Irwin, Pa., Rev. U. C. Gutelius.....	100 00
Nittany Valley Charge, Rev. H. I. Crowe.....	100 00
St. John's Church, Shamokin, Pa., Rev. C. B. Schneider.....	152 00
Christ Church, Middletown, Md., Rev. J. W. Pontius.....	100 00
St. Thomas' Missionary Society, Reading, Pa., Rev. John	
P. Stein, D.D.	100 00
Christ Sunday-school, Bethlehem, Pa., Rev. G. A. Schwedes..	100 00
Trinity Sunday-school, Canton, Ohio, Rev. E. P. Her-	
bruck, D.D.	100 00
First Church, Dayton, Ohio, Rev. W. A. Hale, D.D.....	100 00
F. J. Brand, Haskins, Ohio.....	100 00
George Moore, Haskins, Ohio.....	100 00

Elder New Holland Charge, Rev. John G. Noss.....	100 00
Schwartzwald Charge, Esterly, Pa., Rev. James R. Brown.....	117 00
Christ Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.	100 00
Trinity Sunday-school, York, Pa., Rev. H. H. Apple.....	95 00
First Church, Xenia, Ohio.....	100 00
David's Sunday-school, Canal Winchester, Ohio, Rev. J. P. Stahl	100 00
Mrs. Barbara Torge, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. Storrer.....	100 00
Manor Charge, Adamstown, Md., Rev. Atville Conner.....	106 00
Trinity Missionary Society, Norristown, Pa., Rev. A. C. Thompson	100 00
Rockwood Charge, Rockwood, Pa., Rev. W. H. Landis.....	100 00
B. Acker, Washougal, Wash.....	100 00
Samuel H. Keller, Cleveland, Ohio.....	100 00
Ziegel's Charge, Lehigh Co., Pa., Rev. N. W. Helffrich.....	200 00
Zion's, Reading, Pa., Rev. L. K. Derr, D.D.....	100 00
Emanuel Church, Rochester, N. Y., Rev. C. A. Hauser.....	100 00
Pine Hall Congregation, Boalsburg Charge, Rev. A. A. Black.	100 00
Forreston Charge, Ill., Rev. H. C. Blosser.....	100 00
Zion's Church, Philadelphia, Rev. P. H. Dippell, D.D.....	100 00
Mercersburg Academy, Dr. W. M. Irvine.....	450 00
Grace Church, York, Pa., Rev. E. E. Emhoff.....	100 00
St. John's Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., Rev. O. H. Strunck	100 00
Ashland Church, Ashland, Pa., Rev. I. M. Schaeffer.....	100 00
Mt. Crawford Charge, Mt. Crawford, Va., Rev. B. K. Hay....	100 00
W. M. S. Grace Church, Shippensburg, Pa., Rev. J. O. Reagle	100 00
Annville Charge, Annville, Pa., Rev. W. F. DeLong.....	100 00
New Holland Charge, New Holland, Pa., Rev. John G. Noss..	100 00
Dakota Charge, Dakota, Ill., Rev. C. K. Staudt.....	100 00
Grace Church, Pittsburg, Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D.....	500 00
Catawba College, Newton, N. C., President, Rev. George A. Snyder	100 00
W. M. S., Lebanon Classis.....	300 00
W. M. S., Lehigh Classis.....	400 00
Major S. M. Finger, bequest, Newton, N. C.....	500 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Trumbower, Passer, Pa.....	500 00
Miscellaneous contributions	5,674 00
Trinity Church, Pottsville, Pa., Rev. S. L. Whitmore D.D....	100 00
Total to May 10, 1905.....	\$26,721 00

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS FOR OUR NEW MISSION BUILDINGS.

FAUST MEMORIAL HALL,

Memorials.

Rev. Henry W. Super, D.D., LL.D., by his widow, Collegeville, Pa.	\$1,000 00
Annie W. Lemberger, by her husband, Lebanon, Pa.....	500 00
Rev. I. A. Sites, by his widow, Tiffin, Ohio.....	300 00
Rev. J. H. Klein, D.D., by his three children, Louisville, Ky...	50 00
Rena Moore, by her husband, Haskins, Ohio.....	100 00
Christine Elizabeth Faust, by brothers and sisters of Rev. Allen K. Faust, Reading, Pa.	25 00
Edna Estella Higgins, by St. Paul's Sunday-school, Bellevue, Ohio	10 00

Gifts.

Benjamin Kuhns and family, Dayton, Ohio.....	1,100 00
Woman's Missionary Society, Lehigh Classis.....	500 00
The pastors and people of Reading Classis.....	1,500 00
Rev. B. Bausman, D.D., and wife, Reading, Pa.....	150 00
Christian Endeavor Society, Grace Church, Akron, Ohio.....	150 00
New Knoxville Church, Ohio, Rev. John Bachmann, D.D.....	165 00
St. John's Church, Shamokin, Pa., Rev. Charles B. Schneider..	100 00
Contributors Postal Card Fund	
Emmanuel's Missionary Society, Hanover, Pa., Rev. F. C. Seitz	100 00
The Orphans' Bethany Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., Rev. T. M. Yundt	25 00
St. John's and Salem Sunday-school, Martinsburg, Pa., Rev. W. C. Slough.....	28 53

NORTH JAPAN COLLEGE.

Memorials.

Sarah Jane Brown, by her father, Henry Brown, bequest.....	\$1,917 50
Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D., by St. John's Sunday-school, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. V. W. Dippell, Ph.D.....	500 00
Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D.D., by his friends.....	200 00
Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D., bequest.....	300 00
Rev. William A. Helffrich, D.D., by Ziegel's Charge.....	200 00
Major S. M. Finger, bequest, Newton, N. C.....	500 00
Simon Stockmeier, bequest, Timothy, Wis.....	25 00
In Memory of Mother, by Lydia and Rebecca Kuss, Ro- chester, N. Y.	50 00

Gifts.

St. Paul's Church, Reading, Pa., in honor of Dr. Benjamin Bausman	\$1,000 00
Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio	500 00
First Church, Greensburg, Pa., Rev. Stanley L. Krebs.....	500 00
George W. and Agnes Hoffman, Gettysburg, Pa., R. F. D. No. 2	500 00
Grace Church, Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D.....	500 00
New Knoxville Church, Ohio, Rev. John Bachmann, D.D.....	383 00
Rev. J. W. Santee, D.D., by a friend, Philadelphia, Pa.....	500 00
Allied Young People's Societies, Philadelphia Classis.....	300 00
Grace Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. A. S. Bromer.....	200 00
Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick, Md., Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.	500 00
Zion's Church, Hagerstown, Md., J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	200 00
Missionary Society, Campbelltown, Pa., Rev. Paul J. Dundore	225 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper, Philadelphia, Pa.....	200 00
Grace Church, Akron, Ohio, Rev. Irwin W. Hendricks	200 00
First Church, Canton, Ohio, Rev. F. C. Nau.....	200 00
First Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. Paul S. Leinbach.....	235 00
Emmanuel's Church, Hanover Pa., Rev. Ellis Hay.....	200 00
Professors and students, Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.	500 00
St. John's Church and Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa., Rev. B. B. Ferer, D.D.	229 22
John M. Miller, Alliance, Ohio.....	500 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Trumbower, Passer, Pa.....	500 00

CHINA MISSION HOUSE,

Memorial.

Rev. J. H. Klein, D.D., by his three children, Louisville, Ky...\$ 50 00

HOY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,

Memorials.

Mrs. Rev. J. S. Walter, by W. M. S., St. Mark's Church, Pittsburg, Pa.\$ 100 00
 Mrs. Lucetta Schout, by her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Laubach, Braddock, Pa. 25 00
 Father and Mother Dittmar, by their daughter, Miss Annie Dittmar, Charlotte, N. C. 10 00
 Mrs. Eliza Stein Groh, by her daughter, Mrs. Samuel M. Roeder, Manchester, Md. 50 00
 Laura Ebersole, by her mother, Mrs. E. J. Ebersole, and sisters, Greensburg, Pa. 12 50
 Clarence Troxell, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Troxell.. 5 00

ANNUITY BOND.

WHEREAS, *John Jones*, of *Harrisburg*, in the County of *Dauphin*, and State of *Pennsylvania*, has this day made a gift to the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of \$1,000 to be used, applied and disposed of by said Board for its uses and purposes.

Now, Therefore, said Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, in consideration of the premises, hereby promise and agree, to and with said *John Jones*, to pay to *him* or *his* order, an annuity of *Forty Dollars* in semi-annual payments of *Twenty Dollars* during the term of *his* natural life, the first payment to be made *six months* after receipt of money.

As this provision is made for the sole benefit of said *John Jones* during *his* natural life, it is hereby declared to be the intention of the parties hereto that no obligation whatever is hereby assumed on the part of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States to the heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns of the said *John Jones*.

In witness whereof, the said Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church has caused the corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents signed by its Treasurer, this *first* day of *April*, A. D. 1904.

For the Board,

By *JOS. L. LEMBERGER*, Treasurer.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 8, 1904.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions held on the above date, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the aforesaid Annuity Bond be approved, and that the Treasurer, be and hereby is authorized to sign, seal with the corporate seal and deliver the same as the act of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

A true copy of record.

Attest:

ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE BOARD, 1902-1905.

The Tohoku Gakuin, Sendai, Japan.
 Annual Statement to the Classis, 1903.
 In Memoriam.
 Annual Statement to the Synods, 1903.
 Foreign Mission Day Service, 1903.
 Prayer Calendar 1904.
 Annuity Bonds.
 Foreign Mission Day Service, 1904.
 Farewell Service to Miss Grace R. Whitmore.
 Japanese Churches.
 Six Years an Evangelist.
 Record of the Year, 1904.
 History of the Japan Mission.
 Foreign Mission Day Service, 1905.
 Farewell Service to Miss Bessie F. Miller.
 North Japan College.
 Facts from the Field, Japan.
 A Few Sunday-school Facts.
 Seen Every Day.
 The Tokyo Field.
 Future Building Needs, Japan Mission.
 Bible School for Women.
 The Yamagata-Akita Field.
 Appeal to Sunday-schools.
 Letter to Young People's Societies.

TESTIMONIAL FROM Y. M. C. A. SECRETARY.

NEW YORK, January 13, 1905.

DEAR DR. BARTHOLOMEW—My duties take me to all the important mission stations of Japan, and especially to the mission schools and colleges. After repeated visits to Sendai and neighboring cities where the Reformed Church operates, I wish to say that the standing of your missionaries and of their Japanese associates is unusually high. They have shown great wisdom in concentrating upon a comparatively limited and unworked territory. The academy and theological seminary which they have created are the only Christian institutions for men north of Tokyo, and they rank among the very best. The new Girls' School building and church are probably the finest buildings of the kind in all Japan. They are doing much to raise Christianity in popular esteem, and to make Sendai "the most Christian city."

As one who enjoyed the friendship of Doctors Schneder and Moore, the premiers of the Mission; Dr. Noss, the teacher and linguist; Dr. Sasao, the scholar, and Professors Kajiwara and Demura, Miss Zurfluh, Mrs. Schneder and all the rest, I can heartily assert that they are making careful and sagacious use of all the funds and forces provided by the Church in the United States. Whatever appeals they may be making for immediate increase of money or men, are based on a statesmanlike realization that dollars and workers count more now than ever before; for as Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, of New York, recently declared, "Now is the opportunity of a generation for Christianity in Japan."

Believe me,

Yours fraternally,

GALEN M. FISHER,
National Secretary Y. M. C. A. Union of Japan.

RESIGNATION OF REV. C. NOSS.

“ALLENTOWN, PA., September 30th, 1904.

“To the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Reformed Church in the United States:”

“DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—Circumstances constrain me to offer you my resignation. Competent physicians declare that it is inexpedient for my wife to return to the field, and I am convinced that to leave her alone with the family, and return by myself, is equally inexpedient. It has been our hope that a year of furlough would restore her health, but in this we have been bitterly disappointed. I have neither the mental qualities nor the physical endurance required for satisfactory service as a traveling representative of the cause, and therefore desire to relieve you, without delay, of the burden of my salary, and enable you to send some one in my stead. I beg you to accept my resignation, the same to take effect immediately.

“Permit me to add that if you release me, I shall regard myself as only transferred from the active missionary force to the reserves, and that I should count it a great joy if the Lord would again summon me to the front. Until recently, it never entered my mind that I was not in the service for life. Let me also assure you of my high appreciation of the kind consideration that has marked all your dealings with me and mine.

“Respectfully submitted,

“CHRISTOPHER NOSS.”

ACTION OF THE BOARD.

“Resolved, That the Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Board, accepts the resignation of the Rev. Christopher Noss as one of its missionaries in Japan; that in doing so, it expresses its deep regret at the necessity for the action, its sincere sympathy with him and his wife in the affliction which has led to his resignation, and especially its grateful appreciation of his years of faithful service rendered by him in connection with the work of our Japan Mission; and that we also cherish the hope, that, in the future, he will be of abundant usefulness to the Church and to its missionary work in the position to which he has been called in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.”

APPEAL FROM JAPAN TO THE CHURCH.

We, the Reformed missionaries in Japan, while deeply sensible of the financial burden which the Board is now carrying, yet on account of the embarrassing conditions under which we are obliged to work, feel constrained to make the following statement to the Board of Foreign Missions, and through it to the Church, in the earnest hope that speedy measures may be taken for our relief.

This year, our Japan Mission has rounded out a full quarter century of service. People not connected with our work have spoken in most flattering terms concerning what, under the blessing of God, has been accomplished in this time. However, the joy of success is more or less dulled by the consciousness that our numbers are altogether too small to meet the demands made upon us. At the end of twenty-five years, we can muster but eight families and four unmarried ladies. We have

lost men and women who, if now with us, would be a source of strength to the work, by reason of their experience and influence. These losses have not been made up, except to a limited extent.

On February 4th, 1901, we asked for ten new missionaries to be sent out within five years. Two families and one unmarried lady have come, but in the meantime, two families also were lost to us. Our force has not kept pace with the growth of the work, and the handful of missionaries now on the field is obliged to labor at high pressure under adverse conditions of climate, language, communication, manner of living, etc. This means impairment of physical vigor, threatens loss of courage, and puts a bar to efficiency. The necessity for missionaries to return to America periodically on furlough for physical, intellectual and spiritual recuperation, reduces the actual working force to still smaller proportions.

We are in charge of by far the largest and most important missionary operations now in the northeastern part of Japan, but because of our insufficient numbers, we are not able to assume the share in general movements for the advancement of the work that our position as a mission demands of us. Not only so, but unless we receive adequate reinforcement in men and means, we cannot hope even to retain the advantage we now enjoy.

This is saying nothing about the many open doors of opportunity that we are not in a position to enter. We can do almost nothing for the many soldiers within our reach, while even the young men and women we meet in the class-rooms, from day to day, cannot be looked after properly. Unless we receive considerable accessions to our working force, the strong efforts which we are putting forth along educational lines will largely prove abortive. Spiritual results achieved in the schools must be conserved outside. Both the evangelistic and the educational branches of our work ought to be kept up at about equal strength, in order to insure the necessary reaction of the one upon the other.

Recently, Rev. Albertus Pieters, a prominent Dutch Reformed missionary, made an inspection of our work. While speaking in the highest terms of our schools, he yet writes: "I almost envy you your opportunity in the Tohoku (Northeastern Japan). Only I feel strongly that the development of your Mission is now one-sided, and that, to match your educational plant, you ought to have ten men and five or six single ladies in the country districts. If you can do that, the Tohoku is yours." This is no more than what we ourselves believe, but are now powerless to effect.

The above considerations and others make it clear that we need help, and need it soon. We beg that the four families we have recently asked for be sent without delay, and that another missionary be sent to take the place of Mr. Noss. Besides, an English teacher is needed for North Japan College, and another unmarried lady for Miyagi Girls' School. These are immediate needs, which we implore our Church to supply for the work's sake.

D. B. SCHNEDER,
HENRY K. MILLER,
LENA ZURFLUH,
PAUL LAMBERT GERHARD,
WILLIAM E. LAMPE,
Committee.

JAPAN MISSION, 1903.

Current Expenditures.				Income.			Total.	Estimated Value of Property.	
Rents, Taxes, and Repairs.	Other Expenses.	Total.	Contributed to Lots or Buildings.	Contributed to Classes, School, or Board of Missions.	Native Contributions.	Other Sources* (Foreigners).			Appropriated by Mission.
0.00		131.28	554.28		46.19	468.08	135.60	603.68	32,000.00
0.00	6.25	207.19	573.44		8.50	674.96		674.96	6,000.00
0.00	6.25	341.47	1127.72		54.69	1143.04	135.60	1278.64	38,000.00
2.00	80.97	123.34	636.31			241.73	7.50	472.00	2,000.00
0.00	120.00	11.49	311.49			10.19	2.00	300.00	312.19
5.00	33.00	15.25	53.25		13.68	53.03		7.00	62.03
0.00	.28	15.82	266.10		.31	38.39		235.00	273.39
		35.33	35.33			6.01		25.50	31.51
		6.00	6.00					6.00	6.00
0.00	47.39	41.56	448.95	1.00	.94	52.31	2.00	392.00	446.31
7.00	281.64	248.79	1757.43	1.00	14.93	403.66	11.50	1437.50	1852.66
2.00	18.80	13.22	264.02			33.19		232.00	265.19
2.00		3.00	55.00			55.00			55.00
2.00		36.54	78.54		18.63	81.02			81.02
6.00	7.49	40.17	263.66		12.60	55.08		221.00	276.08
8.00	20.24	49.46	397.70		16.53	91.58		292.00	383.58
	10.00	50.52	60.52	2.80	5.32	32.87		36.00	68.87
0.00	30.00	27.38	537.38	2.00	2.40	28.80		512.00	540.80
8.00	72.00	30.09	390.09				29.87	360.00	389.87
2.00	66.00	32.23	350.23			19.80		332.28	352.08
	8.10	31.50	39.60			8.10		32.90	41.00
	2.20	3.29	3.49			2.20		4.16	6.36
		6.83	6.83					4.82	4.82
8.00	5.50	88.36	391.86		4.38	71.42		304.00	402.42
8.00	240.33	412.59	2840.92	4.80	59.25	479.06	56.87	2331.16	2867.09
0.00	59.00	8.43	117.43		1.75	4.79	5.19	109.00	118.98
4.00	13.16	17.22	254.38			4.90	12.04	235.80	252.74
	54.00	20.25	74.25			7.09	9.50	57.66	74.25
4.00		90.13	354.13		6.24	81.37	12.00	264.00	360.37
4.00	55.50	1.44	200.94			3.53	.60	197.10	201.23
	17.75	13.91	31.66				13.91	17.75	31.66
	10.00	2.20	12.20			.80	1.40	10.00	12.20
0.00	16.05	15.76	271.81		.30	6.96	8.78	243.87	259.61
8.00	12.00	34.05	154.05			3.53	10.00	144.00	157.55
4.00	30.00	38.70	212.70			3.00	3.00	204.00	210.00
4.00	267.46	242.09	1683.55		8.20	118.99	76.42	1483.18	1678.59
5.00	2.30	41.44	338.74		17.61	112.65		252.00	364.65
8.00		109.79	397.79		9.60	32.67		372.00	404.67
2.00	60.00	3.24	315.24			28.79		288.00	316.79
	9.60	61.44	71.04			9.70		60.00	69.70
6.00	22.00	8.41	246.41		13.83	51.94		216.00	267.94
1.00	93.90	224.32	1369.22		41.04	235.75		1188.00	1423.75
0.00	7.35	27.05	394.40		11.55	133.45		270.00	403.45
		45.76	45.76			4.00		33.76	37.76
	19.20	55.77	74.97		.25	30.34		48.00	78.34
0.00	34.38	26.89	361.27	242.70	7.83	282.83	11.00	300.00	593.83
		30.69	52.31		2.20	23.59		66.00	89.59
4.00	24.00	63.98	351.98		1.05	23.85		327.50	351.85
4.00	114.93	271.76	1310.69	242.70	22.88	498.06	11.00	1045.26	1554.32
0.00	15.93	16.39	332.32		2.97	22.98		306.00	328.98
		20.95	20.95			12.07		16.00	28.07
0.00	34.02	33.53	147.55		4.69	65.85	11.11	79.56	156.52
28.00	34.56	29.64	292.29	.40	3.44	21.87		274.74	296.61
35.50	34.00	2.42	271.92			8.25		265.07	271.92
3.50	118.51	102.93	1064.94	.40	11.10	131.02	11.11	939.97	1082.10
0.00	108.00	147.68	735.68		2.34	94.43		641.29	735.72
37.50	1231.02	1991.63	11890.15	248.90	214.52	3104.01	302.50	9066.36	12472.87
33.50	1822.61	2243.57	12599.68	632.92	151.15	3309.97	276.99	10027.55	13614.51
33.10	1127.11	2446.78	11166.97	3506.88	93.28	4398.03	2073.30	8374.39	14845.72

Compiled by Henry K. Miller.

Adopted by the Evangelistic Committee, April 12, 1904.

IV. Report on Foreign Missions.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions submitted its report on the sixth day of the sessions. It was acted on item by item and finally adopted. It is as follows:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren of General Synod:

The ninth triennial report of the Board of Foreign Missions, having been referred to this Committee, is before you in printed form. We call your earnest attention to this voluminous and carefully prepared report, embodying the history of our missionary work in the foreign field for the last three years. These reports have been epoch-making, and this last one, chief among them all, a most valuable document and aptly illustrated, contains a graphic narration of the achievements, on the one hand, and the stirring call for greater things, on the other, that should thrill the heart of the whole Church to more vigorous and consecrated effort than ever before. The first part of our report may properly indicate the chief facts that merit your serious consideration, and show the reasonableness and imperative need set forth in the resolutions that follow.

The better equipment of our Board in the administrative branch of its service to the Church, with its central office in our Publication House, 1306 Arch Street, Philadelphia, so kindly placed at their disposal by the Publication Board, is worthy of our appreciation and congratulation, and the presentation of the outfit of that office by a large-hearted donor, a devoted member of the Church, deserves our grateful acknowledgment. The wisdom of the plan that all moneys for this cause are to be sent to the office of the Secretary, who communicates with the Treasurer in weekly remittances, commends itself for this among other reasons, that it keeps the Secretary in direct touch with the progress at our base of supplies for the foreign field, and with the responses to appeals on the part of pastors and contributors.

It is worthy of note that the visit of the Field Secretary, Rev. A. V. Casselman, to Japan and China was not only encouraging and an inspiration to the workers in the foreign fields, but also fruitful of splendid results among the congregations in the home-land, having given him power to create greater enthusiasm at home by his personal experiences in the foreign field.

The appointment of twelve missionaries during the last triennium should evoke our sincerest thanksgiving, and lead us to the recognition of opportunities divinely bestowed, and incite us to pledge our greater loyalty as a Church to the cause to which we are called by the great commission of our blessed Master, Jesus Christ. Seven of these sent-ones are now in the active service in the field, and the remaining five will enter upon the work in the very near future. Their names and record are given in the Board's exhaustive report. Do they not represent the best and noblest blood of our Church in the spirit of consecration, a nobility not of human descent but of Christlike self-sacrifice?

During the past three years four of our missionaries have been permitted to visit the homeland on furlough, Rev. S. S. Snyder, Rev. Christopher Noss, Rev. W. E. Hoy, D.D., and Rev. D. B. Schneder, D.D. The visit of Rev. Mr. Snyder was made directly helpful in securing the large amount so sorely needed for the new buildings at Sendai. The furlough of Rev. Prof. Noss resulted in the loss of a splendidly equipped mission worker and linguist to our small army in the foreign field. It need hardly be stated that his resignation came not through personal choice, but because Providential constraint was laid on him through suffering in his home; and who knoweth whether the transfer will not ultimately work for the greater enlargement of our Redeemer's kingdom? The two eminent missionaries, Dr. Hoy and Dr. Schneder, are in our midst because they come with a message that needs to be sounded as a Macedonian cry in our ears, to make us see the opportunities of the hour, fraught with tremendous responsibilities, to help us remember our duty as a Church, lest we forget.

The activity of the Board in supplying the Church with abundance of instructive missionary literature is worthy of our earnest approval and commendation. The annual service for Foreign Mission Day to be observed in the congregations and Sunday-schools should meet with the heartiest universal acceptance. The "History of the Japan Mission," prepared by Rev. H. K. Miller, is the most excellent work of its kind ever published in this country, containing 136 pages, and 70 fine illustrations. Published in English and German, it is a valuable medium to bring the members of our Church into intelligent contact with the progress achieved in the foreign field, and the edition of 25,000 should be speedily exhausted four times over.

Likewise the gift of a copy of Mr. John R. Mott's "The Pastor and Modern Missions" to every pastor of our Church by a generous member of the Foreign Mission Board, Elder Benjamin Kuhns, of Dayton, Ohio, should receive our very thankful recognition. The perusal of the informing and thought-inspiring pages of that work in the thousand Reformed ministerial studies of our Church will help to create much-needed enthusiasm, and we believe will aid in sounding many an earnest message from our pulpits.

The fact that the receipts of our Foreign Board were doubled during the last triennium compared with the gifts of the Church during the preceding three years, is evidence of marvelous growth that should compel us to pause and ponder and give thanks. The sum-total from all sources shows an average of about \$80,000 for each of the last three years. Many influences combined to bring about this significant and happy result, among which we do not count as least the successful labors of the Board's Secretaries, Rev. Dr. A. R. Bartholomew and Rev. A. V. Casselman, who are surely worthy of our loving "Well done, faithful servants of the Lord." Nor can we doubt the growing liberality of our people, and the increase of the noble gifts of generous friends of the cause, in their desire and devotion to uphold the hands of our brethren abroad. Here is occasion for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God.

But in spite of these large-hearted gifts the immediate need of equipment both in Japan and in the newly-established

work in China was so urgent that the debt of the Board had to be increased. The Emergency Fund was created to rescue the Japan Mission from impending disaster. That Fund challenged a quick and loyal response on the part of many pastors and congregations; it is still growing and should be filled full to the measure of \$50,000. When our Church embarked upon mission work in Japan twenty-seven years ago her faith was more heroic than the brethren could then realize; God's gracious response in opening up the gates of opportunity was more gracious than prophet could have foreseen; and the Church's awakening to her sense of duty has also been greater than could then have been imagined. The conviction is growing that the day for playing at missions is past. The imperative calls of the hour, the period of crisis when it is possible to lose the fruits of many years labor that have cost prayers and self-sacrifice and life, demand of us that we work more unitedly and heroically than ever before. There are no bridges of retreat. The Church must advance in the glorious field whither the Cross of Christ is leading.

Many special and generous gifts were received into the foreign mission treasury, which are accorded grateful mention in the Board's report. The list of bequests is not large but encouraging, and should prompt many others to make the Church and her cause of spreading the Gospel of the Redeemer, partakers in the bestowment of their benefactions. Likewise the support of a lady teacher by the Fort Washington congregation, and another by three congregations at Tiffin, and the support of a missionary by Heidelberg Classis, and the addition of \$700 to the previous \$800 by the students of Mercersburg Academy for the salary of a teacher in the China Boy's School, are noteworthy examples of liberal missionary benevolence which should stimulate others to similar deeds.

It is to be regretted that the Young People's Societies have not continued their pledges for the Christian Endeavor Missionary in the foreign field. A number of these pledges were recently revived, and it is to be hoped that from the host of young people in the Church, organized in societies of various

names, the pledges will become sufficient for the support of two missionaries. There has likewise been a falling off in the Sunday-schools toward the support of the Sunday-school Missionary. Our Church's 1600 Sunday-schools are well able to do great things for the millions who know not Christ, and doubtless they will be glad to have part in this most blessed Gospel service if challenged to do so.

Nor should we fail to give appreciative recognition to the help of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Church. They have been a powerful agency for good. Year after year they have assumed larger burdens and responsibilities in the home and foreign fields, and General Synod should most heartily commend their labors to all the Classes and pastors.

Since the last meeting of General Synod the Board sustained the loss of three valued members—Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D.D., a member for fifteen years, and a warm-hearted friend of the missionaries; Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., an ardent coworker; Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., Secretary emeritus at the time of his death, who devoted eleven years of his life to the arduous task of directing the Church's foreign mission operations, and ministered with great zeal until strength failed him. In the removal of these dear brethren the Church lost loyal champions of this great cause.

THE REGIONS BEYOND.

Japan.—In the three chief centers of Japan, Tokyo, Sendai, and Yamagata, with 60 preaching places, we have 12 foreign missionaries, 32 native pastors, and 15 Bible women, with three new missionaries under appointment. The evangelistic work was prosecuted as vigorously and extensively as the number of workers permitted. Everywhere new doors are opening, and the great lack is of more and efficient workers. The new life and growth that has come to the Tokyo Church is especially gratifying. The need of more churches and chapels is at this time very pressing—of 60 congregations and preaching places, only 20 have permanent houses of worship.

The North Japan College is now well equipped with its splendid Recitation Hall, but the Dormitory is still an absolute

necessity, for which a sufficient amount must soon be gathered. The completion of the Girls' School Buildings is very gratifying, among them the Christine Vollmer Faust Memorial Hall being the most beautiful and imposing.

China.—The development of our China Mission has progressed with marvelous promise, rapidity and strength. The work at Yoehow, where Dr. Hoy is located with Dr. J. Albert Beam, with five other missionaries, was scarcely established on a secure foundation, when a second opening came to us at Chenchow with Dr. Kelly (with whom two other missionaries are now associated) a self-sacrificing worker and fine linguist, transferred to our mission from the Cumberland Presbyterian Board, and with him came a mission property valued at \$4000, and in addition an Indemnity Fund of \$25,000 from the British Government. How mysterious are the leadings of Providence, abounding in tangible blessings and wonderful opportunities far exceeding our prayers and expectations, and laying upon us the constraint for bolder hopes, greater responsibilities, larger offerings, more earnest prayers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. In view of the marvelous and gracious response of the great Head of the Church to the earnest prayers of our beloved Church for divine blessing upon our work of evangelization in foreign fields, and because of the deeper enthusiasm of our congregations in this divinely-appointed mission,

Resolved, That we set apart the session of General Synod this Saturday morning for a season of thanksgiving and prayer for God's gracious bestowment of great blessings, and that for the sake of a larger advance in the work of redeeming the millions of Japan and China, a conference be held at which representatives of our Board and workers from the field, now with us at this Synod, shall be heard in addresses, specializing (1) the most urgent needs in Japan, (2) the calls of opportunity in China, (3) the outlook in the home field as a base of supply for needed extension.

2. *Resolved*, That for the three years following the amounts appropriated for the work in Japan and China be

\$70,000 for each year, it being understood that the amounts assumed by the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod for the maintenance of the Girls' School at Sendai, and the Girls' School at Yochow, are additional to these appropriations.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Synod rejoices in the loyal support of the churches in gathering quickly so large a portion of the Emergency Fund at a time of perilous need in the foreign field, and that through the Classes we urge upon all the pastors and congregations whose contributions have not yet been received for this purpose, a speedy completion of this much-needed fund of \$50,000.

4. *Resolved*, That the Annuity Bonds be commended, as a wise method of bestowing large contributions to the mission cause, to such of our people who having possible need of their income from invested funds during their life time, can deposit the same with the Foreign Mission Board, and may be assured of a regular annuity for life. Donors have the assurance that their contributions are safe in the care of the Board's Treasury when bestowed by their own hands.

5. *Resolved*, That General Synod heartily approves of the Board's effort to revive the interest of the Young People's Societies in the Church for the support of what was known as the Christian Endeavor Missionary; and that we urge that through the Classes the Christian Endeavor Societies, Heidelberg Leagues, Jugend-Vereins, Brotherhood Chapters, Guilds and Young People's Societies of whatever name, be challenged to support a missionary in Japan and one in China, to be known as the Young People's Societies' Missionaries.

6. *Resolved*, That through the Classes the co-operation of all our Sunday-schools be requested for liberal contributions to the cause of foreign missions, in order to accomplish the support of the Sunday-school Missionary, and for the sake of training our Sunday-school members in practical benevolence.

7. *Resolved*, That General Synod has marked with profound gratitude and satisfaction the valued assistance of the Woman's Missionary Societies to the Church's Missionary operations, and that we commend their helpful labors to the

several Classes for hearty encouragement, and for co-operation on the part of all our pastors.

8. *Resolved*, That the Board's efforts to "discourage the habit of sending special gifts to individual native workers in the foreign fields" be approved, and that through the Classes the members of the Church be requested to permit the Board to apply such amounts as most needful through the regular channels.

9. *Resolved*, That General Synod requests the Board to continue the issue of special services for the annual observance of Foreign Mission Day in our Sunday-schools; and that through the Classes the pastors and Missionary Societies be urged to aid in the distribution of the excellent "History of the Japan Mission," at the nominal rate of 10 cents per copy, for the sake of acquainting our church members with the instruction and inspiring facts therein contained.

10. *Resolved*, That the need in North Japan of a lady teacher for the Girls' School, and two evangelists for the growing evangelistic work; the need of a Bible School in North Japan, and of the Dormitory at Sendai, for North Japan College; the need of a better house of worship for the Kanda congregation in Tokyo, and of churches or chapels in several towns and cities, be brought to the serious and prayerful attention of the Church, and that the Board be directed to exert its best efforts to meet as soon as possible these demands.

11. *Resolved*, That the need in China of two teachers for Yochow, and two women for evangelistic work, and the need of about \$5000 additional for school and hospital buildings at Yochow, be likewise laid upon the heart of the Church and that the Board be directed to grant these requests as soon as expedient.

12. *Resolved*, That the attention of pastors be called to the illustrated lecture and addresses of the Field Secretary, Rev. A. V. Casselman, which have been very helpful in many places of the Church; and that the arrangement of itineraries with the Board's Secretary, be suggested in Classes by the Missionary Committees wherever expedient.

13. *Resolved*, That we express our sincere appreciation

of the courteous Christian liberality of Elder Benjamin Kuhns, of Dayton, Ohio, in presenting a copy of Dr. Mott's book "The Pastor and Modern Missions" to every pastor in our Reformed Church, and the Stated Clerk instructed to forward this action to this member of the Foreign Board.

14. *Resolved*, That in view of the Board's heavy indebtedness, the General Synod endorses the action of the Board in borrowing the necessary funds to meet the emergencies during the past triennium.

15. *Resolved*, That General Synod records its fraternal appreciation of the faithful services of our noble army of missionaries and native workers in the foreign field, and of the Board and its energetic Secretaries in their systematic and organized efforts to arouse and maintain the interest and loyal support of our Church.

16. *Resolved*, That General Synod keenly recognizes the loss our Church has sustained, both in the home land and in the foreign field, in the death of Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D.D., Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., and Rev. S. N. Callender, D.D., faithful members of the Board; and in the death of Rev. T. Ichimura, who departed in the New York City Hospital, a strong and valued worker who came to this country to perfect himself for his chosen calling in Japan by a course additional to the training he had received in the Literary and Theological Schools at Sendai; and in the death of Prof. T. Abe, who occupied the chair of Old Testament Exegesis in the North Japan Theological Seminary, and had rendered excellent service to the institution; and recognizing these our losses we humbly bow to the dispensation of an all-wise and gracious Providence, in the same faith in which they lived and labored, and entered upon their rewards, and that we extend our heartiest sympathy to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William E. Hoy in the loss of their son, David Schneder Hoy, in China in September, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. RICHARDS,
G. A. SCHWEDES,
H. Y. STONER,
GEORGE F. MORGAN,
PETER AULT.

I. BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Members 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. D. W. Ebbert, D.D.	Elder C. M. Boush.

Members elected whose term expires May, 1911.

Rev. P. S. Leinbach.	Rev. E. Vornholt.
Rev. M. O. Noll.	Elder George W. Stein.
Rev. L. B. C. Lahr.	Elder H. F. Texter.

II. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Members whose term expires May, 1908.

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D.D.	Rev. C. Hassel.
Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D.	Elder J. L. Lemberger.
Rev. E. P. Herbruck, D.D.	Elder B. Kuhns.

Members elected whose term expires May, 1911.

Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D.D.	Rev. Christopher Noss.
Rev. James I. Good, D.D.	Elder John W. Apple.
Rev. J. Bachman, D.D.	Elder J. Z. Gerhard.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The following report of the Board of Directors of Orphan Homes was read on the sixth day of the sessions and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, with the exception of the vacancy occurring on the Board, which was 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 U. S.:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Board of Orphan Homes submit to you their report, covering the last three years. Our Homes are, Bethany, at Womelsdorf, Pa.; St. Paul's, at Butler, Pa., and Ft. Wayne, Ind. The officers of their respective Boards are as follows: Bethany—President, Dr. B. Bausman, Reading, Pa.; Superintendent, Rev. Wilson F. More; Treas-

urer, C. G. Gross, 879 N. 41st Street, Philadelphia, Pa. St. Paul's—President, John E. Kunkle, Esq., Greensburg, Pa.; Superintendent, Rev. D. H. Leader; Treasurer, A. J. Heller, Connellsville, Pa. Ft. Wayne—President, Rev. J. F. Winter, Terre Haute, Ind.; Superintendent, Rev. B. Ruf; Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Bosch, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The Superintendents have sent in their reports, as the basis of this our general report. We are happy to say, that these Homes—of the otherwise homeless, have during these years been greatly blessed. The work, along its various lines, has under the Lord's continued care and favor been prospered.

Two homes during this time (Bethany and St. Paul's) have changed their superintendents (always a serious matter), and yet, regularly and prosperously, the blessed work went on. Superintendent Leader entered St. Paul's September 1st, 1903; and Superintendent More, of Bethany, August 1st, 1904. Superintendent Prugh had served twenty-one years and Superintendent Yundt, eighteen years; both with great acceptance.

Bethany reports only four deaths, two orphans and two directors.—Louis Kraemer and Mrs. W. D. Rauch, of the Ladies' Committee. St. Paul's, in these years, had more than ordinary affliction in the fall of 1903. Measles (twenty-five cases at one time), diphtheria, croup and erysipelas prevailed, and yet only one orphan, a small boy, died. During last winter there was an epidemic of typhoid fever. Twenty-eight persons were stricken, twenty-seven children and one teacher, and yet, by careful nursing and the right medical treatment, the Lord spared them all. These special seasons of care, labor and anxiety, weighed heavily on the officials of the home, and caused unavoidable and heavy expense. At the same time, however, the heart of the Church was thereby touched, as could have been done in no other way; to extend the helping hand. The afflictions thus anew proved themselves "blessings in disguise."

Ft. Wayne reports: "The condition of our health, during these years, has been exceptionally good, and the angel of death never visited us."

The number of orphans at present in these homes is as follows: Bethany, 123; St. Paul, 75, and Ft. Wayne, 85; total, 283. The exact number of inmates, by those coming and going, is continually made to vary.

These homes alike have established themselves in the confidence and good-will of the people, especially in their respective communities, and have, therefore, a reliable and a growing constituency; which fact is hopeful and encouraging.

The financial status of the Homes is as follows: Bethany has no debt, with an Endowment Fund of \$28,730.45. St. Paul's, a debt remaining of \$5,500, with an Endowment of \$11,000. Ft. Wayne has an Endowment of \$6,000. The old debt (\$3,500) was, in the last year, paid, but again a much larger one made (as will later be shown).

Receipts of the Homes: Bethany, during the last three years, received \$40,711.53; St. Paul's, \$38,434; Ft. Wayne, \$32,423.39; a total of \$111,568.92.

Necessary improvements made during these years: Bethany—An additional heating plant has been installed in "Santee Hall," and additional bathing facilities have been provided in the main building, for the boys; the private rooms of the Superintendent have been renovated and improved. All this at an expense of over \$1,200. St. Paul's—A steam-heat plant, communicating to all the buildings, has been installed, at the cost of \$3,000; iron bed-steads have been introduced in the entire Home, and improvements made to the buildings and the grounds. Ft. Wayne—Besides many important improvements, we have put up a new building, at a cost of \$20,000, as a dormitory for the boys, and a schoolhouse.

Our Homes each have a farm—gardens, etc., connected—which affords valuable support, and, during summer, good exercise. The children are taught to labor, not only with their minds, but, also—indoor and outdoors—with their muscles.

Each Home has its own school, systematically arranged, and carefully conducted. Above all, is religious instruction (in which our public schools are wanting), conscientiously imparted. Daily and regular family worship is observed. Each

Home is a family, and, at the same time, also, a congregation; and the Superintendent, a pastor. In the Bethany Home, during this time, 40. Catechumens, after careful special instruction, were confirmed. The moral character of the Homes is permeated with the Gospel leaven, and, as a rule, our orphans entering on the higher and broader duties of life, have been and are doing well.

With grateful hearts, therefore, as a Church, we may look upon these benevolent institutions, and continue our support, by faithful intercession and liberal gifts; assured by the Lord himself of the fact, that whatsoever we do to the least of his, we do unto Him!

Our Board stands as follows:

Elder Jacob Rader, term expired 1905.

Rev. Eli Keller, D.D., term expires 1908.

Elder Horace Aukenev, term expires 1908.

Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, term expires 1911.

ELI KELLER, *President.*

S. A. LEINBACH, *Secretary.*

Report of Standing Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented its report, on the eighth day of the session, which was received and adopted. It is as follows:

DEAR BRETHERN—Your Committee on Orphan Homes presents the following report:

The only paper referred to us was the report of General Synod's Board of Directors on Orphan Homes. The information contained therein is based upon the reports of the superintendents of the three Homes—Bethany, St. Paul's and Ft. Wayne.

From the statements made by the Board of Directors, it is evident that our Orphan Homes are in a prosperous condition, that they are doing a noble work in the education and Christian nurture of needy children of the Church, and that in the support of them there is manifest an increasing liberality on the part of our membership.

We recommend the following for your action :

Resolved, That this General Synod commends anew the Orphan Homes of the Church to the sincere sympathy, the earnest prayers and liberal support of all our Classes, consistories, pastors and members.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. BRIDENBAUGH,
C. CLEVER,
JOHN F. WINTER,
JOHN G. HOULETTE,
J. RADER.

Elder Jacob Rader was re-elected as a member of the Board of Directors.

II. Communication from Society for Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

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

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN—At the annual meeting of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, held in Everett, Pa., Oct. 26th, 1904, the following report was adopted, in answer to the "request and suggestion" as found in the Minutes of your reverend body in Baltimore, Md., vide page 152.

Your committee, to whom was re-committed the report in response to the action of the last General Synod, has carefully considered the matter, and submits the following for adoption.

It seems to us proper and important that a somewhat general statement should be made for the benefit of those who do not have ready access to the Charter and By-Laws of this Society.

1. It contains none of the features of Life Insurance or of Benevolent Associations, but is purely a Relief Society.
2. In the matter of relief, it is limited to cases of real need.

The original Charter of 1791, and also that of March 26th, 1810, provided only for the relief of the widows of ministers of the Reformed Church. By the enabling act of February 28th, 1865, its powers were so enlarged as to enable it "to elect and receive, as members, ministers," so as to confer its benefactions upon them also; "and in special cases, by unanimous vote of the officers named in the Charter, to the families of deceased ministers, who may not have been members of the Society." There are, therefore, three classes whom the Society may help, according to their need and its ability:

1. Widows and families of deceased members of the Society who are in straitened circumstances.
2. Disabled and super-annuated ministers who are members of the Society.
3. Widows and families of deceased ministers, though not members of the Society.

The conditions of membership are, however, so simple and easy, that we can hardly conceive of a situation in which a minister, who desires it, cannot be constituted a member of this Society, either by himself or his friends. The contribution of \$5.00 qualifies for membership, and thereafter the annual payment of \$3.00 continues membership, while \$65.00 makes a life member.

Working under this charter, the Society has accumulated a capital, as an invested fund, of over \$65,000. This has come chiefly from legacies and life memberships. These life memberships have been created by individuals and Classes, which the Society has accepted and enrolled. The amount contributed for a life membership, by its designation, becomes capital, and the Charter requires that all capital shall be invested, and only the interest thereof may be used for current needs. This invested capital is a Trust Fund, and, as such, is being sacredly administered with care and impartiality, without regard to the location in which the beneficiary may reside, provided only that he or she belongs to one or other of the Classes we may relieve.

We are ready to co-operate with General Synod in every possible way for enlarging the usefulness of this Society, permissible under the limitations of our Charter.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*,

1. That, while we must continue to relieve all such as are now, or shall become, members of the Society, or are enrolled as annuitants in the regular way, we will, in addition thereto, gladly "receive offerings and endowment funds from the Church at large, and distribute the same as the donor may desire, for the benefit of any needy ministers in good 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 in hand for the purpose."

2. That we will welcome a committee of General Synod to co-operate with our Executive Committee in securing funds and disposing of the same in accordance with the preceding resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. ESCHBACH,
ELLIS N. KREMER,
WILSON F. MORE,

Committee.

In obedience to instruction, the above action is herewith transmitted, under my hand and the seal of the Society, to your Reverend body.

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *Sec'y.*

Middletown, Md., Oct. 26th, 1904.

The foregoing report was received and adopted, with the following action, namely:

Resolved, That this society of relief be commended anew to the confidence and support of the Church, and that a representative committee be appointed to aid in carrying forward its benevolent work.

The committee appointed, according to the foregoing action, consists of Revs. Thomas M. Yundt, H. C. Nott, John Bachman, D.D., J. W. Steele, D.D., John M. Schick, D.D., Lewis Robb, Ph. Vollmer, D.D., and William F. Curtis.

III. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

A Triennial Statement, giving the receipts and expenditures and financial condition of the Society. The period of time is from May 15th, 1902, to May 10th, 1905.

RECEIPTS FROM COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES.

EASTERN SYNOD.					
Reading Classis	\$ 478	00	Lancaster Classis.....	146	00
Philadelphia Classis	450	55	Eastern Ohio Classis.....	80	24
Lancaster Classis	312	29	Tiffin Classis.....	40	64
Tohickon Classis	289	87	St. Joseph's Classis.....	14	10
Schuylkill Classis	266	43			<u>\$725 05</u>
Lehigh Classis	245	00	INTERIOR SYNOD.		
Goshenhoppen Classis....	195	00	Iowa Classis.....	\$ 70	44
Wyoming Classis.....	193	86	Illinois Classis.....	40	16
Lebanon Classis.....	178	58	Kansas Classis.....	23	95
W. Susquehanna Classis.	144	66	Wichita Classis.....	8	75
E. Susquehanna Classis..	83	55	Lincoln Classis.....	7	00
E. Pennsylvania Classis..	66	45			<u>\$150 30</u>
			CENTRAL SYNOD.		
	\$2,904	24	St. John's Classis.....	\$208	16
POTOMAC SYNOD.			Toledo Classis.....	204	27
Maryland Classis.....	\$ 658	78	Heidelberg Classis.....	195	23
Gettysburg Classis.....	487	88	Erie Classis.....	155	00
Juniata Classis.....	359	38	Cincinnati Classis.....	65	00
Zion's Classis.....	199	07			<u>\$827 66</u>
Virginia Classis	196	32	SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.		
Carlisle Classis.....	175	84	Nebraska Classis.....	\$187	00
Mercersburg Classis.....	80	18	Sheboygan Classis.....	168	42
N. Carolina Classis.....	18	13	Missouri Classis.....	131	71
	\$2,175	58	Milwaukee Classis.....	108	66
PITTSBURGH SYNOD.			S. Dakota Classis.....	5	00
Allegheny Classis.....	\$259	35	Indiana Classis.....	2	50
Somerset Classis.....	219	44	Ursinus Classis.....	1	00
Clarion Classis.....	213	51			<u>\$604 29</u>
Westmoreland Classis....	145	39	GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.		
St. Paul's Classis.....	93	04	West New York Classis...\$224	19	
	\$030	73	New York Classis.....	149	00
OHIO SYNOD.			German Maryland Classis.	5	00
Tuscarawas Classis.....	\$230	44			<u>\$378 19</u>
Miami Classis.....	213	63			

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Total from Eastern Synod	\$2,904 24
Total from Potomac Synod	2,175 58
Total from Pittsburgh Synod	930 73
Total from Ohio Synod	725 05
Total from Interior Synod	150 30
Total from Central Synod	827 66
Total from Northwest Synod	604 29
Total from German Synod of the East.....	378 19
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	\$8,696 04
Interest on investments	\$ 8,096 63
Individual Gifts	795 41
Pittsburgh Synod (special)	725 00
Bequests	10,279 35
Royalty on Church Hymnal	2,754 10
Royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal	620 00
Loans paid	21,770 00
Cash in Treasury May 15, 1902	3,995 66
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Total amount of receipts	\$57,732 19

EXPENDITURES.

Eastern Synod	paid to 35 annuitants.....	\$ 5,118 25
Potomac Synod	" 9 "	1,235 00
Pittsburgh Synod	" 5 "	1,620 00
Ohio Synod	" 10 "	1,564 95
Interior Synod	" 5 "	690 00
Central Synod	" 4 "	650 00
Northwest Synod	" 4 "	479 42
German Synod of the East	" 4 "	510 00
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	76	\$11,867 62
Paid for sundry expenses		\$ 2,733 10
Paid to Daniel Stein Memorial Home.....		147 29
Paid for Life Memberships		5,465 80
Paid for investment bequests		10,279 35
Paid for reinvestment		21,770 00
Cash in treasury May 10, 1905		5,469 03
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Total amount of expenditures		\$57,732 19

INVESTED FUND.

Bonds	\$43,300 00
Real estate mortgages	19,685 00

Pennsylvania Railroad Stock and Bond	1,640 00
Promissory Notes	1,725 00
	\$66,350 00

ASSETS.

Invested Fund	\$66,350 00
Cash in Treasury, May 10, 1905	5,469 03
	\$71,819 03

The Society has at this date four hundred life and eighteen annual members. Sixteen ministers and forty-seven widows of ministers are receiving financial help, and they are found in each Synod. The list of needy ministers and widows of ministers is growing larger year by year, and their needs require larger appropriations.

Any minister of the Reformed Church in good standing may become a member of the Society, by paying sixty-five dollars in one or more instalments, or by giving five dollars as an initiation fee, and three dollars annual dues.

Financial aid is given only to the minister who is a member and to the widow of any minister, if they be in need.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. J. David Miller, President, Everett, Pa.; Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Vice-President, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. John W. Pontius, Secretary, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer and Solicitor, Frederick, Md.; Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Frederick Md., Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Jefferson, Md., Assessors.

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Potomac Synod, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Rev. D. A. Souders, Pittsburgh Synod, Irwin, Pa.; Rev. S. B. Yockey, D.D., Ohio Synod, Xenia, Ohio; Rev. D. B. Shuey, Synod of the Interior, Emporia, Kansas; Rev. J. H. Stepler, D.D., Central Synod, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. J. W. Grossheusch, Synod of the Northwest, R. F. D., No. 29, Plymouth, Wis.; Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D.D., German Synod of the East, No. 71 Locust St., Buffalo, N. Y.

IV. Report on Plan for the Organization of a Ministerial Relief Society Under General Synod.

This report was presented in response to item 9, in Report on Minutes of Synod, acted on, item by item, and finally adopted. The report reads as follows:

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

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Committee on the Society of Ministerial Relief would report that they have examined a number of charters, constitutions and reports of other denominations, and, after a careful consideration of the whole subject in its application to our own denomination, would respectfully recommend the following for adoption:

1. That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States appoint a General Synod's Board of Ministerial Relief, to which every minister in good and regular standing in our Church, if needy, and every minister's widow, shall be eligible for benefits.

2. That this General Synod appoint the members of the Board of Ministerial Relief as it appoints its other Boards of Missions, etc., to take charge of this work. It shall consist of twelve members, as follows: From the Eastern Synod, 3; from the Potomac and Northwest Synods, 2 each, and from the Pittsburg, Ohio, Interior, Central, and German Synod of the East, one each. Of these, one from the Eastern Potomac and Northwest Synods shall be laymen. One-half of the Board shall be elected at each triennial General Synod. This Board shall appoint an Executive Committee of five located within comparatively easy reach of each other. It shall meet at least annually, and its members shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected.

3. That this Board of Ministerial Relief be empowered to take out a charter and prepare a suitable constitution and by-laws, which may at any time be subject to General Synod, for revision. And we suggest that in the preparation of a charter, etc., the charter and methods of the Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief be carefully considered. This Board shall proceed to the raising of money and caring for beneficiaries as its funds may warrant or the circumstances may require.

4. That, in view of the fact that there are two or three Societies for the Relief of Ministers and Ministers' Widows

already at work in our Church, the General Synod recommends that this Board work on friendly terms with these Societies, since all are engaged in the same blessed work, and make all suitable efforts to effect a consolidation of all ministerial relief work in our Church under the Board of General Synod.

5. That the General Synod recommend to this Board the raising of a permanent fund, whose interest will suffice to provide properly for all the beneficiaries in our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. I. GOOD,
H. S. GEKELER,
C. F. KRIETE,
ELDER B. T. SHEARER,
ELDER W. P. SEIBERT.

The second item in this report was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations. The election was held on the seventh day of the sessions, which resulted as follows :

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

Members whose term expires May, 1908.

Rev. B. B. Royer.	Rev. P. S. Kohler.
Rev. C. M. Hartzell.	Elder H. E. Shortemeier.
Rev. J. W. Meminger, D.D.	Elder E. A. Shullenberger.

Members whose term expires May, 1911.

Rev. John M. Schick, D.D.	Rev. Thomas M. Yundt.
Rev. Ph. Vollmer, D.D.	Rev. James M. Steele, D.D.
Rev. Henry C. Nott.	Elder George Leinbach.

The following request was made by the members elected on the Board of Ministerial Relief and granted :

1. *Resolved*, That the Board be allowed to draw on the contingent fund of General Synod for sufficient funds to pay expenses incurred in holding a meeting for organization and other initial business.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Synod be requested to recommend the work of the Board to the Classes and District Synods for support.

enlarged in their religious experience and usefulness. The endorsement of General Synod has been abundantly justified, and will be still more so in the future.

Your committee recommends the following for adoption:

1. That General Synod heartily commends the aim and purpose of the various Young People's Societies existing in the Reformed Church, such as the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, a most excellent organization for men, the birth of which in our own fold is an honor to the Reformed Church; also, the Christian Endeavor Societies, Junior and Senior; the Yungend Verein, the Heidelberg League, the King's Daughters, etc., and earnestly urges their organization wherever practicable, under the direction of pastors and consistories.

2. That there be more thorough organization of the societies for the promotion of the interests of Christ and the Church; that standing committees be appointed by Classes, Synods and General Synod.

3. That the statistical blanks be revised according to the accompanying more convenient form, and providing for a more definite statement of contributions.

4. That statistical blanks be provided for the use of classical standing committees.

5. That the Young People's Societies be in every way encouraged to support at least one Home and one Foreign missionary, *over and above the apportionments*, under the direction of the respective Boards.

6. That the previous recommendations of the denominational Reading Course be reiterated, and that, in addition, the formation of Mission Study Classes be encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. C. LAHR, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The sixth triennial report of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church 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, Allentown, Pa., May 16, 1905:

With hearty thanks to God for past and present blessings, the Sunday-school Board presents to the General Synod this, its Sixth Triennial Report, covering the years beginning April 1, 1902, and closing March 31, 1905.

I.

WORK OF THE BOARD.

The Sunday-school Board is formed for the purpose of organizing, assisting, extending, and improving Sunday-schools of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to prepare, publish, and disseminate all such literature for the Sunday-school and young people as may be authorized, directed, or approved, by the General Synod.

The Board conducts its work within three different departments—the Sunday-school and Missionary Department, the Editorial Department, and the Business Department.

1. The Sunday-school and Missionary Department.

This department has two distinct branches—the missionary, and the educational. (1) Missionary, organizing new schools and aiding weak and destitute ones; (2) educational, educating the Church in all phases of Sunday-school work, constantly endeavoring to raise ideals and to improve methods.

It is supported by offerings of churches and schools, given mainly on Children's Day, and by an appropriation from the net earnings of the Business Department.

The total receipts of the Missionary Fund for the last three years were \$10,690.21, compared with \$9,146.93 the preceding

three years. Of this amount \$7,704.63 were received as offerings, an increase of \$1,954 over the preceding period, the balance being the appropriation from the earnings of the Business Department.

Sunday-school Missions.—Ten Sunday-school missionaries have been employed during the past three years, of whom three were theological students. Nine new schools were organized, not counting six Hungarian schools aided in their organization. From these schools seven congregations have developed. A number of schools and congregations have been supplied with religious services. The seven congregations started from these schools are located at Allegheny, Homeville, Pittsburg, Oak Lane, Pa.; High Point, Lexington, N. C.

Your Board co-operated with the Board of Home Missions during the period, in maintaining a Sunday-school missionary in Allegheny Classis. Rev. H. S. Gekeler is now the Sunday-school missionary, and has successfully organized a school in Indianapolis, Ind. The report of the Board's missionary work since 1894 is encouraging, a total of thirty-four new schools having been organized, five reorganized, out of which twenty-four congregations have been established.

Grants of Literature.—These grants consist of Lesson Helps, Periodicals, Bibles, Hymnals, etc., and are made on the request of missionaries, pastors, or superintendents, with the approval of the Classical Sunday-school Committee.

One hundred and seventy-six schools have received help in this way. They are located in the following States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Grants of literature have also been made to a school in Palm City, Cuba, organized by one of our ministers, and to aid the work of Sunday-schools in our Japan Mission. Net value of grant of books, tracts and periodicals, for the three years, amounts to more than \$2500. Applications for aid in this way are on the increase. Testimonies are unanimous to the effect that the little help extended to the new

school, or weak school, at the time of need, means large things in the establishment of a religious center.

It might be well to state that the rule of the Board, according to actions taken, has been, to furnish this literature to the schools, either at actual cost price, or on the basis of the lowest trade discount, which practically means net cost. The policy of the Board, in this respect, is as liberal, and in many cases more liberal, than that followed by other denominational Boards.

Hungarian Sunday-school Literature.—We report with peculiar gratification that since January 1, 1904, a Hungarian-English Sunday-school Lesson Help has been published monthly—the first periodical of the kind published in the country. Hungarian Picture Cards for the little ones are also issued. Our Hungarian brethren earnestly plead for this help in order to train their church members, children, and young people, to the American idea of Christianity. As a result, seven Hungarian-English Sunday-schools are now connected with our Hungarian Missions. Some little work has been done through the efforts of a generous layman, in distributing Hungarian Bibles, Scripture Cards, etc.

The experience of the churches of our land in the last fifty years or more, indicates the value of a colporteur plan. The colporteur among the immigrants is a missionary of patriotism; his presence, his words, and his literature all tend to promote a better understanding of the American spirit, and the development of the American type of character. The words of the President of these United States, uttered at the dedication services of our Grace Memorial Reformed Church, Washington, emphasize the importance of this work. He said:

“I always take a peculiar interest in the attitude of churches toward the immigrants who come to these shores. I feel that we should be peculiarly watchful over them because of our own history, because we, or our fathers, came under like conditions. Now that we have established churches, let us see to it that we stretch out the hand of help and brotherhood toward the new comers, and help them as speedily as possible to get into rela-

tions that it will be easy for them to walk well in the new life. That is one form of duty peculiarly incumbent upon us of the Reformed churches. I trust that, with the consecration of each new church of the Reformed creed, of this our country, there will be established a fresh amount of effort to get at, and to help, for their good, the people that yearly come from over the seas to us. No more important work can be done by our people—important to the cause of Christianity, and to the true, national life, and greatness, here in our own land.”

Since the principal work of this Board is among children—plastic citizens of tomorrow—it is evident that all its influences are calculated to promote a higher and finer type of national character. As the youth of today is moulded, the State and the Church of tomorrow will be. Real patriotism, therefore, is expressed by the Sunday-school Board's form of missionary endeavor, both in furnishing literature to our brethren who come from abroad and in aiding pastors and workers to establish new schools. It is a profound principle, accepted by all Christians, that the best way to make our nation great is to make its people good, so “for God and native land” may be truly inscribed upon the offerings of our schools, made to the Sunday-school and Missionary Department.

2. *Educational Work*.—Constant efforts have been made to stimulate District Synodical Sunday-school Boards, Classical Committees, pastors and Sunday-school workers, to secure a larger Sunday-school membership. Statistics have been used to this end. It is to be regretted that statistics for the entire Church are not complete.

We have reports from 1645 schools, enrolling 25,574 officers and teachers, and with the scholars, making a total enrollment of 231,790. In general it may be said that, through the literature of our Church, through conventions and institutes, the standard of our Sunday-school work has advanced. An encouraging new development has been the organization of a Reformed Superintendents' Association of Reading and of Philadelphia. Facts pertaining to this subject are presented under the head of Educational Work (page 7).

2. *Editorial Department.*

By reason of the splendid work of our editors, our Reformed literature has taken high rank and is greatly appreciated.

The number of periodicals published is thirteen—nine Lesson Helps and four Illustrated Papers. The total issue of our periodicals, weekly, monthly and quarterly, has increased from 319,220, April, 1902, to 323,385, April, 1905. This does not include the Beginners' Course, for children six years of age and under. During the triennium, a One Year's Course for Beginners was published in text-book form, and at the present time, material is furnished for the schools for a Two Years' Beginners' Course, in the way of illustrated cards for the little ones, and Hints for Teachers of Beginners' Classes, in the Heidelberg Teacher. The actual circulation of our periodicals has increased among Reformed schools, more than the figures given would indicate, for there has been a decrease in the sale of Picture Cards, by reason of loss of orders from several Sunday-school supply houses outside of the Reformed Church.

There have been issued twenty new publications, three imprints of former editions, and twenty-one Sunday-school requisites, manufactured articles or material for the Sunday-school, during the last three years.

It is noteworthy that 100,000 copies of the Sunday-school Hymnal have been issued, to date, all but 5,000 of which have been sold. A second edition of 10,000 of the Primary Sunday-school Hymnal was issued, during the triennium, and it will be necessary to print a third, in the next few months. This book has been accepted as the best Primary Music and Service Book that is published. Thousands of copies have been sold outside of the Reformed Church.

Within the last few months, the Board, in response to requests from various sections, has issued "Standard Songs," with a complete orchestration. This book is intended to meet the needs of schools and others desiring an inexpensive hymn book.

This department has also aided in the educational work by issuing a Teacher Training Course. Volume One has been favorably received.

As a part of the denominational Reading Course for teachers and young people, "Famous Missionaries of the Reformed Church," by J. I. Good, D.D., has been published. (For a list and brief description of the new publications, requisites and periodicals, see pages 20 and 21.)

It is evident that the Sunday-school world is in a period of transition. The larger educational possibilities and responsibilities of the Sunday-school are being recognized. This will doubtless require the publication of text-books, calling for a considerable investment of money.

The problem of the Sunday-school paper, in its relation to the educational work of Young People's Societies and the missionary enterprises of the Church, presses heavily. There is increasing competition in literature for the young people, and the Board feels that the time is at hand when our present four-page young people's paper, "Leaves of Light," should be enlarged, and its character and contents somewhat changed. This is imperative, if the young people in our homes, schools, and societies, are to be trained and informed in the doctrine, history and missionary work of the Church.

German Sunday-school Literature.—German Lesson Helps and Sunday-school Papers have been issued as usual, by the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, representing the three German Synods.

3. *The Business Department.*

During the triennium, by reason of the resignation of the Business Agent, Rev. J. Frank Dechant, for whom the Board has words of the highest commendation, a change has been made in the management of the department.

In place of a responsible Business Agent for the increasing business of the Board, there is a Chief Clerk, and a Head of the Sunday-school Supply Department, and a Head of the Book Department, acting under the direction of the Secretary of the Board and the Executive Committee. It was felt that this would result in increased efficiency, as well as reduce somewhat the cost of the fixed charge expense.

Publications.—According to the statement, found on page 21, there have been published, during the triennium, 753,100 copies of books, requisites, etc.; 8,721,350 copies of periodicals, which, together with 5000 copies of the last triennial report, make an aggregate of 9,479,450 copies of publications for the three years.

Sales.—An indication of the steady growth of the business is shown in the increasing sales year by year. A report of the sales for the first four months of the fiscal year ending March 31, 1903, was not kept, but the cash receipts for that period were \$59,651.41. The sales for the second year amount to \$63,026.96. The sales for the third year ending March 31, 1905, were \$64,024.02, an increase of \$11,079.88 over the last year of the report three years ago.

The statement of cash receipts and expenditures, and of assets and liabilities, is given on pages 22, 23 and 24.

Net Profits.—The net profits of the triennium are \$12,307.62. Of this sum, \$2000 was appropriated to the Sunday-school and Missionary Department. The balance remains in the business as capital. It should be borne in mind that in this period \$2312.50 has been paid into the treasury of the Reformed Church Publication Board, by reason of the contract with the three Eastern Synods, and this inures to the Benefit of the Church. A royalty amounting to \$460 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 \$18,153.74. In consequence of the addition of part of the profits for the three years, the capital reported March 31, 1905, is \$28,461.36.

II.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

In the last three years there have been unmistakable signs in our own and other Churches of the land, to indicate that there is a growing consciousness of the true place of religious education in the work of the Kingdom. Along with the great advance made in our day in the principles and methods of gen-

eral educational work, it is becoming clear that owing to changed conditions in the home life, and the radical separation of Church and State education, there rests a larger responsibility than ever before upon the Sunday-school as an educational institution. The Church school stands pre-eminently for moral and religious education. Its work is largely with young people and children. It is the largest university in the land. Every week, in our own denomination a quarter of a million people are studying the great truths of Christian religion, and these students are the Church of the future, and the hope of the nation. The cultivation of the spirit of benevolence and training in missionary giving finds its largest opportunity in the Sunday-school.

Your Board feels that it is important to emphasize the fact that real religious education is beginning to take the place that belongs to it, in the economy of Christ's Kingdom. It is well to note the methods and instrumentalities at work in this direction.

The Home.—In order of time and of importance, the home is the first and fundamental institution of the Church for the religious training of the young. In an organized way, the Sunday-school vitally touches the home, through the teacher, and especially through the Home Department and the Cradle Roll.

The statistics of last year report 6,438 members of the Home Department, but the circulation of the Home Department Quarterly shows that more than 11,000 are enrolled. A large number of our schools have established the Cradle Roll within the last three years.

These two features emphasize on the one side, the responsibility of the Church for the religious education of the young, and on the other, the covenant responsibility of the parents. We believe that they deserve renewed commendation, as a successful method by which to aid the home to do its duty as a religious institution.

Church Relation.—The vital relation which the Sunday-school sustains to the catechetical class and the growth of the Church is shown by the fact that 677 schools out of 1210 in

the five English Synods, having a membership of 108,827 scholars, report 7,147 scholars as received into full church membership of the Church, the past year. The significance of these figures is made apparent when we remember that the total received by confirmation in the five Synods as reported is 8680. In other words, practically all our church accessions by confirmation come by way of the Sunday-school.

The Board would reiterate the importance of knowing the scholars' relation to the Church, if not in union schools, certainly in the strictly Church schools. The object of the Sunday-school is spiritual. The teacher is an assistant pastor. At all times, therefore, in the work of the school and the Church, the scholar's relation to the Church should be kept plainly in sight. Our children should know of the history, institution, polity, customs, and doctrines of the Church with which their parents and Sunday-school teachers are identified.

Ingathering.—The one fact written large on the history of the Sunday-school is Expansion. The Sunday-school is the best missionary and evangelistic force of the Church. The field ever widens, and is white for the harvest. The opportunities for active service multiply. The demands increase. The needs grow more imperative. There should be an expanding work.

The membership of our Reformed Sunday-school is still below the church membership. Millions of children of school age are yet unreached. Only 18 per cent. or less of the population of the United States is yet in the Sunday-school. Some entire states have reached nearly 25 per cent., some counties 60 per cent., and some towns as high as 80 per cent. of their population in their Sunday-schools. Ought there not to be a general movement to increase the membership of our schools? We have notable schools that exhibit the kind of energy that should be used in this work. They steadily increase, not only their membership, but also their average attendance.

Children's Day and Rally Day.—The observance of these two days contributes to the enlargement and efficiency of the Sunday-school. It is gratifying to report their well nigh uni-

versal use. The Board prepares special services for Children's Day, and distributes envelopes for the offering to Sunday-school and Missionary Work. It is the one day in the year which affords the opportunity to impress upon teachers and scholars, their duty and privilege in helping to gather others into new schools over our land. Its educational value to the children depends upon their coming to understand that it is the day on which they are going to do something worth doing, the day which is given to them for a purpose, for their own cause.

According to the repeated actions of your reverend body it has come to be the custom to take an offering on Children's Day for Sunday-school work in our own country; planting new schools, and caring for weak schools wherever they need it—in short giving to children, all over the land, the same chance to learn and enjoy that the children of our own schools have. Linking the cause of Sunday-school Missions to Children's Day, creates a feeling of proprietorship in the great missionary work of the Church. It cannot fail to develop loyalty and enthusiasm for a cause which they can call their own. There can be no question 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.

The Teacher.—To increase the membership and improve the quality of the work, it is evident that provision must be made for the training of Sunday-school teachers. A comprehensive course of teacher training is projected. Volume One has been issued. Nearly 1000 copies have been called for. Volume Two will be ready in a few months. These volumes are prepared by specialists in their departments, and are the joint production of the Presbyterian Church, North and South, the Cumberland Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, Canadian Presbyterian, and our Reformed Church. Several books have already been published as a denominational Reading Course, and have had a fairly wide circulation.

The time has come for a distinct recognition of the Normal Department in every school. This department is related to the school, just as the Primary Department is. It includes a class for the preparation of future teachers, and this can properly meet when the school meets. It also includes a Teachers' Meeting or Institute for the teachers in actual work to meet one evening during the week. The same course may be pursued that the Normal Class uses. Advanced courses with lectures and discussions by specialists on various topics, are helpful. For the proper training of teachers, every school should have a teachers' library. The text-books issued on teacher training are but the starting point. They can do no more than introduce young people and teachers to the science and art of their work.

Your Board is prepared to recommend a carefully selected teachers' library. At least a half dozen books of this character should be at the disposal of teachers. The practical and comprehensive course of study which teachers should have, and upon which the Board is basing its plans is as follows:

1. Comprehensive Bible study which views the Bible as a whole, analyzes its books one by one for their contents, and arranges these contents synthetically in courses of facts and truths to be mastered.

2. Illustrative Bible material, such as Bible geography, manners and customs of Bible lands, archæology, ancient history, literary study of the Bible; the history, doctrines and government of the Church.

3. Outlines of pedagogy, or such principles of the teaching process as apply to Bible instruction, and a discussion of methods of teaching adapting these principles.

4. Child study and study of human nature in helpful suggestions for best work in teaching and character building.

5. Sunday-school organization studied in its modern forms and development.

It may be added that the plans for teacher training include a Correspondence Course of instruction, and the issue of diplomas based upon written examinations.

Supplemental Lessons.—The International Lessons now in use in practically all of our schools, serve admirably the spiritual purpose of the school. There are evidences that the International Lessons will conform in a few years to the modern advance in educational work, and that they will be selected with reference to the advancing periods in the development of the child nature. Probably the most practical solution of the problem of Lesson Courses, is the Two-Lesson System. Under this plan the second lessons are topical, and emphasize the memorizing of certain material, usually called Supplemental Lessons. They can be introduced and given in five-minute periods. Many schools have developed Supplemental Lessons that proceed on strictly pedagogical lines.

The advantages of Supplemental Lessons are that they can be used and adapted to the differing conditions of schools, and the varying abilities of teachers. The Board has published suggestive outlines for Supplemental work, and is planning to furnish a larger and thoroughly graded and developed topical course, to be added to the International Lessons.

Beginners' Course.—The most notable development of the last three years, and the most hopeful, from the educational point of view, is the organization of Beginners' Classes in many of our schools. This class consists of non-readers—children between the ages of three and six. An excellent Two Years' Beginners' Course is now available. The Board will issue, in the early fall, a special series of Picture Cards for the Beginners' Lessons.

It is to be hoped that the formation of Beginners' Classes will open the way for establishment on week-day of something akin to a Christian Kindergarten Course for the little ones.

Advanced Lessons.—With the enlargement of the Sunday-school idea so as to include the entire adult membership of the Church, it is coming to be felt that there is need for an Advanced Course of Bible Studies. The churches of the land generally recognize the drift in this direction. The Teacher Training Course meets the need to a certain extent, but it is

evident that in the not distant future, comprehensive textbooks, containing systematic courses of Bible study, adapted to older scholars in the school, will need to be published.

The Young People's Work.

In accordance with the action of your reverend body, the Board has given some attention, in the last three years, to the organized Young People's work in our Reformed Church. The statistics relating to these societies are so incomplete that it is not possible to present reliable data.

The most encouraging feature has been the organization of Mission Study Classes. In other churches, the formation of these Mission Study Classes is being actively encouraged. The material furnished by our Board for the use of young people, consists of the Sunday-school Paper, "Leaves of Light," and the few books that have been published in the denominational Reading Course for teachers and young people. The beginning that has been made is a strong argument for larger things. What the instruction and training of our young people in Christian work and denominational duty, involves, every wise hearted pastor well knows. Every step of progress is marked by strenuous struggle.

Plainly, a great aid is the printed page, and the stimulus and encouragement that comes from the knowledge that others are engaged in reading and using the same literature.

More and better literature for our Reformed young people should be published; for Church periodicals and publications are the great educating, informing and indoctrinating institutions.

III.

SPECIAL MATTERS.

I. The term of service of the following members of the Board expires with this meeting of Synod:

- Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D.D., Eastern Synod.
- Rev. John H. Bomberger, D.D., Ohio Synod.
- Rev. Lewis Robb, Potomac Synod.
- Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D., Pittsburgh Synod.
- Rev. B. S. Stern, Central Synod.

2. It is with sincere regret that we report the death of one of our members, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D. The Board adopted the following minute:

“In the death of Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., this Board loses a most valued member, one to whom, more than to any one else, the Church is indebted for the organization of the Board in 1887, and for the inauguration of the general Sunday-school work. He served as its President from 1887 to 1893. He attended all the meetings of the Board and of the Prudential Committee of which he was an invaluable member. Faithful and indefatigable in all work committed to him, a judicious and wise counsellor, a brother kindly, and large-hearted in his views and dealings, we mourn his loss and place on record our appreciation of the splendid services rendered by him in the cause of Christian education and training through the Sunday-school work of the Church.”

3. The Board has elected the Rev. C. E. Creitz to fill the unexpired term of Dr. C. S. Gerhard.

4. The bequest of \$5,000, by Jacob S. Fry, M. D., mentioned in the last report, has not yet become available. We are informed that the final account of the estate has been recently filed, and that the full amount will be placed in the hands of the Board in the next few months.

Practically all the Sunday-school Boards of other denominations have received by gifts and bequests, permanent funds, the income of which is used to start new schools, and furnish literature, books and Bibles to weak and destitute schools, as well as to pastors and others. The invested funds of some of the Boards amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

May we not hope that the wish of Dr. Fry may be realized, that his gift “may be the beginning of an ever increasing fund for the purpose of establishment, strengthening and nurture of the Sunday-schools in and for the Reformed Church”?

5. *Commission on Moral and Religious Education.*—In view of the fact that interest in religious education is greater today than it has ever been in the history of the country, as is evidenced by the great conventions on the subject held in the

last few years, and for the reason that our Reformed Church believes in educational religion, and that the Home, the Sunday-school, the Catechetical Class, the College, and the Theological Seminary, are vitally related in the work of religious education, your Board submits the question whether it would not be wise to appoint a Commission on Moral and Religious Education. This Commission to ascertain the prevalent conditions, to consider the moral and religious educational work of the Church, and to present a report with suggestions to the next meeting of the General Synod. It being understood, of course, that in the case of our colleges and seminaries, all recommendations will be referred to the several institutions for their consideration and final action. This Commission to consist of representatives from the Colleges and Theological Seminaries of our Reformed Church, and also from the Sunday School Board of the General Synod.

To secure the best results, it is plain that Courses of Bible Study and Instruction in the principles and methods of Pedagogy, as applied to Moral and Religious Education, must be co-ordinated in these several agencies and institutions of the Church.

IV.

Recommendations and Suggestions.—Your Board would recommend the following matters for your favorable consideration, and reference to the several classes:

1. Reiteration of the former action of the General Synod, requesting each Classis to appoint a permanent Committee on Sunday-school work, with the request that Classis define the duties of the Committee, so as to include responsibility for accurate Sunday-school statistics of the Classis; definite effort to secure Teacher Training Classes, the organization of the Home Department and the Cradle Roll.

2. Reiteration of the former action of the General Synod, requesting the schools of the Church to make an annual offering to Sunday-school and Missionary Work, preferably on Children's Day.

3. Action calling attention to the necessity of constant efforts to increase the Sunday-school membership, the value of

the Beginners' Class, and the truth that the growing Sunday-school is the pledge, the promise, the best assurance of the growing Church.

4. Recommendation that the various Young People's organizations of the Church be encouraged to make use of the denominational Reading Course, to organize Mission Study Classes, and to use the literature of the Church.

5. A recommendation that the following changes be made in the Sunday-school statistical blank: The omission of the column under the head of Education, "Number of books in the Library"; the insertion of a column under the head of Membership, "Cradle Roll Enrollment"; under head of Average Attendance, insert "Not including Cradle Roll and Home Department."

We recommend also a revision of the statistical blanks for Young People's Societies.

Attention is called to the several reports, following, which give an encouraging exhibit of the Sunday-school work, and suggests its larger possibilities.

In conclusion, your Board is more than ever impressed with the truth that the inherent possibilities of the Sunday-school are unlimited; that no organization has ever sprung up within the Church whose splendid results have been accomplished with so little effort, so little expense. Every Sunday-school started is a small beginning perhaps, but how prophetic of the great results—fountain heads of power and grace—"streams to make glad the city of God."

The Christian literature circulated through the Sunday-school—who can estimate its value? Is it not "leaves of the tree of life for human healing" and "seed corn cast in the furrows to spring forth in future harvests"?

Surely the time is at hand when the teaching function of the ministry, and the larger educational work, which must be done by our congregations, will receive more serious consideration and be more fully conserved.

By all the interests of time and eternity, compassed by the salvation of children, we call upon our pastors and churches to

support this work, with a more profound sense of its growing importance, and with a more generous provision for its needs.

As a Church, we cannot be true to our heritage, our opportunities, our citizenship, and above all, to our Lord and Master who set a little child in the midst of His disciples and made it the basis and pattern of Christian life and work; if we do not rise to the demands and privileges that confront us in the religious nurture of the children and young people, and in the missionary efforts that each school, and all our schools combined, should make to reach some of the 12,000,000 of children of school age, who are yet outside of all Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *President*.

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

Periodicals.—The following is a brief description of the character and purpose of the periodicals published by the Board:

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.

A new department is Teaching Hints for Beginners' Classes. This magazine is published in octavo form, each number containing from 40 to 60 pages, with cover. Price, single copy, 60c per year; school subscription, 50c per copy, per year.

The Heidelberg Home Department Quarterly is intended for the use of those who, although unable to attend the sessions of the Sunday-school, yet desire to study the lessons week by week. Issued quarterly. Arranged to encourage individual Bible study. Contains 40 pages and cover. Its circulation is increasing. 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 three months, with Order of Service, Map, Bible Dictionary, Hymns and Music, and other valuable matter. Each number contains 40 pages and cover. Its large 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, words of hymns in other Quarterlies, Order of Service for the main school, special Order of Service for the Junior Department. Circulation increasing. 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-meeting 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, once a month printed in colors. More space is given to the weekly Bible lesson; in addition to questions and explanations, a story is given illustrating the lesson. School subscription, 20c per year.

The Church Festival Helper is a quarterly publication containing services for Christmas, Easter, Children's Day, Harvest Home and 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. Each service is sold separately at the rate of \$4 per hundred copies, postpaid. Price, single subscriptions, 15c per year.

 NEW BOOKS.

- Famous Missionaries of the Reformed Church*, by James I. Good, D.D. Introduction by C. Clever, D.D. 410 pages. Price, \$1.25.
- Standard Songs*, by Emory L. Coblenz and Rufus W. Miller, D.D. Orchestration. 196 pages. Cloth binding, 25c single copy; \$20 per hundred; board cover, 20c single copy; \$15 per hundred.
- The Beginners' Course*, first year. 158 pages. Price, 35c postpaid.
- Heidelberg Teacher Training Course*, Volume One. Composite authorship. 131 pages. Paper, price, 25c.
- Standard Selections for Easter*, by Rufus W. Miller, D.D. 27 pages. Paper, price 15c.
- Standard Selections for Children's Day*, by Rufus W. Miller, D.D. 41 pages. Paper, price 15c.
- Standard Selections for Harvest Home and Rally Day*, by Rufus W. Miller, D.D. 16 pages. Paper, price 15c.
- Standard Selections for Christmas*, by Rufus W. Miller, D.D. 45 pages. Paper, price 15c.

- Standard Selections for Festival Occasions*, including Easter, Children's Day, Harvest Home and Rally Day and Christmas, by Rufus W. Miller, D.D. 143 pages. Paper, price 40c.
- Heidelberg Sunday-school Handbook*. Separate volumes for 1903, 1904 and 1905. By Rufus W. Miller, D.D. 48 pages. Paper, 5c, single copy; \$2 per hundred.
- In Good Old Colony Times*. Christmas Cantata. 22 pages. Price, 30c per copy; \$3.25 per dozen.

NEW BOOKS WITH OUR IMPRINT.

- Life of Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D.* Edited by Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, and others. 256 pages. Price, \$1.25.
- A Century of Bibles*, by Franklin Woods. 91 pages. Cloth, 25c; paper, 15c.
- The Churches and Educated Men*, by Rev. E. N. Hardy. 305 pages. Cloth, price \$1.25.

REPRINTS.

- The Sunday-school Hymnal*. Price \$30 per hundred.
- The Primary Sunday-school Hymnal*. Price \$30 per hundred.
- Acme Home Department Record*. Price, 50c.
- Acme Class Books*. Price, 50c per dozen.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REQUISITES.

- Books of the Bible Chart*. Price, \$1.50.
- Heitshu's Roll of Honor*. Price, 10c.
- Temple Treasury*. Price, \$1.75 per hundred.
- Easter Symbol Envelope*. Price, \$1.00 per hundred.
- Lenten Daily Offering Envelope*. Price, \$1.00 per hundred.
- Easter Offering Gleaner*. Price, \$1.00 per hundred.
- Bell Envelope*. Price, \$1.00 per hundred.
- Easter Offering Envelope*. Price, 30c per hundred.
- Companion Easel Candy Box*. Price, \$2.50 per hundred.
- Register Board*. Price, \$3.00.
- Hymn Board*. Price, \$5.00.
- Cradle Roll Membership Certificate*. 60c per dozen.
- Cradle Roll Birthday Card*. 60c per dozen.
- Sunday-school Card System*. Various prices.
- Primary Motion Songs for Christmas*. (Three) 8c.
- Christmas Anthem, "Nazareth"*. Price, 15c.
- Easter Anthem, "Risen As He Said."* Price, 15c.
- Various Manufactured Articles*, list of which was given three years ago

ISSUED BY THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

- A Catechism on Sunday-school and Missionary Work.
- Sunday-school and Missionary Work.
- Helping to Start New Schools.
- Home Department Explanatory Leaflet, etc.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE THREE YEARS.

The Board has published in the several Departments during this time:

- 40 New Books, Reprints, Manufactured Articles, etc..... 595,800
- 7 Extra Festival Services: Angels of Light, The Little Lord

Jesus, Joyful Tidings, At Christmas Time, Hosanna in the Highest, The Risen King, Order of Worship for Christmas (reprint) 157,300

753,100

PERIODICALS.

Heidelberg Teacher	395,650
Advanced Scholar's Quarterly	1,044,850
Advanced Scholar's Lesson Leaf	92,450
Intermediate Scholar's Quarterly	297,650
Junior Scholar's Quarterly	199,350
Home Department Quarterly	115,150
Heidelberg Picture Cards	521,146
Heidelberg Picture Roll	7,172
Leaves of Light, weekly	1,477,300
Leaves of Light, semi-monthly	643,100
Leaves of Light, monthly	128,900
Sunshine	3,062,232
Church Festival Helper: The Child in the Midst, The King of Glory, The More Excellent Way, Fear Not, The Joy Divine, The Feast of Ingathering, The Children in the Temple, White Harvest Fields, Pilgrims of the Star, Easter Voices, and The Gates of Life.....	736,400

8,721,350

Aggregate Publications for entire period.....	9,474,450
Triennial Report	5,000

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.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

1902.

April 1. Balance on hand\$ 695 00

1905.

March 31. Cash received:

1902-3	\$2,597 20
1903-4	3,824 28
1904-5	3,573 73
	<u>\$ 9,995 21</u>

\$10,690 21

Cash expended:

1902-3	\$3,137 72
1903-4	3,447 56
1904-5	3,785 96
	<u>\$10,371 24</u>

Balance on hand	318 97
	<u>\$10,690 21</u>

Dr.

1902.	April 1.	Balance on hand this date.....	\$ 695 00
1905.	March 31.	To cash received to date inclusive, viz:	
		Offerings of Sunday-schools,	
		1902-3	\$1,797 20
		1903-4	3,024 28
		1904-5	2,883 15
			<u>\$ 7,704 63</u>
		Loan from Business Department.....	200 00
		Appropriations from Business Dept.....	2,000 00
		From Hungarian "Evangel".....	90 58
			<u>\$ 9,995 21</u>
			<u>\$10,690 21</u>

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1905.	March 31.	By cash paid account of Missionary Department..	\$10,371 24
		Balance on hand	318 97
			<u>\$10,690 21</u>

J. H. BOMBERGER, *Treasurer.*

Cleveland, Ohio, March 31, 1905.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Salaries of Sunday-school Missionaries.....	\$ 1,655 67
Donation, Oak Lane, Philadelphia, Pa. (new interest).....	1,000 00
Grants of literature	927 41
Special grant to Foreign Mission Board (colored cards).....	50 00
Printing Children's Day Service, three years; educational work, including Leaflets and Rewards to schools, mailing..	3,018 66
Treasurer's Salary	75 00
Office Expenses, one-third Assistant's salary, including expense of Treasurer, printing, postage and stationery.....	652 60
General Secretary's Salary (proportion of).....	1,805 17
General Secretary's traveling expenses.....	121 26
Hungarian Sunday-school Paper, "The Evangel," Colored Picture Cards, printing, etc.....	546 95
Attorney's fee, electro, etc. (Fry bequest).....	35 62
Paid on account of previous Triennium's balance.....	482 90
	<u>\$10,371 24</u>

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Financial Report of the Business Department, at the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 1905.

ASSETS.

Cash in hand and in Bank.....	\$ 4,435 51
Security Investment	957 18
Merchandise Inventory	\$13,038 76
Less 10 per cent.	1,303 87
	<u>11,734 89</u>

Paper on hand for periodicals	1,336	15
Cuts and Electros, one-third charged off each year.	984	13
Accounts Receivable	19,176	27
Furniture and Fixtures (open on Ledger) .	\$2,194	79
Bills Receivable (open on Ledger)	215	79
(Charged off.)	—————	\$38,624 13

LIABILITIES.

Periodicals paid for in advance	\$ 3,275	69
Periodicals charged and not supplied	6,674	52
Royalty on Sunday-school Hymnal, to Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows	160	00
Accounts Payable	52	56
	—————	10,162 77
Net Worth	\$28,461	36

The net gain for the year ending March 31, 1905, was \$4,849.45.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1905.

I have the pleasure to report that I have audited the accounts kept by your Board, and have found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. BRUNHOUSE, *Accountant*.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

April 1, 1902, to March 31, 1905.

Dr.

Cash on hand March 31, 1902	\$ 4,013	25
Cash received from sales of Periodicals, Books, Sunday-school Supplies (including Bd. of Pub. R. C. A. and Christian World Co.):		
From March 31, 1902, to March 31, 1903	\$59,651	40
From March 31, 1903, to March 31, 1904	58,094	01
From March 31, 1904, to March 31, 1905	61,632	29
	—————	179,377 70
		\$183,390 95

Cr.

Periodical Department, paper, printing, etc.	\$62,281	10
Book Department, including S. S. Hymnal, Pri- mary S. S. Hymnal, Standard Songs, Sunday- school Supplies, etc.	68,953	12
Miscellaneous Book and Periodical Dept., and Sunday-school Missionary Department	4,585	26
Rent, Heat, Light, Janitor and Telephone Service, Repairs to Building (including Rentals of Sub- tenants amounting to \$1,982.76 not deducted) etc.	6,885	50

Salaries (including proportion of General Secretary's Salary), Business Agent, Office Clerks, Shippers, etc.	19,098 31
Incidental Expenses, postage, expressage, insurance, advertising, etc.	10,900 78
Furniture and Fixtures	746 91
Royalty to Reformed Church Publication Board, Philadelphia	2,312 50
Royalty to Society for Relief of Ministers and their widows on sale of S. S. Hymnals.....	460 00
Cuts and Electros (including cuts for Standard Songs)	731 96
Appropriations from Net Profits to S. S. and Missionary Department	2,000 00
	178,955 41
Balance.....	\$ 4,435 51

TOTAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR EIGHT SYNODS FOR THE YEAR 1904.

SYNODS.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Home Dept.	Total.	S. S. Board.	Other Church Boards.	Other Benevolent Objects.	Support of Schools.
Eastern	582	10,967	87,700	3,938	102,605	1,558	10,255	10,945	50,871
Ohio	224	3,441	22,541	1,338	27,320	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Northwest	212	1,587	12,736	.....	14,535	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pittsburg	138	1,804	12,684	609	14,997	609	3,480	2,534	7,918
Potomac	271	4,130	32,320	553	37,003	506	2,437	2,124	9,858
*German of East	58	1,117	11,561	.....	12,736	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central	102	1,802	13,636	.....	15,438	.....	.....	.....	.....
Interior	58	726	4,430	.....	5,156	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	1,645	25,574	197,608	6,438	231,790	.....	.....	.....	.....

REPORT OF GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

SYNODS.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.
Eastern	580	10,575	88,687	99,262
Ohio	215	3,282	23,316	26,598
Northwest	212	1,587	12,736	14,323
Pittsburg	139	1,768	12,987	14,755
Potomac	275	4,245	30,043	34,288
German of East	58	1,117	11,561	12,678
Central	110	1,802	13,574	15,376
Interior	57	702	4,307	5,009
Total	1,646	25,077	197,211	222,287

*From General Statistical Table.

II. Report of Standing Committee on Sunday-schools.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools was presented, on the eighth day of the sessions, and adopted.

The following is the report:

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

Fathers and Brethren—Your Committee on Sunday-schools respectfully begs leave to report that there was referred to us the Sixth Triennial Report of the Sunday-school Board.

This Report presents many interesting and encouraging facts, and, for this reason, should have a wide circulation among pastors, consistories and Sunday-school workers. From it may be gathered an idea of the manner in which, and the faithfulness with which, the Board is carrying forward the work entrusted to it. It makes plain that the triennium just closed has been one of wholesome and encouraging growth. There has been enlargement to meet growing needs. There is evidence that the Board is keenly on the alert to keep abreast of the times in this rapidly progressive age in which its work lies, and that it feels very deeply the importance of the relation of the work of the Sunday-schools of our Church, and land, to the social, political and religious well-being of our nation. The publishing of a Hungarian-English Sunday-school Lesson Help and the close attention given to the improvement of the facilities for more efficient work in all the schools are instances in point.

The Board recognizes the fact that there are great possibilities to be attained, in the matter of increased attendance, better and more literature, more efficient teaching, closer application of the principles of pedagogy, more thorough organization; and, through all these, the development of a strong, spiritual manhood and womanhood on the part of those from whose numbers nearly the entire increase in our confirmed church membership comes.

To the fuller realization of these possibilities, the Board has diligently, and, we believe, wisely, applied itself. We believe that our Board is endeavoring to act under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.

From the report, we also learn that the Board has given attention to the Young People's work in our Church, in accordance with the action of the General Synod.

Touching reference is also made, in the report, to the decease of one of the honored and useful members of the Board,—the Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D.

In view of all that the report presents, your Committee recommends, for your favorable consideration, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in, and is sincerely thankful for, the magnificent progress of the past, and the bright hopefulness of the future, in this very important branch of the work of our Church.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily approves of the general policy of the Board, in every department of the work.

Resolved, That the action of the Board, in the publication of "Standard Songs," be, and hereby is, approved by this Synod, and that the request for permission to issue a small book containing hymns and songs for Beginners, be granted.

Resolved, That a Commission on Moral and Religious Education be, and hereby is, constituted, said Commission to work under the expense of the Board, and along the lines suggested in its report (page 14, item 5), and to consist of the following: Revs. Conrad Clever, D.D.; Rufus W. Miller, D.D.; J. S. Stahr, Ph.D., D.D.; G. W. Richards, D.D.; C. E. Miller, D.D.; Revs. H. J. Christman, George A. Snyder, D. W. Ebbert, D.D.; James I. Good, D.D.; Frank Grether, D.D.; Thomas S. Land, and Joseph H. Apple.

Resolved, That this Synod joins the Board in mourning the loss of one of its most useful members, in the death of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D., and that it hereby makes record of its appreciation of the ability, faithfulness, and devotion ever manifested by him in the general Sunday-school work of the Church.

Resolved, That this Synod requests all Classes, which have not already done so, to appoint a permanent Committee on Sunday-school work.

Resolved, That the permanent Committees on Sunday-school work be, and hereby are, requested, by this Synod, through the

respective Classes, to give special attention to securing, (a) more accurate statistics; (b) more Teacher Training work; (c) the organization of Home Departments; (d) the formation of Cradle Rolls.

Resolved, That this Synod, through the respective Classes, again requests, from all the Schools of the Church, an annual offering to Sunday-school work, said offering to be made on Children's Day, wherever possible.

Resolved, That this Synod requests the Synods and Classes to call the attention of pastors, and members, to the great importance of constant efforts to increase the membership, and improve the attendance of the Sunday-schools within their bounds.

Resolved, That Synods and Classes be, and hereby are, requested to urge upon the various Young Peoples' organizations of the Church, the importance of making use of the Denominational Reading Course, and the organization of Mission Study Classes.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Board, relating to changes in statistical blanks, be, and hereby are, adopted by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

C. B. SCHNEDER,
HENRY S. GEKELER,
FRANCIS C. YOST,
H. F. TEXTER.

Members whose term expires May, 1908.

Rev. A. E. Dahlman, D.D.

Rev. C. E. Schaeffer.

Rev. Conrad Clever, D.D.

Rev. A. E. Baichley, D.D.

Rev. C. F. Kriete.

Rev. D. H. Fouse.

Members recently elected whose term expires May, 1911.

Rev. R. W. Miller, D.D.

Rev. D. B. Lady, D.D.

Rev. P. A. DeLong.

Rev. F. C. Nau.

Rev. J. H. Bomberger, D.D.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

A communication from Elder M. J. Riegel, referred to in item 18 in Report on Overtures, and the first and second items in the Report on the Minutes of Eastern Synod, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, D. Burghalter, and Elder A. L. Rauch. The committee presented its report, on Wednesday, the eighth day of the sessions, which was adopted. It is as follows, to wit:

THE KIEFFER AND HELFRICH APPEAL CASE.

To the Reverend General Synod:

Your committee, to whom were referred several items from the report of the Committee on Overtures, have carefully considered the same, and would respectfully report as follows:

First, is a complaint purporting to come from the spiritual council of the First Reformed Church, of Easton, Pa., against certain action of the Eastern Synod, at the annual session, in St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 28, 1903, in not sustaining the complaint and appeal of Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D., against certain actions of East Pennsylvania Classis, in February and March of 1903, together with the reasons for said complaint. The document does not show, nor has the complainant any credentials to show that he has authority from said spiritual council to prosecute a complaint in its behalf; therefore, the complaint is not in order, and not entitled to a hearing before this body.

Second, is the Helfrich appeal case. The documents referred to us, in this case, were the Minutes of Lehigh Classis, the Minutes of the Eastern Synod of 1903, and the reasons for the appeal to Classis. The Minutes of Lehigh Classis and of the Eastern Synod both definitely state this to be an appeal of Rev. N. W. Helfrich against certain action of Lehigh Classis, whereas the reasons for said complaint and appeal is made in the name of Rev. N. W. Helfrich and the joint consistory of the Zeigel's charge, while the document itself does not show

that there had been a meeting of a joint consistory, at any time or place; but it contains the names of certain persons who are said to constitute the several consistories of which the charge was composed, by which addition the whole situation is modified.

The appeal, according to the document, is made in the name of Rev. N. W. Helfrich. The reasons for the same were not lodged with the President of Synod within the time specified by the constitution in such cases, and is therefore not in order, and should therefore be dismissed.

E. R. ESCHEBACH,
D. BURGHALTER,
A. L. RAUCH.

Report on Church Union.

In response to an item in the Report on the Minutes of the Synod of the Interior, in regard to Church Union, the following committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. E. Master, J. S. Kosower, Elders Amos L. Rauch and Frank S. Richards, to whom this and other kindred subjects were referred. On the eighth day of the sessions, the following report was read and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

The committee to whom were referred certain matters relating to Church Union, Federation and Co-operation, would respectfully present the following report:

The first document placed in the hands of this committee was an overture from the Synod of the Interior, requesting this General Synod to institute such measures as shall result in an organic union with the Reformed Church in America. In regard to this overture, the committee would recommend the adoption, by Synod, of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in view of the circumstances attending, and the unsuccessful issue of the attempt made, a few years ago, to accomplish an organic union between these two Reformed Churches, this General Synod does not find itself prepared, at the present time, to renew the undertaking.

To this Committee there was referred, secondly, a communication, through the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, from a conference held, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 1904, in the First United Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburgh, Pa., by committees representing seven Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, viz., the Reformed Presbyterian Church; the Reformed Church in America; the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; the Presbyterian Church in the United States; the United Presbyterian Church; the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; the Reformed Church in the United States. The representatives of the Reformed Church in the United States were present unofficially and as corresponding members, having been appointed by the President of this General Synod, upon an invitation extended by the Executive Committee. These representatives were: Revs. Drs. J. H. Prugh, Cyrus Cort and David B. Lady. With the exception of this Synod's representatives, the committees representing the Churches named, had all been appointed by the highest bodies of their respective denominations, for the purpose of considering the subject of bringing these Churches into closer relations. The conference transmits to this General Synod, and recommends to its careful consideration, a "Plan of Federation," drawn up by it, and designed to promote closer relations and more effective co-operation among the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system. This General Synod is requested to authorize the continuance of the conference on this subject, and to transmit its action to the Executive Committee of the Conference.

On this subject, your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, 1. That the appointment, by the President of the last General Synod, of Drs. J. H. Prugh, C. Cort and D. B. Lady, to represent this body at the Conference held at Pittsburgh, is hereby ratified.

2. That the same committee be continued, with power to fill any vacancy that may occur, and with instructions to participate, as representing this Synod, in any further conference which may take place on this subject, and to report to this body the results of such conference.

3. That this Synod approves of the general arrangements for co-operation as set forth in the proposed "Plan of Federation."

4. That, however, while thus expressing its approval, this Synod, at the same time, in view of certain statements published in the newspapers respecting this proposed federation, declares its unwillingness to have the plan represented as one for the reception of the Reformed Church into, or its absorption by, any other denomination.

To this committee was referred, thirdly, a communication from the "National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers." It is the object of this Federation to promote the co-operation of Churches of various communions, for the purpose of securing united and effective effort in religious and moral movements vital to the welfare of Churches and communities. In particular, it is designed, by means of the activity of this Federation, to secure united action on the part of the Protestant Churches of the country, on such questions as that of the saloon, of marriage and divorce, of Sabbath desecration, of the social evil, of child labor, of the relation of labor to capital, of the bettering of the conditions of the laboring classes, of the moral and religious training of the young, of the problem created by foreign immigration, of international arbitration.

In furtherance of this object, it is proposed to hold, in New York City, in the month of November, 1905, a conference of representatives accredited by the national bodies of the various Protestant denominations, for the purpose of forming such a representative organization as may seem, to such conference, the best adapted to the end in view.

In reference to this proposal, your committee recommends the following action:

Resolved, first, That this General Synod expresses its cordial approval of the important objects which the National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers is aiming to accomplish.

Second. That the President of this General Synod be

authorized and requested to appoint five delegates, three ministers and two elders, to represent this body in the Conference, to be held in New York City, in the month of November, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was adopted, and in accordance with its suggestions, a committee of five was appointed to attend the Convention, having for its object: Church Federation, looking toward Church Union.

The committee consists of Revs. Drs. John H. Prugh, Cyrus Cort, Joseph L. Murphy, A. E. Dahlman and Elder General Roller.

To the National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers, to meet in convention, November, 1905, in New York City, the following members were appointed: Revs. Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, R. W. Miller, M. F. Horstmeier, S. W. Seeman, J. H. Prugh, A. S. Weber, George W. Richards, Cyrus J. Musser, Hon. M. A. Foltz and H. M. Housekeeper.

Centralization of Church Boards.

In response to Item 26 in Report on Minutes of General Synod, referred to a special committee the following report was presented and adopted:

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

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee appointed at the last meeting of General Synod, to which were referred items 8 and 9 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, begs leave to offer the following report:

Of the committee, as originally constituted, Elder J. Taylor Motter was called hence to his reward, and Rev. Charles H. Coon has gone to another denomination. The remaining members of the committee have carefully considered the overture referred to them, and offer the following for your consideration and adoption:

The matter referred to us is an overture from East Pennsylvania, Reading and Lehigh Classes, asking the General Synod to direct that the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions

establish office headquarters at a place which might be considered a denominational center; that the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod be invited to locate an office at the same place; that the General Synod 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 living near to the office headquarters to make more frequent meetings possible; and that, in the event of such an arrangement being made, such duties be assigned to the officers of the Board of Home Missions as will permit of a more definite supervision and enlargement of the Church-building Funds, and as will enable both the said Boards to place at the disposal of their officers, and through them for the information of the Synods, Classes and Classical Missionary Committees, facts pertaining to the missionary contributions from the several sections of the Church.

Your committee canvassed all the questions involved, as carefully as possible, sought the advice and counsel of those whose judgment seemed especially valuable by reason of their past connection with the interests involved, and gave the entire subject such consideration as our means and opportunities allowed. With reference to the main questions involved, our conclusions are as follows:

1. The overture seems to contemplate an executive officer in connection with the establishment of office headquarters. We believe that each of the Boards needs such an officer; but on examination we discover that each of them is already so organized as to have such an officer. The Board of Foreign Missions has a Secretary, who, it seems to your committee, is doing all that the necessities of the case demand. The Board of Home Missions has an Executive Committee, a General Superintendent, two District Superintendents, and a Financial Secretary, which in the judgment of your committee is all the machinery which the work of Home Missions requires. We believe that the General Superintendent is unfortunately located in the extreme western portion of the Church. It is our judgment that he should be located nearer to the heart of the Church

whence we must expect the greater portion of the men and money with which to carry forward our work. And we believe, moreover, that he ought to be charged with larger responsibility for the direction and guidance of the entire work. But beyond this we fail to see any necessity for change in the official direction of the Board.

2. With reference to the subject of office headquarters, your committee is of the opinion that the Board of Foreign Missions has all that the necessities of the case require in the office of its Secretary at 1306 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. And we believe that all the Board of Home Missions requires is an office at the residence of its General Superintendent, especially if this officer could be located somewhere near the heart of the Church.

3. With reference to the matter of changing the membership of these Boards or the manner of their election, your committee fails to see the wisdom of the overture. Our judgment is the same with reference to that part of the overture relating to the establishment of office headquarters for the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod.

4. Your Committee is of the opinion that these Boards themselves can be trusted to devise proper methods for book-keeping, correspondence, tabulation of statistics, and distribution of missionary literature. We do not know in how close touch the Boards are with the treasurers of the several congregations. We realize that with our present organization, it may be impossible to establish direct relation between the executive officers of the Boards and the treasurers of the congregations; but we believe that, as far as practical, such direct relation would be advantageous.

One fact, we believe, is worthy of emphasis. The work of both our Home and Foreign Mission Boards has been carried forward with a commendable degree of zeal, energy and success. The men who compose these Boards have given much time and thought to the work entrusted to them. Many of them have given their best years to the work, and we have confidence in their judgment.

In accordance with the foregoing report your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this General Synod that the General Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions should be located somewhere nearer to the heart of the Church, and that he should be charged with larger responsibility for the guidance and direction of the entire work.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the judgment of this General Synod that there exists no necessity for the reorganization of either of these Boards, nor for a change in the manner of their election.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. SCHAEFFER,
A. E. TRUXAL,
JOHN W. APPEL.

FORM FOR ORGAN DEDICATION.

In the Report on Overtures, in the 22d item is presented a request from Westmoreland Classis in regard to a written form for an organ dedication.

The communication was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Drs. John S. Stahr, J. S. Kieffer, J. N. Christman, Elders John Gassman and James W. Wilson.

A report was read and re-committed, with instructions to present a report at the next triennial sessions.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing has occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVIII.

GOVERNMENT.

In response to item 15, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FORMATION OF A NEW
CONSTITUTION FOR THE REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES.

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

FATHERS AND BRETHREN—The Committee appointed by the General Synod, convened in Baltimore, May, 1902, to prepare a draft of a new constitution for the Reformed Church, held meetings as follows:

At Lancaster, December, 1902; at Pittsburgh, July, 1903; at Atlantic City, December, 1903; at Philadelphia, December, 1904. The meetings were attended by all the members of the committee, with the exception of the first, from which one member was absent. The five members of the committee represented the different sections of the Church, and each member took an active part in the preparation of the draft.

Beside the present constitution, adopted in 1846, three previously prepared drafts, which failed to be adopted, came to the attention of the committee. After careful consideration in respect to the plan of procedure in the formation of a new draft, it was decided to use the work of the previous committees, and reconstruct the present constitution in the light of the criticisms which had been passed, particularly on the form submitted to the Classes by the General Synod of Reading, and in view of conditions prevailing in the Church at the present time. Thus it was hoped that both an historic continuity would be preserved and the genius and present needs of the Church could be embodied in its constitution. With the assistance of the Stated Clerks of the Classes, the objections to the last draft were collected, tabulated and considered. The order for the arrangement of parts and sections, as found in the draft now submitted, was adopted, and the articles were framed with deliberation and care.

In accordance with the instructions given to the committee by the General Synod of Baltimore, the first draft was submitted to the Classes for their criticisms and suggestions, in

the spring of 1904. From the returns received, we infer that the Classes were by no means derelict in the performance of their duties. Not less than 739 criticisms were reported. Some of them referred to the matter of form, others suggested changes in the substance. The committee considered all the criticisms, and was guided by them in preparing a second or revised draft, which is now submitted for your consideration and adoption.

From the reports of the Classes, the committee found three distinct views in regard to the form of a constitution. First, a short draft containing only the principles of Church polity and supplemented by by-laws. Second, a more elaborate and detailed statement of Church law than was given in the first draft. Third, a draft after the plan presented by the committee. After due consideration of these various views, the committee was convinced that the Church was not prepared to depart radically from the general plan underlying the old constitution and the previous drafts; nor could it see its way clear to prepare a constitution with an eye to only one section or another of the Church, but it endeavored, so far as possible, to keep the convictions and needs of the whole Church in view. While many suggestions accordingly could be accepted, others could not be incorporated.

The committee begs leave to call your attention to the more important additions, eliminations and modifications in the present draft. They are found in the following articles:

Article 15—On the offices of the Church.

Article 49—On Deaconesses.

Article 70—On the supply of the pulpit in case of a vacancy.

Article 94—On the Executive Committee.

Article 180—On the Judicial Committee.

An examination of the articles after they were finally printed revealed a contradiction between a provision in Article 131 and Article 178, which will be obviated by striking out the clause, in Article 131, lines 4 and 5, reading, "If an appeal be not pending." The committee would also call attention to the

changes in the division of the material into parts, sections and articles, which it believes to be an improvement on the constitution now in force. The part on Discipline was prepared with special attention, and it is hoped many of the difficult points in reference to Charges and Specifications, Complaints and Appeals have been clarified. Other changes will appear when the articles are considered for adoption. The draft, as it now stands, was unanimously adopted by the committee, as, in its judgment, the most satisfactory for the Reformed Church as it is now constituted.

The committee was deeply grieved by the death of its secretary and one of its most active and genial members, Dr. John S. Sechler. His judicial mind, his ability for exact expression and his lifelong experience in constitutional matters were an invaluable aid in the preparation of this draft. It is to be regretted that he cannot be on the floor of the General Synod to assist in the exposition and vindication of the work in which he took so important a part.

The expenses incurred, both for the meetings of the committee and the publication and distribution of the two drafts, have been promptly paid by your treasurer, the Hon. William Barnhart, of Greensburg, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. RICHARDS,
MARTIN VITZ,
JOHN W. APPEL,
HORACE ANKENEY.

II. Draft of New Constitution.

PREAMBLE.

For the maintenance of truth and order in accordance with the Word of God, the Reformed Church in the United States ordains this Constitution to be its fundamental law for government, doctrine and worship, and declares the same to have binding authority on all its members, congregations and judicatories.

PART I.

MEMBERS—CONGREGATIONS—OFFICES.

SECTION I.

Members.

ARTICLE 1. All baptized persons are members of the Church, under its care and subject to its government and discipline.

ART. 2. Persons received into full communion with the Church by confirmation, certificate or renewal of profession shall be regarded as communicant members, and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Church and can be deprived of them only by due process of discipline.

ART. 3. Those baptized in infancy shall be received into full communion with the Church by confirmation, and unbaptized adults by baptism and confirmation. In both cases they shall first receive proper instruction in the truths of the gospel and give satisfactory evidence of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

ART. 4. Members of other branches of the Christian Church, in good and regular standing, may be received into the membership of the Reformed Church by certificate of dismissal. If, however, such certificate cannot be obtained, they may be received by a renewal of their profession of faith in Christ. This does not preclude the Spiritual Council from deciding in either case, before they are thus received, whether or not they shall be instructed in the fundamental truths of the Christian religion as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism.

ART. 5. Members who on account of change of residence or for other proper reasons desire to change their membership from one congregation to another congregation of the Reformed Church, shall obtain a certificate of dismissal and as soon as possible unite with the other congregation. The Spiritual Council dismissing them shall immediately communicate the fact to the Spiritual Council of the congregation to which they have been dismissed; and when they are received the latter shall promptly notify the former of their reception. Members dismissed shall be amenable to the congregation dismissing them until they shall have been received by another congregation. A certificate of dismissal shall be valid for only one year from its date.

ART. 6. It is the duty of church members to live sober, righteous and godly lives, and to labor faithfully in bringing others to Christ. They shall obey the laws and rules of life prescribed in the Word of God and abide by the Constitution of the Church, and contribute liberally, in proportion to their means, to the support of the gospel and for the extension of the kingdom of Christ. Every member shall attend faithfully the public services of the Church and shall engage diligently in private devotions; and those who have been confirmed shall partake

of the Lord's Supper at least once a year. Parents shall give special attention to the Christian training of the members of their household.

SECTION 2.

Congregations.

ART. 7. A congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States is a body of Christians accepting the Bible as the Word of God and the Heidelberg Catechism as its standard of faith and doctrine, and organized agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution of the Church.

ART. 8. Whenever it is desired to organize a congregation, those persons who are willing to enter into such organization shall sign the following memorial and address the same to the Classis within whose bounds the congregation is to be organized:

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, desiring to be organized as a congregation, that we may have better facilities for enjoying the holy ordinances of the Christian Church, do hereby petition the Classis of.....to organize us under the name of.....congregation, in the township (town or city) of....., county of....., and State of....., and declare our readiness to be governed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

(Date.)

(Signed.)

If the Classis approve of the proposed organization, it shall appoint a committee to superintend the election of elders and deacons and to induct them into office. After the acts thus authorized have been performed and have been sanctioned by the Classis, the organization shall be enrolled as a regular congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States. If, however, local conditions require it, a congregation may be duly organized by a missionary or a minister doing missionary work, acting with the consent of the Classis under whose jurisdiction the congregation is to be received. Application for admission to Classis must be made as soon as possible after the organization is effected.

A congregation, whether independent or belonging to another denomination, which conforms to the requirements of the Reformed Church in the United States, may be admitted to membership.

ART. 9. Whenever a congregation desires to become an incorporated body, a draft of the proposed articles of incorporation and the constitution of the congregation shall be submitted to the Classis for approval before the charter is presented to the civil authorities. No charter shall be approved that does not bind the congregation to be an organic member of the Reformed Church in the United States and governed by its Constitution and laws. In all cases, unless there be legal difficulties, the Consistory shall in the charter be constituted the trustees of the congregation.

ART. 10. Every congregation shall adopt a Constitution and By-

laws for its own government. Such Constitution and By-laws must be in accordance with its charter and with the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ART. 11. Each congregation shall hold an annual meeting. The Consistory may call a special meeting of the congregation, and shall at the written request of one-tenth of the communicant members issue a call for such meeting within two weeks after the request has been received. One week's previous public notice shall be given of the time, place and purpose of a special congregational meeting. A full and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings shall be kept.

ART. 12. To the trustees shall be committed the care and control of the property of the congregation, whether real or personal, moneys and legacies. They shall hold the property as a sacred trust for the congregation, keep the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation in proper repair and prevent the use of the house of God for improper purposes. In matters of a general nature, such as the purchasing or selling of property, the borrowing of money, and the remodeling or erection of buildings, the trustees can determine nothing finally without the consent of a majority of those communicant members of the congregation assembled at a meeting called for the purpose, of which meeting at least two weeks' previous public notice shall be given.

ART. 13. The common interests of two or more congregations united in one pastoral charge shall be committed to a Joint Consistory, composed of the members of the Consistories of the congregations included in the charge. No congregation shall withdraw from such charge without permission of Classis.

ART. 14. On the dissolution of a congregation the Classis with which it was connected shall have jurisdiction over its members and transfer them to the congregation which they may select. Classis also shall have charge and control of the property of said dissolved congregation, if the laws of the State do not forbid it, and shall determine any case of discipline begun by the Spiritual Council and not completed. And if a congregation shall have withdrawn from connection with the Reformed Church in the United States, the official character of the elders, deacons and trustees shall immediately cease, and the Classis to which it belonged shall succeed to all rights, powers and prerogatives of the trustees touching the property, real and personal, provided such succession do not conflict with the civil law.

SECTION 3.

Offices.

ART. 15. The offices of the Reformed Church are:

1. The office of Minister of the Word.
2. The office of Elder.
3. The office of Deacon.

I.

I. MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

ART. 16. A Minister of the Word is a member of the Church, called by Christ to the ministry of reconciliation, and ordained and consecrated by prayer and the laying on of hands to preach the gospel, to exercise pastoral oversight, to dispense the holy Sacraments, in conjunction with the elders to administer Christian discipline, and to give himself wholly to the service of Christ in his Church.

ART. 17. A minister receiving a call from a charge and accepting the same shall present said call, together with his acceptance of it, to Classis for consideration; and if the call be confirmed, provision shall be made at once for his installation as pastor. A call, however, shall not be confirmed unless it provide for adequate support of the pastor, and unless the salary of the preceding pastor shall have been paid or satisfactory arrangements for its payment have been made; nor shall any Classis refuse to confirm a call unless there be strong reasons for withholding such confirmation. A minister having received a call from a charge shall not move into it nor perform pastoral duties in it without first having obtained the consent of Classis. Every pastor shall reside within the bounds of his charge unless Classis give him permission to reside elsewhere.

ART. 18. Every pastor or the secretary of the Consistory shall keep a complete record of all baptisms, confirmations, communicants, receptions by certificate, renewals of profession, dismissions, erasures of names, suspensions, excommunications, marriages and deaths. The record shall be the property of the congregation.

ART. 19. A pastor desiring to resign his charge shall lay his resignation before the Consistory or Joint Consistory, which shall take action on it as soon as possible; but if the pastor or Consistory desire it, the resignation shall be laid before the congregation or congregations for action thereon. The resignation and the consequent action of the Consistory or of the congregation or congregations shall then as soon as possible be laid before the Classis for action. When in the opinion of three-fourths of the members of the Consistory or Joint Consistory the welfare of the charge requires it, the Consistory or Joint Consistory shall make a written request to the pastor for his resignation. If the pastor or the Consistory or Joint Consistory desire it the request shall be laid before the congregation or congregations for action thereon. If the majority of the congregation or congregations sustain the request the matter shall then as soon as possible be referred to Classis for action. But if the request is not brought before the congregation or congregations, the matter shall be referred directly to the Classis. A pastor shall not leave his charge before his resignation has been approved and the pastoral relation has been dissolved by Classis.

ART. 20. A minister shall not officiate in the charge of another minister without his consent; nor shall he serve a vacant congregation or charge as a regular supply without the consent of the Classis to which the congregation or charge belongs. He shall be a member of the Classis within whose bounds he resides unless he shall have retired from the active duties of the ministry, or unless he be connected with some Institution or Board of the Church in which case he may be a member of any Classis connected with the Synod or Synods under whose care or by whose authority the Institution or Board acts.

ART. 21. A minister shall continue in the service of the sanctuary as long as he lives unless he have the consent of Classis to devote himself to a secular calling. Educational or other direct work for the Church shall not be regarded as a secular calling.

ART. 22. If a minister not otherwise chargeable with an offence renounces the jurisdiction of the Reformed Church in the United States by joining another denomination without being regularly dismissed to it, Classis shall record the fact and erase his name from the roll. If charges are pending against him, he may be tried thereon. If the minister against whom charges are pending shall have abandoned the ministry or declared himself independent, his name shall be erased or he shall be deposed or excommunicated, as the case may require.

ART. 23. A minister compelled by age or infirmity to retire from the active duties of the ministry, still retains his right to a seat and vote in his Classis and in the Synods and to perform ministerial acts within the restrictions specified in Article 20 of this Constitution.

If the retiring minister lacks the means of self-support, his Classis shall report his name to the authorities appointed by the General Synod, in case the General Synod shall have made provision for the relief of ministers according to Article 117 of this Constitution.

ART. 24. A minister from another denomination, before being admitted into the ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, shall present a certificate of dismission, and shall be examined as to his orthodoxy and the purity of his intentions. If his application be approved, he shall, upon signing the formula prescribed for licentiates, be admitted by a two-thirds vote of the Classis to which he has applied for reception.

2. TEACHERS OF THEOLOGY.

ART. 25. A Teacher of Theology is a Minister of the Word who has been elected and inaugurated as a professor in a Theological Seminary of the Church. He shall be chosen in such manner as may be determined by the Synod or Synods to whose jurisdiction the Seminary is subject.

ART. 26. No person shall be elected a Teacher of Theology whose views are not in accord with the faith and doctrines of the Reformed

Church in the United States and who does not approve of its mode of government, forms of worship and distinctive customs.

ART. 27. Before a Teacher of Theology enters upon the duties of his office, he shall be inaugurated under the direction of the Synod or Synods by which he was chosen. At his inauguration he shall solemnly affirm the following declaration in a public assembly:

"You, N—— N——, Professor-elect of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, at..... acknowledge sincerely before God and this assembly that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are called canonical, are divinely inspired Scriptures and therefore credible and authoritative; that they contain all things which relate to the faith, the practice and the hope of the righteous and are the only rule of faith and practice in the Church of God; that, consequently, no traditions, as they are called, and no mere conclusions of reason, which are contrary to the clear testimony of these Scriptures, can be received as rules of faith or of life. You acknowledge further that the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism is in accordance with the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures. You declare sincerely that in the office you are about to assume you will make the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, and the truth of the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism, the basis of all your instructions, and faithfully maintain and defend the same in your preaching and writing as well as in your instructions. You declare finally that, according to the ability which God may grant you, you will so labor that with the divine blessing the students intrusted to your care may become enlightened, pious, faithful and zealous ministers of the gospel, who shall be sound in the faith." The Professor-elect shall answer: "I so declare and affirm."

ART. 28. Teachers of Theology shall explain the Holy Scriptures and defend the pure doctrine of the gospel against errors. In their instructions to the theological students it shall be their principal aim to make them well acquainted with the true sense of the Holy Scriptures, and prepare them to preach the gospel with power and effect. In this service they are required to instruct the students in Exegetical, Historical, Systematic and Practical Theology.

ART. 29. A Teacher of Theology shall continue in office during his life unless he resign or become disqualified for his duties by heterodoxy or immorality, or by physical or mental infirmities.

ART. 30. Should four ministers and four elders of the Church present to the Board of Visitors of any Theological Seminary a document asserting that for cause or causes named in Article 29 of this Constitution a Teacher of Theology is disqualified for his position, said Board shall institute a careful examination, and if the charge be well founded shall refer the matter for final disposition to the Synod or

Synods under whose authority the Teacher of Theology holds his position. In all things except his position as Teacher of Theology he is amenable to the Classis to which he belongs.

ART. 31. A Teacher of Theology, who has been rendered incapable of further service by infirmities, shall not be displaced without having such provision made for his support as his necessities may require and as the Synod or Synods may be able to make. After the age of seventy he shall be declared Professor Emeritus. A Teacher of Theology desiring to resign his office, shall, at least six months before his resignation is to take effect, give notice in writing of his intention to the Board of Visitors or other proper officers.

3. LICENTIATES.

ART. 32. A licentiate is a member of the Church who, having completed a prescribed course of theological studies and having passed a satisfactory examination by a Classis, has been authorized to preach the gospel and to accept a call from a pastoral charge or a missionary field.

ART. 33. An applicant for licensure shall present a written application to his Classis, together with his certificate from the Theological Seminary or Institution in which he studied. He shall submit to an examination, which shall be open to all the members of Classis and embrace at least the main subjects taught in the Theological Seminaries of the Reformed Church in the United States. Particular attention shall be paid to his piety, the purity of his intentions in seeking the ministry, his orthodoxy and his ability to preach the gospel. The report of such examination shall not enter into particulars, but simply state the result as satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

ART. 34. For good reasons, licensure may be granted to applicants who have not completed the course of study prescribed for the Theological Seminaries, but in all such cases a two-thirds vote of the Classis shall be required to authorize the licensure.

ART. 35. The examination of the applicant having proved satisfactory and the report of the examiners having been adopted, he shall read aloud before Classis the following formula and subscribe the same in a book kept for that purpose:

"I hereby testify that I honestly and truly accept the doctrine of the Heidelberg Catechism as in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, and promise faithfully to preach and defend the same. I also declare and promise that I will carefully observe all the ordinances in accordance with the Word of God which now are or may hereafter be enacted by the authorities of the Church, and that I will cheerfully submit to all the admonitions and decisions of these authorities so long as I remain in connection with the Reformed Church in the United States.

"In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and the date."

Name.....

Date.....

Having thus attested his adherence to the doctrines and discipline of the Reformed Church in the United States, he shall be furnished with a certificate of licensure, bearing the seal of Classis and the signatures of the President and Stated Clerk, and his name shall be placed on the clerical roll.

ART. 36. A licentiate is permitted to preach the Word, but shall not administer the sacraments, perform the rite of confirmation, pronounce the benediction nor solemnize marriage. He is under the care and jurisdiction of his Classis, must attend its meetings and submit a written report of his labors, but he has no vote in Classis and cannot represent it in a higher judicatory.

ART. 37. A licentiate shall not be ordained before he is twenty-one years of age and has received and accepted a call from a pastoral charge, or has been called to a mission or to be a Teacher of Theology in an authorized theological institution of the Reformed Church in the United States. A licentiate who has received and accepted a call from a pastoral charge shall be ordained by the Classis within whose bounds the charge is located. A licentiate who has received and accepted a call to teach theology shall be ordained by the Classis to which he belongs when he accepts the call.

ART. 38. A licentiate shall not preach statedly for a vacant congregation or pastoral charge without the consent of Classis. He shall be a member of that Classis within whose bounds he resides, except as provided for in the case of ministers in Article 20 of this Constitution.

ART. 39. Before licentiates from other denominations can be received into a Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States, they shall be examined in the same manner as students for the ministry and shall subscribe the formula prescribed for licentiates.

4. STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

ART. 40. A student for the ministry is a member of the Church who, believing himself called to become a minister of Christ, enters upon a course of study to prepare himself for that office.

ART. 41. Every student for the ministry shall place himself under the care of a Classis. When any one applies to be received as such, the Classis shall inquire as to his fitness, and if the result of the inquiry be satisfactory take him under its care and exercise proper supervision over his studies and deportment. He shall pursue his course of study in a theological institution of the Reformed Church in the United States unless Classis permit him to study elsewhere. This permission can be given only if it do not conflict with any previous obligations he may have assumed.

ART. 42. At every annual meeting of his Classis a student for the ministry shall submit a written report of the progress he has made in his studies and also his official reports from the institution in which he

is studying. He shall not exercise ministerial functions, but with the consent of the faculty may occasionally preach after his first year in the Seminary.

II.

ELDERS AND DEACONS.

ART. 43. An elder is a member of the Church chosen by a congregation and ordained to his office by prayer and the laying on of hands to assist and support the pastor in the spiritual affairs of the Church.

ART. 44. Elders shall take heed to themselves that they may be an example unto others, shall faithfully watch over the spiritual interests of the congregation, shall maintain order in the house of God, shall aid in visiting the sick and shall contribute according to their ability to the edification and consolation of all the members. They shall also provide the elements for the Lord's Supper, when requested by the pastor.

ART. 45. A deacon is a member of the Church chosen by a congregation and ordained to his office by prayer and the laying on of hands to gather the offerings of the congregation for the pastor's salary and other purposes, to attend to the temporal affairs of the church, except such as are specified in Article 12 of this Constitution, and to look after the poor and destitute.

ART. 46. Elders and deacons shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at a congregational meeting and may be re-elected. Their number in a congregation and their term of office shall be determined by the Constitution and By-laws of the congregation. When elected for the first time they shall be publicly ordained to their office. After their ordination they, with those who have been re-elected, shall be installed. Unless dismissed to another congregation they shall remain in office until their successors are inducted into office.

ART. 47. Members called to the offices of elder and deacon shall be of exemplary life and conduct (see Acts 6: 1-6 and 1 Tim. 3: 8-13), that the congregation may be edified. On this account light-minded, contentious or otherwise improper persons shall not be chosen to these offices.

ART. 48. Nominations for the offices of elder and deacon shall be made by the Consistory, which shall present the name of one or two persons for each officer to be elected. Public notice of the nominations shall be given from the pulpit at least one week before the election. At the meeting for the election one additional person for each officer to be elected may be nominated by the congregation. No persons shall be voted for unless regularly nominated. All nominees must be in full communion with the Church and earnestly devoted to the cause of Christ. If possible each congregation shall have at least two elders and two deacons.

ART. 49. The Church, recognizing the consecration and devotion of women to the service of the Church from the time of the apostles to the present day, and the value and importance of their work in all forms of service, approves and authorizes the work of deaconesses in the congregations and the founding, by Consistories, Classes or Synods, of deaconess' Homes for the training of deaconesses. The work of a deaconess shall be in ministering to the poor, the needy, the sick, the spiritually destitute, and in the education of the young and the visitation of strangers and others in a parish, and like service.

PART II.
JUDICATORIES.

SECTION I.
Judicatories in General.

ART. 50. The judicatories are:

1. The Consistory.
2. The Spiritual Council.
3. The Classis.
4. The Synod.
5. The General Synod.

They take cognizance only of ecclesiastical matters, and have authority to require obedience to the laws of Christ and his Church and to discipline the disobedient.

ART. 51. Cases over which a lower judicatory has original jurisdiction can be brought before a higher judicatory only by reference, complaint or appeal.

ART. 52. Classes or Synods which prevailingly use the same language in public worship shall not be organized within the same territory. But in the bounds of Classes which are prevailingly English, German Classes, or Classes of other languages, may be organized, with the consent of a majority of all the Classes concerned and of the Synod to which they belong; and so also conversely in the case of German Classes, or Classes of other languages, English Classes may be organized in the same way.

ART. 53. From the regular credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, the Stated Clerk of a Classis, a Synod or the General Synod shall prepare the roll in advance of the stated meeting. Irregular or disputed credentials shall be referred, immediately after the organization of the judicatory, to a special committee, which shall report within twenty-four hours after its appointment. The sessions of every judicatory shall be opened and closed with religious services.

ART. 54. Each Classis and Synod and the General Synod shall elect a President, Stated Clerk and such other officers as they respec-

tively deem necessary, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected at the next stated meeting. The Stated Clerk, however, may be elected for a longer period.

ART. 55. When a judicatory meets as a delegated body, the delegates to it shall be elected by the judicatories which they respectively represent from among their members, and in all such elections at least a double number of persons shall be nominated. The members shall have the right, however, to vote for any enrolled member, whether nominated or not. Tellers shall be appointed to distribute, collect and count the ballots, and report the number of votes cast for any member to the President, who shall then declare the result. Those having the highest number of votes shall be the *primarii*, and an equal number having the next highest number of votes shall be the *secundi*, who shall succeed the *primarii* in the order of the number of votes received in both cases. In case delegates receive an equal number of votes, their names shall be arranged on the list in alphabetical order.

ART. 56. Acting elders only shall be elected delegates to judicatories. They have the same rights and privileges in a judicatory as Ministers of the Word.

ART. 57. Delegates to a judicatory shall be punctual in attending its meetings and shall remain during the whole of its sessions. They are amenable for their tardiness or absence to the judicatory which elected them, which also must provide for the expenses incurred in attending to their duties unless paid by the higher judicatory.

ART. 58. At a special meeting of a judicatory action can be taken only on the items of business specified in the call.

ART. 59. Should unforeseen circumstances render it necessary, either the time or place, or both, of the stated meeting of a Classis, a Synod or the General Synod, may be changed by the President and Stated Clerk, provided that for a Classis two weeks', for a Synod four weeks' and for the General Synod six weeks' previous notice be given by the President and Stated Clerk through a circular addressed to each member of the judicatory.

ART. 60. At least one member of every committee appointed by a Classis, a Synod or the General Synod shall be an elder; an exception may be made in the case of a committee to ordain a licentiate or to instal a minister.

ART. 61. Delegates from bodies in correspondence with the General Synod shall be recognized as advisory members, but shall have no vote. The same privilege shall be accorded to every minister and elder of the Reformed Church who, though not a delegate, may be present at a meeting of a judicatory. Ministers from other denominations who may be in attendance shall be recognized and welcomed by the President, but shall not be admitted to seats as advisory members.

ART. 62. A member of a judicatory shall not be allowed to enter a protest against its acts; but any member dissenting shall have the

right to call for the yeas and nays, in which case the vote and name of every member voting on the question shall be entered on the minutes.

SECTION 2.

The Consistory.

ART. 63. The Consistory is composed of the pastor or pastors and the elders and deacons, and has oversight and government of the congregation and of all its organizations.

ART. 64. The pastor shall be President of the Consistory unless the existing charter provides otherwise. When a charge is without a pastor, or the pastor is unable to attend, one of the elders shall be chosen to preside. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum unless otherwise provided in the charter or constitution of the congregation.

ART. 65. The Joint Consistory, as provided in Article 13 of this Constitution, is composed of the members of the Consistories included in the charge, and has jurisdiction over the common interests of the congregations represented, such as the calling of a pastor, the provision for his salary and the erection and maintenance of a parsonage for the charge. The pastor shall be President; in the event of his absence or inability to preside one of the elders shall be chosen to preside.

ART. 66. The Consistory shall hold stated monthly or quarterly meetings, and may hold such special meetings as are called by the President, or, in the event of his absence or inability or unwillingness to act, by the Secretary when requested in writing to do so by a majority of the members. Previous notice of special meetings of the Consistory or of the Joint Consistory shall be given to all its members.

ART. 67. The Consistory or the Joint Consistory shall annually elect delegates, a *primarius* and a *secundus*, to represent the charge in Classis, who shall also be the delegates to Synod whenever Synod meets in general convention. At least ten days before the annual meeting of the judicatory to which these delegates have been elected their credentials shall be sent to its Stated Clerk by the President or the Secretary of the Consistory.

ART. 68. In managing the general affairs of the congregation the Consistory shall call congregational meetings, order collections for the apportionments of Classis and for other benevolent purposes, distribute alms through the deacons, provide for the audit of the treasurer's account and make due provision for the support of the pastor. It shall keep a full and accurate record of its own proceedings, be the custodian of all congregational records and submit any or all records to the Classis when occasion requires it and the Classis requests it.

ART. 69. In calling a minister and in all matters of a general nature, as provided in Article 12, the Consistory shall determine nothing

conclusively without the consent of a majority of those members of the congregation present at a meeting duly called for the purpose, of which at least two weeks' public notice shall be given.

ART. 70. When a charge is without a pastor the Consistory or the Joint Consistory shall provide for the temporary supply of the pulpit, in which case Classis shall have only advisory rights; provided, however, that such temporary supply shall not continue longer than one year, nor shall the supply be any one but a minister, a licentiate or a student for the ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States in good and regular standing. The Consistory or the Joint Consistory shall as soon as possible present to the congregation or congregations constituting the charge the name of one candidate for the pastorate, to be voted upon at a meeting called for the purpose, of which public notice shall be given at least two weeks previously. The communicant members shall vote by ballot for or against the candidate. He is elected if a majority of the members of the charge present and voting cast their vote in his favor unless a larger proportion is required by the charter. The Consistory or Joint Consistory shall then tender him a call according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. If a pastoral charge consists of two or more congregations, the election shall, if possible, be held in each congregation on the same day. Under no circumstances shall a congregation or charge vote on more than one candidate at one and the same meeting.

ART. 71. Since only ministers and licentiates are eligible to the pastoral office, a congregation or charge shall not nominate or elect a student for the ministry as its pastor.

SECTION 3.

The Spiritual Council.

ART. 72. The Spiritual Council consists of the pastor or pastors and the acting elders of a congregation. It has original jurisdiction in matters of discipline except in the case of a Minister of the Word.

ART. 73. The pastor shall be President of the Spiritual Council; if there be no pastor, one of the elders shall be chosen to preside. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 74. It is the duty of the Spiritual Council to watch over the members of the congregation, to guard the doctrine of Christ and to maintain wholesome discipline. It alone has power to admit members to full communion and to exclude therefrom any who may err from the faith or offend in morals.

ART. 75. Stated meetings of the Spiritual Council shall be held for the examination of the catechumens applying for confirmation, and before every communion service. Special meetings shall be held at the call of the President or at the request of two elders.

ART. 76. The Spiritual Council shall upon proper request furnish members of the congregation, in good and regular standing, with certificates of dismission to another congregation in the Reformed Church or to any orthodox Protestant Church which receives members by certificate from the Reformed Church in the United States. The certificate shall specify the congregation to which the person is dismissed.

ART. 77. Should the Spiritual Council after being duly notified neglect to convene at the time appointed, the pastor may sit alone to try an individual and on finding him guilty pronounce sentence. The proceedings in such a case shall be recorded in the minutes of the Spiritual Council.

ART. 78. The Spiritual Council shall keep a full and accurate record of its proceedings which shall be submitted to the Classis when occasion requires it and the Classis requests it.

SECTION 4.

The Classis.

ART. 79. A Classis consists of the ministers residing within a district designated by the Synod and of the elders delegated by the pastoral charges situated within these limits, and has jurisdiction over said ministers and pastoral charges.

ART. 80. A Classis shall embrace at least three pastoral charges and as many ordained ministers. It shall meet annually at such time and place as it may designate. Three ministers and two delegated elders regularly convened shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 81. Every pastoral charge shall be represented in Classis by its pastor or pastors and one delegated elder; or, if the charge be without a pastor, by a delegated elder.

ART. 82. The annual meeting of a Classis shall be opened with religious services, including the preaching of a sermon by the President or by one of its members designated by him or by the Classis, after which the roll shall be called; and if a quorum be present, the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, and the business shall proceed according to the Rules of Order prescribed by the General Synod.

ART. 83. The President shall perform all the duties of his office as defined by the Rules of Order. Immediately after the election of officers, he shall define the Bar of the House, and appoint the Standing Committees of Classis which shall present their reports as soon as possible. The reports of the Committees on Minutes of Classis, Minutes of Synod and on Overtures shall exhibit those items which claim the attention of the Classis.

ART. 84. At the annual meeting every pastor shall present a written parochial and a full statistical report, and every minister, though without a charge, a report of his labors. If unable to be present, he

shall forward his report to the Stated Clerk three days before the meeting. The parochial report shall contain a full account of the spiritual and temporal condition of the charge and of the labors of the pastor. After the reception of the parochial reports the President or any member of Classis shall ask the pastor and elder such questions as may be requisite to elicit additional information. The following questions shall be addressed by the President to each elder:

1st. Are the doctrines of the gospel preached in your charge in their purity, agreeably to the Word of God and the standard of our Church?

2nd. Are the catechising of the children, the instruction of the youth and the introduction of members into the Church faithfully attended to in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States?

3rd. Is family visitation faithfully performed by the pastor?

4th. Is the duty to be observed before the celebration of the Lord's Supper, relating to the fitness of the communicants, as prescribed in Article 200 of the Constitution of our Church, carefully attended to?

5th. Is the temporal contract between minister and people fulfilled in your charge?

The statistical report shall be prepared according to the form approved by the General Synod. If a charge be without a pastor, this report shall be furnished by the Consistory. On the basis of all these parochial and statistical reports, the Committee on the State of Religion shall prepare a general report for Classis.

ART. 85. In every Classis is vested the power to examine and license applicants for the ministry, to ordain licentiates, to constitute or dissolve pastoral relations, to receive and dismiss ministers and licentiates, to depose or otherwise discipline, according to his desert, a member of its own body, and to reinstate a minister whom it has suspended or deposed, when trustworthy evidence of repentance and reformation appears.

ART. 86. Classis shall have access to all congregational records, according to the provisions of Articles 68 and 78 of this Constitution, and shall hear and decide all cases of reference, complaint and appeal, as well as all questions respecting ministers or their congregations which may arise within its jurisdiction and are regularly brought before it, such as organizing new congregations, determining boundaries of congregations and charges, deciding controversies between congregations or charges, forming, reconstructing or dissolving charges, as may be requested or Classis may deem expedient. Classis, however, shall exercise its right of dividing or reconstructing a charge or charges only after having counseled with the Consistories or Joint Consistories of the charges involved, and such action shall require a two-thirds vote of the Classis.

ART. 87. An ordained minister or licentiate shall not be received by Classis until he has presented a regular certificate of dismissal from the Classis to which he has belonged. The reception of a minister from another denomination shall not be final until it is confirmed by Synod.

ART. 88. An ordained minister or a licentiate shall be amenable to the Classis that dismissed him and his name shall be retained on its roll until he shall have been received by the Classis to which he has been dismissed. The dismissal of an ordained minister at once annuls any previous appointment or election of him, by Classis, as a member of a committee or as a delegate to Synod or to the General Synod.

ART. 89. A Classis dismissing an ordained minister or a licentiate shall specify in its minutes the particular Classis and Synod or other denomination to which he is dismissed; and in receiving a minister or licentiate, it shall in like manner specify the particular Classis and Synod or other denomination from which he has been received. A certificate of dismissal shall be valid for only one year from its date.

ART. 90. A Classis shall not refuse to receive an ordained minister or licentiate dismissed to it by another Classis unless there be manifest grounds of objection against his doctrine or morals, in which case the certificate of dismissal shall be returned to the Classis, with a specific statement of the grounds of objection; whereupon, the Classis shall take these objections into consideration, and if it find no sufficient reason to change its action the whole question shall be referred to Synod for decision. When an ordained minister or licentiate is received by any Classis, it shall at once give official notice of his reception to the Classis that dismissed him.

ART. 91. Whenever a minister or a licentiate wilfully neglects for three consecutive years to attend the annual meetings of his Classis and fails to report to it, he renders himself liable to suspension from office, and Classis shall at once cite him for trial and proceed in his case according to the Constitution of the Church.

ART. 92. Every Classis at its first annual meeting after the minutes of the General Synod have been distributed shall take action on all ordinances and constitutional amendments approved by the General Synod and sent down to the Classes for adoption or rejection, and report its action to the next stated meeting of its Synod and of the General Synod.

ART. 93. A special meeting of Classis may be called at any time by the President; and at the written request of two ministers and two delegate elders of Classis, specifying the particular business to be transacted, he shall call such a meeting. The party or parties for whose benefit it is called shall pay the expenses incurred. At least two weeks before the time of such meeting the Stated Clerk shall notify the

members by circular of the time and place of meeting and of the items of business that will claim attention. In case of the death or removal of the President, or if the business transacted implicate him, the power of calling the meeting is vested in the Stated Clerk. Should either of these contingencies exist with respect to the Stated Clerk also, two ministers and two elders, members of the Classis, may call the meeting.

ART. 94. A Classis at any annual meeting may appoint its President, Stated Clerk and one of its other members an Executive Committee, of which the President shall be chairman. This committee shall represent Classis during the interval between meetings, and in all cases when between the parties concerned there is no question at issue, and in which at least two weeks' notice of the proposed action has been given in writing by the President to every member of Classis, and no written objection to said action has been made to any member of the committee nor a special meeting of Classis demanded, shall have power to dissolve a pastoral relation, to dismiss or receive a minister or a licentiate, to confirm a call and appoint a committee to ordain a licentiate and install a pastor, to permit a minister or a licentiate to minister as a regular supply to vacant congregations, and to authorize the organization of new congregations. It shall also be the duty of this committee to advise with the Consistory of a vacant charge, and, if requested, to aid the Consistory in securing a pastor and to aid a minister in obtaining a suitable field of labor. This committee shall also serve as advisors when called on by pastors, Consistories or portions of Consistories to aid in the amicable adjustments of disputes in the administrations of the affairs of the congregations or charges. The committee shall at the close of the year present a full report of its acts and proceedings to Classis for revision and incorporation in its minutes. Classis shall pay the necessary expenses of this committee.

ART. 95. The Stated Clerk shall have charge of the books and papers of Classis, and issue all its official documents, signed by himself and the President, with the seal of Classis affixed. At least ten days before the annual meeting of Classis he shall furnish every pastor with a copy of the blank form of the statistical report. He shall transmit to Synod at its annual meetings a certified copy of the minutes of all the meetings of Classis held during the year, in the form and order required by the rules of Synod. He shall furnish pastoral charges and individuals with a certified copy of any proceedings in which they are specially concerned. If Synod meets as a delegated body, he shall before its annual meeting furnish its Stated Clerk with credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, elected to represent Classis. He shall also before the stated meeting of the General Synod furnish its Stated Clerk with the credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*,

elected to represent Classis, together with the roll of its actual members and also with a certified copy of those portions of the minutes of Classis claiming the attention of General Synod.

ART. 96. On the dissolution of a Classis the Synod with which it was connected shall have jurisdiction over its members and congregations, and shall transfer them to some other Classis or Classes. It shall have charge and control of the property of said dissolved Classis, if such charge and control do not conflict with the civil law, and shall determine any case of discipline begun by the Classis and not concluded.

ART. 97. The Classes, through their respective Stated Clerks, shall make report at least annually to the Stated Clerk of the General Synod of all licensures, ordinations, suspensions, depositions, dismissions or erasure of names of ministers, together with the time and place; and in the case of the decease of a licentiate or minister, his name and the time and place of decease.

SECTION 5.

The Synod.

ART. 98. A Synod is composed of four or more adjacent Classes designated by the General Synod, which has jurisdiction over them. It shall meet annually, either in general convention or as a delegated body. In general convention it consists of all its ministers and one elder from each pastoral charge; as a delegated body it consists of the ministers and elders chosen by its Classes according to a basis of representation adopted by itself with the concurrence of at least two-thirds of its Classes. A suspended minister shall not be counted in the basis of representation either to Synod or to the General Synod.

ART. 99. Any number of members convened at the time and place appointed for a meeting, in which a majority of the Classes are represented, shall constitute a quorum, which quorum shall contain not fewer than one minister and one elder from each of the Classes necessary to a majority of the Classes.

ART. 100. The annual sessions shall be opened with religious services, including the preaching of a sermon by the President or by some other member designated by him or by the Synod, after which the organization shall be effected and the business shall proceed according to the Rules of Order prescribed by the General Synod.

ART. 101. A Synod shall annually review the proceedings of its Classes. The report of the Committee on this subject shall embrace the following topics:

1. Things censurable, as a violation of the Constitution of the Church, or an offence against propriety or a neglect of duty.
2. Requests and references from the Classes to the Synod.
3. Complaints and appeals to the Synod.

4. Decisions of the Classes on subjects referred to them by the Synod.
5. Licensures, ordinations, ordained ministers received, dismissed, deceased, suspended or deposed, licentiates received or dismissed and licenses revoked.
6. Time and place of next annual meeting of each Classis, with the names and postoffice addresses of its President, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

ART. 102. The actions of the Classes upon an ordinance or an amendment of the Constitution of the Church shall be incorporated in regular order in the minutes of the Synod, and appear in the printed copy thereof, for the information of the General Synod.

ART. 103. A Synod has power to hear and determine complaints and appeals, to give advice in a case referred to it by a Classis, to establish new Classes within its own limits, and to determine all controversies between Classes and between ministers or congregations of different Classes. A Classis, however, cannot be dissolved, nor can any part of it be united with another Classis, without its own consent.

ART. 104. A Synod, either separately or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, may establish and maintain colleges and other literary institutions, and shall have control over them.

ART. 105. A Synod, or two or more adjacent Synods, may with the consent of the General Synod establish a Theological Seminary. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of such Seminary shall be elected by said Synod or Synods, and shall report to them annually. No Theological Seminary shall hereafter be established except by a Synod or Synods. The Teachers of Theology and other officers shall be amenable only to the Synod or Synods by which they are elected and supported, subject to charter regulations.

ART. 106. Each Synod shall give necessary attention to the education of pious young men for the gospel ministry and to the cause of missions, both in the home and in the foreign field. Its missionary operations shall be under the authority and control of the General Synod.

ART. 107. A Synod, either separately or in connection with one or more Synods, may establish and maintain a Board of Publication, whose particular purpose shall be the publication and sale of such church papers and books as are adapted to promote sound knowledge and true religion. At every annual meeting of the Synod or Synods, the Board shall submit for examination and review a full statement of its operations during the year and of its present condition.

ART. 108. A special meeting of Synod shall be called by the President, or in case of his death or removal by the Stated Clerk, whenever six ministers and four elders, members of the Synod, request

it in a written communication specifying the particular business to be transacted. At least three weeks before the Synod convenes the Stated Clerk shall notify the members by circular of the time and place of meeting and of the items of business that will claim attention.

ART. 109. All credentials, calls to Teachers of Theology and agreements to which Synod is a party, shall be signed by the President and the Stated Clerk, and have the seal of Synod attached. The Stated Clerk shall attest all extracts from the records of Synod, and have charge of all the records, papers and seal of Synod, and shall submit to the General Synod at its stated meeting three or more duly authenticated printed copies of the proceedings of every meeting held since the preceding stated meeting of that body.

SECTION 6.

The General Synod.

ART. 110. The General Synod represents the whole Church, and is composed of ministers and elders delegated by the Classes. It is the highest judicatory and the last resort in all cases respecting the government of the Church not finally adjudicated by the Synods. Its title shall be: THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

ART. 111. In the General Synod a Classis consisting of not more than ten ministers shall be represented by one minister and one elder; a Classis of more than ten and not more than twenty, by two ministers and two elders, and so on in the same ratio. Any number of delegates representing a majority of the Classes shall constitute a quorum, when convened at the time and place appointed for a meeting. At least one-third of the delegates shall be elders.

ART. 112. The General Synod shall meet triennially at the time and place appointed. The sessions shall be opened with religious services, including the preaching of a sermon by the President or by some member designated by him or by the General Synod, after which the organization shall be effected and the business shall proceed according to its Rules of Order.

ART. 113. A special meeting of the General Synod shall be called by the President, or in case of his death by the Stated Clerk, whenever fourteen ministers and seven elders, representing a majority of the Synods, present a written request specifying the particular business to be transacted. At least six weeks before the time of meeting the Stated Clerk shall issue a circular to the members, informing them of the time and place of meeting and specifying the items of business to be considered.

ART. 114. The General Synod shall review the proceedings of the Synods and approve or disapprove their acts, and shall receive and act

upon those portions of the minutes of Classes submitted to it. It has power to maintain correspondence with sister Churches, to hear and determine complaints and appeals, to decide controversies between Synods and between Classes of different Synods, and also to give counsel in cases referred to it by one or more Synods. It may, at the request of four adjacent Classes and with the consent of the Synod or Synods within whose bounds they lie constitute them a Synod.

ART. 115. The General Synod shall diligently prosecute the work of Home Missions and of Foreign Missions, of Orphans' Homes, and the general Sunday-school work of the Church by Boards, which are to be elected and governed in their proceedings in accordance with the provisions of their respective charters. At every triennial meeting of the General Synod each Board shall submit for revision a report of its operations during the previous three years and a statement of its present condition.

ART. 116. The General Synod may appoint a standing committee on Young People's Societies, through which committee the work of such societies may be brought to its attention.

ART. 117. The General Synod shall devise and maintain an efficient plan for the support of aged and infirm ministers who are without adequate means of self-support and are recommended for aid by the Classis to which they belong. The plan shall also include the needy widows of deceased ministers.

ART. 118. The General Synod shall prepare the following forms: constitution for a congregation; constitution for a Joint Consistory; certificate of licensure; testimonial of ordination; certificate of dismissal of a minister; call to a minister; call to a Teacher of Theology; certificate of dismissal of a church member; statistical report of a pastoral charge; statistical report of a Classis; statistical report of a Synod; church register; accusations; citation of an accused person; citation of a witness; form for qualifying a witness; order of business and rules of order for the Classes, the Synods and the General Synod. These forms may be changed or amended at any stated meeting of the General Synod by a two-thirds vote.

ART. 119. All proposed ordinances of the Church, such as a Constitution, a Catechism, a hymn book and a liturgy as well as all amendments of ordinances, must first be approved by a two-thirds vote of the General Synod at a stated meeting, and then be submitted to all the Classes for adoption or rejection. If at the next stated meeting of the General Synod it shall appear that more than one-third of the Classes have rejected the ordinance or amendment, the same is rejected and shall be so declared by the General Synod; otherwise it shall be declared adopted and be binding on the whole Church.

ART. 120. The original records of all proceedings of the General Synod and all documents, letters and papers having reference to its proceedings, shall be carefully preserved by the Stated Clerk and deposited in such place as the General Synod shall direct; and no document or paper shall be removed therefrom by any person whatever without permission obtained from the General Synod, or during its recess from its Stated Clerk.

ART. 121. At least forty days before the regular meeting of the General Synod its Stated Clerk shall furnish the Stated Clerks of the several Classes with the blank form of the credentials for delegates to General Synod.

ART. 122. The Stated Clerk of the General Synod shall provide and accurately keep a Register of Licensures and Ordinations of ministers throughout the Church, said Register showing the full name of the licentiate or ordained minister, with the date of licensure or ordination or both, the name of the Classis by which the minister was licensed or ordained, and the time and place of licensure or ordination, the time and place of the minister's decease, with sufficient space for memoranda of the facts in case of the dismissal of the minister to another Church, or of erasure of his name in the case of a transfer of his church relationship without dismissal, or in case of his suspension or deposition from the ministry. The Register shall have an alphabetical index.

PART III.

DISCIPLINE.

SECTION I.

Discipline in General.

ART. 123. Christian discipline is the exercise of that authority and the application of those laws which the Lord Jesus Christ has established in his Church, to preserve its purity and honor and to promote the spiritual welfare of its members.

ART. 124. An offense is anything in the doctrine, principles or practice of a church member, officer or judicatory which is contrary to the Word of God; and nothing shall be admitted as matter of accusation or considered an offense which cannot be proved to be contrary to the Scriptures or to the regulations of the Church founded thereon. The following sins especially merit discipline: heresy, schism, blasphemy, adultery, fornication, lascivious wantonness, theft, fraud, perjury, lying, contentiousness, intemperance, profanation of the Lord's Day, impudent scoffing, cruelty and other violations of the Ten Commandments.

ART. 125. Discipline shall be exercised in the form of admonition, censure, erasure of name, suspension, deposition and excommunication.

ART. 126. Should any of the lower judicatories pass an action of censure or reproof upon an individual or any party in the Church in their unavoidable absence, the Secretary or Stated Clerk of said judicatory shall give those concerned immediate notice of such action; and should they feel aggrieved by it, they shall have ten days time from date of notice for giving notice of appeal to the officers of said judicatory, and ten days further time for lodging their reasons for appeal.

ART. 127. Every case in which there is a charge of offense against a church member or officer shall be known, in its original and appellate stages, as a judicial case. Every other case shall be known as a non-judicial or administrative case.

SECTION 2.

Members—Unconfirmed and Confirmed.

ART. 128. All members of the Church are subject to its government and discipline. If the unconfirmed fall into sinful ways, the pastor and elders shall remind the parents or sponsors of their duty in regard to them, and shall also seek by direct approach to bring them to the obedience of Christ.

ART. 129. Members of the Church who upon being convicted of an offense reject the admonition of the Spiritual Council or the judicatory that found them guilty, or who have committed an act of public scandal, shall be suspended from the communion of the Church. Those thus suspended shall be treated not as enemies, but as erring brethren, and shall be admonished as such, in accordance with apostolic direction (2 Thess. 3:6-15). But if this suspension and these admonitions be ineffectual, offenders shall be excommunicated (Matthew 18:17). A suspension may or may not be announced publicly, at the discretion of the church judicatory that tried the case; a sentence of excommunication, however, shall always be publicly pronounced.

ART. 130. If a member shall neglect to partake of the Holy Communion or refuse to contribute to the support of the Church, or continuously absent himself from the public worship for a period of one year, such conduct shall be regarded as an offense against the Church, and he shall be admonished by the pastor or elders. If after admonition he continue in such neglect of duty for another year, the Spiritual Council shall notify him that he is no longer in good and regular standing. If before the expiration of another year he shall express a desire to be reinstated and shall promise to attend to his duties, the Spiritual Council shall reinstate him. If at the end of the third year he shall express no desire for reinstatement, or if any member shall unite with another congregation or denomination without a certificate of dismissal, the Spiritual Council in either case shall erase his name from the church register.

SECTION 3.

Ministers, Elders and Deacons.

ART. 131. If a minister, an elder or a deacon shall commit an offense which brings dishonor upon the Church or be punishable in the criminal courts, he shall upon trial and conviction by a church judicatory be removed from his office: if an elder or a deacon, by the Spiritual Council; if a minister, by his Classis. In case a minister be involved in a grave public scandal, the Spiritual Council shall temporarily prevent him from exercising his ministerial functions and refer him at once to his Classis for trial.

ART. 132. If an ill report concerning the moral conduct of a minister, an elder or a deacon be in circulation, the Spiritual Council shall institute an immediate investigation, and proceed as the interests of religion and justice to the individual may require. If the Spiritual Council neglect to investigate ill reports concerning a minister, the Classis shall investigate them without waiting to be requested by the Spiritual Council. But if the Classis discover that the Spiritual Council is already occupied with the case, it shall for a reasonable time await the result of the inquiry. No prosecution based on evil rumors shall be instituted unless there is a specification of some particular sin or sins, and the rumors are generally circulated, permanent and not transient, and accompanied with strong presumption of truth.

ART. 133. If a pastor shall have been suspended or deposed from his ministerial office, the relation previously existing between him and his pastoral charge shall be dissolved and the charge declared vacant.

ART. 134. If a minister accused of an offense shall refuse to appear, either in person or by counsel, after having been cited twice, he shall for his contumacy be suspended from his office; and if after another citation he refuse to appear, either in person or by counsel, he shall be suspended from the communion of the Church, if the alleged offense warrant such suspension.

ART. 135. No accusation in case of scandal shall be heard unless presented within one year after the crime is alleged to have been committed, except it can be shown that insurmountable difficulties existed which prevented the presentation of the accusation within that time.

SECTION 4.

Parties in Cases of Process.

ART. 136. Judicial proceedings against alleged offenders shall be instituted only on accusation of a communicant member or by a judicatory finding it necessary to investigate an offense.

ART. 137. When an individual brings an accusation, he shall be named as the accuser; and when an accusation is brought by a judica-

tory of the Church, "The Reformed Church in the United States" shall be named as the accuser. The person or persons against whom the accusation is brought shall be named as the accused.

ART. 138. When an accusation has been brought by a judicatory, it shall appoint a committee of one or more of its members to conduct the proceeding in all its stages until its final issue is reached, it being provided that the judicatory which appointed the committee may change it, and may also appoint assistant counsel in the case at any stage of the proceeding, the same privilege either of engaging other counsel or of engaging assistant counsel being accorded to the accused.

ART. 139. In cases of alleged personal injuries, no proceeding shall be allowed unless those means for reconciliation have been tried and have failed which are required by our Lord (Matt. 18:15-17).

SECTION 5.

Charges and Specifications.

ART. 140. The charge or charges shall be in writing and shall set forth the alleged offense, and the specifications shall set forth the facts relied upon to sustain the charge or charges. Each offense shall be set forth as a separate charge; and each specification shall declare, as far as possible, the time, place and circumstances of the offense, and shall be accompanied with the names of the witnesses.

SECTION 6.

Process and Trial.

ART. 141. When charges are made that an offense has been committed, they must be filed in duplicate with the Stated Clerk or Secretary of the judicatory to which they are directed, one copy thereof to be for the use of the accuser and the other copy for the use of the accused. The Stated Clerk or Secretary shall immediately inform the President of the judicatory of the filing of the charges or accusations.

ART. 142. If the charges are made against a Stated Clerk or a Secretary of the judicatory, they shall be filed with the presiding officer, and he shall proceed to perform the duties of the Stated Clerk or Secretary in the matter until another Stated Clerk or Secretary be appointed for the occasion; and if they be made against the presiding officer, the Secretary or Stated Clerk shall proceed to perform the duties of the presiding officer in the matter until the judicatory can meet and appoint a presiding officer for the occasion.

ART. 143. The President of the judicatory in which the charges have been filed, or in case of his disqualification the Secretary or Stated Clerk, shall call a meeting for the hearing of the case, in the manner and form in which such judicatory is usually called for the transaction of business. The Secretary or Stated Clerk, or in case of

his disqualification the President, shall issue a citation according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. Such citation and one of the copies of the charges, with the names of the witnesses, shall be served on the accused at least ten days before the trial, in person if possible, otherwise either by leaving them at his last known place of residence with an adult member of his family or household, or by mailing them in a registered letter. The accuser shall also be notified of the time and place of the trial by the Secretary or Stated Clerk, or in case of his disqualification by the President, at least ten days previous to the trial.

ART. 144. If the accused refuse to obey the citation, he shall be cited a second time to appear at such time as the judicatory may deem reasonable, but not within less than ten days. If he still refuse to appear, he shall not only be liable to censure for contumacy, but the judicatory may proceed with the investigation and decision of the case as though he were present, in which case the judicatory shall appoint some person or persons to represent him as counsel.

ART. 145. The President, Stated Clerk or Secretary of the judicatory which is to hear a case shall, when requested, issue citation to the witness or witnesses according to the form prescribed by the General Synod.

Such citation shall be served upon each witness in like manner as provided in Article 143 for service of citation upon the accused. A person disobeying a citation thus issued and served is guilty of disobedience and contempt, and may for such offense be suspended (if a member of the Church) from the rights and privileges of the Church, or be reprimanded by the judicatory.

ART. 146. The testimony of witnesses who on account of distance, ill health or other unavoidable circumstances cannot appear at the trial of a case, may be taken by either party before a notary public or a justice of the peace, or before a member of the Church designated as a commissioner by the judicatory, provided the party in whose interest the testimony is taken notify the opposite party at least ten days previous when and where the testimony is to be given and what it is expected to prove. The opposite party may be present and cross-examine the witness, or send questions for such cross-examination. The testimony thus taken may be read at any and all stages of the trial, provided the notary or justice or commissioner has certified thereto that said witnesses were duly qualified and that the testimony is their testimony and was reduced to writing by him and was taken at the time and place specified in the notice.

ART. 147. Trials shall be conducted in open or secret session, as the majority of the judicatory may determine.

ART. 148. An accuser may be represented by counsel, but only

ministers and elders of the Reformed Church in the United States, in good and regular standing, shall appear as counsel in a judicatory.

ART. 149. Exceptions to the jurisdiction of the judicatory, to the regularity of its organization, to the sufficiency of the charges and specifications, must be made at the meeting named in the citations, either before or after the charges are made. The judicatory shall determine all such preliminary objections, and may dismiss the case, or, in the furtherance of justice, may permit amendments to the specifications or charges which do not change their nature.

ART. 150. If the proceedings be found in order and the charges and specifications be considered sufficient to put the accused on his defense, and there be no acknowledgment of guilt, the trial shall proceed; but if the guilt be acknowledged, the judicatory shall pronounce sentence without further process of trial.

ART. 151. The witnesses after being sworn or affirmed by the President or by any member of the body whom he shall appoint, shall be examined, and, if desired, cross-examined, and other competent evidence may be presented. Questions as to order or evidence shall be decided by the President, subject to exception by either of the parties at the time the decision is rendered, and such decisions, if desired by either party, shall be entered upon the records of the case.

ART. 152. All persons, including the accuser and the accused, are competent witnesses, except such as do not believe in the existence of God or in a future state of reward and punishment, or have not sufficient intelligence to understand the obligation of an oath. Any witness may be challenged for incompetency, and the judicatory shall decide the question.

ART. 153. A member of the judicatory may be one of the witnesses in a case which comes before it. He shall be qualified as other witnesses are, and after having given his testimony may immediately resume his seat as a member of the judicatory, but shall have no vote in the case in any of the judicatories of the Church.

ART. 154. Exceptions to any of the rulings or proceedings in the trial may be taken by either of the parties, and shall be entered on the record to be available in case of an appeal.

ART. 155. The charge or charges and specifications and the decision of the judicatory and notice of appeal, if any, shall be entered on the minutes of the judicatory, all of which, together with the evidence in the case duly filed and authenticated by the clerk of the judicatory, shall constitute the record of the case. If demanded, copies of the record shall be promptly furnished to the parties at their expense. The fees charged shall not exceed five cents for each one hundred words, including certificate of correctness attached to the copy.

ART. 156. Decisions in judicial proceedings must be rendered by a majority vote of the members of the judicatory present during the

entire progress of the trial. A separate vote must be taken on each charge. No sentence, however, of excommunication of a member, or of suspension or deposition of a minister, elder or deacon from office, shall be valid except by concurrence of two-thirds of the members voting. The decision and the sentence shall be publicly pronounced by the President in the judicatory at the conclusion of the proceedings. Motion for a new trial or for a mitigation of sentence shall be heard and decided immediately after the conclusion of the trial. Decisions, sentence, exceptions, motions and further proceedings thereon and notice of appeal shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the trial in the order in which they occur.

SECTION 7.

References.

ART. 157. A reference is a submission of a pending matter by a lower to the next higher judicatory, and may be made either for advice or for ultimate decision by such higher judicatory.

ART. 158. In matters of reference members of the lower judicatory may vote in the higher judicatory.

ART. 159. A judicatory may refuse to give final judgment in a matter of reference, and may remit the whole case either with or without advice to the lower judicatory.

ART. 160. In all cases of reference the record of the proceedings in the lower judicatory shall be transmitted to the higher judicatory, and the judicatory to which a reference is made shall determine the method of procedure to be adopted for hearing and disposing of such reference.

SECTION 8.

Complaints.

ART. 161. A complaint is a written representation made for grievances other than those that necessitate an accusation and a judicial trial. Any member of the Church in good and regular standing shall have the right of complaint, provided that due notice be given to the party against whom complaint is made.

ART. 162. If the constitutional requirements for the regularity of a complaint shall have been met, the judicatory to which the complaint has been made shall declare it in order; and all complaints shall be so disposed of by the judicatory to which they are made that a just, correct and intelligent conclusion may be reached.

ART. 163. If the official act or decision of an officer of the Church be the ground of complaint, the complaint shall be brought before the judicatory in whose name or authority he acted. Duplicate copies of the complaint shall be lodged by the complainant with the Secretary or Stated Clerk of the judicatory, one of which copies shall be served by

the Secretary or the Stated Clerk on the officer complained against at least ten days before it is heard.

ART. 164. If the official decision of a church judicatory be complained of, the complaint shall be brought before the next higher judicatory. Immediate notice of complaint shall be given, and shall be recorded by the Secretary or the Stated Clerk, and the President shall at once appoint a committee to defend the action of the judicatory before the next higher tribunal. Duplicate copies of the complaint and of the reasons therefor must be filed by the complainant with the Secretary or Stated Clerk of the body complained of within thirty days after the final adjournment of the body. If reasons of complaint shall have been filed with the Secretary or Stated Clerk within the prescribed time, he shall at once inform the chairman of the committee appointed to defend the judicatory, and furnish him with one of the duplicate copies of the complaint and the reasons therefor. Notice of complaint, together with the complaint and the reasons therefor, filed with the Secretary or the Stated Clerk, shall be certified by him to the next higher tribunal before which at its next session such complaint shall be heard.

ART. 165. Neither the complainant nor the persons complained of nor the members of the judicatory complained of shall vote in the case in any of the judicatories of the Church.

ART. 166. Either of the parties to a complaint may complain to the next higher judicatory.

ART. 167. The judicatory against which a complaint is made shall send up its records to the higher judicatory, together with all papers relating to the matter of the complaint.

ART. 168. The same method of procedure in case of a complaint shall prevail as in case of appeal, as provided in Articles 179 and 180 of this Constitution.

ART. 169. The effect of a complaint, if sustained, may be the reversal in whole or in part of the action or decision complained of. Where a complaint is sustained, the lower judicatory shall be directed how to dispose of the matter.

ART. 170. Whenever a complaint is entered against a decision of a judicatory by at least one-third of the members, recorded as present when the decision was made, the execution of the decision shall be stayed until the final issue of the case in a higher judicatory.

SECTION 9.

Appeals.

ART. 171. An appeal is the removal of a judicial case by a written representation from a lower to a higher judicatory, and may be taken by either of the original parties from the judgment of the lower judicatory.

ART. 172. If an appeal be taken from the decision of a judicatory in a judicial case, the judicatory that rendered the decision shall defend its position in the higher judicatory by and through such representatives as it may deem proper to appoint; said representatives, however, shall be ministers or elders, or both, of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ART. 173. Irregularities in the proceedings; refusal to entertain an appeal; refusal of reasonable indulgence to a party on trial; receiving improper, or declining to receive important, testimony; undue haste; manifestation of prejudice in the conduct of a case; mistake or injustice in the decision, or in any of the rulings of the judicatory in matters appertaining to the case; undue severity of sentence—are good and sufficient reasons for an appeal.

ART. 174. Written notice of appeal, with duplicate copies of specifications of errors alleged, shall be given within thirty days after the adjournment of the judicatory, to the Stated Clerk or Secretary of the judicatory appealed from, and in case of his absence or disability or death, to the President thereof, who shall file it, with the records and all papers appertaining to the case, or a certified copy thereof, with the Stated Clerk of the higher judicatory, on or before the second day of its regular meeting next ensuing the date of the reception of said notice, and shall furnish the chairman of the committee appointed to defend the judicatory with one of the duplicate copies of specifications of errors alleged.

ART. 175. The appellant shall appear, in person or by counsel, before the judicatory appealed to, on or before the close of the second day's session of its stated meeting, next ensuing the date of the filing of the notice of appeal, prepared to proceed with the appeal. If the appellant do not appear before the judicatory appealed to, and fail to show, to the satisfaction of the judicatory, that said appellant was unavoidably prevented from so doing, the appeal shall be considered abandoned, and the judgment of the lower judicatory shall stand. The judicatory appealed to shall proceed to hear an appeal whether the judicatory appealed from appear or not, unless it is shown that notice of appeal was not properly served on the judicatory appealed from.

ART. 176. All cases of appeal of which the records and papers, or certified copies thereof, have been placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the judicatory appealed to, shall be called up by him as soon as possible after the permanent organization of the judicatory; he shall state the names of the original parties, read the accusation and the decision and sentence, state the names of the judicatory appealed from and the names of the appellants, and read the reasons filed for the appeal.

ART. 177. In case the Secretary or Stated Clerk of the lower judicatory have failed to file the records of an appeal as provided in

Article 174, he shall be referred to his judicatory to be dealt with as the case may require; and the appellant or the judicatory appealed from may furnish a copy of said records, and, provided both shall agree as to its correctness, the same shall be taken as if it had been filed by the Secretary or Stated Clerk.

ART. 178. No testimony which has not been brought before the lower judicatory shall be admitted in the higher, except by consent of both parties. If new evidence arise which is likely to alter the aspect of the case materially, the case must be sent back to the lower judicatory for a new investigation.

ART. 179. After an appeal shall have been called up and stated by the clerk, the presiding officer shall appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the records and papers in the case, examine the same thoroughly, and report thereon:

1. Whether or not the appeal is regular and ready for hearing.
2. Propose to the judicatory the day and the hour the appeal shall be heard.
3. The time to be granted each party to present the case.

ART. 180. When the time appointed for the hearing of an appeal arrives, it shall have precedence over all other business and shall be heard as follows:

1. The papers and records in the case shall be read in proper order, except such parts as may be omitted by consent.
2. The parties shall be heard, the appellant opening and closing.
3. Opportunity shall be given to the members of the judicatory appealed from to be heard.
4. Opportunity shall be given to the members of the higher judicatory to be heard.
5. The vote shall then be taken without further debate separately on each specification, the question being put in the form: Shall the specification be sustained? The specification having been read by the clerk and the question put by the President, the roll shall be called and the vote taken. If no one of the specifications be sustained and no error be found, the judgment of the lower judicatory shall stand. If an error or errors be found, the judicatory appealed to shall determine whether the judgment of the lower judicatory shall be reversed or modified, or the case remanded for a new trial; and the decision, accompanied with a recital of the error or errors found, shall be entered on the record. If the judicatory deem it wise, a definition of its action may be adopted, which shall be part of the record of the case.

ART. 181. Neither the appellant nor the members of the judicatory appealed from shall vote in the case in any of the judicatories of the Church.

ART. 182. The necessary effect of an appeal is to stay all further proceedings in the case of admonition, of censure or of erasure of name; but in the case of suspension or of deposition or of excommunication the judgment shall remain in force until finally reversed.

ART. 183. The decision of the last judicatory to which an appeal is taken shall be valid and binding.

SECTION 10.

Judicial Committee.

ART. 184. The General Synod shall have power to appoint a Judicial Committee, consisting of five ministers and four elders, delegates to the General Synod, not more than two of whom shall be appointed from the delegates of the Classes embraced by any one Synod.

All complaints and appeals, not involving charges of errors in fundamental Christian doctrines, when brought before the General Synod, may be referred to this Committee.

The Committee shall meet during the sessions of the General Synod to hear the appeals or complaints referred to it, and shall determine, under the provisions of the Constitution, the regularity or irregularity of all the papers, and consider the question or qualities at issue, and then by a majority shall come to a decision on the case. It shall bring in a report of its finding, giving a succinct statement of the main issue. If the General Synod by a majority vote approve the report, it shall stand as the final decision of the General Synod.

Important interests at stake, which are likely to suffer in the long intervals between the triennial meetings of the General Synod, may be heard by the Judicial Committee during the intervals, the same as if the General Synod were in session, provided that both parties to an appeal or a complaint unite in a petition to the Committee requesting the meeting, and be willing to abide by the decision of the Judicial Committee thus assembled in special session; provided further, that the Judicial Committee consent to convene in special session, and that thirty days' notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting be given to the parties to the appeal or complaint, and that the necessary expenses of the Judicial Committee be paid by the parties requesting the meeting.

SECTION 11.

Restoration.

ART. 185. Members of the Church, deacons, elders, licentiates or ministers who are under discipline may be reinstated either by the judicatory which disciplined them, or, with its official consent, by a co-ordinate judicatory, provided, however, that the evidence of their re-

penitance and amendment be satisfactory. The reinstatement of a minister shall not be final until it shall have been approved by the Synod.

ART. 186. A minister or a licentiate who has been deposed for the sin of adultery or of fornication or for any offense that affixes a public scandal to his character shall not be restored to the ministry unless it shall clearly appear to the judicatory which deposed him that the restoration can be effected without injury to the cause of religion.

ART. 187. If a minister shall have been deposed but not excommunicated, he shall be entitled to the rights of a lay member, and Classis shall furnish him with a certificate to any congregation with which he may desire to connect himself. Such certificate shall state his exact relation to the Church.

PART IV.

DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP.

SECTION 1.

Doctrine.

ART. 188. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament which are called canonical, being recognized as genuine and inspired, are received as the true and proper Word of God and the ultimate rule and measure of the whole Christian faith and doctrine.

ART. 189. The Heidelberg Catechism is received as an authoritative expression of the truths taught in the Holy Scriptures, and is acknowledged to be the standard of doctrine in the Reformed Church in the United States.

SECTION 2.

Worship.

ART. 190. The essential parts of public worship in the sanctuary are an invocation, singing, prayer, reading the Word, preaching a sermon, giving the offerings, and the benediction. The order of worship and the selection of hymns approved or recommended by the General Synod shall be used in the regular Lord's Day service.

ART. 191. The chief festivals of the Church Year, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, and all days appointed by ecclesiastical or civil authority for fasting or thanksgiving, should be duly respected and observed by congregations and families by attending public worship in their churches.

ART. 192. The Lord's Day (Sunday) shall be kept as a holy day, devoted to the public worship of the Lord in the sanctuary, to reading the Holy Scriptures, to private devotions and to works of love and mercy. Week-day meetings for prayer and daily family worship are also commended as important religious services.

SECTION 3.

The Sacraments.

ART. 193. The Sacraments of the Church, instituted by Christ, are two: Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

ART. 194. Children are received into the Church by baptism and are subject to its care and discipline. As soon as they are old enough to learn the Catechism and to be benefited by the pastor's instruction, they shall become members of the catechetical class.

ART. 195. A child shall be baptized if one of its parents be a member of the Christian Church; but if neither be a member, it should not be baptized unless one of its parents shall manifest a desire to be admitted to the communion of the Church and promise to profit by the next opportunity, in which case the child shall be baptized.

ART. 196. Sponsors may be admitted in the baptism of infants, but the parents themselves must also assume every obligation. No person, however, shall be a sponsor who is not in full communion with some branch of the Christian Church. This, in connection with the previous article, shall not be so construed as to prevent persons who adopt orphans or other children into their families from offering them to God in baptism.

ART. 197. Adults shall be baptized, if a minister has ascertained that they possess correct views of Christian doctrine, give evidence of true repentance and faith and are willing to yield obedience to the requirements of Christ. But if in these respects the minister discover deficiencies, he shall direct them to attend the usual catechetical instruction, and afterward proceed in relation to them as with other catechumens. If this, however, be impracticable, he shall instruct them in some other suitable way.

ART. 198. Baptism shall be administered publicly in the church, if possible. The forms provided in the liturgy of the Reformed Church in the United States shall be used.

ART. 199. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be publicly observed in every congregation at least twice a year, and the celebration conducted according to the established order of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ART. 200. A service shall be held preparatory to the observance of the Lord's Supper. A meeting of the Spiritual Council shall be held before the communion is administered, and diligent inquiry shall be made whether any member has departed from the faith either in doctrine or in practice, to the end that all improper persons may be excluded from the Lord's table; and if the elders neglect this duty, the pastor is empowered to exercise it. In the congregational records the dates on which the holy communion has been administered and the names of the members who have communed shall be noted.

ART. 201. Only members of the Church who are in full membership and not under discipline shall be admitted to the communion of

the Lord's Supper. Members, in good standing, of other congregations of the Reformed Church, and of other denominations holding the essential doctrines of the gospel, should be invited to participate in the observance of this Sacrament.

ART. 202. The Lord's Supper shall be administered to the sick and infirm communicants who are not able to come to the house of God and who express a desire to receive the Sacrament. An elder shall convey the elements to such persons when the pastor cannot minister to them. Whenever possible the bread and wine consecrated in the church shall be used.

SECTION 4.

Rites.

ART. 203. Confirmation, ordination and marriage are sacred church rites, which shall be administered according to the order prescribed in the liturgy of the Church.

ART. 204. Every pastor shall carefully prepare the youth in his pastoral charge for communicant membership in the Church by diligently instructing them in the doctrines and duties of the Christian religion. The Heidelberg Catechism shall be used in such instruction.

ART. 205. Before admitting applicants for confirmation into full communion with the Church, the Spiritual Council shall be satisfied that the candidates understand the fundamental truths of the Christian religion and are governed by them in their walk and conversation.

ART. 206. In the act of ordination, whether in the case of a minister, an elder or a deacon, only ordained ministers and elders of the Church shall take part, as provided in Article 60 in this Constitution. A person once ordained, whether he be a minister of the gospel, an elder or a deacon, is ordained to his particular office for life.

ART. 207. Marriage is an ordinance of God and should be solemnized in accordance with the laws of the Church as well as of the State. A minister shall not unite in marriage a divorced person who is known to have been the guilty party in a divorce decree on the ground of adultery, which is the only Scriptural ground.

ART. 208. Members of the Church, having died in the faith and hope of the gospel, shall receive a Christian burial; the burial service shall be conducted according to the order prescribed by the Church.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 209. This Constitution may be amended or altered in any article by a two-thirds vote of the General Synod, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. GEORGE W. RICHARDS, D.D., *Chairman.*

REV. JOHN H. SECHLER, D.D., *Secretary.*

REV. MARTIN VITZ.

ELDER JOHN W. APPEL, ESQ.

ELDER HORACE ANKENY.

The draft of the new Constitution submitted by the committee to General Synod for further consideration was taken up section by section at intervals during several of its sessions, making such corrections and amendments to each section as were deemed necessary to meet the wants of the entire Church, and under this corrected and improved form, was finally favorably commended to the several Classes for their approval.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the foregoing constitution, as amended, be, and hereby is, sent down to the several Classes for their approval.

To carry out the instructions in Article 118, page 28, in regard to forms, the Committee on Constitution was appointed as the committee (with the name of Dr. H. T. Spangler substituted for the name of Dr. J. H. Sechler) who are requested to report at the next triennial sessions.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Drs. Ph. Vollmer, of German Synod of the East; M. Vitz, of the Central Synod, and H. C. Nott, Synod of Northwest, to make a German translation of the constitution as amended and approved by General Synod.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its grateful appreciation of the diligent, painstaking and faithful labors of the committee which prepared the constitution, which has, at this meeting, been approved and sent down to the Classes for adoption; and expresses, also, its confident hope and expectation that, through their labors, the question of a new constitution, for so many years a matter of anxiety and concern to this Synod, will prove to have finally reached a satisfactory settlement.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The following list of books as noted in the report on Overtures, were received by General Synod, with thanks, and ordered to be placed in the Archives:

A copy of the "Life of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D.D.," presented by the author, Rev. Thomas W. Dickert.

A copy of the book entitled, "The Unity of the Church in the Light of the Scriptures," by Rev. A. Seyring; presented by the author.

A copy of a book entitled, "Catechetical Bible Lessons," by Rev. Albert Clayton Shuman.

A copy of the "German Pioneers in Pennsylvania," by Dr. George W. Richards; presented by Rev. C. B. Alspach.

A copy of the Swander Memorial Lectures, entitled, "Old Truths in New Forms," published by the Reformed Church Publication Board, Philadelphia, Pa.

A copy of the "History of Japan," by Rev. H. K. Miller, missionary of the Reformed Church; presented by the Board of Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

The Triennial Report of the Treasurer of General Synod was read by the Treasurer, on the eighth day of the 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.

	DR.	
1902.		
May 28.	Amount in Treasurer's hand	\$3,560 88
1900.		
May 7.	From John J. Nissey, Eastern Synod.....	29 79
June 20.	John W. Forney, in full for back payment, Potomac Synod	49 47
1903.		
May 2.	Rev. D. B. Shuey, Interior Synod, on con- tingent	36 00
Aug. 3.	A Seyring, Central Synod, on contingent..	199 00

Aug. 11.	Aaron Esterly, Ohio Synod, contingent in full	312 00
Aug. 21.	A. Seyring, Central Synod, contingent in full	76 00
Sept. 11.	F. M. Hoff, Synod of Northwest, on contingent	100 00
Oct. 1.	Rev. Leader, Pittsburg Synod, on contingent	75 00
Oct. 17.	S. M. Gingrich, Eastern Synod, on contingent	648 00
Oct. 24.	S. M. Gingrich, Eastern Synod, on contingent	129 00
1904.		
Feb. 13.	G. W. Forney, Potomac Synod, on contingent	300 00
Mar. 18.	S. M. Gingrich, Eastern Synod, on contingent	318 00
Apr. 27.	Dr. Heller, Pittsburg Synod, on contingent	75 00
May 13.	Dr. Hoffheins, Potomac Synod, on account.	35 00
June 25.	S. M. Gingrich, Eastern Synod, on contingent	170 75
Aug. 18.	D. B. Shuey, Synod of interior, on contingent	36 00
Aug. 30.	F. M. Hoff, Synod of Northwest, on contingent	100 00
Sept. 3.	Martin Hoengen, German Synod of East, on contingent	100 00
Oct. 19.	S. M. Gingrich, Eastern Synod, on contingent overpaid	25 00
Oct. 19.	Chas. M. Wolff, Potomac Synod, on contingent overpaid	160 20
Dec. 28.	Martin Hoengen, German Synod of East, in full	75 00
1905.		
Feb. 27.	Rev. D. B. Shuey, Treas. Interior Synod...	36 00
Apr. 12.	F. W. Hoff, Treas., Synod of Northwest..	65 00
May 4.	Rev. Dr. A. J. Heller, Treas. Pittsburg Synod	75 00
May 6.	Rev. Dr. C. J. Musser, proceeds of Digest..	91 40
May 16.	Central Pub. House, royalty on Directory of Worship and Forms of Worship.....	95 60
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1902. CR.		
May 28.	Paid Rev. John M. Kendig for tickets for General Synod	\$ 4 75
May 28.	Rev. Dr. Schick, expenses of Synod's	

	committees	6 75
May 28.	Rev. A. E. Reiter, on traveling expenses..	14 75
May 28.	Rev. Bruce Griffith, traveling expenses....	18 22
May 28.	Mr. D. M. Jones, traveling expenses.....	18 22
May 28.	Rev. G. C. Baumgartel, traveling expenses..	16 75
May 28.	Rev. D. H. Fouse, traveling expenses.....	25 00
May 28.	Rev. J. H. Fisher, traveling expenses.....	16 85
May 28.	Rev. T. C. Klotz, traveling expenses.....	14 50
May 28.	Rev. E. E. Emhoff, traveling expenses....	16 41
May 28.	Rev. E. E. Greenstein, traveling expenses..	16 50
May 28.	Mr. John Link, traveling expenses.....	16 50
May 28.	Mr. J. M. Lee, traveling expenses.....	18 26
May 28.	Rev. G. Hafner, traveling expenses.....	56 00
May 28.	Rev. Dr. Cort, Digest Com. expenses.....	1 50
May 28.	Rev. Dr. Cort, for services and expenses of railroad rates	41 75
May 28.	Rev. Jacob Hauser, traveling expenses....	23 25
June 9.	Rev. Dr. J. H. C. Roentgen, expenses in cor- responding Continental Churches.....	4 10
June 9.	Reformed Church Publication Board for 1,000 copies Digest	319 37
June 9.	Rev. Dr. Rossiter, for use of church for Synod	75 00
July 14.	Reformed Church Publication Board, for certificates of delegates.....	6 75
Sept. 2.	Rev. Dr. John P. Stein, salary as Stated Clerk	250 00
Sept. 2.	Salary for one year for Treasurer of General Synod	50 00
Sept. 25.	Reformed Church Pub. Board Manager...	588 55
Oct. 13.	Rev. Dr. C. Cort, expenses Digest Com....	100 00
Nov. 16.	Rev. Dr. J. P. Stein, for postage and mailing 1,300 copies of Minutes of Synod and small bills	153 92
1902.		
Dec. 1.	Rev. E. Balaugh Pozsong, Hungary, and costs, 50 cents	50 50
Dec. 16.	Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, exp. Con. Com...	32 49
1903.		
Jan. 15.	Treasurer Hipple of the Alliance of Re- formed Churches	390 00
Mar. 23.	Rev. Dr. J. P. Stein, for E. & J. H. Pen- gelly, for printing for General Synod....	46 80
June 4.	Rev. Dr. A. E. Dahlman, salary and small bill	180 40

June 11.	Rev. Dr. C. Cort, expenses as delegate to the Dutch Synod	13 50
July 25.	Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, exp. Con. Com...	67 37
Sept. 21.	Reformed Church Publication Board Manager, for printing German Minutes.....	310 52
Dec. 2.	Salary for one year of the Treasurer of General Synod	50 00
Dec. 2.	Treasurer Heiffle, of the Alliance of Reformed Churches	390 00
1904.		
Jan. 18.	Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, exp. Con. Com...	163 89
Mar. 30.	Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, for printing Con. Com. work in English and German and postage	165 21
June 2.	Rev. Dr. Musser, exp. to General Assembly	14 50
June 17.	Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer's expenses as delegate to the Ev. Lutheran Synod....	3 54
Oct. 23.	Central Publishing Co., for work.....	4 00
Dec. 23.	Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, exp. Con. Com...	75 00
1905.		
Jan. 4.	Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards, exp. Con. Com...	139 91
Jan. 23.	Treasurer Heipple, of the Alliance of Reformed Churches	390 00
Feb. 14.	Treasurer of General Synod, 1 yr's salary..	50 00
Feb. 15.	Rev. Dr. J. P. Stein, for blanks, postage,	33 77
May 5.	Rev. Dr. George W. Richards, for printing Constitutions and expenses	93 00
		————— 4,540 05
May 16.	Receipts in full to date	\$6,973 09
	Paid out to date	4,540 05
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	In hands of Treasurer	2,433 04

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BARNHART.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report on the eighth day of the sessions. It was acted upon in its several items, amended and adopted. The report is as follows: *To the Reverend General Synod:*

DEAR BROTHERS—Your Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report, namely:

That it 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 and that of North Carolina; (c) Item 16 in Report on Minutes of Synod, in regard to Treasurer's Salary.

1. The Treasurer's report has been audited and found correct:

Receipts	\$6.973 09
Expenditures	4.540 05
	\$2.433 04
Balance	\$2.433 04

Treasurer Barnhart fixed his salary at \$50 per triennium, which was accepted by your committee. He paid himself the above sum per annum for the past three years. The salary henceforth is and shall be Fifty Dollars per triennium.

2. The committee has apportioned \$3,500 for contingent expenses, upon the several District Synods.

3. The Committee has apportioned \$75,000 for Home Missions, and \$10,500 for Church-building, upon the five English Synods: \$70,000 for Foreign Missions, and \$10,500 for Hungarian, Harbor and Bohemian Missions, upon the several District Synods.

Contingent Fund.—Eastern Synod, \$1,428; Ohio Synod, \$356; Pittsburg Synod, \$268; Potomac Synod, \$550; Interior Synod, \$45; German Synod of East, \$213; Central Synod, \$320; Synod of Northwest, \$320.

Home Missions.—Eastern Synod, \$40,700; Ohio Synod, \$10,000; Pittsburgh Synod, \$7,500; Potomac Synod, \$15,550; Interior Synod, \$1,250.

Foreign Missions.—Eastern Synod, \$28,900; Ohio Synod, \$6,950; Pittsburg Synod, \$5,350; Potomac, \$10,675; Interior Synod, \$850; German Synod of East, \$4,175; Central Synod, \$6,550; Synod of the Northwest, \$6,550.

Hungarian, Harbor and Bohemian Missions.—Eastern Synod, \$4,300; Ohio Synod, \$1,050; Pittsburgh Synod, \$800; Potomac Synod, \$1,650; Interior Synod, \$140; German Synod of East, \$640; Central Synod, \$960; Synod of Northwest, \$960.

Church-building.—Eastern Synod, \$8,025; Ohio Synod, \$2,170; Pittsburgh Synod, \$1,485; Potomac Synod, \$3,070; Synod of Interior, \$250.

4. The attention of Synod is called to the fact that the amount of \$75,000 for missions and \$15,000 for church-building are upon the five English Synods only, and are for each year for three years.

The amounts apportioned for Foreign Missions and for Hungarian, Harbor and Bohemian Missions are also an annual apportionment, made upon all the Synods for three successive years, and the amount apportioned upon all the Synods for Contingent Fund is for the whole period of three years.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. HALE,
F. S. LINDAMAN,
JOHN A. LEUZINGER,
F. J. BRAND.

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be, and hereby is, instructed to pay one-half of the railroad expenses of the delegates located in the territory of the Western Passenger Association, and those of the Classis of North Carolina.

Resolved, That Rev. D. B. Shuey be, and hereby is, appointed to ascertain the amount to which each delegate is entitled, and report the same to the Stated Clerk and Treasurer. The report was presented by Rev. D. B. Shuey, and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the one-half of the railroad expenses of those delegates that were entitled to the reduction. The following is the report:

Reported by Rev. D. B. Shuey, one-half of the expenses of delegates from the territory of the Western Passenger Association and the Classis of North Carolina.

Illinois Classis—Rev. J. C. Horning	\$14 40
Rev. S. Ream	17 00
Elder A. F. Kerf	15 35
Iowa Classis—Rev. D. F. Boomershine	15 25
Rev. J. N. Neely	15 52
Elder E. George Davis	19 38
Kansas Classis—Rev. W. F. Curtis	14 25
Rev. J. A. Hunsicker	16 08
Elder Fred Isely	17 68
Elder A. L. Rauch	14 25
Wichita Classis—Rev. L. S. Faust	15 95
Elder J. T. Tredway	14 25
Lincoln Classis—Rev. P. M. Orr	17 20
Milwaukee Classis—Rev. H. C. Nott	13 28
Rev. C. Heyl	14 00
Minnesota Classis—Rev. G. D. Elliker.....	18 76
Ursinus Classis—Rev. E. E. Gruenstein	19 00
Missouri Classis—W. F. Horstmeier	14 40
Manitoba Classis—Rev. W. Hansen	25 00
North Carolina Classis—Rev. J. L. Murphy	12 70
Rev. J. C. Leonard	10 00
Rev. C. B. Heller	12 70
Sheboygan Classis—Rev. Prof. H. A. Meier.....	14 28

The apportionments made by the General Synod at Baltimore, Md., in 1902, for contingent expenses were paid in full.

The compensation of the Roll Clerk was, on motion, fixed at Twenty Dollars (\$20) per triennium.

Elder Wm. R. Barnhart, of Greensburg, Pa., was re-elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

In response to item 16, in the Report of the Standing Committees on the Minutes of General Synod of 1902, at Baltimore, Md., instructions were given to the Stated Clerk to have a certain number of copies of its Acts and Proceedings printed for distribution.

The following report was read and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT ON PRINTING MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The undersigned, according to instructions, had printed 6,600 copies in the English and 1,500 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. These were sent in quotas directly to the stated clerks of the several Classes in accordance to instruction received from the stated clerks of the several District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PRINTING
MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

In response to item 17, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

To General Synod:

Your committee, appointed to receive bids for printing 6,600 English and 1,500 German copies of the minutes of General Synod, respectfully report:

That bids were received from Central Publishing House, The Christian World Company, and from the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia.

The bids presented were on the basis of 245 pages in English edition of the acts and proceedings, 37 pages of statistical tables, 7 pages of the ministerial register, 5 pages index to schedule, and 5 pages general index; the German translation of 205 pages, with the same number of pages in statistical tables, ministerial register, and index, as contained in English edition, bound with the German minutes, giving the quality of paper to be used, with price of every additional page in the English and also in the German edition.

After a careful examination by the members of the com-

mittee, the contract was awarded to the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, it being the lowest bidder.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MOSSER,
BENJ. Y. SHEARER,
J. H. STEIN.

Instructions were given that the Stated Clerk have printed 6,600 copies in the English and 1,500 copies in the German language, and distribute the same among the District Synods, according to the ratio of the apportionment for contingent expenses laid upon the several Synods.

THE SALE OF DIGEST OF GENERAL SYNOD'S PROCEEDINGS.

In response to item 18, in Report on Minutes of General Synod of 1902, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That, after the close of the present year, the Digest shall be sold for one dollar per copy, instead of seventy-five cents, to which price 9 cents shall be added for postage when copies are sent by mail. The Board of Publication, in Philadelphia, shall have charge of the sale, as heretofore, and shall pay, to the Treasurer of General Synod, at the close of each year, the sum of 65 cents, and retain 35 cents as commission on all sales after January 1, 1906.

BLANKS FOR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

In response to item 10, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, in regard to having blanks prepared and printed for statistical reports of Young People's Societies, the following report was presented and adopted.

The instructions given to the Stated Clerk in regard to issuing blanks for statistical reports for Young People's Societies, was complied with, and a sufficient number of copies was sent to the stated clerks of the several Classes to supply every pastoral charge.

The following action was adopted.

Resolved, That, for the sake of convenience and order in the distribution of statistical and parochial blanks, it be made

obligatory upon the Stated Clerk of General Synod to send, annually, at an early date, all the statistical blanks required to the stated clerks of the several Classes, for distribution among their respective charges.

CHANGING THE HEADINGS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BLANKS.

In response to item 11, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, in regard to changing the headings in the statistical blanks for Sunday-schools, the Stated Clerk herewith reports that the changes called for in Minutes of General Synod, page 189, in the headings of the Sunday-school statistical blanks were made in accordance with the instructions given.

REPORT ON LICENSURES, ORDINATIONS, ETC.

In response to item 12, in Report on Minutes of General Synod, the following report was read and adopted. The report is as follows, namely:

To the Reverend General Synod:

The undersigned, in accordance with the instructions given by General Synod at Tiffin, O., in 1899, to procure a well-bound register for the recording of licensures and ordinations of ministers in the Reformed Church, is enabled, after much labor and toil, to present the record book to the Synod at its present sessions. The examination will show that the entrance of names has been made alphabetically to 1900; from thence, they are entered chronologically.

Much of the work, however, from the nature of the case, is incomplete, owing to the fact that the official records fail, in many instances to note the time and place, where and by whom the official acts were performed. To avoid this difficulty in the future, special instruction should be given to the several Classes that an official record of these facts be made in their respective minutes, so that the stated clerks will be able to fill the blank for licensures, ordinations, etc., which are to be sent to the Stated Clerk annually.

The Stated Clerk herewith acknowledges the fact that, in the multitude of his duties he was obliged to avail himself of

the services of Rev. William F. Lichliter, of Lancaster Classis, which Classis made the overture to General Synod for the creation of the Register, to formulate the record book so as to meet the necessities of the case. An examination of the register will prove to the Synod that he has done his work well, and is worthy of such compensation as Synod may deem adequate for services rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PII. STEIN.

In regard to compensating Rev. William F. Lichliter for services rendered on securing a Record Book for Licensures and Ordination the matter was assigned to the Stated Clerk who on an interview with him was authorized to state that no compensation was desired, whereupon Synod tendered him a unanimous vote of thanks.

On motion it was resolved that the attention of the Classes be directed to the necessity of carefully noting the date and place of all official acts in its minutes, so as to enable the respective stated clerks to transmit accurate transcripts for the ministerial register.

THE NEED OF FULLER STATISTICS.

To the General Synod:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred items 9 and 10 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of English Classes containing the overtures of the Classis of Lancaster of the Eastern Synod, beg leave to report:

1. The first of these overtures relates to the reporting and publishing of the statistics of each church composing a pastoral charge, the object being to secure more full and satisfactory statistics. In the opinion of your committee the reporting and publishing of the statistics of each church in a charge is very desirable, and we therefore recommend that the following action be taken on this overture:

Resolved, That the request of the Classis be granted, and that the General Synod hereby directs that the statistics of each church comprising a charge be reported and published;

and that the Classes are instructed to see that this direction is carried into effect.

The second overture of the Classis relates to the publishing of the statistics of all the Classes in one of the Church Almanacs, or a year book, so that these statistics may be accessible annually to all the members of the Church, and suggests a way in which this may be accomplished. The purpose of this overture is commendable, and its accomplishment as soon as practicable desirable. Your committee therefore recommends that the following action be taken:

Resolved, That the overture of the Classis of Lancaster of the Eastern Synod, in relation to the publishing annually of the statistics of the Classes in a form that will make them accessible to all the members of the Church, with the subject matter of the overture, be referred to a select committee, of which the Stated Clerk shall be chairman, to report to the General Synod at its next triennial sessions a plan, either that suggested in the overture, or some other, whereby the purpose of the overture may be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PH. STEIN,
A. K. ZARTMAN,
J. G. DENGLER,
FRED ISELY.

The foregoing report was adopted and the committee continued.

Report of the Committee on Church Hymnal and Directory.

In response to items 20 and 21 in report on Minutes of General Synod the following report was read and adopted:

BRETHREN: Your committee has the following report to submit:

We have had during the past three years all due care and regard for the trust committed to us. We are pleased to report that the Church Hymnal after an extensive use among the congregations of the Church since its first publication fourteen years ago, still meets with marked favor on the part of our

people. This is clearly evidenced by the number of copies sold since our last report, three years ago. Of the music edition there were sold 9,557 copies, and of the word edition 5,611, a total of 15,168.

To a like gratifying extent the Relief Society has profited by the royalty paid by the publishers of the Hymnal to the treasurer of this society, on the sales made, amounting during this triennium to \$2,754.40.

The second term of a seven year contract with the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, expired November 3d, 1904. In view of this fact your committee met for the purpose of considering the matter of a further contract. After careful consideration, we deemed it advisable, and to the best interests of the Church, to extend the privilege and right to all the recognized publishing houses of the Church, thus putting the Hymnal on the same basis with the other several publications of General Synod.

In view of this new arrangement, which necessarily divides the market for the sale of the Hymnal between the several publishing houses, we recommend that the royalty on the sale of the Hymnal be fixed at ten cents per copy for all editions.

In the matter of the Directory of Worship, your committee has to report that the sales have been very limited. Of the Directory in its full form, only 310 copies of the Forms from the Directory, music and word editions, only 362 copies, a total of 672 copies, were sold during the last three years.

The royalty on these sales and paid into the hands of the treasurer of Synod was \$956.00.

The fact that there seemed to be but slight demand for the Directory on the part of the Church, and because of the further fact that the pocket edition of the Forms from the Directory seemed sufficiently full to answer all practical purposes, your committee did not deem it advisable to incur the expense of publishing a full pocket edition, but will do so as soon as the demand may warrant it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS,
J. M. SCHICK.

**Liturgical Form for Restoration to Church Fellowship by
Reprofession.**

In response to item 22 in Report on Minutes of General Synod the following report was submitted. It reads as follows, to wit:

At the time appointed for the reception of the applicant, after a sermon suitable to the occasion, and the singing of a hymn by the congregation, or an anthem by the choir, the minister shall announce the name of the applicant, who shall come forward and stand before the altar. Then the minister shall say:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you. Amen.

Then addressing the congregation, the minister shall say:

In full accord with the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Church from the beginning, all persons who have once been born of water and the Spirit are held to remain perpetual members of the Church, unless through total apostasy they cut themselves off from all hope of salvation. When, therefore, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, those who have ceased to be regular members of the Church desire the privilege of communing with the Lord in fellowship with His people, their return is joyfully welcomed. A second baptism, a second confirmation is not required of them; but only that in true repentance they reaffirm their faith in the sight of God and the congregation. Agreeably to this rule and in the exercise of this privilege, this person has now come before you.

Then addressing the applicant, the minister shall say:

Dearly Beloved in the Lord: As a child of God through His Son Jesus Christ, you present yourself here to renew the solemn vows made by you at your confirmation and to resume your place as a communicant member of His Church. Knowing that He, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot unto God, ever liveth to make intercession for us, you can come with childlike confidence unto the throne of grace.

Like as a father pitieth His children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. Only remember that the life of the Christian is a continual warfare against evil, a constant striving for holiness, that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God; and He whose breath is the life of every creature will pardon all your sins, heal all your backslidings, and by His Holy Spirit strengthen you in body, soul and spirit to persevere in the way of godliness unto the end.

Let us pray :

Almighty God our heavenly Father, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, who didst send thine only begotten Son into the world that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, look, we beseech Thee, in loving kindness and tender mercy upon this Thy servant. Cleanse Thou him from all defilement of the flesh and of the spirit; grant unto him true repentance; quicken within him the life of Thy divine Son; open his heart more and more to a knowledge of the truth. May he, consecrated anew to Thee, steadfastly walk not after the flesh but after the spirit, and finally enter into that complete deliverance from the law of sin and death and that perfect union and fellowship with Thee, which is the reward of all those who come to know Thee, the Revealer of all truth, the Giver of all life, the Fountain of all blessedness and joy, our God and Father; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister address to the applicant the following questions, to which the answers shall be given audibly.

Dost thou now, in the presence of God and this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow made by you at your confirmation?

Answer I do.

Dost thou renounce the devil with all his ways and works, the world with its vain pomp and glory, and the flesh with all its sinful desires?

Answer I do.

Dost thou believe in God the Father, Almighty maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

And in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

Answer I do.

Then the minister shall say:

And now, in the name and by the authority of Christ, I announce to you your restoration to the fellowship of Christ in His Church; and may the God of all grace, who hath led you to repentance unto life, confirm you therein unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord:

Blessed is he, O Lord our God, unto whom thou imputest not iniquity! Blessed is he who beholdeth thy face in righteousness! Blessed is he to whose soul thou dost speak peace! He shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance: he shall know the joy of thy salvation; he shall go in thy strength from grace to grace; he shall dwell in thy house, O Lord, forever. So bless thou thy servant this day, O Lord our God. Shew him thy ways; teach him thy paths. May his way be the way of the righteous that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Bring thou him with all thy chosen ones in peace and safety through the sorrows and temptations of this mortal life to our Father's house on high: and unto the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit we ascribe all praise now and forever. Amen.

Then the minister shall dismiss the applicant, saying:

The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your heart and mind, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEIGHTON GERHART,

L. B. C. LAHR,

JOHN W. APPLE.

Expenses of the committee, \$5.70.

An order was granted for the expenses incurred and the report was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. John S. Stahr, H. T. Spangler, H. C. Nott, Elders A. C. McCardell and Dr. A. S. Raudenbush.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FORM FOR THE RESTORATION
OF MEMBERS TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH BY
REPROFESSION.

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

Your committee to whom was referred the Form for the Restoration of Members to the Fellowship of the Church by Reprofeffion, prepared by a committee appointed three years ago for this purpose, would respectfully submit the following report:

Your committee have carefully examined the Form of Service submitted to us. The form has been prepared with care; it is dignified in tone, and it can easily be modified or abbreviated as the circumstances of particular cases may require. In view of the fact, however, that persons who desire restoration by reprofessio may have lost their regular standing as members of the church through no fault of their own, but by force of circumstances, your committee feel that the language of the submitted form may be advantageously modified in a few points so as to give it wider application. Your committee would therefore suggest the following modifications:

1st. In the address to the congregation, read: "All persons who have once been received as members of the Church are held to remain members perpetually"; and for "A second bap-

tism, a second confirmation," etc., substitute, "All that is required of them is that in sincerity of heart they reaffirm their faith," etc. And instead of "Agreeably to," say "In accordance with," etc.

2d. In the address to the applicant, in the last sentence, after "every creature" read: "And who pardoneth all our sins, will strengthen and help you in body, soul, and spirit to persevere in the way of godliness unto the end."

3d. In the first question to the applicant, insert in brackets after confirmation (baptism) (reprofession of faith).

4th. Omit the second question.

5th. Change the form of declaration after the questions so as to make it read as follows: "And now, as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, I extend to you the hand of fellowship and welcome you as a regular member of the Church of Christ."

Finally, your committee would respectfully recommend that with these modifications the Form of Service be approved with the understanding that it may be abbreviated or modified in its use as particular cases may require.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STAHR,
HENRY T. SPANGLER,
HENRY C. NOTT,
A. S. RAUDENBUSH,
A. C. MCCARDELL.

The report on Liturgical Form as corrected by the special committee was adopted and referred to the several Classes for their approval.

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 were ordered to be printed.

On Monday, the sixth day of the sessions, Synod was informed that the printed tickets were received and the election was made the order of the day at 11 a. m.

The time for the election having arrived, the President appointed the following persons as tellers, namely: Revs. William F. Lichliter, William C. Sykes, G. D. Elliker, D. B. Shuey and Elders William H. Harry, Jacob Siebert, A. R. Brodbeck, who distributed the tickets, and at the calling of the roll received the ballots, and reported the results to the President, who announced the same to Synod.

For the results of the election, vide Article XI, On Correspondence; Art. XIII, On Missions; Art. XIV, on Benevolent and Religious Institutions; Art. XV, On Sunday-schools.

Fraternal Greetings to General Assembly.

On Tuesday, the seventh day of the sessions, General Synod sent its greetings, by telegram, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in session at Winona Lake, Ind., in the following message:

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all, and in you all (Eph. 4: 3-6).

Before the close, on the eighth day of the sessions, a telegram was received from the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in session at Winona Lake, Ind., heartily welcoming the greeting in these words:

To the end he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints (1 Thess. 3: 13).

JAS. D. MOFFAT, *Moderator.*

WM. H. ROBERTS, *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Our Educational Institutions.

Several items in the report on Overtures pertaining to our various educational institutions were received and referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. Lewis Fluck, George

W. Beaver, James G. Dengler, Elders Matt. Kirsch and W. D. Oberlin, who presented the following report which was adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

OUR LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS.

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

BRETHREN: Your committee to whom was referred the items from the report of the Committee on Overtures relative to our Literary and Theological Institutions submits the following:

There were placed into the hands of the committee the following documents: Catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College, the Eastern Theological Seminary, Heidelberg University and Heidelberg Theological Seminary, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., Ursinus School of Theology at Philadelphia, Catawba College, and the Reformed Mission House at Franklin, Wis.

From these catalogues we gather that the educational interests of our Church are, generally speaking, in a prosperous and hopeful condition. Two of them report proceedings in connection with the installation of new presidents, as follows: Rev. George Albert Synder of Catawba College, and Rev. D. W. Ebbert, D.D., of Ursinus College. All of them report increased enrollment of students.

It is worthy of note that the entire enrollment of all our Theological Institutions is but 101, including the number who have been graduated this year.

In view of the great importance of education with reference to the future work and growth of our Church we would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the growth and progress of all our educational institutions.

Resolved, That this Synod directs especial attention to the importance of keeping before the minds of our young men the claims of the Christian ministry and the urgent need which challenges them to enter upon the work of preparation for this sacred calling.

Resolved, That our institutions be especially commended to our people for liberal support and patronage, and that the attention of the sons and daughters of our Church be directed to the superior advantages which they offer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LEWIS FLUCK, *Chairman*.

Report on Railroad Transportation.

In response to item 23 in the Report on Minutes of General Synod at Baltimore, Md., in 1902, in regard to Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort acting as agent to secure reduced rates of travel for delegates and others attending sessions of General Synod presented the following report:

REPORT OF REV. DR. CYRUS CORT ON RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION FOR 1905.

As agent of the General Synod, in charge of railroad transportation matters, I respectfully submit the following report:

Early in the month of March I began negotiations with the different railroad associations into which the territory of the United States has been divided in recent years.

As Allentown is in the bounds of the Trunk Line Association, I communicated with L. P. Farmer, the commissioner of that association, located in New York City, and through him with all other associations from which any delegates were expected. After ascertaining the number attending our meeting in Baltimore three years ago, and the number that in my judgment would probably attend the sessions of the present meeting in Allentown, all the other associations declined to enter into any arrangement to grant reduced rates of travel except the Trunk Line Association which covers the territory between New York City and Pittsburg, and the Central Passenger Association which covers the region between Pittsburg and Chicago with a line drawn from that city to St. Louis.

Brethren west and south of these districts were able generally to make satisfactory arrangements with local railroad

authorities that enabled them either to reach points from which reduced rates were granted or to get generous reductions over the entire route of travel to Allentown.

The reduction was granted by the Trunk Line and Central Passenger Associations on the usual certificate plan, securing a two-third rate to all delegates and other persons attending the meeting of the General Synod.

A new feature was added to their regulations this time in the shape of a charge of twenty-five cents for every certificate signed by myself and vised by the representative of the railroad associations. This added very largely to the labors and responsibilities of your agent and at the same time gave perhaps the suspicion in some minds that he profited in some way by this financial annex to previous conditions. It is hardly necessary to say that this is a mistaken notion, but to correct another impression that prevails, it is necessary to state that not even the representative of the railroads is the recipient of the twenty-five cents collected from each holder of a certificate. This was in lieu of the guaranty heretofore required. It goes into the treasury of the railroad, and from some intimations that I have heard we may be glad if the tax is not doubled hereafter, or a quarter of a dollar demanded for every certificate granted by each of the associations instead of by the one in whose bounds we may happen to meet. With the help of the agents of the railroad associations I have endorsed and vised 206 certificates of persons attending the sessions of General Synod. In all 350 persons have been enrolled in our railroad register; of these 211 came from the territory of the Trunk Line Association between New York City and Pittsburg; 104 came from the region covered by the Central Passenger Association; 23 came from the Western Association beyond the Mississippi; 11 came from the region of the South Eastern Association, and one from the New England Association.

I paid Mr. G. W. Smith, the agent of the Trunk Line Association \$51.50 for vising the 206 certificates and hold his receipt for same.

Despite the very full and explicit instructions given in my published notice to all persons expecting to attend the sessions of General Synod and the repeated notices given on the floor of Synod since your sessions began quite a number of brethren failed to report at all. This neglect is to be deprecated. Future applications for reduced rates will receive favorable attention in proportion to the size of the attendance of persons upon the meeting of General Synod by railroad travel in general and on the certificate plan in particular. We hope therefore that there will be a fuller response given hereafter to the request of the representative of Synod and also of the authorities of the railroad associations.

My expenses for postage, stationery, railroad travel and other incidentals are \$14.00.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT,
Railroad Agent of General Synod.

The foregoing report was adopted. An order was granted on Treasurer of General Synod for the \$44 personal expenses of Rev. Dr. C. Cort and the action of last General Synod in Baltimore reiterated, thanking Dr. Cort and allowing him \$25 for services rendered in procuring reduced railroad rates.

Report in Regard to an Exhibit at St. Louis, Mo.

In response to item 24 in the Report on Minutes of General Synod of 1902 in regard to an exhibit at St. Louis, Mo., the following report was presented and adopted:

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

Your Committee appointed to have charge of collecting, arranging and managing a Religious Exhibit of the Reformed Church at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo., would report:

That the Exposition authorities finally refused to erect a suitable building for an Exhibit of the various religious bodies, and therefore your committee, in common with the committees of other religious bodies, found it impracticable to make such

an exhibit. None of the money appropriated for this purpose was used.

Appreciative of the charge entrusted to our hands we are,
Respectfully yours,

JOHN C. HORNING,
ABNER S. DECHANT,
W. F. HORSTMEIER.

Action Concerning the Anti-Saloon League.

A communication was received from the American Anti-Saloon League which meets in its tenth national convention November 22-24, 1905, at Indianapolis, Ind. The document referred to was the seventh item in the report on Overtures. The item for the time being was laid on the table until the Synod hears the report on Church Federation, having a similar purpose in view. After the hearing of the aforesaid report the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the communication concerning the Anti-Saloon League be referred to a committee of three of which number the President of Synod shall be one, who are hereby duly authorized to attend the convention of the Anti-Saloon League and after a careful study of the whole question shall report at the next regular meeting of the General Synod.

The additional members of the committee are Revs. Dr. Louis B. C. Lahr and V. W. Dippell.

Synod's Visit to Various Institutions.

At the request of the Board of Trustees of the Allentown College for Women, Dr. Samuel G. Wagner extended an invitation to the members of General Synod to visit this institution as a body on Friday at 4.30 p. m. At the hour appointed the institution was visited and its guests were entertained by a brief but well rendered literary program.

On the fifth day of the sessions an invitation was received from the Trustees of Muhlenberg College to visit the institution at 4.30 p. m. on the same day, to which invitation a number of the delegates responded.

An invitation was extended to Synod to visit on a certain evening the Phoebe Deaconess and Old Folks Home located in

the western section of Allentown. Many of the delegates and visitors responded to the invitation and were gratified with the success which has thus far attended the institution.

Time and Place for the Next Meeting of Synod.

An invitation to General Synod was presented in an item of the report on Overtures from the First German Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, to hold its Sixteenth Triennial Sessions in that city. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and the time selected to hold its next triennial sessions is the third Tuesday in May, A. D. 1908, at 8 p. m.

Record of Advisory and Visiting Members.

At the opening of the sessions the President appointed a committee consisting of Revs. William F. Lichliter, E. F. Wiest, William F. DeLong and Elders Horace Knecht and P. Rhein to record the names of advisory members and also the names of visiting brethren of other denominations. The report was received at the close of the session and adopted and the names recorded under the section of Article II, Members Present.

Committee on Leave of Absence.

On the fourth day of the sessions the President appointed Revs. E. F. Weist, J. H. C. Roentgen, William F. Lichliter and Elder A. R. Brodbeck a Committee on Excuses for Leave of Absence. The committee before final adjournment presented its report which was adopted.

Reporters to the Press.

The following report was received and adopted:

To the General Synod:

Your committee appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod to the daily papers and religious periodicals report that they have done the same to the best of their ability.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. ALSPACH,
C. E. SCHAEFFER,
J. DAVID MILLER,
A. S. WEBER,
PHIL. VOLLMER.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Roll Clerk announced at the opening of each daily session and at the close of the Synod that a quorum was present. The minutes were read and approved at the opening of each morning session and at the close of the Synod. 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 Zion's Reformed Church, and to the pastors and people of the other Reformed churches of Allentown, for the very kind and cordial manner with which they have welcomed and entertained the Synod.

Resolved, That General Synod hereby expresses its heartfelt appreciation of the very excellent service rendered by Prof. Rees and his choir during the sessions of Synod in its choice selection of church music.

Resolved, That our thanks are extended to the papers of Allentown for the full and satisfactory reports given of the daily proceedings of this body.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the several railroads which granted a reduction of one-third in the usual fare thus materially aiding the delegates in attendance upon the meetings of the Synod, and to the Lehigh Telephone Company for services rendered.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the daily papers of Allentown and read to the members of the Reformed churches of this city.

Resolved, That the treasurer of Synod be hereby directed to pay seventy-five dollars (75) to the Church Committee for the use of the church, the services of the janitor and other expenses incurred in connection with the sessions of Synod.

Resolved, That Synod expresses its gratification at the evidences of strength and success which mark the Reformed churches of Allentown; and that our prayers go up for divine guidance upon the men of God who occupy the pulpits of this Reformed stronghold.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following action was taken shortly before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when General Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in First German Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, in 1908, on the third Sunday in May, at 8 p. m.

General Synod adjourned finally on Wednesday at 4 p. m. with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Doxology and receiving the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

A. E. DAHLMAN, *President*.

JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from original minutes.

JOHN PH. STEIN, *Stated Clerk*.

Condensed Triennial Summary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SYNODS.

	MEMBERS.										ADDITIONS.					LOSSES.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.					CONTRIBUTIONS.																																						
	No. of Classes.					No. of Ministers.					Commanded.		Unconfrmed.		Infant Baptisms.		Adult Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Certificate of Removal of Profrn.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Deaths, Com'ts.		Deaths, Unrec'd.		Number of Officers and Teachers.		Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Pensions.		Purposes.																									
	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.	1904.	No.	1893.	1894.	1903.
1. Eastern Synod.	12	319	104188	83401	53278	5464	587	4650	3132	1738	2	1901	1903	1019	592	11172	88934	73	\$144,071	00	\$538,880	00																																										
1902	12	324	107577	84887	56243	5560	545	4910	3526	1891	2	1587	1870	959	618	11244	91638	71	113,371	00	580,539	00																																										
1904	12	329	108610	86089	54607	5497	594	4812	3522	1936	2	1904	1957	989	580	10575	88687	66	128,970	00	634,569	00																																										
2. Ohio Synod.	6	148	26096	21061	6678	707	534	1150	930	685	2	676	386	100	229	3228	24652	26	39,416	00	148,720	00																																										
1903	6	149	26563	20612	6493	704	448	1115	1130	652	1	796	355	84	221	3378	24462	25	35,544	00	143,923	00																																										
1904	6	148	26736	21801	6679	704	550	1190	1017	552	7	840	390	88	215	3282	23316	28	57,860	00	148,127	00																																										
3. Synod of North West.	12	170	22536	15862	13041	1556	27	1642	878	359	12	378	315	169	185	1416	12395	23	28,016	00	99,707	00																																										
1902	12	175	23146	16905	14769	1569	34	1218	815	318	2	519	341	189	260	1444	12815	24	26,845	00	106,485	00																																										
1904	12	177	24001	16827	15008	1649	24	1194	783	322	7	457	327	177	212	1587	12736	39	23,535	00	140,922	00																																										
4. Pittsburgh Synod.	5	84	19500	15952	10146	1015	155	839	690	435	2	584	259	118	135	1746	13338	6	30,749	00	141,573	00																																										
1902	5	90	19800	16339	10885	1018	136	845	833	533	3	437	291	168	144	1862	13854	9	33,751	00	137,769	00																																										
1904	5	96	20139	16923	10765	1128	176	884	878	526	3	596	348	122	139	1768	12987	5	35,889	00	180,334	00																																										
5. Potomac Synod.	8	169	40494	32690	21265	1623	351	1640	1217	766	11	582	614	308	281	4578	32863	35	43,407	00	217,144	00																																										
1902	8	177	40688	33096	20411	1724	304	1597	1116	841	11	445	613	311	274	4175	32292	32	42,847	00	232,414	00																																										
1904	8	176	41520	32943	20717	1780	394	1750	1018	762	3	441	622	250	275	4245	30043	32	97,700	00	253,357	00																																										
6. German Synod of East.	5	64	15399	12167	10890	1728	26	874	796	102	1	565	293	265	58	1126	12640	11	9,148	00	116,584	00																																										
1902	4	67	14919	12086	10484	1835	35	799	786	121	6	452	282	178	58	1124	11604	5	10,258	00	113,741	00																																										
1904	4	67	15653	12751	10532	1739	31	984	1256	75	3	501	153	185	58	1117	11591	4	10,633	00	130,558	00																																										
7. Central Synod.	5	163	24659	15996	12622	1229	107	1628	780	225	2	645	312	155	168	1614	13572	20	18,104	00	107,530	00																																										
1902	5	165	23021	16664	11864	1256	95	998	770	225	2	215	310	150	165	1601	13374	16	18,905	00	123,226	00																																										
1904	5	167	23727	17297	12463	1240	104	1226	810	225	10	662	362	182	110	1802	13574	14	22,364	00	111,383	00																																										
8. Synod of Interior.	5	58	3231	2920	1352	109	43	131	161	80	1	100	43	16	61	728	4481	4	6,195	00	26,631	00																																										
1902	5	53	3535	2536	1277	104	97	157	204	111	1	125	54	8	62	652	4127	5	7,266	00	38,887	00																																										
1904	5	54	3379	2376	1185	126	137	217	158	117	1	163	37	14	57	792	4307	4	6,809	00	33,614	00																																										
Total of 8 Synods for 1904.	57	1154	264047	207205	130650	13863	1985	12157	9505	4511	29	5670	4196	2007	1646	25077	197211	192	\$381,235	00	\$1,649,066	00																																										

Statistical Summary of Synods and their Classes for the Year 1905.

I. EASTERN SYNOD.

CLASSES.			MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.								
Lecturers.	Ministers.	Congregations	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-posal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Breasure of Name.	Deaths, Unrec'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficial Pur-poses.	CONTRIBUTIONS.					
																		Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.				
John Ph. Stein, Stated Clerk.																							
	2	36	59	12794	9115	6727	675	19	643	557	189	307	225	96	71	1349	10634	5	\$8,805	00	\$69,070	00	
1. East Pennsylvania		24	47	9950	8557	4771	436	53	378	176	224	109	180	76	50	979	7913	8	8,062	00	47,438	00	
2. Lebanon		41	36	9103	7316	1962	321	127	394	440	269	189	97	41	39	988	8923	1	15,313	00	87,889	00	
3. Philadelphia		4	44	53	8579	6344	3179	321	180	419	290	126	37	130	47	380	7248	8	9,747	00	56,882	00	
4. Lancaster		1	18	54	6224	4888	4085	384	16	377	148	93	99	86	81	47	458	4761	3	4,914	00	32,863	00
5. East Susquehanna		23	62	5899	5134	2995	304	29	248	234	179	130	84	26	60	80	5253	2	16,651	00	27,059	00	
6. West Susquehanna		2	20	40	9126	7509	4686	353	45	374	271	121	191	126	53	49	839	6773	14	11,586	00	37,127	00
7. Tohickon		2	15	27	7591	6237	4279	290	44	309	160	109	1	41	149	81	30	605	7	9,979	00	31,303	00
8. Goshenhoppen		37	65	17965	14446	8946	917	22	914	728	223	380	253	150	59	1126	13687	16	14,081	00	12,622	00	
9. Lehigh		16	34	6676	4512	3619	489	10	319	162	116	136	146	89	32	597	4925	1	4,514	00	31,648	00	
10. Schuylkill		27	46	3396	5189	912	409	29	349	274	132	131	110	65	50	760	6382	1	6,520	00	15,882	00	
11. Wyoming		23	25	11180	9263	4856	534	30	492	532	155	118	157	99	31	1008	9541	7	25,065	00	65,334	00	
12. Reading		11	334	54810	87510	50317	5433	604	5214	3937	1876	1	1868	1763	930	565	10405	96997	68	\$136,387	00	\$572,427	00
Total.....																							

II. MICHIGAN SYNOD.

CLASSES.			MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.								
Lecturers.	Ministers.	Congregations	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-posal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Breasure of Name.	Deaths, Unrec'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficial Pur-poses.	CONTRIBUTIONS.					
																		Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.				
Daniel Z. Beam, Stated Clerk.																							
	2	31	53	6901	5543	557	116	166	301	184	85	114	93	9	49	795	5827	6	\$13,231	00	\$30,039	00	
1. Miami		15	27	3065	2620	822	123	43	125	67	79	64	46	9	26	376	2473	..	3,690	00	30,076	00	
2. Lancaster		2	25	48	7025	6065	1895	201	135	374	326	170	147	86	32	47	865	7155	..	11,260	00	39,189	00
3. Tuscarawas		33	32	3551	2633	879	113	76	174	132	89	66	47	6	29	47	3363	7	4,820	00	20,764	00	
4. Tiffin		25	32	3986	2812	774	118	58	127	120	153	118	43	7	26	338	2836	..	5,613	00	18,158	00	
5. Eastern Ohio		16	40	2890	1932	407	74	86	117	134	67	97	38	12	26	415	1621	3	2,414	00	14,565	00	
6. St. Joseph		4	145	232	27418	21405	5314	745	504	1218	963	643	606	353	55	208	3287	23275	18	\$41,128	00	\$152,801	00
Total.....																							

III. SYNOD OF NORTH WEST.

CLASSES.			MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.								
Lecturers.	Ministers.	Congregations	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-posal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Breasure of Name.	Deaths, Unrec'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficial Pur-poses.	CONTRIBUTIONS.					
																		Purposes.	Minutes of Synod Wanted.				
J. J. Janett, Stated Clerk.																							
	3	12	12	2543	1913	1256	87	16	107	80	28	90	29	11	12	166	1483	5	\$2,858	00	\$12,378	00	
1. Zions		32	34	4479	3166	2810	294	15	269	119	59	11	54	52	28	30	329	2224	11	3,135	00	29,983	00
2. Sheboygan		28	30	4777	3071	2617	233	32	204	11	33	1	68	76	28	27	353	2978	7	4,606	00	27,669	00
3. Indiana		19	18	2240	1697	1074	175	5	134	60	16	1	32	46	7	17	137	977	1	1,891	00	8,161	00
4. Milwaukee		1	16	20	1890	1340	1250	100	2	61	50	24	63	40	..	8	15	1113	7	1,785	00	25,501	00
5. Minnesota		11	15	1374	1201	1094	132	..	66	89	46	..	34	10	..	15	17	585	1	1,867	00	67	
6. Nebraska		11	15	1665	1246	974	95	2	72	34	3	..	19	16	11	16	101	701	2	1,381	00	11,116	00
7. Ureshnu		8	11	1141	840	577	91	..	49	13	5	..	29	19	16	9	727	2	1,357	00	5,964	00	
8. Missouri		10	8	1207	971	477	82	1	79	22	22	1	40	27	19	8	74	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Chicago																							

10. South Dakota	13	54	1937	1296	1828	179	3	92	102	89	1	58	13	19	50	109	909	2	1,553	00	7,674	00	82	
11. Portland-Oregon	5	5	448	302	291	45	1	16	12	...	...	12	1	2	8	25	175	2	1,213	00	2,603	00	20
12. Manitoba	7	14	745	687	714	137	...	37	87	17	...	175	8	23	8	30	278	1	700	00	4,379	00	48	
Total	4	172	2361	24446	17710	14959	1656	27	1186	749	342	15	674	344	162	217	1578	13380	43	\$33,374	00	\$140,468	00	1041

IV. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

J. Harvey Mickleby, Stated Clerk.

1. Westmoreland	28	37	6093	5135	3013	284	85	367	215	116	...	37	70	38	35	488	5569	3	\$11,955	00	\$36,788	00	320
2. Clarion	16	35	3878	3276	2048	188	45	209	129	66	...	115	60	19	34	368	2505	1	8,090	00	22,314	00	136
3. St. Paul	12	19	2734	2353	1136	101	17	80	71	43	...	84	38	14	19	221	1708	1	4,243	00	10,207	00	178
4. Somerset	16	40	4193	3335	2168	235	53	166	...	79	...	53	48	18	29	371	2694	2	6,787	00	19,580	00	290
5. Allegheny	24	27	4167	3547	2292	388	33	223	329	124	...	127	110	48	27	352	2920	1	10,488	00	50,555	00	226
Total	96	158	21065	18646	10657	1196	213	846	844	423	3	416	326	137	146	1800	15439	8	\$41,563	00	\$139,807	00	1070

V. POTOMAC SYNOD.

E. R. Deatrick, Stated Clerk.

1. Zion	19	40	5631	4474	2856	316	22	187	178	102	...	60	71	68	39	736	6201	...	\$10,629	00	\$26,614	00	265	
2. Maryland	4	44	65	11159	9022	6023	513	56	468	319	200	1	141	146	74	62	178	8845	10	19,632	00	21,103	00	...
3. Mercersburg	15	23	3627	2928	1204	89	58	114	125	96	...	23	56	21	34	371	2655	2	4,968	00	9,253	00	185	
4. Virginia	18	32	2736	2163	1544	68	39	126	53	29	1	34	44	14	28	325	1874	1	3,112	00	15,515	00	128	
5. North Carolina	27	50	4269	3105	1718	180	78	284	174	87	...	19	35	11	42	462	5039	7	4,930	00	14,270	00	287	
6. Gettysburg	20	29	6187	5411	3293	292	20	259	112	110	...	48	106	36	25	446	3529	7	6,525	00	28,526	00	258	
7. Carlisle	1	17	22	2417	1980	980	84	19	30	52	51	...	21	35	13	20	294	2416	1	2,736	00	13,346	00	...
8. Juniata	19	53	6518	5033	2876	267	84	304	214	137	...	58	99	24	43	604	7441	2	9,156	00	34,343	00	387	
Total	7	179	3161	42544	34146	20199	1801	376	1832	1197	810	2	404	590	261	297	4380	36991	32	\$60,688	00	\$215,948	00	1508

VI. GERMAN SYNOD OF EAST.

A. E. Dahman, Stated Clerk.

1. New York	20	18	2563	2119	2134	438	8	188	147	38	...	157	37	39	13	223	2380	3	\$1,466	00	\$23,513	00	116
2. West New York	16	14	4167	3151	2985	912	4	224	137	25	...	69	68	92	14	258	2271	3	2,979	00	9,959	00	112
3. German Philadelphia	21	17	6453	5085	3374	737	9	439	304	42	...	269	163	89	21	563	5781	...	4,361	00	48,109	00	180
4. German Maryland	8	9	1962	1404	1040	137	2	94	138	6	...	157	67	26	8	130	1100	...	1,415	00	18,469	00	85
Total	65	58	15177	11759	9533	1544	23	965	746	111	...	562	335	161	56	114	11532	6	\$11,011	00	\$113,021	00	493

VII. CENTRAL SYNOD.

J. Bachman, Stated Clerk.

1. Erie	26	24	5675	4286	3172	457	6	267	210	77	...	1	255	93	71	22	296	3045	5	\$4,354	00	\$36,304	00	174
2. Heidelberg	27	31	5399	3980	2276	201	26	131	77	39	...	55	71	20	29	391	3539	7	7,078	00	33,449	00	191	
3. St. John	22	27	6088	5047	3333	266	71	255	270	68	...	98	116	36	24	403	4361	3	4,495	00	26,439	00	196	
4. Cincinnati	16	18	3519	2444	1567	203	7	136	107	38	...	52	48	16	16	253	2234	1	2,636	00	19,615	00	115	
5. Toledo	15	20	3155	2141	1743	189	7	141	59	22	...	63	38	12	18	210	1550	1	2,922	00	13,825	00	118	
Total	106	120	24476	18762	12091	1316	117	930	723	244	4	523	366	135	169	1533	14726	17	\$21,685	00	\$143,633	00	774	

VIII. SYNOD OF INTERIOR.

D. B. Shurey, Stated Clerk.

1. Illinois	14	22	984	690	318	27	15	43	39	56	...	54	11	5	19	222	1264	...	2,362	00	7,925	00	197
2. Iowa	12	21	993	289	40	31	51	50	83	...	25	13	2	17	207	1268	...	...	\$1,652	00	\$12,984	00	184
3. Kansas	15	9	714	623	322	25	22	53	56	22	...	58	9	2	8	107	734	1	1,626	00	8,163	00	124
4. Wichita	7	5	382	305	134	6	21	30	14	5	...	18	3	2	6	74	583	1	792	00	4,255	00	72
5. Lincoln	6	5	354	263	159	20	8	14	15	8	...	10	2	2	5	62	401	...	512	00	\$3,107	00	56
Total	54	62	3427	2712	1213	118	97	191	174	174	...	162	39	13	55	672	4199	2	\$6,884	00	\$36,434	00	632

Statistical Reports.—The Synods and the Classes.

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			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uned.	Number of Officers and Teachers.		Scholars.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
I. EASTERN SYNOD.																		
EAST-PENNA. CLASSIS.																		
C. J. Becker.....	J. G. Rupp, Std. Clk.	Northampton, Pa.																
D. F. Brendle.....	Catsaqua, Pa.	Superannated																
J. E. Smith, D.D.....	Bethlehem, Pa.	Superannated															\$425	\$1335
F. W. Smith.....	Bath, Pa.	Moore Township	4	788	521	649	33	26	6	8	14	8	7	74	504	3	393	1252
Wilson F. More.....	Effort, Pa.	Pleasant Valley	3	730	545	345	29	22	12	3	6	10	7	70	586	1		1235
G. A. Schwedes.....	Womelsdorf, Pa.	Supt. Beth. Or. Home																
S. F. Laury.....	Bethlehem, Pa.	Christ, Beth.	1	590	475	250	20	21	53	8	40	17	4	46	464			4850
R. C. Weaver.....	Bethlehem, Pa.	Brookheadsville	3	637	370	475	27	54	15	6	12	9	3	69	445			174
W. H. Worting, D.D.....	Bethlehem, Pa.	Forks	1	375	237	175	37	7	8	12	9	3	2	20	150	1		950
G. J. Lisberger.....	Nazareth, Pa.	Dryland	2	1125	889	659	55	52	30	10	25	20	4	66	815			780
John F. Delong, D.D.....	Parkside, Pa.	Without charge																
E. L. Rupp, Sc.D.....	Bethlehem, Pa.	Without charge																
F. H. Moyer.....	East Stroudsburg, Pa.	E. Stroudsburg N. S.	1	390	265	195	23	13	22	4	17	3	1	31	395			450
W. H. Brong.....	Northampton, Pa.	Grace, Northampton	2	383	257	200	12	26	15	2	24	4	3	60	454			258
W. U. Helfrich.....	Pen Argyl, Pa.	West Bethlehem	4	602	322	158	25	1	52	40	10	6	9	4	119	515		283
W. H. Erb.....	Bath, Pa.	Plainfield	1	260	165	158	15	18	11	4	5	3	4	25	200			375
H. W. Sangree.....	Bethlehem, Pa.	Christ, Bath	1	275	202	125	23	17	20	5	19	2	1	20	197			1600
H. A. Franz.....	Easton, Pa.	St. Mark's, Easton	1	456	328	193	7	7	16	13	9	2	1	64	420			488
M. N. George.....	Cherryville, Pa.	Memorial, Easton	2	295	245	110	32	7	23	18	8	26	3	1	24	256		185
O. H. E. Rauch.....	Ranger, Pa.	Kredersville	1	350	246	164	12	1	5	15	5	12	3	4	37	400		276
H. H. Long.....	Siegried, Pa.	Stouffville	1	158	98	57	3	1	3	20	2	8	5	1	48	460		254
D. A. Guth.....	Bowmansville, Pa.	Townsmong	4	427	281	550	39	30	3	16	15	2	6	87	585			81
R. W. Miller.....	Stone Church, Pa.	Mt. Bethel	3	387	270	225	32	3	4	5	40	13	3	3	30	431		267
W. H. Worting, D.D.....	Bethlehem, Pa.	Farmersville	3	397	405	126	18	12	20	4	5	14	3	6	60	255		280
H. J. Ehret.....	Weaversville, Pa.	Howertown	2	373	290	194	14	26	5	8	9	2	6	32	114			361
R. W. Miller.....	Allentown, Pa.	Schoenerville	1	190	160	100	25	10	6	2	7	7	2	2	200			492
H. J. Ehret.....	Sloto, Pa.	Hamilton	2	172	101	7	12	4	3	2	2	2	1	20	200			180
H. J. Ehret.....	Tannersville, Pa.	Tannersville	4	346	241	124	31	11	4	5	6	6	4	23	105			55
H. J. Ehret.....	Easton, Pa.	Grace, Easton	1	239	190	125	8	3	14	5	8	4	2	1	28	204		183
H. J. Ehret.....	Weisport, Pa.	Weisport	1	230	130	150	27	1	23	28	2	4	1	18	225			242
J. E. Freeman.....	East Munch Chunk, Pa.	East Munch Chunk	1	238	112	68	8	8	14	2	3	3	1	28	187			153
R. F. Frantz.....	Freemansburg, Pa.	Freemansburg	1	211	162	145	4	20	28	5	8	1	1	31	217			50
Paul E. Leinbach.....	Catsaqua, Pa.	Catsaqua	1	410	390	300	19	1	35	21	5	2	3	28	347			232
Irwin H. Delong, Lic.....	Easton, Pa.	First Church, Easton	1	534	383	175	10	4	44	41	13	18	7	2	39	290		1089
Paul E. Leinbach.....	Lancaster, Pa.	Asst. Prof. Theo. Sem.																5783

Chas. F. Lerch, Lic.	Caston, Pa.	Licentiate	1	87	68	40	14	12	6	1	11	2	1	1	16	108	56	550	6		
	Flicksville		1	94	61	60	10	1	10	27	3	2	1	1	24	161	45	265	10		
	Zion, N. Bethlehem		1	25	24	16	1										3	81	4		
	Leont Ridge		1	45	32	12					36	3	4	1	2	11		16	168	4	
	Oxford Furnace		1	67	32	39	3	4	7						1	10	60			8	
	St. Peter's Titmany		1	67	32	39	3	4	7						1	10	60			8	
			59	12794	9115	6727	675	19	643	557	180	307	225	96	71	1349	10634	5	89835	896670	419
LEBANON CLASSIS.																					
Thomas C. Leinbach	W. D. Donat, Std. Clk.	Jonestown, Pa.	6	1400	1379	950	51	4	78	10	25	30	30	8	4	40	400	1	\$400	\$10000	25
Eli E. Hester	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.	Bermsville																			
Daniel R. Albright	Strassstown, Berks Co., Pa.	Without charge																			
James A. Shultz	Harrisville, Berks Co., Pa.	Without charge																			
Adam J. Bachman	Schaerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.	Schaerstown	2	924	674	725	71	8	33	13	47	10	24	17	7	105	679	1	338	1306	24
Henry J. Welker	Myerstown, Leb. Co., Pa.	Tulpehocken	2	639	594	575	13				9	7	3	3	30	467			223	1200	24
W. J. Kersner	115 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.	Sinking Spring	4	984	879	260	63	4	59	7	27	21	4	4	52	514	1	462	2435	24	
L. D. Stambaugh	Rehoburg, Berks Co., Pa.	Womelsdorf	4	608	583	245	28	1	41	1	9	7	10	4	56	390	20	223	1515	20	
Sammuel A. Leinbach	326 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.	St. Michael's	1	375	345	150	10					7	2	4	41	110		185	900	6	
D. Earnest Klopp, D.D.	Lebanon, Pa.	Without charge																			
J. V. George, D.D.	228 S. 3d St., Reading, Pa.	Allgethny	1	640	590	121	21	23			20	5	8	5	52	235	1	350	1150	12	
I. Cudvin Fisher	752 Middle St., Lebanon, Pa.	St. Mark's	1	781	626	328	54	8	34	46	19	17	10	7	1	70	1065	1	829	2167	10
U. Henry Hellmann	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Retired																			
W. D. Donat	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Svatara	3	404	331	253	10	1	5	7	7	25	10	1	3	42	347		371	1378	15
J. Lewis Fluck	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Myerstown	1	488	390	97	8	1	10	9	3	18	3	2	1	85	301		378	2273	10
Edw. S. Bromer, D.D.	1624 Chestnut St., Lebanon	Tabor, Lebanon	1	815	641	550	33	9	45	35	26	13	7	2	88	1043	1	1348	3191	15	
H. A. Keyser, D.D.	Federicksburg, Leb. Co., Pa.	Ret'd	4	600	485	400	19	3	21			9	2	1	50	580	1	130	2900	20	
William F. DeLong	Annyville, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Annyville	2	342	290	175	5	1	6	7	6	6	2	33	323			696	6955	12	
V. W. Dippel, Th.D.	931 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.	St. John's, Lebanon	1	241	174	80	15	1	5	2	5	3	1	1	25	177	1	1260	2141	10	
Henry J. Welker	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Grace, Avon	2	172	153	68	10	3	6	2		3	1	1	50	467		67	325	5	
*R. S. Appcl, supply	Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.	Shan'le & Klissinger	2	178	150	90	8					6	1	2	18	90		47	450	10	
Edwin S. Leinbach	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.	Asso. Pastor, Bernville	2	285	250	101	11	8	13	28	5	1	8	1	2	56	308		490	3114	20
Paul J. Dundore	Palmyra, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Campb'ltown	2	24	23	113					15								61		2
Frank S. Bromer	1624 Chestnut St., Lebanon	Asst. Pastor, Lebanon	1	60	60			1	2	8		1							64	1344	4
*Wilson F. Merg	Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.	Bethany	1																		
Henry Messer, D.D., supply	Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Grace, Richland	1																		
Joseph H. Schlappig	Richland Center, Bucks Co., Pa.	Without charge																			

Students for the ministry under the care of Classis: Daniel D. Brendle, Elmer S. Leinbach, John Lentz, John C. McCurdy, Edwin M. Sando, Paul D. Yoder.
 *Member of Lehigh Classis.
 †Member of East Penn'a Classis.

PHILA. CLASSIS	C. B. Alsopch, Std. Clk.	1	473	343	1	12	12	11	7	3	3	3	38	400	\$533	\$4557	28			
Jos. H. Hendricks, D.D.	Collegeville, Pa.	Collegeville	1	35	49	16	3	5	2	1	13	43	626	6	59	626	6			
Edward D. Miller	W. Pileland, Chester Co., Pa.	St. Peter's	1	205	155	23	5	16	3	1	12	98	2225	4726	12					
James Crawford, D.D.	1714 Mt. Vernon St., Phila.	Christ Ch., Phila.	3																	
Joshua D. Dertlich	West Chester, Pa., R. F. D. 12	Without charge																		
Henry T. Spangler, D.D.	Collegeville, Pa.	Without charge																		
Urbah Weldner	North Wales, Pa.	Without charge																		
David N. Dittmar	Jefferson, Carroll Co., Md.	Field Sec. of B. H. M																		
Jerome B. Henry	1530 9th St. N. W., Wash., D.C.	Without charge																		
Abram S. Stoner	Collegeville, Pa.	Without charge																		
David U. Wolff, D.D.	Blue Bell, Pa.	Roehm's	1	306	258	52	2	7	13	3	2	4	2	1	34	185		315	1580	15
Henry F. Seiple	Lansdale, Pa.	Without charge																		
Joseph F. Butler	Collegeville, Pa.	Without charge																		
Cyrus J. Musser, D.D.	1206 Arch St., Philadelphia	Ed. Ref. Ch., Mess't.																		

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Wm. A. Long, Ph.D.	3015 Arch St., Philadelphia	Without charge	1	1	16	7	27	31	25	27	11	1	45	819	1	880	7550	15			
Rufus C. Zartman, D.D.	1815 Oxford St., Philadelphia	Heidelberg	1	803	175	1	27	31	25	27	11	1	45	819	1	880	7550	15			
Silas L. Messinger, S.T.D.	Trappe, Pa.	St. Luke's, Trappe	1	330	250	49	2	13	11	7	2	1	24	294	1	368	2874	15			
Edwin C. Hishman	2156 N. 21st St., Philadelphia	Bethany Tabernacle	1	173	146	11	7	22	39	8	1	1	24	298	1	164	5463	20			
Wilson Delaney	135 W. 13th St., N. Y. City	Without charge	1	135	104	54	1	2	6	1	1	1	29	141	1	86	936	9			
George H. Miller	Pottstown, Pa.	Shenkel's	1	271	201	106	16	29	14	10	15	2	35	297	1	160	4254	12			
Charles B. Alsop	2133 S. 13th St., Philadelphia	Messiah	1	61	54	2	2	4	8	3	1	1	23	176	1	297	3498	12			
Abner S. Dechant	6512 Ellwood Ave., Phila.	Oak Lane	1	272	170	98	4	1	3	3	20	4	19	106	1	444	1323	10			
Charles A. Santee	Fort Washington, Pa.	St. Paul's White M'sh	1	130	100	47	4	1	3	3	4	1	15	167	1	295	2207	15			
A. H. Hishman, Ph.D.	Lanfield, Pa.	St. Vincent	1	86	71	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	14	140	1	70	518	15			
Albert S. Bromer	11th & Huntington Sts., Phila.	Lanfield	1	655	580	148	91	6	23	27	17	6	58	676	1	1469	4440	15			
Morgan A. Peters	2923 Walker St., Philadelphia	Grace	1	74	67	50	15	3	10	13	3	11	14	17	204	1	358	1100	9		
Edward F. West	1206 Wallace St., Philadelphia	Bethel	1	430	387	97	13	4	30	28	16	9	36	314	1	708	3840	12			
Harry E. Jones	657 N. 56th St., Philadelphia	First, Phila.	1	230	202	87	23	7	24	48	14	7	1	37	469	1	364	3261	9		
Franklin H. Fisher	2617 N. 29th St., Philadelphia	Palatinate	1	180	160	85	18	2	8	26	3	1	35	449	1	130	2174	10			
Charles H. Shinghoff	Spring City, R. D. No. 1	Brownback's	2	315	274	59	3	6	8	3	4	8	3	33	235	1	318	2161	17		
Etwood W. Middleton	3345 N. Sydenham, Phila.	Toga	1	178	152	80	9	11	9	9	12	1	1	37	333	1	224	2624	14		
Calvin D. Yost	Eureka, Pa.	Pleasantville	1	303	236	75	7	4	16	3	2	3	21	151	1	314	2614	18			
Emmet C. Sult	Anselma, Pa.	St. Matthew's	2	223	157	67	6	6	6	1	4	1	40	276	1	815	3760	15			
Harry W. Bright	Norristown, Pa.	Ascension	1	329	260	89	10	2	10	12	5	2	31	256	1	376	2706	15			
Remoni Bates	Norristown, Pa.	Christ Ch., Nor'stown	1	229	192	87	10	2	8	15	5	2	32	270	1	246	2468	18			
J. M. S. Iseberg, B.D.	1541 N. 7th St., Philadelphia	Trinity, Phila.	1	593	378	13	3	18	21	27	35	5	60	492	1	2416	5293	18			
A. O. Reiter	North Wales, Pa.	St. Luke's N. Wales	1	240	180	73	5	1	8	9	3	1	23	240	1	470	1741	20			
*Vacant	Spring City, Pa.	First Ch., Spring City	1	455	358	94	33	11	14	30	8	4	5	40	626	1	351	2546	13		
Thomas L. Bickel	733 N. 41st, Philadelphia	St. John's, Phila.	1	340	274	101	5	2	13	25	10	2	24	273	1	413	1762	15			
Stephen Vieg	Trenton, N. J.	Hungarian, Trenton	1	200	170	28	42	8	8	11	5	1	2	28	1	80	1073	15			
Arthur C. Thompson	Norristown, Pa.	Trinity, Norristown	1	363	274	117	20	14	38	11	2	6	3	40	413	1	441	2893	12		
Howard E. Bodder	221 Gay St., Phoenixville	St. John's, Pho'xville	1	226	147	55	4	4	14	11	2	2	20	208	1	255	1462	12			
Ladislaua Bereczky	Spring City, R. F. D.	Hungarian, Pho'xville	1	119	189	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	90	1	148	700	10		
Vacant	Spring City, R. F. D.	East Vincent	1	115	78	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Vacant	Spring City, R. F. D.	St. John's, Delaware	1	54	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
			36	9103	7316	1962	321	127	394	440	269	189	97	43	39	958	8923	1	\$15314	\$87869	435

Received: Rev. Prof. Wm. J. Heinke, 3852 Cambridge St., Phila., Pa.
 Licentiate R. S. Snyder, Spring City, Pa., R. F. D., elected pastor of East Vincent.
 *Rev. Maurice Sanson, Spring City, Pa., elected pastor of First Church, Spring City, Pa.
 Dismissed: Rev. Morgan A. Peters to Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.
 Hungarian Church, Trenton, to Hungarian Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

D. W. Gerhard, Std. Clk.

Theodore Appel, D.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	Author	1	159	87	100	2	4	9	5	1	17	55	\$144	8335	9	
Isaac E. Graef, D.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	Retired	1	121	85	65	3	3	3	2	3	1	15	128	385	8	
John M. Titzel, D.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	Pastor Emeritus, Ist Ch	1	166	37	26	1	1	1	1	1	27	202	221	1454	2	
Jos. H. Duhals, D.D., LL.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	Prof. F. & M. College	1	360	290	35	5	11	16	5	3	7	12	556	400	2	
Frederick A. Gast, D.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	Prof. Theo. Sem.	1	390	309	125	12	12	12	4	4	12	12	13	200	2	
A. Carl Whitmet	Lancaster, Pa.	Supt. of Missions	1	100	60	6	1	1	1	1	1	9	90	8	150	2	
John G. Noss	New Holland, Pa.	Zeltenreich's	1	290	160	60	6	3	1	1	1	8	60	100	2	2	
New Holland Charge	Lancaster, Pa.	St. Stephen's	1	100	90	25	3	1	1	1	1	15	70	155	709	2	
Darius W. Gerhard, D.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	50	34	15	4	1	1	1	1	47	276	1754	3000	20	
Stephen Schwelzer	Ephrata, Pa.	Lincoln	1	160	120	50	1	7	8	3	3	19	2	265	1442	12	
Muddy Creek Charge	Lancaster, Pa.	Salem, Rohrestown.	1	465	367	130	14	9	19	11	2	15	4	525	1049	5	
Highman Derr	Lancaster, Pa.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1	195	170	130	12	2	2	10	2	8	5	301	1629	14	
Milton N. Krenet, D.D.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Fourth	1	56	56	13	1	2	10	2	1	20	250	1010	12		
Ellis H. Sangree	Lancaster, Pa.	St. Stephen's	1	376	235	2	3	15	3	6	1	44	463	210	1010	12	
John S. Stahl, D.D., LL.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	Trinity	1	347	211	377	30	8	36	4	2	1	20	176	940	25	
Jon. H. Farnabecker, D.D.	Maytown, Pa.	Without charge	1	181	135	35	4	3	10	1	1	78	176	940	25		
A. Carl Whitmet	Maytown, Pa.	Without charge	1	50	48	30	2	5	5	2	1	83	54	170	10	10	
James G. Dangler	Maytown, Pa.	Without charge	1	94	76	30	4	3	4	7	2	30	195	90	290	12	
Wm. F. Leichter	Lancaster, Pa.	St. John's	1	160	128	75	1	2	2	2	3	141	350	20	20	20	
Jarvis A. Wickert	Denver, Pa.	St. John's	1	124	114	80	2	3	1	4	1	22	153	104	225	20	
Thomas S. Land	Millersville, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	808	560	200	10	22	40	24	11	61	691	1048	18000	16	
Newton J. Miller	Lancaster, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	144	112	88	3	17	12	7	1	17	128	130	905	10	
David B. Schneider, D.D.	Reamstown, Pa.	Miss. to Japan	1	257	201	65	7	5	7	9	4	21	130	233	5290	12	
Jarvis A. Wickert	Denver, Pa.	St. John's	1	347	232	150	16	6	21	32	9	29	237	300	6500	20	
Christophor Noss	Ephrata, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	121	101	40	5	7	14	7	3	16	165	300	1300	10	
Jas. W. McIninger, D.D.	Earlin, Germany, 35 W.	Without charge	1	87	70	22	5	1	10	7	1	21	145	30	1500	2	
George F. Mull	Lancaster, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	42	34	10	1	1	1	1	1	21	145	14	295	1	
Richard C. Schiedt, Ph.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	223	142	154	17	6	15	15	7	32	248	203	2139	12	
Samuel H. Dietzel, Ph.D.	Maytown, Pa.	Prof. F. & M. College	1	260	154	150	20	10	29	6	2	41	365	136	1063	12	
Benjamin M. Meyer	Elizabethtown, Pa.	Christ	1	238	177	51	18	9	17	27	6	1	32	305	151	1274	8
Henry Nelson Bassler	Harrisburg, Pa.	Second Church	1	223	179	60	9	11	4	8	1	22	158	300	1250	9	
William Yenser	Marlatta, Pa.	Zion's	1	89	88	25	1	3	3	4	1	24	75	110	386	8	
Howard H. Spain	White Oak, Pa.	Bethany	1	137	119	12	10	18	28	3	1	26	139	36	1039	12	
Bethany Charge	Brickerville, Pa.	Jerusalem	1	83	28	9	1	1	1	1	1	12	84	48	317	6	
Christopher Noss	Lancaster, Pa.	Prof. in Theo. Sem.	1	183	140	110	11	7	27	14	1	20	180	687	1235	20	
J. Ranch Stein	Harrisburg, Pa.	St. John's	1	51	45	18	4	1	1	1	1	7	30	104	225	20	
Daniel H. Gatt	Lancaster, Pa.	Path	1	238	177	51	18	9	17	27	6	1	32	305	151	1274	8
J. Hunter Wats	Lancaster, Pa.	St. Andrew's	1	223	179	60	9	11	4	8	1	22	158	300	1250	9	
Albert O. Bartholomew	Manheim, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	89	88	25	1	3	3	4	1	24	75	110	386	8	
Manheim Charge	East Petersburg, Pa.	Trinity	1	137	119	12	10	18	28	3	1	26	139	36	1039	12	
Edwin W. Lentz	Steelton, Pa.	St. Paul's	1	106	87	22	3	1	4	1	1	21	146	108	629	9	
Edwinn S. Shelley	Willow Street, Pa.	Willow Street	1	33	28	9	1	1	1	1	1	12	84	48	317	6	
Allen K. Faust	Conestoga Centre, Pa.	Conestoga Centre	1	183	140	110	11	7	27	14	1	20	180	687	1235	20	
John P. Dieffenderfer	Hummelstown, Pa.	Miss. to Japan	1	51	45	18	4	1	1	1	1	7	30	104	225	20	
Hummelstown Charge	Hummelstown, Pa.	Hummelstown	1	183	140	110	11	7	27	14	1	20	180	687	1235	20	
Henry E. Kreider	Baltimore, Md.	Without charge	1	51	45	18	4	1	1	1	1	7	30	104	225	20	

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Ministers.	Post Office Address.	Names of Charges or Congregations.	Members			Additions.			Losses.				Sunday-Schools.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		
			Communicants.	Unconfrmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re-posal.	Dismissed.	Rescinded.	Deaths, Com'rs.	Deaths, Uned.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Revolent Pur-poses.	Congregational Purposes.			
W. Stuart Cramer.	Lancaster, Pa.	First Church	460	350	290	6	10	25	6	2	1	30	227	713	2759	15	2589		
	*Fisherville, Pa.	St. Peter's	60	38	18		1							40	20	5			
	Centre View, Pa.	St. Jacob's																	
George W. Spotts.	Enterprise, Pa.	St. Paul's	56	36	8	3	2					8	60	30	22	3			
Armstrong Valley Chrg	Carsonville, Pa.	St. James'	40	25	15	2	2					12	75	35	21	3			
		Messiah																	
John W. Anlt.		Star of Bethlehem																	
John W. Apte.	New Providence, Pa.	Zion's	155	130	32	3	11	1				16	104	182	639	7			
Anselm V. Hieser.	Lancaster, Pa.	Prof. F. & M. College																	
Committee of Supply.	Quarryville, Pa.	St. Paul's	141	90				1				16	135	125	694	15			
Committee of Supply.	*Penbrook, Pa.	St. Andrew's	51	48	29	3			4			25	150						
Shoop's Charge		Shoop's	35	35	25							15	75						
Committee of Supply.	Linglestown, Pa.	Wenrich's	74	37	44	11						14	76	58	745	7			
Committee of Supply.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Zwingli	45	33	39		1					16	40	35	133	5			
Ex. Com. on Missions.	Mountville, Pa.	Sho'll's	45	30	1							13	103	35	443	8			
Trinity-St. James Chrg	Lancaster, Pa.	Trinity	25	22	16		3					1		11	6				
John B. Kieffer, Ph.D.	Lancaster, Pa.	St. James'																	
Thaddeus G. Helm.	Lancaster, Pa.	Prof. F. & M. College																	
Charles N. B. Long.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Prof. F. & M. Acad.																	
Paul L. Gerhard.	Sandal, Japan	Railway Mail Agent.																	
Reuben S. Snyder.	Sendal, Japan	Miss. to Japan																	
Frank R. Lefevre.	Lancaster, Pa.	Lancaster, Pa.	879	634	319	221	180	420	286	128		41	155	55	47	1062	7279	8	\$29601 \$146268 1468

*Residence of pastor.

†Lancaster.

‡A. A. Reber, Sec. Clk.

E. SUSQUEHANNA CL

Simon P. Brown.	Pillow, Pa.	Uniontown	440	345	350	31		18				14	10	11	4			\$215	\$800	
Charles B. Schneider.	Shamokin, Pa.	Shamokin	1980	769	875	132	4	72	9	10	3	55	3191	1				6310	20	
Isaac M. Schaeffer.	Ashland, Pa.	Ashland	593	517	450	48		54	26	11	3	1	33	371	1			1277	15	
Oliver F. Schaeffer.	Legins, Pa.	Deep Creek	6	417	354	181	36	30	1	5		17	10	3	1			3683	15	
Luton M. Ferretrof.	Lykens, Pa.	T. Cy & Lykens	2	240	192	140	41	3	26	7		7	6	58	215	1		279	20	
Jonathan W. Buck.	738 E. 171st St., New York.	Without charge												27	252			181	12	
George S. Butz.	Paxinos, Pa.	Paxinos-Ang.	6	325	290	175	25	1	5	12	15	10	10	6	4			149	25	
Montgomery M. Fryer.	Leek Hill, Pa.	Line Mountain	7	529	372	420	61	30	16	1		4	13	9	50	450	250	1000	30	
Albert Gonsler.	Mt. Carmel, Pa.	Without charge																250	1000	
Robert O'Boyle.	Sunbury, Pa.	Mt. Carmel	1	256	233	159	28	16	35	7		18	1	3	1			194	9	
J. Alvin Reber.	Madinville, Pa.	Sunbury	3	122	106	48	17	3	10	7	6	4	3	2	1			540	12	
George W. Royer.	Blugtown, Pa.	Madinville	4	421	330	265	43	13	4	4				9	5			34	12	
		Blugtown																221	2173	24

Irwin M. Bachman.....	Newlin, Pa.	Numidia	1	20	6	6	4	5	2	32	410	430	1357
John Ullack.....	Catawissa, Pa.	Hungarian Miss.	1	142	112	98	6	2	1	18	125	259	1042
Alfred W. Schaffner.....	Mahoney, Pa.	Catawissa	5	413	394	175	13	1	5	53	410	308	5142
James N. Blatt.....	Elizabethville, Pa.	Mahanoy Valley	4	30	26	21	2	1	10	280	25	80	
Calvin P. Wehr.....	Mc. Carmel, Pa.	Lepke Congregation	2	359	61	222	61	1	2	45	6	10	
A. Gonser, supply.....	Millersburg, Pa.	McAdoo Miss.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	506
Vacant.....	.....	Millersburg	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Vacant.....	.....	St. David's	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	506
Geo. E. Kopenhaver.....	.....	Liventate	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

*Licentiate Geo. E. Kopenhaver is commissioned to McAdoo. †Millersburg charge was divided. No separate statistics at hand.

In vacant charges statistics are incomplete.

W. SUSQUEHANNA CL.

D. M. Wolf, D.D.....	Wm. A. Haas, Std. Clk.	Prim. S. M. Acad.	5	431	389	928	18	11	7	15	3	5	83
W. W. Clouser.....	Spring Mills, Pa.	Without charge	1	941	924	100	9	9	5	8	1	22	154
W. A. Haas.....	White Deer, Pa.	Selinsgrove	1	232	212	35	3	10	16	15	4	5	1
A. A. Black.....	Foalsburg, Pa.	Boalsburg	2	296	249	146	17	11	13	20	3	2	34
James M. Runkle.....	Williamsport, Pa.	Williamsport	3	139	117	84	7	4	5	1	6	2	3
George W. Kershner.....	Beaver Spring	Beaver Spring	3	169	131	106	16	6	22	48	3	14	1
Harvey I. Crow.....	Hublersburg, Pa.	Nitrany Valley	5	406	428	213	30	4	28	23	21	2	5
W. E. Hoy.....	Yochow, Hunan, China.	.....	5	431	389	928	18	11	7	15	3	5	83
Frank Wetzel.....	Rebersburg, Pa.	Rebersburg	5	941	924	100	9	9	5	8	1	22	154
R. O. Otis Spessard, Ph.D.....	Millersburg, Union Co., Pa.	Millersburg	1	232	212	35	3	10	16	15	4	5	1
R. L. Gerhart, D.D.....	Lewisburg, Pa.	Lewisburg	2	296	249	146	17	11	13	20	3	2	34
Ambrose M. Schmidt.....	Bellefonte, Center Co., Pa.	Bellefonte	3	139	117	84	7	4	5	1	6	2	3
J. W. Albertson.....	Laureton, Union Co., Pa.	Laureton	3	169	131	106	16	6	22	48	3	14	1
Edwin T. Rhodes.....	Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa.	Buffalo Valley	3	202	153	120	9	1	2	2	6	4	3
Joseph M. Beau.....	Montgomery, Lycom. Co., Pa.	Susquehanna	3	302	270	118	16	1	9	9	4	8	6
Daniel Gress.....	Center Hall, Center Co., Pa.	Center Hall	5	302	278	236	15	1	9	9	4	2	6
F. E. Lauffer.....	Aaronsburg, Center Co., Pa.	Aaronsburg	5	443	343	330	21	2	14	8	5	6	5
Ellas S. Noll.....	New Berlin, Union Co., Pa.	New Berlin	7	255	229	120	33	2	20	5	1	15	3
Jessie M. Stenge.....	Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa.	Lock Haven	1	985	969	170	21	7	32	92	11	6	4
Samuel H. Stine.....	Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.	Lock Haven	4	524	283	132	17	2	10	50	16	23	4
E. E. Weaver.....	West Milton, Union Co., Pa.	White Deer	5	506	452	291	28	1	23	7	2	5	74
F. W. Brown.....	Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa.	Beaver Spring	5	506	452	291	28	1	23	7	2	5	74
M. W. Schweltzer.....	Norristown, Pa.	62	5869	5134	2995	394	29	248	234	179	136	84

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GOSHENHOPPEN CL.

L. Kaylor Evans, D.D.....	C. S. Weand, Std. Clk.	Trinity, Pottstown	1	750	632	530	42	4	28	10	20	23	26
Simon M. K. Huber.....	Pottstown, Pa.	Without charge	1	750	632	530	42	4	28	10	20	23	26
Ell Keller, D.D.....	639 Beigrade St., Phila.	Without charge	1	750	632	530	42	4	28	10	20	23	26
Isaac S. Stahr.....	1312 Chew St., Allentown.	Without charge	1	750	632	530	42	4	28	10	20	23	26
Charles S. Weand.....	Oley, Pa.	Oley	4	787	690	370	57	53	5	8	2	15	12
J. Lucian Roush.....	Pottstown, Pa.	Zion's, Pottstown	1	487	366	260	14	1	11	9	7	1	7
George W. Roth.....	Sumnerstown, Pa.	Old Goshenhoppen	3	702	542	543	31	4	43	12	6	1	16
William B. Wernef.....	Swamp-Amity	Swamp-Amity	3	547	460	184	31	5	17	2	18	3	6
Osaville R. Frantz.....	Schwenksville, Pa.	Schwenksville	3	491	317	288	3	6	8	6	3	15	4
Calvin M. DeLong.....	Old Zionsville, Pa.	Zionsville	3	761	619	490	36	28	7	12	1	3	10
Andel K. Laudenslager.....	East Zionsville, Pa.	New Goshenhoppen	1	931	768	515	37	45	13	8	9	17	15
Harry W. Kochenderfer.....	Worcester, Pa.	Wentz's	2	438	403	227	9	23	43	8	3	1	23
.....	Roystersford, Pa.	Roystersford	1	199	167	193	6	1	8	13	5	8	3
.....	1	199	167	193	6	1	8	13	5	8	3

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																	Congregations.
S. L. Whitmore.....	1	585	380	398	240	18	10	20	9	1	38	421	..	540	3500	18	
Albert Lohach.....	2	390	250	240	48	18	5	15	8	4	2	350	..	240	1050	12	
J. G. Kershner.....	1	907	605	623	49	41	15	24	13	10	1	53	..	806	6127	18	
Titus C. Struck.....	4	444	282	284	54	13	1	5	6	4	4	410	..	172	8887	27	
W. T. Buckman.....	1	158	134	120	8	9	9	8	2	4	1	22	..	85	1430	10	
S. Sidney Kohler.....	3	262	218	220	45	10	3	8	5	3	5	310	..	121	1383	11	
A. F. Dreisbach.....	1	275	160	195	13	22	28	1	5	4	1	25	..	70	1330	13	
William D. Stoyer.....	1	358	182	200	20	12	4	13	7	1	25	265	..	108	1182	12	
Vacant.....	3	310	230	14	9	4	1	5	3	4	62	415	..	217	2485	32	
J. J. Fisher.....	1	425	250	10	20	3	2	19	169	..	73	185	..	
J. J. Fisher.....	1	175	115	90	10	2	18	5	3	4	80	13	80	..	
J. J. Fisher.....	1	45	24	25	3	1	1	2	1	1	7	68	..	41	63	..	
A. F. Dreisbach.....	1	120	93	100	5	1	5	11	3	2	1	18	..	40	1286	6	
W. T. Buckman.....	1	24	16	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	
G. W. Hartman, supply.....	1	159	100	..	11	21	3	1	1	1	1	16	..	84	525	..	
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WYOMING CLASSIS.																	
C. H. Herbst, Std. Clk.	Orangeville, Pa.	4	314	251	72	3	5	7	2	12	4	40	205	..	\$234	\$1025	12
A. Houtz.....	Retired	3	385	230	250	26	18	27	10	8	4	32	425	..	270	1600	12
S. C. Meckel.....	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	2	500	398	295	30	1	35	8	5	2	47	355	..	555	1598	20
A. M. Masonhelmer, Ph.D.	Weatherly	1	110	60	125	27	1	23	8
J. E. Kerschmer.....	Freeland, Pa.	1	409	265	260	26	10	22	11	16	3	1	24	..	531	2347	12
D. W. Ebert, D.D.	Collegeville, Pa.	1	435	275	295	18	21	11	4	6	3	1	30	..	405	2450	12
C. W. E. Siegel.....	York, Pa.	1	493	394	317	36	46	12	4	5	4	67	685	..	229	1469	32
C. H. Herbst.....	West Hazleton, Pa.	1	290	200	130	5	6	6	8	1	2	32	240	..	333	1021	15
S. E. Stodlet.....	Hazleton, Pa.	1	740	577	345	28	34	30	2	16	8	1	38	..	250	4498	8
W. D. Hoppel, Ph.D.	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	1	426	280	270	27	15	2	1	6	2	3	57	..	324	925	12
W. H. Loose.....	Selkroop, Pa.	1	220	170	78	9	8	16	11	4	4	7	2	..	229	1774	12
A. H. Herbst.....	Wapwallopen, Pa.	6	118	92	50	4	6	10	2	4	1	33	204	..	205	1090	12
J. W. Bell.....	Strawberry Ridge, Pa.	1	265	127	178	14	2	1	7	8	1	25	204	..	115	900	10
William Toennes.....	Hazleton, Pa.	3	317	210	217	35	16	3	4	15	6	3	64	..	205	675	8
J. W. Rehbecke.....	St. John's, Pa.	2	337	238	125	19	1	20	7	10	3	1	44	..	385	1165	17
J. D. Thomas, Ph.D.	Bloomsburg, Pa.	1	325	235	85	16	1	13	15	10	5	2	101	..	245	1500	16
C. D. Lerch.....	Danville, Pa.	2	87	80	..	5	5	5	1	5	1	5	1	..	92	734	8
C. D. Lerch.....	Danville, Pa.	2	220	170	78	9	8	16	11	4	4	7	2	..	229	1774	12
M. L. Frior.....	Seranton, Pa.	1	118	92	50	4	6	10	2	4	1	33	204	..	205	1090	12
P. H. Hoover.....	Dushore, Pa.	3	265	127	178	14	2	1	7	8	1	25	204	..	115	900	10
C. E. Correll.....	Coryngham, Pa.	3	317	210	217	35	16	3	4	15	6	3	64	..	205	675	8
T. O. Stem.....	Turtoville, Pa.	2	337	238	125	19	1	20	7	10	3	1	44	..	385	1165	17
E. M. Beck.....	Watsonstown, Pa.	2	325	235	85	7	1	13	15	10	5	2	101	..	245	1500	16
C. H. Mutchler.....	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	1	87	80	..	5	5	5	1	5	1	5	1	..	92	734	8

W. H. Hoch.....	341 Locust St., Steedton, Pa.	Without charge	3	186	149	116	16	3	33	25	5	3	1	2	2	2	1	180	811	12	6	
John K. Adams.....	Berwick, Pa.	Berwick	1	35	43	50	1	1	2	1	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	110	77	892	6	
Earl G. Petri.....	Fayette, N. Y.	Fayette	1	110	85	86	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	80	55	1471	4
W. H. Herbert.....	Nanticoke, Pa.	Nanticoke	1	170	115	115	12	1	12	33	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	25	140	54	1695	12
A. F. Stibbeey.....	West Hazleton, Pa.	W. Hazleton	1	416	291	195	9	3	5	7	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	245	1	490	14
C. E. Musselman, Ld.....	Milton, Pa.	Milton	1	172	92	110	10	6	6	4	4	25	2	4	1	1	1	79	75	700	7	
Vacant.....	Plymouth, Pa.	Plymouth	1	552	290	136	17	13	7	6	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	28	248	725	324	
Vacant.....	Danville, Pa.	Danville	46	7396	5189	912	469	29	349	274	132	131	110	65	50	760	6532	1	86520	\$15882	204	
READING CLASSIS.																						
R. Bausman, D.D.....	S. R. Bridenbaugh, Std. Clk.		1	847	665	250	11	3	22	23	13	7	2	1	68	642		\$8047	\$5160	14		
Henry H. Stoner.....	222 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.	St. Paul	1																			
H. K. Binckley.....	Reading, Pa.	Reading	1	440	416	121	16	1	21	25	12	4	1	61	603	2		522	3684	14		
Jas. L. Good, D.D.....	Reading, Pa.	Calvary	1	761	557	118	9	5	19	27	20	12	12	1	1	1	1	50	337	7241	16	
S. R. Bridenbaugh, D.D.....	228 S. 6th St., Reading, Pa.	Secound	1	392	328	250	60	2	35	26	22	20	7	14	1	1	1	50	506	297	2228	8
Jno. Ph. Stehn, D.D.....	Reading, Pa.	St. Thomas	1																			
Henry K. Miller.....	Miss. to Japan	Miss. to Japan	1																			
Geo. W. Gerbard.....	Hamburg, Pa.	First Reformed	1	369	320	290	22	17	5			3	14	10	1	1	36	401	312	1800	10	
D. P. Lefevre.....	Reading, Pa.	Retired	1																			
R. W. Miller, D.D.....	Philadelphia	Gen. Sec. S. S. Board	1																			
Jas. K. Brown.....	Estery, Pa.	Schwarzwald	1	638	528	250	21		8	7	4	6	4	6	5	5	5	590	1000	1174	12	
M. L. Herbel.....	1818 Peck Ave., Reading, Pa.	St. Peter	1	371	345	307	40		4	10	23	6	3	21	238	1		36	1804	8		
M. L. Herbel.....	1818 Peck Ave., Reading, Pa.	Trinity	1	85	75	50	6	5				6	1	1	19	112		13	516	4		
D. E. Schaeffer.....	West Loessport, Pa.	Loessport	4	593	544	253	41	1	15	13	5	14	3	4	38	340		240	1713	12		
C. E. Schaeffer.....	201 W. Olney St., Reading, Pa.	St. Mark	1	983	750	600	70	2	51	17	9	3	5	9	1	1	300	1041	599	12660	13	
C. E. Creutz.....	522 Bartonwood, Reading, Pa.	Asst. St. Paul	1																			
Paul I. Deppen.....	Reading, Pa.	Reading	1																			
H. H. Ranck.....	1431 Peckhamen, Reading, Pa.	St. Andrew	1	821	706	483	41	6	68	47	16	33	7	5	1	1	88	989	1744	7616	15	
William E. Harr.....	152 Walnut, Reading, Pa.	Faith & St. James	2	353	285	175	29	20	22	4	6	5	2	2	2	2	93	605	1	268	2577	14
T. W. Dickert.....	765 N. 11th, Reading, Pa.	St. Stephen	1	1012	775	560	56	2	45	80	5	18	4	13	1	1	76	1051	775	6969	12	
H. B. Reagle.....	Reading, Pa.	Asst. Calvary	1																			
J. F. Moyer.....	Reading, Pa.	First Reformed	1	1179	996	530	32	4	78	59	12	19	6	1	1	1	58	1245	1	2505	4992	16
Thos. H. Lebach.....	911 Chestnut, Reading, Pa.	St. John	1	543	414	376	30	3	36	84	9	7	11	4	1	1	43	431	484	2752	14	
H. J. Lebach.....	152 Walnut, Reading, Pa.	Olivet	1	97	72	48	6	6	2											112	982	8
Thos. M. Yundt.....	210 Windsor, Reading, Pa.	Alsace	3	1100	932		30	1	55	30	8	9	5	2	1	1	248	325	2245	20		
Lloyd Knoll, Ld.....	Philadelphia	Bern	1	300	275	100	12					8	10	1	1	1	15	100		221	430	
M. L. Herbel.....		Epier's	1	925	280	75	2					4	1	1	1	1	164					
H. J. Lebach, supply.....			1																			
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MIAMI CLASSIS.																						
W. A. Hable, D.D.....	Joseph Pierce Alden, Std. Clk.		1	708	575		6	12	39	25	5	8	10							\$1147	3652	25
F. S. Zange.....	Dayton, Ohio	Trinity, Dayton	1	439	358		12	10	28	25	13	10	6							577	4099	20
H. H. Hartman.....	2338 E. 5th St., Dayton, O.	Memorial, Dayton	1	387	346		16	14	43	13	11	10	5	3	1	1	41	320		114	2037	15
Ross F. Weeks.....	Dayton, Ohio	Fourth, Dayton	1	587	552		5	23	44	20	6	4	1							93	3581	11
H. M. Herman, D.D.....	Miamisburg, Ohio	First, Hamilton	1	522	460	86	33	17	15	8	4	3	2	1	1	1	375			167	1700	16
H. N. Kerst.....	Hamilton, Ohio	First, Hamilton	1	251	175	40	4	10	21	4	2	10	2	1	1	1	26	363		150	1450	10
H. Wesley Miller.....	West Alexandria, Ohio	Louisburg	1	122	95	20	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	17	100		84	428	6
*J. Wesley Miller.....	West Alexandria, Ohio	Johnsville	1	107	88	30	2	4	4	4	4	6	1	1	1	1	15	125		110	310	6
J. Wesley Miller.....	West Alexandria, Ohio	West Alexandria	1	160	130	30	2	3	3	7	10	8	6	1	1	1	20	139		144	635	12
C. M. Rohrbach.....	Germantown, Ohio	Germantown	1	250	175		7	6	11	3		1	1	1	1	1	21			400	1000	10
*Pastor elect.																						

MINISTERS.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS

NA.MES OF CHURCHES OR CONGREGATIONS.

Minutes Wanted.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NA.MES OF CHURCHES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Sunday-Schools.			Contributions.			
			Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Orthodox or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Comts.	Deaths, Unrecd.	Number of Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficial Purposes.
C. M. Rohrbough.	ermantown, Ohio	Ellerton	74	70	5	1	15	3	2	1	1	1	65	1	125	200	5	
*E. F. Evemeyer, Lic.	lpha, Ohio	Beaver Creek	108	75	19	1	13	3	1	1	1	1	13	1	420	509	6	
D. A. Parks.	lpha, Ohio	Mt. Zion	157	60	14	8	15	4	2	1	1	1	20	85	224	480	6	
D. A. Parks.	ayton, Ohio	David's	123	92	50	1	8	4	2	1	1	1	23	140	314	300	5	
S. J. Royer.	ayton, Ohio	Zion's	6	45	25	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	14	85	26	250	9	
S. J. Royer.	airfield, Ohio	Field	140	131	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	125	150	500	9	
S. J. Royer.	airfield, Ohio	Bethel	73	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	175	150	385	5	
S. J. Royer.	airfield, Ohio	Byron	132	129	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	110	135	280	5	
Bernman S. Raichard.	armersville, Ohio	Farmersville	196	173	7	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	18	194	292	440	10	
Bernman S. Raichard.	armersville, Ohio	Slifer's	136	121	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	90	104	345	5	
*D. S. Miller.	armersville, Ohio	Gratis	17	13	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	59	4	
D. S. Miller.	reenville, Ohio	Hillgrove	10	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	60	20	175	6	
D. S. Miller.	reenville, Ohio	Bethel	22	48	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	60	20	175	6	
D. S. Miller.	reenville, Ohio	Pikeville	172	36	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	16	16	175	6	
Vacant	Seula, Ohio	Zion's	255	196	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	229	8	25	6	
Vacant	enia, Ohio	First Xenia	14	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vacant	enia, Ohio	Caesar Creek	53	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vacant	vacant	Zion	82	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vacant	vacant	Beach Grove	37	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
D. E. Werner.	remont City, Ohio	Remont City	72	70	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. E. Dingtledine.	arcanum, Ohio	Pittsburgh	18	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. E. Dingtledine.	arcanum, Ohio	Bondary	43	35	1	10	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. E. Dingtledine.	arcanum, Ohio	Sallonia	63	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
*J. F. Tapp, Lic.	lplewood, Ohio	Bloomcenter	73	48	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
*J. F. Tapp, Lic.	lplewood, Ohio	Swanders	57	52	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
*J. F. Tapp, Lic.	lplewood, Ohio	Bethel	51	35	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. C. Paul.	North Hampton, Ohio	Grace	75	63	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. C. Paul.	North Hampton, Ohio	Hampton	175	63	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. C. Paul.	North Hampton, Ohio	Immanuel	26	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. C. Paul.	North Hampton, Ohio	Jerusalem	80	66	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. C. Paul.	North Hampton, Ohio	Lawrenceville	96	81	9	2	17	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Joseph P. Alden.	reenville, Ohio	Greenville	141	103	20	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reuben F. Shultz.	14 N. Plum St., Springfield, O.	Grace, Springfield	189	138	20	1	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vacant	Springboro, Ohio	Springboro	79	62	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. T. Balliet.	St. Paris, Ohio	Zion	90	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. T. Balliet.	St. Paris, Ohio	St. Paris	107	73	19	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
William H. Shults.	hmer Park, Dayton, Ohio.	Ohmer Park	23	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
William H. Shults.	hmer Park, Dayton, Ohio.	Mt. Carmel	67	48	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
William H. Shults.	hmer Park, Dayton, Ohio.	Hawkers	43	39	10	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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Vacant	Hillsboro, Ohio	Calvary, Hillsboro	1	70	60	3	9	22	11	1	1	1	1	18	255	8917					
Vacant	Hillsboro, Ohio	Mt. Zion	1	54	54	3	10	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	86	340					
Jno. Boddy, Student, supy	Dayton, Ohio	Hungarian, Dayton	1	114	114	3	15	7	3	1	1	1	1	31	272	587					
B. S. Metzger	Portland, Ind.	Without charge	1				18	11	4	9	3	1	1	24	304	2970					
E. Herbruck, D.D.	Dayton, Ohio	Prof. Held. T. Sem.	1				5	13	11	4	1	1	1	21	168	403					
Levi Rike	Heno, Ohio	Without charge	1				2	3	2	9	1	1	1	23	403	320					
F. M. Shultz	Dayton, Ohio	Without charge	1				5	5	4	2	4	1	1	11	118	3030					
L. C. Sumner	Dayton, Ohio	Christian World	1				35	4	1	2	1	1	1	40	125	312					
J. W. Yessley	St. Paris, Ohio	Without charge	1				33	1	2	1	1	1	1	37	59	97					
E. E. Shapp	Fort Recovery, Ohio	Spmt. Cong. Church	1				14	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	55	45					
W. E. Lindwick	Greenville, Ohio	Without charge	1				35	31	1	1	1	1	1	67	106	305					
R. J. Hill	Dayton, Ohio	Without charge	1				55	31	1	1	1	1	1	67	106	305					
H. L. Hart	Paradise, Fla.	Without charge	1				30	25	3	4	3	4	1	16	90	86					
H. S. Gekeker	1726 Bellefontaine St., Ind'lis	Without charge	1				80	20	15	2	3	2	1	12	75	45					
S. B. Yockey, D.D.	Xenia, Ohio	Without charge	1				59	40	3	2	3	1	1	14	50	17					
			53	6901	5343	537	116	166	301	184	85	114	93	9	49	796	5827	6	\$12231	\$20659	380

LANCASTER CLASSIS. S. W. Seemann, Std. Clk.

John J. M. Gruber	Basil, Ohio	Trinity	1	346	269	36	4	9	22	11	1	1	1	1	18	255	8917			
John J. M. Gruber	Basil, Ohio	Mt. Zion	1	180	149	25	1	10	10	5	1	1	1	1	86	340	2970			
Jacob L. Stahl	Canal Winchester, Ohio	Winchester charge	1	241	216	64	2	15	7	3	1	1	1	31	272	587	1561			
L. B. C. Lahr, D.D.	Delaware, Ohio	Zion's	1	323	245	87	18	5	13	11	4	1	1	24	304	2970	403			
*S. B. Yockey, D.D.	Zelma, Ohio	Elghth Ave.	1	120	92	31	1	2	3	2	9	1	1	21	168	403	320			
George S. Gill	Somersct, Ohio	St. Paul	1	121	120	30	5	4	1	14	2	4	1	23	403	320	3030			
George S. Gill	Somersct, Ohio	Without charge	1	80	76	35	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	10	40	125	312			
P. H. Weaver	Kingson, Ohio	Somersct	1	38	33	18	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	7	37	59	97			
P. H. Weaver	Kingson, Ohio	Jerusalem	1	55	55	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	55	45	229	375		
John J. Lebermann, D.D.	Lancaster, Ohio	Salem	1	169	130	25	1	2	4	8	2	1	1	12	67	106	305			
John J. Lebermann, D.D.	Lancaster, Ohio	Grace	1	81	80	29	3	3	4	3	4	1	1	19	106	98	1839	540		
C. K. Hartman	Premont, Ohio	Bethel	1	85	75	30	15	2	4	3	4	1	1	16	90	86	340	2970		
C. K. Hartman	Premont, Ohio	Jerusalem	1	59	40	20	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	12	75	45	229	375		
C. K. Hartman	Premont, Ohio	Zwingsli	1	59	40	20	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	14	50	17	250	403		
C. E. Hartman	Premont, Ohio	Rushville	1	36	30	5	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	7	19	12	140	106		
S. T. Snyder	Steinsville, Ohio	Heidelberg	1	120	100	54	2	2	7	6	2	1	1	16	87	120	622	150		
S. T. Snyder	Steinsville, Ohio	Mt. Carmel	1	47	40	22	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	8	28	50	653	150		
S. T. Snyder	Steinsville, Ohio	Warner's	1	25	20	30	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	5	20	32	422	150		
G. A. Stauffer	Baltimore, Ohio	St. Michael's	1	114	108	39	10	12	10	1	1	1	1	18	70	220	322	65		
G. A. Stauffer	Baltimore, Ohio	St. Jacob's	1	66	61	24	12	1	3	1	1	1	1	13	52	66	220	322		
G. A. Stauffer	Baltimore, Ohio	St. Peter's	1	60	59	24	4	1	4	1	1	1	1	12	55	62	155	155		
J. E. Stone	Thornville, Ohio	Trinity	1	163	154	52	2	3	14	11	2	1	1	17	130	265	1233	1233		
J. E. Stone	Thornville, Ohio	Grace	1	54	29	13	2	3	14	11	2	1	1	17	130	265	1233	1233		
S. W. Seemann, D.D.	1261 Fair Ave., Columbus, O.	Wilson Union	1	325	255	10	5	5	16	17	17	1	1	27	158	42	170	170		
S. W. Seemann, D.D.	1261 Fair Ave., Columbus, O.	North Union	1	55	26	10	2	2	10	1	1	1	1	27	158	215	2197	215		
J. Hedley	Canal Winchester, Ohio	Zion's	1	42	35	5	1	4	4	4	3	1	1	8	30	10	160	160		
G. H. Leonard, D.D.	Basil, Ohio	Salem's	1	48	38	4	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	8	40	8	133	133		
H. H. Sappier	Columbus, Ohio		1																	
			27	3965	2920	822	123	43	125	67	79	64	46	9	26	376	2473	8360	\$30676	8360

*Dismissed to Miami Classis.

*Dismissed to Allegheny Classis.

TUSCARAWAS CLASSIS.																				
Emil P. Herbruck, D.D.	Canton, Ohio	Trinity	1	1378	1190	350	44	25	59	69	22	20	9	1	1	83	1020	81882	\$3698	20
Irwin W. Hendricks	Akron, Ohio	Grace	1	710	525	250	14	2	17	23	15	1	1	2	1	63	773	1472	6082	50

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

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MINISTERS.

Edward R. Willard.....	Akron, Ohio.....	Wooster Ave.....
Jas. S. Freeman.....	Akron, Ohio.....	Trinity.....
John H. Bomberger, D.D.....	41 Dorchester Ave., Cleveland	Hough Ave.....
E. Ezra Nefflek.....	Wooster, Ohio.....	Wooster.....
Charles E. Ewing.....	Barberton, Ohio.....	First Reformed.....
Henry L. Beam.....	Wadsworth, Ohio.....	Trinity.....
Olyver P. Foust.....	Massillon, Ohio.....	First Reformed.....
Samuel A. Stamm.....	West Salem, Ohio.....	Folk.....
Wallace W. Foust.....	Nimishill, Ohio.....	Manchester.....
John M. Kendrick, D.D.....	Lake, Ohio.....	Uniontown.....
W. A. Froum.....	Ganges, Ohio.....	Ganges.....
Vacant.....	Mohican, Ohio.....	Mohican.....
Isaiah S. Burger.....	Marshallville, Ohio.....	Marshallville.....
Harry J. Rohrbaugh.....	New Berlin, Ohio.....	New Berlin.....
Edward G. Klotz.....	Canal Fulton, Ohio.....	Salem.....
E. G. Klotz, supply.....	Canal Fulton, Ohio.....	Grace.....
William S. Adams.....	Massillon, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.....	Tuscarawas.....
Joseph C. Smith.....	Apple Creek, Ohio.....	Apple Creek.....
Albert Klinger.....	Savarre, Ohio.....	Savarre.....
John D. Neff.....	Dartville, Ohio.....	Peace.....
John A. Seitz.....	Reedsburg, Ohio.....	Reedsburg.....
Edward E. Saraggon.....	Barberton, Ohio, R. D. 33.....	Grace (Loyal Oak).....
C. E. Ewing, supply.....	Barberton, Ohio.....	Goss Memorial.....
H. L. Beam, supply.....	Wadsworth, Ohio.....	Mt. Zwingli.....
Alexander Ludman.....	Lorain, Ohio.....	Hungarian.....
L. U. Elsworth Kunkle.....	Canton, Ohio.....	Without charge.....
Phaon W. Snyder.....	Wooster, Ohio.....	Without charge.....
Otto C. Reuter.....	992 Logan Ave., Cleveland, O.....	Without charge.....
Myron E. Graber, Lic.....	Tiffin, Ohio.....	Without charge.....
J. H. Shreffler, Lic.....	Ashtand, Ohio.....	Without charge.....

TIFFIN GLASSIS.

A. C. Shuman, Std. Clk.....	85 Cleburn St., Tiffin, Ohio.....
Frederick W. Hoffman.....	Tiffin, Ohio.....
James H. Steele, D.D.....	Belleuve, Ohio.....
D. W. Loucks.....	St. Paul, Bellevue.....
A. D. Wolfinger.....	Bloomville, Ohio.....
A. C. Shuman.....	Sycamore, Ohio.....
G. W. Good.....	Fremont, Ohio.....
F. E. Zechel.....	Fosteria, Ohio.....

Congregations.	Members.			Additions.			Losers.			Sunday-Schools.			Contributions.				
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1	275	265	76	10	12	22	18	4	11	1	1	384	1	435	2529	12	12
1	200	161	73	9	11	2	2	5	1	1	32	35	1	526	1154	12	12
1	282	265	60	4	14	21	21	16	6	1	40	276	10	685	3329	10	10
1	273	240	125	7	13	10	6	10	1	2	26	219	400	400	1000	12	12
1	167	158	61	8	2	13	5	13	5	1	1	20	230	326	1243	12	12
1	357	317	35	4	15	9	25	6	1	8	1	26	258	933	1652	15	8
1	169	165	65	4	16	4	16	4	1	3	1	22	237	192	1225	8	8
4	248	218	34	2	8	15	8	3	16	3	4	53	264	384	781	18	18
3	250	231	37	2	11	27	11	4	3	3	48	245	1	327	1376	15	15
3	360	339	83	3	1	2	3	8	11	1	34	329	1	400	2206	1	1
2	163	96	3	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	17	105	1	350	345	9	9
2	175	167	42	5	14	28	4	5	9	7	40	190	12	158	848	12	12
2	135	126	58	3	3	6	6	6	3	3	24	280	24	253	796	14	14
2	462	399	175	28	9	36	19	7	3	3	44	334	1	528	822	17	17
1	148	135	50	8	10	9	5	16	1	1	20	100	1	250	750	15	15
1	23	20	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	1	10	50	1	14	80	6	6
4	281	245	150	14	5	18	2	10	11	5	4	50	284	321	3051	16	16
1	151	130	52	9	6	21	12	1	1	1	19	109	203	813	10	10	
4	182	112	73	2	4	10	15	16	1	2	4	42	252	445	1840	13	13
2	222	194	87	5	6	23	11	6	8	2	24	174	327	679	13	13	
1	148	11	1	1	14	1	1	4	1	3	43	253	306	697	12	12	
1	72	68	28	3	1	4	4	6	1	3	15	92	104	475	8	8	
1	23	22	1	1	3	20	2	2	1	1	11	57	7	118	8	8	
1	78	66	15	1	1	3	3	2	1	1	12	72	147	250	6	6	
1	95	90	25	1	3	1	3	3	5	3	4	33	35	410	3	3	
1	200	188	54	4	9	13	8	10	1	1	18	140	225	2426	1	1	
1	158	141	37	10	4	3	6	6	2	3	20	176	1	150	1255	1	1

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J. B. Shumaker, D.D.	Clyde, Ohio, R. F. D. 3.	Zion	102	110	50	6	5	12	9	4	2	15	186	100
Jacob Ihie	Tiffin, Ohio	St. Jacob's & Glade	2	148	120	43	6	3	2	2	2	20	90	70
Heben Keller, D.D.	Lindsay, Ohio	Lindsay	3	151	125	38	4	2	5	1	4	37	197	290
J. E. Rusk, Ph.D.	Tiffin, Ohio	Bascom	2	170	151	5	5	8	4	2	2	26	135	129
E. N. Kruse	Ada, Ohio	Ada	3	136	107	60	11	8	17	3	1	13	117	60
B. H. Roth	Bettisville	Bettisville	2	121	111	45	2	2	2	1	3	28	205	47
E. E. Young	5282 High St., Lima, Ohio	Sulphur Springs	3	167	135	15	3	4	7	2	1	45	233	60
E. E. Reensnyder	Payne, Ohio	Calvary	1	105	80	19	3	4	13	7	3	18	105	200
J. H. Horning	3132 Scottwood Ave., Toledo	Payne	1	102	89	29	4	9	10	6	4	18	105	167
H. B. Dietenbach	Carrollton, Ohio	Grace	1	180	52	25	6	10	6	4	2	1	18	33
N. A. Alsopach	Liberty Center, Ohio	Salem	1	118	102	33	19	53	15	15	9	1	28	100
F. E. Zeechell, supply	Liberty Center, Ohio	Liberty Center	2	102	78	22	4	7	6	7	2	33	101	369
D. N. Loecks, supply	Tiffin, Ohio	Olive Chapel	1	51	40	21	4	17	6	4	2	4	62	1
David Van Horned, D.D.	Tiffin, Ohio	Hunt's Corners	1	13	9	10	2	15	1	2	1	8	25	35
Herman Rust, D.D.	Tiffin, Ohio	Pres. Held, T. Sem.												
A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D.	Tiffin, Ohio	Prof. Emeritus H.T.S.												
H. J. Christman	Tiffin, Ohio	Prof. Held, T. Sem.												
A. E. Balcilly, D.D.	Tiffin, Ohio	Fin. Sec. H. T. Sem.												
C. E. Miller, D.D.	Tiffin, Ohio	Pres. H. University												
F. W. Kennedy	Tiffin, Ohio	Prof. H. University												
F. H. Soudedecker, Lic.	Tiffin, Ohio	Prof. H. University												
J. I. Swander, D.D.	Tiffin, Ohio	Without charge												
C. W. Good	Tiffin, Ohio	Without charge												
E. E. Weller	Tiffin, Ohio	Without charge												
Jesse Richards	Tiffin, Ohio	Without charge												
Luther P. Gross	Tiffin, Ohio	Without charge												
J. H. Albright	Tiffin, Ohio	Without charge												

EAST, OHIO CLASSIS.														
G. H. Sonder, D.D.	G. H. Sonder, Std. Ck.	Louisville	1	389	356	88	27	4	18	24	12	2	286	8747
J. Theodore Bacher	Louisville, Ohio	St. Paul's, Osanburg	1	229	200	50	12	1	10	12	29	1	13	141
E. D. Wetlach, D.D.	Columbiana, Ohio	Grace Reformed	1	415	305	4	4	4	28	7	1	23	287	1475
J. C. Schaff	Cantfield, Ohio	Cantfield	1	149	113	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	45	400
George W. Weaver	Lisbon, Ohio	Jackson	1	58	40	1	2	3	2	3	1	1	40	37
S. L. Runkle	Lisbon, Ohio, R. F. D. 7.	St. Jacob's	1	201	172	25	3	8	12	10	10	1	15	265
S. V. Rohrbaugh	Carrollton, Ohio	Trinity	1	34	85	40	5	5	8	1	3	1	12	700
L. J. Rohrbaugh	North Lima, Ohio	St. Peter's	1	136	134	22	4	5	6	2	5	1	20	160
S. J. T. Flor	Calla, Ohio, R. F. D. 1.	Trinity	1	181	170	26	6	12	23	12	5	1	19	510
Cornelius Hauge	Robertsville, Ohio	Harsh	1	53	43	19	3	3	6	6	6	1	8	200
Henry T. Dibble	Leavittsburg, Ohio	St. Olivet	1	259	194	41	1	7	6	1	13	4	14	50
J. W. Geler	Petersburg, Ohio	Paradise	1	133	87	42	5	3	8	2	5	1	14	226
A. Zimmerman, S.T.D.	Alliance, Ohio, R. F. D. 3.	Israel's	1	165	100	58	5	6	1	5	2	1	14	165
		Christ's	1	192	170	63	4	6	3	3	5	1	14	297
		St. Marth's	1	55	53	25	2	6	3	6	2	1	21	294
		Southington	1	42	42	20	2	6	2	6	1	1	10	26
		Lordstown	1	191	11	36	2	9	2	6	1	1	6	54
		Old Springfield	1	39	40	22	2	1	5	7	1	1	6	41
		Salem, Unity charge	1	190	90	22	5	6	3	3	1	1	128	162
		Rebel	1	190	90	22	5	6	3	3	1	1	4	75
		Zion's	1	40	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	18
			1	40	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	181

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MINISTERS.
POST OFFICE ADDRESS
NAMES OF
CHARGES OR
CONGREGATIONS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.			Losses.				Sunday-Schools.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		Minutes Wanted.				
			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Excommunicated.	Prasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'cd.	Number of Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.						
George T. N. Beam.....	Youngstown, Ohio	St. Paul's	126	90	25	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	14	65	..	146	639	12				
		Bethlehem	35	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	150	..			
		Zion's Reformed	139	130	100	..	..	..	21	10	12	..	17	100	..	187	760	10			
		{ St. Peter's	90	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		{ Science Hill	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..		
		{ St. Paul's	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		{ Trinity	42	75	21	4	4	9	3	3	3	1	12	73	..	118	582	12				
J. C. Gekeler.....	Alliance, Ohio	Immanuel Reformed.	96	75	21	4	4	9	3	3	3	1	12	73	..	118	582	12				
C. H. Brandt.....	Lisbon, Ohio	1st Reformed Church.	63	53	35	4	3	7	8	6	1	1	12	74	..	38	1855	10				
George E. Metzger.....	Struthers, Ohio	Grace Reformed	39	39	15	12	8	24	..	..	..	1	14	78	..	12	1200	8			
Harvey H. Kilmer.....	Alliance, Ohio	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
George H. Albright.....	Lisbon, Ohio	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arthur V. Casselman.....	Columbiana, Ohio	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
George F. Chenot.....	Louisville, Ohio	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Albert H. Zechiel.....	Minneapolis, Minn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sylvanus S. Snyder.....	Chenechow, China	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edward H. Otting.....	Warren, Ohio	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Samuel Z. Beam.....	Carrollton, Ohio	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.			33	3986	2812	774	118	58	127	120	153	118	43	7	26	338	2836	..	\$5613	\$18168	118	
Vacant	Freeman Ware, Std. Clk.
John F. Hawk, Llc.....	Athens, Mich.	Athens	60	56	10	2	3	3	9	..	..	3	1	..	..	24	83	..	\$87	\$1652	8
W. Alvin Rex.....	West Unity, Ohio	Bunkerhill	130	..	34	..	3	3	7	12	10	2	17	103	..	238	560	12	..	..	..
Vacant	Colton, Mich.	Colton	201	66	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacant	Denver, Ind.	Denver	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacant	West Unity, Ohio	Eden	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harvey A. Weiker.....	Bluffton, Ind.	Emanuel's	195	140	134	5	1	4	1	1	3	2	36	212	..	215	800	12	..	..	..
Jessie H. String.....	Bluffton, Ind.	Bluffton, Ind.	236	241	32	18	17	14	16	6	1	28	341	21	..	390	1836	10	..	..	..
Nevin B. Mathes.....	Goshen, Ind.	First Reformed	286	244	22	3	19	3	21	2	5	1	21	172	1	288	1620	20	..	..	..
Charles W. Brugh.....	740 E. Millw. Ave., Detroit.	Grace	73	59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Allen K. Zartman, D.D.....	320 E. Wash. Boul., Ft. Wayne	Grace	315	270	93	13	11	39	17	3	24	3	19	236	..	22	636	8	..	..	..
Vacant	Mulberry, Ind.	Mulberry	358	285	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacant	Culver, Ind.	Marmont	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacant	Millersburg, Ind.	Millersburg	263	170	33	6	5	1	10	7	12	7	2	4	60	336	1	122	755	19	..	
George Longaker, supply	Three Rivers, Mich.	Moorepark	45	31	30	..	1	2	5	1	..	..	8	52	..	42	219	6	..	..	..
Vacant	Nottawa, Mich.	Nottawa	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
James S. Koppel.....	Plymouth, Ind.	Plymouth	141	93	32	1	2	11	7	..	..	3	15	276	..	97	828	10	..	..	..
George Longaker.....	Three Rivers, Mich.	Three Rivers	92	90	35	1	2	7	9	..	..	1	2	44	..	112	685	10	..	..	..
John H. Lautzenheiser...	Hudson, Ind.	Union	92	81	15	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	110	..	124	604	9	..	..	..
Joseph W. Barber.....	Fulton, Mich.	Wakeshmer	212	188	30	7	9	3	6	2	2	5	3	217	..	195	920	12	..	..	..
Freeman Ware.....	White Pigeon, Mich.	White Pigeon	45	45	5	2	..	4	3	4	3	..	1	13	..	50	421	6	..	..	..

Vacant Waterloo, Ind. Waterloo
 Elias Spangler Edgerton, Ohio Without charge
 John V. Potts North Robinson, Ohio Without charge
 Joshua J. Excell Wooster, Ohio Without charge

III. SYNOD OF N. W.
ZION'S CLASSIS.
 J. H. Bessel Geo. Grether, Std. Clerk.
 O. P. Vltz 219 Wash. Boul., Ft. Wayne.
 C. H. Schneider Vera Cruz, Ind.
 A. C. Preter R. F. D. 11, Decatur, Ind.
 Geo. Grether 6 Henry St., Huntington, Ind.
 Joshua Wolhaeb 304 N. 3d St., Decatur, Ind.
 Ph. Ruhl Auburn, Ind.
 Edwin H. Vornhoff 821 Clinton St., Ft. Wayne.
 Alvin Grether Berne, Ind.
 B. Ruf 116 E. 17th St., Marion, Ind.
 F. Kohl Ref. Orphanage, Ft. Wayne
 F. Emmer Lytton, Ohio
 Crestline, Ohio

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.
 C. T. Martin, D.D. D. W. Vriesen, Std. Clk.
 J. J. Janet, D.D. 612 Erie St., Sheboygan, Wis.
 L. W. Vriesen, D.D. R. R. 3, Manitowoc, Wis.
 R. A. Most. R. 1, Timothy, Wis.
 L. Moser R. R. 20, Campbellsport, Wis.
 L. W. Zeak Manitowoc, Wis.
 H. J. Vriesen R. F. D. 5, Sheboygan Falls.
 F. Grether, D.D. R. R. 29, Plymouth, Wis.
 Wm. Reeh Kiel, Wis.
 E. G. Krampfe R. R. 34, Elkhardt, Wis.
 H. T. Franke Elkhardt, Wis.
 H. T. Vriesen R. R. 2, Oshkosh, Wis.
 J. Schmalz R. R. 2, Greenwood, Wis.
 O. Muhlmeyer Potter, Wis.
 E. A. Fimstueck Wausau, Wis.
 O. Engelmann South Kaukauna, Wis.
 T. Schladknecht New Holstein, Wis.
 N. A. Arpke Chilton, Wis.
 A. Kuriz Dale, Wis.
 H. W. Schroer R. R. 1, Stratford, Wis.
 C. F. Dewlitz Launham, Mich.
 F. W. Redser Plymouth, Wis.
 C. F. Duhn R. R. 3, Kiel, Wis.
 George F. Zinn Green Bay, Wis.
 J. Stuekl Black River Falls, Wis.

3	2890	1932	407	74	86	117	134	67	97	38	12	26	415	1621	3	\$2414	\$14,665	179
1	663	525	300	26	21	6	7	7	48	11	1	21	286	2	\$696	\$2,540	25	
2	201	199	144	7	17	10	6	6	2	6	2	25	200	1	300	750	16	
1	185	178	92	8	6	4	5	2	4	4	1	18	102	2	480	817	8	
1	428	270	190	12	31	26	2	2	15	3	1	1	29	235	385	1375	12	
1	126	99	49	6	1	5	11	1	1	1	1	14	103	49	181	771	6	
2	147	112	86	6	8	2	1	1	2	2	2	21	122	107	2100	13	10	
1	363	240	190	14	5	5	7	4	12	5	1	18	120	183	2158	10	10	
1	283	221	175	6	3	14	2	2	2	3	1	2	221	175	484	1130	12	
2	87	49	30	2	4	...	9	1	11	1	1	8	88	...	42	425	3	
12	2543	1913	1256	87	16	107	80	28	90	29	11	112	166	1483	5	\$2878	\$12,978	114
1	270	200	160	6	...	11	4	3	...	...	1	40	130	3	\$406	\$750	25
1	455	225	212	41	3	48	6	5	18	8	9	2	45	315	306	1250	10	
1	175	140	96	2	...	7	2	...	...	5	1	20	75	...	300	875	8
1	156	96	99	4	...	6	...	...	...	4	1	12	65	...	243	558	8
1	176	85	59	5	...	4	...	9	...	1	2	14	70	...	85	992	8	
2	245	251	129	6	...	11	7	...	...	3	1	14	100	2	149	950	8
1	440	300	150	17	...	5	...	...	...	5	1	10	96	...	141	850	8
1	77	70	72	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	1	6	35	...	369	354	6
1	249	205	248	35	...	19	2	4	4	4	1	20	180	...	356	1100	8	
1	157	111	107	8	...	10	2	3	...	2	1	12	100	...	312	707	5	
2	169	129	85	12	...	4	6	...	...	3	2	11	90	...	87	950	8
2	161	85	37	1	...	4	2	...	...	2	1	6	14	...	76	472	7
2	236	196	153	12	...	19	9	13	6	1	2	24	78	...	325	1556	8	
1	202	80	107	15	...	17	6	...	...	4	1	7	62	2	302	730	5
1	206	150	140	16	...	20	...	...	...	10	1	20	170	...	46	700	7
1	170	126	106	8	...	10	14	...	...	4	1	1	12	83	302	1307	6
1	158	70	75	15	...	11	3	...	...	1	1	3	61	2	76	2425	7
1	335	120	90	18	...	14	3	...	...	4	1	4	75	...	90	635	5
2	143	84	126	6	...	8	4	...	...	6	1	2	5	49	49	690	9
3	161	119	170	31	...	9	8	...	...	11	1	8	85	...	65	1120	11
2	130	88	82	7	...	5	4	...	...	2	1	6	50	...	43	1000	5
1	190	150	94	10	...	2	9	12	3	1	1	8	72	1	90	700	4	
1	146	70	64	6	...	4	...	...	...	2	1	5	40	...	35	1160	5
2	70	38	68	7	...	2	...	...	...	3	1	5	29	...	18	275	6
1	46	37	50	3	...	6	4	...	...	1	1	5	47	...	17	47	4

MINISTERS.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS

NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

Minutes Wanted.

Contributions.

Sunday-Schools.

Losses.

Members.

Additions.

Deaths, Inc'd.

Deaths, Com'ts.

Students for Ministry.

Ministers, 35.	Congregations.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Sunday-Schools.			Contributions.								
		Comm'd.	Uncomm'd.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificat or Re-norm'l of Prof'n.	Dismiss'd.	Excommunicat'd.	Pressure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Inc'd.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.					
H. A. Muehlmeier, D.D.	Inspector of M. House																					
H. A. Meyer, D.D.	Prof. of M. House																					
Lic. J. Van Haagen, D.D.	Prof. of M. House																					
J. W. Grosshuesch	Prof. of M. House																					
Lic. E. Wentz	Prof. of M. House																					
K. F. Hagemmeyer	Housefather M. House																					
H. W. Stienecker	Without charge																					
J. Roek	Without charge																					
G. C. Blesser	Declar. ind.																					
Lic. F. N. Goetsch	R. R. 29, Plymouth, Wis.																					
Ministers, 35.		34	4479	3166	2816	294	15	269	119	50	11	54	52	28	30	320	2224	11	\$3135	\$20983	191	
INDIANA CLASSIS.																						
Chr. Wisner	L. D. Baus, Std. Clk.	1	138	104	64	6	6	6	6	1	1	9	65	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
H. H. Kartman	621 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis	1	362	250	190	11	2	16	3	1	1	21	135	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
J. O. Vitz	Poland, Ind.	1	352	250	205	7	2	16	3	1	1	27	347	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
A. F. Lienskaemper	627 E. Gray St., Louisville	1	110	50	41	1	1	2	6	2	2	8	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A. F. Lienskaemper	Linton, Ind.	1	40	23	15	1	1	2	6	2	2	8	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
J. F. Winter	Linton, Ind.	1	263	225	167	10	5	23	13	5	2	23	160	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
C. H. Schoepflor	172 S. 8th St., Terre Haute	3	166	59	73	3	3	5	3	3	5	11	60	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
C. H. Hanser	New Middletown, Ind.	2	160	140	100	7	5	7	3	3	2	13	160	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
C. Hassel	Crothersville, Ind.	1	380	225	125	9	11	3	2	8	4	1	23	160	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
W. H. Schroer	915 Ferry St., Lafayette, Ind.	1	127	92	90	7	1	11	3	2	4	1	15	144	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
H. W. Vitz	Clay City, Ind.	1	435	238	176	21	1	18	9	1	10	3	25	242	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
J. E. Vornholt	309 E. Merrill St., Indiana Hs. St. John, Ind.	1	375	153	210	15	15	18	2	4	2	1	16	160	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
A. Hoeker	123 W. Market St., Jeff. ville.	1	183	107	125	12	12	15	15	1	5	1	18	86	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
L. C. Rettig	R. F. D. 3, Dundas, Ill.	1	81	50	85	2	2	15	15	1	3	1	12	66	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
J. Vogt	Olney, Ill.	1	98	56	100	2	2	15	15	1	3	1	15	125	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
C. F. Kritek, D.D.	Belvidere, Tenn.	1	331	390	342	62	5	40	10	4	20	11	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
C. F. Whitthoff	1714 Prentice St., Louisville	1	68	40	8	1	2	16	3	1	16	3	65	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
E. Vornholt	3800 Broadway, Louisville Ky	1	401	298	173	39	15	12	6	6	17	4	1	26	241	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vacant	420 Prospect St., Indianapolis	1	86	76	68	10	1	16	2	2	2	1	14	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
L. D. Bams	Bernstadt, Ky.	1	96	76	68	10	1	16	2	2	2	1	14	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jullus Granel, Sr.	713 N. BeIm. Av., Indiana Hs. St. Paul, Indianapolis	1	80	70	42	6	3	3	1	1	1	12	65	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
G. L. Heck	007 Oakland Av., Indiana Hs. Hoop, Indianapolis	1	92	67	40	2	2	3	6	3	3	1	12	65	127	552	6	6	6	6	6	6
Vacant	1210 9th Av., Nashville, Tenn	1	60	55	35	3	3	6	6	1	1	3	35	4	20	750	6	6	6	6	6	6
Vacant	Hohenwald, Tenn.	1	60	55	35	3	3	6	6	1	1	3	35	4	20	750	6	6	6	6	6	6
W. Hmke	R. F. D. 2, Ottenheim, Ky.	2	78	59	58	4	4	5	1	1	2	2	39	28	38	290	5	5	5	5	5	5

F. C. Wirthoff	3800 Broadway, Louisville	W. Broadway, Lou'yle	1	36	25	55	3	1	6	5	2	1	7	75	16	100	5			
S. C. Barth	715 N. West St., Indianapolis																			
W. Wohlfart	New Middletown, Ind.																			
H. Helming	S. East & Morris St., Ind'lis																			
C. F. Keller	Chicago, Ill.																			
John Jaenelt	Evansville, Ind.																			
J. v. Gruenigen	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada																			
G. Badertscher	Louisville, Ky.																			
Ministers, 28.		30	477	3071	2617	233	32	204	71	33	68	76	28	27	333	2978	7	\$4606	\$27659	184

Students under care of Classes: Carl O. Schroer, Wm. Strietelmeier, N. A. Gibson and W. F. Naefe.

MILWAUKEE CLASSIS.	C. C. Lienkaemper, Std. Clk.	Ref. Friedens	1	216	125	101	10	8	9	10	12	4	1	12	98	\$174	\$925					
F. J. Dyken	R. R. 1, Jackson, Wis.	Sauk City	1	100	100	80	12	2	17	4	4	8	1	3	60	114	400	4				
J. J. v. Graenungen	Sauk City, Wis.	Dane	1	40	40	20	2	13	4	4	2	2	1	2	33	100	2	100	2			
H. C. Nott	493 4th St., Milwaukee, Wis.	1st Cong., Milwaukee	1	225	100	113	28	1	10	18	10	1	1	1	175	661	1098	6	1098	6		
William Diehm	615 Wis. Av., Waukesha, Wis.	Waukesha	1	204	146	74	37	14	14	14	1	2	1	1	14	105	900	5	900	5		
Calvin C. Lienkaemper	Wayne, Wis.	Pewaukee	1	43	35	39	6	3	3	3	1	3	1	4	20	34	210	4	210	4		
C. J. Wolenta	Box 204, Reeseville, Wis.	Salem	1	163	110	90	3	3	2	2	1	3	1	8	52	170	863	8	863	8		
J. C. Bureker	New Cassel, Wis.	1st and 2d Cong.	2	275	240	80	16	1	14	2	2	3	2	12	86	212	700	12	700	12		
E. R. C. Meyer	211 West St., Waukegan, Ill.	New Cassel	1	175	140	83	4	7	1	3	5	6	1	12	70	43	530	4	530	4		
R. D. Hantsch	Lowell, Wis.	St. John	1	110	81	65	14	10	2	10	3	2	2	1	10	35	10	48	1024	10	1024	10
H. Hesse	R. R. 3, Waukesha, Wis.	German Ref. Cong.	1	169	145	73	10	3	3	3	3	3	1	4	35	48	600	5	600	5		
E. R. Hinske	500 Cale St., Watertown, Wis.	First Cong.	1	122	76	25	3	12	1	1	1	1	1	4	32	42	524	7	524	7		
H. E. Grieb	Prairie du Sac, Wis.	Ref. Zeor	1	55	40	22	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	7	25	8	300	7	300	7		
C. Ruppert	West Bend, Wis.	Harrisburg Cong.	1	47	35	20	6	1	4	1	2	2	1	6	45	75	425	4	425	4		
W. G. Kuenzel	Juneau, Wis.	Emanuel	1	165	140	104	13	11	7	7	3	3	1	9	75	55	452	5	452	5		
Carl Heyl	Monticello, Wis.	Juneau Cong.	1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
F. P. Leich	Jackson, Wis.	Monticello	1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
A. Roth	New Glarus, Wis.	New Glarus	1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
E. Forberg	Milwaukee, Wis.	New Glarus	1	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Ernest Saure	New Glarus, Wis.	Ev. Ref. Zion	1	34	34	40	10	1	6	2	1	1	1	5	41	19	320	4	320	4		
Ministers, 19.		18	2240	1697	1074	175	5	134	60	16	1	32	46	7	11	133	977	1	\$1891	\$8161	160	

*Serving independent congregation.
 †Without charge.
 Statistics from November, 1904, on.
 Herman Struebing, student for ministry.

MINNESOTA CLASSIS.	J. G. Schmid, Std. Clk.	Paul	1 <th>148</th> <th>68</th> <th>133</th> <th>6</th> <th>7 <th>2 <th>2 <th>3 <th>1 <th>2 <th>46</th> <th>\$102</th> <th>\$650</th> </th></th></th></th></th></th>	148	68	133	6	7 <th>2 <th>2 <th>3 <th>1 <th>2 <th>46</th> <th>\$102</th> <th>\$650</th> </th></th></th></th></th>	2 <th>2 <th>3 <th>1 <th>2 <th>46</th> <th>\$102</th> <th>\$650</th> </th></th></th></th>	2 <th>3 <th>1 <th>2 <th>46</th> <th>\$102</th> <th>\$650</th> </th></th></th>	3 <th>1 <th>2 <th>46</th> <th>\$102</th> <th>\$650</th> </th></th>	1 <th>2 <th>46</th> <th>\$102</th> <th>\$650</th> </th>	2 <th>46</th> <th>\$102</th> <th>\$650</th>	46	\$102	\$650				
J. C. Ochsner	Hamburg, Minn.	Friedens	1	160	116	92	16	6	4	4	12	2	1	16	90	134	573	6	573	6
J. Hauser	952 Reaney St., St. Paul.	Zevingli	1	200	152	162	6	7	6	6	25	6	1	8	50	50	600	5	600	5
J. G. Schmid	Mantorville, Minn.	St. John	1	104	30	74	5	3	3	3	4	4	2	30	74	400	5	400	5	
J. Rosenau	Norwood, Minn.		1	104	30	74	5	3	3	3	4	4	2	30	74	400	5	400	5	

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			Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name	Deaths, Com'rs.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.		
F. W. Lemke	Wabasha, Minn.	Trinity	1	70	75	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	60	34	675	3			
W. Koehler	R. R. 3, Chaska, Minn.	Zoar	1	47	50	44	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	21	16	420	3			
J. Gatemann	R. R. 4, Garner, Iowa	Friedens	1	76	64	50	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	35	135	400	3			
J. Gatemann	R. R. 4, Garner, Iowa	Zion	1	34	22	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	31	16	150	3			
G. D. Elliker	Waukon, Iowa	Zion	1	215	175	101	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	145	127	17300	8			
*G. D. Elliker	Waukon, Iowa	Ebenezer	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
A. Muehlmeier	Klemme, Iowa	Emanuel	1	120	98	88	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	9	80	166	994	3			
J. Garcke	R. R. 1, Waukon, Iowa	Salom	1	162	140	89	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	11	135	530	807	3			
F. C. Lemme	R. R. 1, Thompson, Iowa	Bethania	1	43	24	50	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	34	17	008	3			
H. Heusser	Alma, Wis.	St. Paul	1	104	60	35	11	2	0	0	0	0	1	14	118	22	225	1			
H. Heusser	Alma, Wis.	St. Luke	1	60	31	40	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
H. Heusser	Alma, Wis.	St. John	1	88	60	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	30	66	258	1			
H. Heusser	Alma, Wis.	Emanuel	1	50	34	37	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	25	18	125	1			
Paul Ebinger	414 Market St., LaCrosse, Wis.	St. John	1	130	101	30	2	11	4	0	0	0	1	10	106	85	1100	3			
H. Andreas	R. R. 1, LaCrosse, Wis.	Trinity	1	65	65	35	3	6	2	0	0	0	1	8	87	104	369	5			
*A. Krahn	Theflinan, Wab. Co., Minn.	Trinity	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
*E. C. Burkhardt	Hertel P. O., Burnet Co., Wis.	Hope	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
†Otto J. F. Saewert	Ledyard, Kossuth Co., Iowa	Licentiate	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Ministers, 17.			20	1890	1340	1250	100	2	61	50	24	0	63	47	17	137	1113	7	\$1785	\$25501	66

*Members only given; rest counted with Zion congregation.

**Serves an independent congregation.

†Have just entered upon new mission fields.

Students for ministry under care of Classes: Herman G. Schmidt, Arnold G. Schmidt, Aug. Depping, Calvin A. Schmidt, Albert Pock, Herman Greimann, George L. Goll.

NEBRASKA CLASSIS.

John Arnold	W. Bonekemper, Std. Clk.	Immanuel	1	226	200	215	42	9	30	0	0	0	1	8	150	\$113	\$700	3
J. M. Baner	744 N. 12th St., Lincoln, Neb.	Hope, Second	1	40	36	60	5	5	3	0	0	0	1	5	25	36	250	5
W. Bonekemper	Belden, Cedar Co., Neb.	Immanuel	1	400	300	300	33	16	42	30	0	0	2	7	170	540	1200	10
J. B. Braun	Sutton, Clay Co., Neb.	Duncan and Gruneth	2	87	83	72	11	5	10	0	0	0	1	4	49	77	560	4
Aug. E. Hamann	R. R. 2, Sutton, Clay Co., Neb.	New Hope	1	55	55	27	9	4	10	0	0	0	1	4	44	32	350	4
Kred. Hinfhorst	Yutan, Saunders Co., Neb.	St. Peter	1	40	46	27	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	7	73	194	322	10
Konrad Iffert	R. R. 5, Norfolk, Neb.	Friedens & Immanuel	2	127	104	68	6	8	2	0	0	0	1	10	63	359	455	8
Emil Lehrer	R. R. 5, Humboldt, Neb.	St. John and Salem	2	140	128	80	8	6	0	0	0	0	2	10	84	130	500	9
Ft. Maurer	Harvard, Neb.	Zion and Immanuel	2	129	124	110	11	5	10	3	0	0	2	7	95	96	1119	9

Jacob Schaefer	Alexandria, Thayer Co., Neb.	Without charge	1	100	95	72	4	7	2	1	3	1	1	1	4	100	176	546	6	
John Schweickhardt	Marion, Jefferson Co., Neb.	Hope	1	30	30	15	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	23	112	17	3	
Vacant	Sutton, Neb.	Friedrichs	15	1374	1201	1094	132	66	99	46	34	10	8	15	71	878	1	\$1867	\$7889	67
Ministers, 11.																				
URSINUS CLASSIS.																				
Sam. Elliker, Jr.	F. W. Engelman, Std. Clk.	Marengo	3	306	264	178	19	6	12	3	4	1	3	17	123	117	\$800	15		
John Link	R. L. Marengo, Iowa.	Whoathland	3	220	280	180	15	1	28	8	1	3	29	180	220	1000	10			
Edw. Scheidt	R. I. Baxter, Iowa.	Bethania	1	258	143	73	6	10	1	1	1	15	120	161	469	2483	7			
Vacant	R. J. Schaeffer, Iowa.	Immanuel	1	103	74	83	7	1	3	1	4	1	4	2	6	48	113	635	4	
William Wittenberg	R. J. Newton, Iowa.	Zoar	1	148	61	100	8	1	12	6	40	10	6	40	111	775	5			
E. E. Gruenstein	Monticello, Iowa.	Monticello	1	213	204	128	21	20	15	1	6	45	10	118	659	10				
Fr. Mosebach	St. John, Iowa.	St. John	1	73	39	43	2	3	3	2	1	1	4	20	62	340	5			
Fr. W. Engelmann	Melbourne, Iowa.	Salem	1	168	98	73	10	3	1	1	11	35	2	152	3253	5				
A. C. Plappert	R. L. Slater, Iowa.	Salem	2	90	55	86	4	4	7	3	2	10	61	700	5					
Vacant	R. L. Odeboff, Iowa.	Salem	1	36	28	24	3	3	3	6	25	18	480	3						
†S. Elliker, Sr.	Marengo, Iowa.	Zwingli	1																	
†Jacob Kuhn	Ft. Dodge, Iowa.		1																	
Ministers, 10.																				

*Until recently pastor of Zwingli Church, Corluth, Iowa.

**Without charge.

†Served by Rev. G. J. Zeuk until the middle of June.

Students for the ministry under the supervision of the Classis, Herman Lehmann, Wilhelm C. Lehmann.

MISSOURI CLASSIS.																			
John Bleyer	Carl Jaekel, Std. Clk.	Zion	1	90	40	72	7	7	7	2	6	1	5	45	50	\$900	3		
A. Bolliger	808 Green St., St. Joseph, Mo.	Hope and St. John	2	235	210	160	5	18	3	2	2	16	145	2	628	770	8		
W. F. Horstmaier	R. R. 1, Cosby, Mo.	Salem	1	350	270	190	42	14	8	6	2	1	20	230	281	3520	6		
Carl Jaekel	1317 Sullivan Av., St. Louis.	Zion	1	68	46	63	14	4	4	3	1	2	1	15	95	52	222	5	
John Kuerlin	Potsdam, Mo.	Hebron	1	113	84	56	10	13	5	1	20	1	9	75	87	262	6		
Siegward Romels	Lowry City, Mo.	Schoenfeld	1	50	47	62	6	3	3	4	5	49	5	210	626	5			
Vacant	Millard, Barton Co., Kan.		1	140	40	81	3	3	3	3	1	7	70	35	260	4			
Vacant	R. R. 1, Rockville, Mo.	Zoar	1	43	33	38	4	4	4	4	1	2	18	4	4	4			
Carl L. Kemm	Oscoda, Curtin Co., Okl. Ter.	Immanuel	1	52	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57
A. G. Gekeler	Springfield, Mo.	Without charge	2	52	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57
Ministers, 8.																			
Recently taken charge.																			

CHICAGO CLASSIS.																			
F. Kaddolsch	Paul Traeger, Std. Clk.	1st Ev. Reformed	1	294	182	183	57	1	33	2	32	5	8	1	14	235	\$214	\$2533	10
Ernst Traeger	181 Hastings St., Chicago, Ill.	Ref., Zion's	1	156	115	62	8	5	1	3	3	3	1	18	106	76	882	5	
H. H. Bierbaum	92 Williams St., Freeport, Ill.	Washington & McCora	2	170	167	73	11	3	15	4	2	1	1	2	10	53	78	737	7
Johannes Traeger	Washington, Ill.	34 Ref., Frieden's	1	140	130	23	3	3	22	9	4	18	205	6	1513	6			
Paul Traeger	1328 W. Irving St., Chicago	Ev. Ref., Silver Creek	1	167	147	33	4	6	2	1	2	1	1	10	79	1	148	700	9
Wm. C. Zeuk	Rd. 3, Pearl City, Ill.	Salem's	1	146	92	97	9	14	18	19	2	1	1	5	75	113	450	5	
Louis Nunassy	\$506 Superior Av., S. Chicago	Hungarian Ref., Mis.	1	257	240	320	44	9	104	44	7	15	1	2	27	35	1414	4	

Ministers, 12												\$19	2734	2353	1136	101	17	86	71	43	84	38	14	19	221	1708	1	\$4243	\$10297	178								
SOMERSET CLASSIS.																																						
Homer S. May, Std. Clk.																																						
Benjamin Knepper	Connellsville, Pa.	2	205	166	52	4	6	3	7	10	1	1	2	24	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1635														
Hiram King, D.D.	Hyndman, Pa.	1	88	63	73	12	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	390							
A. R. Kremer, D.D.	Hyndman, Pa.	1	595	490	416	41	2	29	16	10	1	3	2	1	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	940														
A. E. Traxal, D.D.	Meyersdale, Pa.	2	143	105	127	11	6	11	4	3	2	1	28	306	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	940														
E. P. Skyles	Cumberland, Md.	2	242	217	76	4	5	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	222								
Adolphus Walker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk Lack, Pa.	Paradise	2	440	366	195	30	5	22	14	6	5	5	1	2	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	584														
Charles B. Rebert	Froststown, Pa.	5	220	186	115	5	5	12	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	235								
W. H. Lahr	Frostburg, Md.	1	320	216	162	24	4	9	6	1	12	6	2	1	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	814														
W. C. Sykes	Berlin, Pa.	1	304	267	138	18	1	4	5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	375									
J. F. Kerlin	Jenncrstown, Pa.	4	205	149	78	2	1	4	9	4	3	1	3	31	163	.....	.....	.....	.....	400														
Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	242
Glade	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79
Wellersburg	836																		
Wilmington	22																		
Wilhelm	60																		
New Centerville	305																		
Rockwood, Pa.	269																		
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*Received from Westmoreland Classis June 2, 1905. To be installed pastor of the Will's Creek charge. Ordained Sunday evening, June 4, 1905.

Rev. A. W. Kaske was dismissed to Toledo Classis, April 5, 1905.

ALLEGHENY CLASSIS.												1	434	355	163	13	4	21	40	17	7	4	8	1	16	230											
Daniel N. Harnish, Std. Clk.																																						
J. H. Pruch, D.D.	262 Coltart Sq., Pittsburg.	1	265	240	220	12	5	17	12	16	3	2	1	24	260	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....													
P. C. Prugh, D.D.	Butler, Pa.	1	70	65	25	5	2	6	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38								
D. N. Harnish	Butler, Pa.	1	313	260	169	19	1	10	11	5	5	1	1	13	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	534														
A. K. Kline	758 Most Av., Wilkesburg.	1	181	170	95	5	4	16	10	6	9	2	1	1	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	294														
Z. Grant Walter	819 Heberton Av., Pittsburg.	1	253	231	129	9	3	10	9	3	8	4	2	2	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	352														
A. Leutzner	Harmony, Pa.	2	85	70	39	9	4	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150								
F. R. Dietz	Turtle Creek, Pa.	1	154	136	78	11	17	36	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	390								
Charles H. Foust	R. F. D. 9, Butler, Pa.	1	35	31	36	5	1	5	8	1	10	1	1	11	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	52														
A. C. Snyder Ph.D.	Bouquet, Pa.	1	85	77	56	9	3	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	154								
A. B. Bauman	Pitcairn, Pa.	1	190	178	109	8	4	49	2	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	286										
A. C. Dieffenbach	Falk Av., Allegheny	1	139	80	60	11	1	6	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128								
D. B. Ludy, D.D.	Duquesne, Pa.	1	246	141	140	15	5	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	270								
S. C. Long	133 New Castle, Butler, Pa.	1	277	277	180	102	1	13	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	394								
A. H. Gluder	Evans City, Pa.	1	104	104	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28				
Henry Hollzer	170 Home St., Pittsburg.	1	264	230	165	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28					
Casper Scheel	Zelienople, Pa.	2	65	48	35	14	10	9	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	631								
D. F. Schaefer	R. F. D. 76, Chicora, Pa.	1	106	95	60	3	2	9	20	13	12	1	1	1	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	98														
Alex. Kalassy	Johnson Av., Pittsburg.	1	440	408	234	13	2	23	27	20	7	1	1	33	359	.....	.....	.....	.....	104														
Alex. Harsanyi	1068 Trenton Av., Homestead.	1	130	105	60	9	2	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	825								
E. H. Lawbach	Chicora, Pa.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7360	
A. Z. Collison	1114 McClure St., Homestead	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	844	
Aaron Noll	428 Butler Av., Meekesport.	1																		
Lewis Robb	1028 South Av., Wilkesburg.	1																		
Vacant	New Kensington, Pa.	1																		

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Vacant	1	133	96	98	3	4	10	6	1	1	2	1	16	80	230	950	20			
Vacant	1	150	170	100	1	18	18	18	16	20	7	2	1	13	328	3101	8			
A. K. Kline, supply	1	10	6	6	1	6	6	3	3	6	6	1	1	25	44	44	2			
D. H. Leader	1	17	16	14	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	4	27	27	20	4	4			
St. Luke, Braddock.	1	133	96	98	3	4	10	6	1	1	2	1	16	80	230	950	20			
St. Mark, Pittsburg.	1	150	170	100	1	18	18	18	16	20	7	2	1	13	328	3101	8			
Faith, Homeville	1	10	6	6	1	6	6	3	3	6	6	1	1	25	44	44	2			
Immanuel	1	17	16	14	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	4	27	27	20	4	4			
Supc. St. Paul O. H.	27	4167	3547	2292	383	33	223	329	124	127	110	48	27	322	2920	1	\$10,488	\$50938	226	
V. POTOMAC SYNOD.																				
ZION CLASSIS.																				
Aaron Spangler, Std. Clk.	3	178	139	79	10	2	6	1	2	2	2	3	3	78	272	556	\$1012	18	18	
Host, Berks Co., Pa.	1	620	425	260	14	4	23	10	20	7	2	2	1	49	647	454	4369	12	9	
125 N. Beaver St., York	1	193	146	103	11	1	13	27	1	1	2	1	27	321	72	1050	9	9	9	
George S. Sorber	1	419	W. Phila. St., York	1	18	10	6	1	45	545	428	1280	12	10	12	10	12	10	12	
George Stritzel, Ph.D.	4	306	274	250	23	2	1	2	1	7	1	4	46	282	304	1110	10	10	10	
John J. Stauffer	5	1018	970	678	99	5	30	17	7	12	24	5	48	900	448	2570	35	35	35	
Oliver P. Schellhamer	1	568	428	230	11	1	16	11	3	3	6	1	40	406	6240	5065	15	15	15	
Raymond E. Butz, M.D.	3	345	247	143	1	8	2	2	2	2	2	4	78	456	270	1780	26	26	26	
Henry H. Apple	4	399	340	323	23	16	7	3	8	4	4	56	266	332	940	21	21	21	21	
William A. Korn, Ph.D.	3	205	155	129	17	10	18	7	5	7	9	1	28	407	195	1356	10	10	10	
Hiram J. Hilegass	8	438	364	214	21	1	8	24	5	2	3	50	219	186	1370	21	21	21	21	
E. Bruce Lytle	1	223	N. Hartley St., York	1	13	10	10	10	6	2	2	1	35	432	762	2576	9	9	9	
Israel S. Leiby	2	133	115	125	8	10	9	4	3	3	3	1	16	101	16	275	8	8	8	
E. E. Emborf	1	53	38	36	3	2	8	2	2	2	2	1	16	101	16	275	8	8	8	
J. Kern McKee	1	132	74	62	8	1	8	22	1	10	2	1	13	128	30	340	14	14	14	
Robert L. Balr	2	200	150	100	10	7	13	2	2	2	3	1	16	183	35	608	12	12	12	
Charles B. Helmly	1	15	14	15	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	20	74	13	68	43	43	43	
Arthur C. Ohl	1	16	15	20	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	20	74	13	68	43	43	43	
Howard A. Althouse	40	5631	4474	2856	316	32	187	178	102	60	71	68	39	736	6201	\$10029	\$20614	265	265	
W. A. Korn, Ph.D., sup'y																				
J. Kern McKee, supply																				
MARYLAND CLASSIS.																				
Joseph W. Santee, D.D.	1	558	485	345	19	1	14	3	10	12	10	1	89	407	\$2876	\$3953	1	1	1	
George L. Staley, D.D.	1	520	441	140	17	5	22	11	5	8	7	1	29	333	1538	2813	1	1	1	
E. R. Eschbach, D.D.	1	686	508	483	25	26	13	11	4	6	2	1	29	333	573	4658	1	1	1	
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	2	397	340	113	12	4	17	24	5	1	3	2	37	343	5325	2000	1	1	1	
Joel T. Rossiter, D.D.	3	390	268	236	27	12	12	10	1	2	4	3	39	225	262	1440	1	1	1	
Conrad Clever, D.D.																				
Silas M. Hench																				
E. R. Deatrick, Std. Clk.																				
Fort Washington, Pa.																				
1516 Bolton St., Baltimore																				
Fredrick, Md.																				
Hagerstown, Md.																				
822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore																				
Hagerstown, Md.																				
Frederick, Md.																				

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\$2876	\$3953	\$10029	\$20614	89	407	12	10	1	14	3	10	558	485
1538	2813	35	608	29	333	8	7	1	29	333	573	4658	2813
5325	2000	13	68	37	343	1	3	2	37	343	5325	2000	5325
262	1440	95	43	39	225	1	2	4	3	39	225	262	1440

Joseph L. Murphy, D.D.	Hickory, N. C.	1	204	174	57	18	2	16	12	13	1	1	1	12	119	800	1406	10
Jacob C. Leonard	Lexington, N. C.	1	110	97	42	6	7	18	14	1	1	1	1	12	220	311	848	8
J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph.D.	Crescent, N. C.	4	226	223	241	25	1	8	2	6	1	4	4	562	4	387	460	25
James D. Andrew	Burlington, N. C.	3	246	189	52	3	14	15	18	6	10	5	3	23	537	147	715	20
Julius H. Shuford	Without charge																	
William H. McNairy	Lenoir, N. C.	1	30	27	15	7	5	5						54	150	400	5	
Clarence Clapp	China Grove, N. C.																	
Henry E. Sechler	Seabreeze, Florida																	
Joseph L. Bowers	China Grove, N. C.	2	229	203	125	16	1	8	4	1	2	1	2	27	273	105	401	8
John H. Keller	Mc. Hensant, N. C.	3	287	175	225	14	17	12	7	12	1	4	2	35	243	550	950	24
W. B. Dutera, B.D., Ph.D.	Salisbury, N. C.	1	61	42	37	4	1	13	7	2	3	1	1	8	66	58	679	5
David E. Bowers	High Point, N. C.	1	68	37	23	2	3	3	9	2	2	1	2	22	371	39	125	5
Sammuel W. Beck	Concord, N. C.	1	95	74	51	1	3	4	2	1	1	1	1	12	84	82	862	6
Walter W. Rowe	Rockwell, N. C.	3	401	310	260	21	2	36	30	6	3	3	3	39	540	2	665	18
Catlin H. Heller	Malden, N. C.	4	340	284	167	19	14	4	8	4	2	3	2	36	197	400	863	29
William H. Consey	R. D. 1, Lexington, N. C.	4	525	438	89	18	8	27	5	6	2	4	3	27	410	329	702	24
Shuford Peeler	Greensboro, N. C.	1	27	24	7	2	1	1	5	2				12	135	11	183	3
Allen Holsinger, M.D.	Rockwell, N. C.																	
Charles E. Walter	Newton, N. C.	1	163	132	90	2	1	12	13	3	2	1	1	18	130	212	1334	9
George A. Snyder	Newton, N. C.																	
Fredrick P. Troner	Thomasville, N. C.	3	180	120			3	1	1		2	3	2	20	210	113	230	16
Vacant	R. P. 2, Lexington, N. C.	1	300	225	75	2	4	11	62		1	2	2	20	275	331	45	20
Vacant	Lamont, N. C.	2	335				1	16	62	3	2	2	2	22	206	2		
Vacant	Conover, N. C.	4	213	176	103	8	11	3	2		1	1	1	9	63	113	988	12
W. H. McNairy, supply	Blowing Rock, N. C.	1	20											34	35	35	34	4
Vacant	R. D. 1, Hickory, N. C.	1	80	60	32	2	2	5			2	1	1	8	69	48	162	4
J. C. Leonard, supply	Lexington, N. C.	1	37	30	2		14	16	24	2	1	1	1	9	119		56	4
J. L. Murphy, supply	Hickory, N. C.	1	13		2													
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GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.																		
William K. Zieher, D.D.	Hanover, Pa.																	
Thomas J. Eakley, D.D.	Gettysburg, Pa.																	
Walter E. Krebs, D.D.	Lithestown, Pa.	1	294	287	290	10	4	1	10		4	1	21	175	\$430	\$2408	18	
John H. Hartman	Hanover, Pa.	4	370	330	350	44	34	3	5	12	2	4	3	180	268	1200	30	
Francis S. Lindaman	Lithestown, Pa.	2	710	670	475	45	1	22	5	17	9	5	3	62	367	1500	1200	29
John F. Mackley	Fairfield, Pa.																	
J. Marion Mackley	McKnightstown, Pa.																	
Marshall J. Roth	Sumner, Ind.	1	628	600	265	35	33	30	12	25	15	6	1	37	590	2	454	3662
Paul M. Spangler	Hanover, Pa.	4	331	258	100	22	3	3	4	8	7	4	35	250	145	667	16	
Wharton A. Kline	East Berlin, Pa.																	
Nathan W. Sechler	Collegeville, Pa.	3	789	720	515	28	22	3	6	11	4	3	38	230	1	352	1114	18
J. Hamilton Smith	Lithestown, Pa.	1	317	280	135	10	5	9	10	4	3	1	30	210	400	1600	15	
Theodore C. Hesson	Arendtsville, Pa.	2	427	373	188	13	6	7	11	6	1	2	270	60	450	967	20	
Silas P. Manger	New Oxford, Pa.	3	600	480	200	25	25	5	16	8	16	3	48	340	395	1356	24	
Jacob M. Stiek	Souda, Japan																	
William E. Bushong	Hanover, Pa.	3	403	376	210	17	14	67	21	11	7	5	3	35	260	525	1550	40
E. William Stonebraker	Fairfield, Pa.	1	720	496	163	15	1	8	13	9	1	1	31	316	4	1418	12520	12
Elli S. Hay	Hanover, Pa.	2	441	406	280	30	1	8	9	5	3	2	36	231	171	600	15	
Jacob N. Faust	Spring Forge, Pa.																	
T. J. Barkley, supply	Gettysburg, Pa.	29	6187	5411	3293	292	20	259	112	110	1	48	106	36	29	446	3529	7
86525 \$28526 278																		

		3	70							2	18	48	21	18						
Vacant	Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa.	3	70																	
Vacant	Orhisonia, Huntingdon Co., Pa.	3	374	279	122	13	8	16	4				1478	1572						
Vacant	Huntingdon, Pa.	53	5518	5633	2876	267	84	304	214	137	58	99	24	604	5441	2	\$9156	\$34343	387	
VI. GER. SYN. OF EAST.																				
NEW YORK CLASSIS.																				
Vacant	E. W. C. Brueckner, Std. Clk	1	146	125	250	40	5	16	6	5	12	2	1	15	250		\$104	\$2215	9	
Vacant	874 E. 141st St., New York.	1	361	230	170	18	12	21	1	1	8	1	1	21	119		165	2065	10	
Vacant	New Brunswick, N. J.	1	217	140	60	36	1	11	1	1	17	2	1	23	180		112	1562	9	
Vacant	46 Chapel St., Bridgeport, Conn.	1	337	266	200	15	4	5	4	3	4	3	1	22	156		63	1317	9	
Vacant	Milltown, N. J.	1	450	430	400	114	50	19	4	7	12	8	2	32	520		490	3946	12	
Vacant	306 Graham Av., Brooklyn.	1	305	300	400	82	34	15	2	25	3	4	2	24	300		75	3720	9	
Vacant	442 W. 57th St., New York.	1	304	287	362	62	2	30	30	1	17	2	1	32	300		188	3079	13	
Vacant	44 Wyona St., Brooklyn.	1	122	63	79	10	14	2	9	1	12	12	1	12	125		56	1874	7	
Vacant	Holyoke, Mass.	1	117	78	50	28	10	7	1	15	15	1	1	17	135		100	1472	9	
Vacant	Bethany, N. Y.	1																		
Vacant	Hung., S. Norwalk	1																		
Vacant	Hung., Bridgeport	1																		
Vacant	Hung., New York	1	100	86	63	15	2	24	2	2	2	1	8	95		71	1474	9		
Vacant	Christ, Boston, Mass.	1																		
Vacant	Hung., Passaic, N. J.	1	104	84	100	9	20	7	10	1	1	1	17	200		42	1319	8		
Vacant	St. Luke, Brooklyn	1																		
Vacant	Hung., Woodbridge	3																		
Vacant	City Missionary	1																		
Vacant	Housefather O'Neill O.H.	1																		
Vacant	Harbor Missionary	1																		
Vacant	Without charge	1																		
Vacant	Without charge	1																		
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W. NEW YORK CL.																				
A. E. Dahmann, D.D.	C. H. Gundlach, Std. Clk	1	1342	1100	1220	45	1	46	12	8	14	28	5	1	51	580		\$814	\$5323	18
Conrad A. Hauser	71 Locust St., Buffalo, N. Y.	1	332	291	159	17	21	8	1	1	14	4	1	25	183		261	2272	12	
Carl H. Gundlach	103 Hamilton St., Rochester.	1	141	110	30	2	1	10	56	1	1	1	10	56	52		52	441	7	
Valentin Rettig	Clarence, N. Y.	1	476	338	382	21	24	19	8	14	7	2	1	27	260		212	2978	9	
George Ulrich	417 Sherman St., Buffalo.	1	190	81	96	8	7	3	1	3	3	3	1	14	97		242	686	9	
Alfred Grether	Ebenezer, N. Y.	1	238	156	298	8	2	22	10	4	7	11	4	1	23	127		1658	1330	8
Jacob Storck	2 Brook St., Titusville, Pa.	1	438	320	310	21	21	23	3	2	1	1	25	240	118		110	3290	10	
Herm Achermann	622 E. Utica St., Buffalo.	1	300	175	183	26	17	50	4	2	1	1	15	225	201		174	1800	9	
John M. G. Darms	35 Miller Av., Buffalo.	1	280	230	110	13	19	18	3	3	1	1	21	260	1		55	1313	7	
William Bollman	43 Duerslein Av., Buffalo.	1	225	195	200	25	17	15	10	7	4	2	1	15	175		107	1208	7	
Adolph Krampe	54 Rott St., Buffalo.	1	116	86	70	11	14	10	15	1	1	1	16	130	1		63	588	5	
August Weber	S. Linn St., Buffalo.	1	88	75	100	15	4	8	1	1	1	1	16	58	5					
Moritz Helzke	Warren, Pa.																			
Johannes Kuehling, 110.	69 French St., Buffalo.																			
E. A. Hofer	674 Humb. Parkway, Buffalo.																			
Conrad Borchers	218 Kingsley St., Buffalo.																			
	Zellenpole, Butler Co., Pa.																			
	•Ridgeway and Arroyo																			
14 4167 3151 2985 212 4 224 157 25 69 68 22 14 258 2271 3 \$3979 \$22939 112																				

Students for the ministry: Wm. Huber, Oscar Dorehel, Carl Dettelbch.

•Supplied by Rev. E. De Gollar.

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GER. PHILA. CLASSIS.	M. F. Dumstrej, Std. Clk.	Salem	1	590	470	350	69	3	22	5	1	5	60	500	\$945	14				
F. H. Berlemann, D.D.	341 Fairmount Av., Phila.	Zion	1	730	650	300	114	1	63	20	2	9	53	650	..	..	742	12		
P. L. Doppell, D.D.	1230 N. 6th St., Philadelphia	Bethlehem	1	376	290	219	31	1	13	18	8	1	25	260	..	..	125	12		
G. A. Haack	711 Belgrade St., Philadelphia	St. John and Zion	2	112	68	117	9	1	5	8	2	1	18	130	..	..	10	6		
Julius Fefcke	Glassboro, N. J.	Bethlehem, Glassboro	2	52	52	31	1	1	4	8	2	9	6	44	..	..	13	6		
J. B. Forster	2631 Filmore St., Phila.	Emanuel, Berleburg	1	232	215	189	34	29	6	20	6	4	1	40	320	..	..	131	10	
R. S. Stern	413 N. 38th St., Philadelphia.	Emanuel, West Phila.	1	445	315	105	15	15	12	15	12	4	2	19	200	..	..	451	12	
Ph. Vollmer, D.D.	1315 S. Cleveland St., Phila.	St. Paul	1	916	705	360	64	1	44	69	1	12	11	40	500	..	..	394	10	
G. A. Scheer, D.D.	2404 N. 6th St., Philadelphia	St. Mark	1	710	615	325	110	1	92	47	1	17	12	1	62	1000	300	13		
G. P. Selbel	169 N. Mulberry St., Lancaster	St. John, Lancaster	1	243	141	150	13	1	6	7	2	3	1	17	123	..	..	129	12	
L. K. Derr, D.D.	822 Washington St., Reading	Zion, Reading	1	585	490	240	35	1	30	32	5	1	35	489	..	..	500	10		
C. K. Gramm, assistant.	921 N. 29th St., Philadelphia.	St. Luke	1	290	260	190	52	1	30	10	3	1	25	325	..	..	171	14		
V. J. Tingler	3391 Frankford Av., Phila.	St. John	1	287	210	198	52	1	22	24	1	3	5	24	352	..	..	120	12	
U. O. Silrlus	3623 N. 5th St., Philadelphia	St. Matthew	1	320	273	250	100	2	51	39	7	1	25	30	600	..	..	162	14	
M. H. Mishler	534 Franklin St., Reading	St. John, Berks City	1	350	335	200	34	3	35	2	12	5	1	40	600	..	..	100	10	
Frank Laros	319 N. Evans St., Pottstown.	St. Paul, Pottstown	1	217	156	150	4	4	7	4	2	1	2	150	..	..	93	10		
*William J. Hinke	341 Fairmount Av., Phila.	Zurich, Switzerland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
G. L. Nefz	Zurich, Switzerland	Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. H. Leiser	912 Penn St., Reading	Invalid.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
J. H. Helebold			
			17	6435	5088	3374	737	9	459	304	42	..	209	163	89	21	503	5781	..	\$4361	\$48160	180

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GER. MARYLAND CL.	Herman Wiemer, Std. Clk.	St. Paul 5th Ger. Ref.	1	520	361	269	52			
Marcus Bachman, D.D.	202 S. Patt'n Park Av., Balto.	Friedens	1	170	108	120	15	1	27	4	1	8	14	11	1	17	180	..	\$370	\$9810	17	
Herman Wiemer	607 Cumberland St., Baltimore	Zion	1	200	155	175	15	1	6	1	8	3	5	1	14	120	..	..	77	2000	17
John Sommerlatte	1039 Ailsouth St., Baltimore	Emanuel	1	374	260	200	29	1	24	67	1	11	6	1	23	135	..	..	67	2550	12
J. Sam. Kosover	306 E. Schroeder St., Balto.	St. John 4th Ger. Ref.	1	288	189	200	14	14	7	5	107	18	1	1	29	242	..	..	365	3321	15
Hugo Eickelberg	2617 E. Preston St., Balto.	First Reformed	1	251	210	172	18	1	27	1	5	1	1	14	140	..	..	195	1855	13	
James D. Buehrer	606 N. St., N. W., Washington	Zion	1	110	54	85	12	1	7	1	7	1	1	9	89	..	..	36	4023	10	
Vacant	Cumberland, Md.	St. John	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1206	7
Vacant	Frederick, Md.	First Reformed	1	37	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vacant	Jacksonville, Md.	Independent Lutheran	1	42	42	19	2	7	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Henry C. Schmeier, D.D.	2221 E. Baltimore St., Balto.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
G. M. de F. Zacharias	Cumberland, Md.	
			9	1892	1404	1040	157	2	94	138	6	..	157	67	20	8	130	1100	..	\$1415	\$18469	85

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ERIE CLASSIS.		VILLAGE CLASSIS.																MINISTERS, 26.			
F. W. Letch.....	1	310	271	172	15	10	7	2	2	8	4	1	19	190	\$208	1828	13	
J. H. C. Roentgen, Std. Clk.	4	175	144	132	14	2	12	3	2	11	9	3	17	145	..	..	..	180	1410	9
166 Putnam St., Cleveland.	1	490	378	220	35	16	16	2	..	..	10	8	28	257	1	..	..	596	1518	13
J. H. Stepler.....	1	351	247	123	21	15	32	1	..	..	17	2	21	253	1	..	..	373	1736	10
H. H. Schmidt.....	1	300	200	250	24	1	15	10	..	..	10	2	12	150	..	..	..	95	1500	9
L. D. Bennet.....	1	382	320	203	20	2	..	10	2	7	3	2	17	220	8	..	..	173	1720	8
W. Friebolin.....	1	121	83	64	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	4	56	..	..	..	696	963	7
W. Alger.....	1	106	63	58	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	16	150	..	..	..	236	1230	7
J. H. C. Roentgen, D.D.	7	710	654	660	104	2	69	38	14	48	17	19	4	490	2	..	..	275	3400	12
H. J. Kuetnik, D.D.	1	383	290	155	11	13	..	..	..	..	14	5	22	190	..	..	..	210	1450	10
A. J. Franz.....	1	30	25	10	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	12	80	..	..	..	5	110	2
H. B. Robrock.....	1	225	140	106	10	6	3	..	..	..	4	1	10	50	..	..	..	232	642	7
H. B. Robrock.....	1	588	424	250	31	15	21	8	..	..	7	5	21	235	1	..	..	827	2843	11
W. G. Klein.....	1	324	225	174	7	19	8	..	..	..	6	1	24	133	..	..	..	101	4495	12
F. Mayer.....	1	116	90	47	5	5	..	..	..	..	1	1	9	48	..	..	..	44	280	5
D. R. Kaiser.....	1	88	61	55	2	2	..	..	..	..	7	1	8	40	..	..	..	53	345	6
Vacant.....	1	115	99	85	7	5	15	10	..	..	4	1	9	80	..	..	..	88	1335	7
H. Nau.....	1	129	60	67	3	7	14	..	..	..	1	8	50	..	..	..	..	40	430	7
G. A. Golduhm.....	1	94	63	32	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	13	71	..	..	..	..	28	285	4
H. F. Hildemann.....	1	25	25	30	2	1	20	..	..	..	2	1	2	36	..	..	..	5	75	3
Vacant.....	1	26	..	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. Friebolin, supply	1	465	405	130	124	19	20	..	..	..	120	18	29	1	1	..	..	17	1876	4
J. H. Hepler, supply	1	60	45	26	18	1	7	..	..	..	1	2	1	40	..	..	..	10	554	1
A. Csontos.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
A. Korbel.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chr. Schuller.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
M. Vitz.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. Dreher.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Th. C. Henschen.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
W. Braun.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
A. G. Lohmann.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
F. Schaad.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ministers, 26.																					
HEIDELBERG CLASSIS.																					
John Bachmann.....	1	899	690	510	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
John H. Beck.....	1	181	148	80	9	6	14	3	..	..	29	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nathan H. Looser.....	1	140	130	60	7	3	4	1	..	..	3	1	19	131	..	..	..	169	800	7
*Charles Schmitt.....	2	359	160	80	10	3	3	..	..	..	4	3	17	160	..	..	..	92	620	7
D. M. Christmann.....	2	245	175	50	2	1	5	..	..	..	1	4	2	33	323	..	..	147	1200	9
Daniel Burgbaler.....	1	717	476	307	32	5	24	19	7	12	9	1	35	280	..	..	..	210	8000	7
*Henry C. Clausing.....	1	95	60	14	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	2	1	36	..	..	..	898	2970	16
H. O. Joeris.....	1	333	280	169	12	1	11	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	462	6
Paul H. Land.....	1	326	460	273	23	17	10	1	..	..	12	5	1	20	400	..	..	695	3700	10
*Morzon A. Peters.....	1	396	298	137	10	12	8	3	..	..	2	2	2	25	..	..	..	217	2267	10
Fried. W. Knaiz.....	1	198	175	66	8	4	3	..	..	..	3	2	4	90	..	..	..	370	1520	13
C. M. Schaaf.....	2	166	148	92	3	2	..	..	..	..	3	5	2	13	90	..	..	46	745	10
C. H. H. H. H. H. H. H.	2	151	77	52	6	1	..	..	..	..	2	7	2	164	..	..	..	178	1040	12
Ph. Stelnhage.....	2	103	160	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	30	..	..	..	..	42	532	3
H. W. Kopenhagen.....	4	201	130	..	15	3	5	1	7	60	124	450	8	
Waldo.....	4	291	130	..	15	3	24	2	3	28	173	79	696	8	
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			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Revival or Renewal of Forth.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Ersure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ed.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.
Paul G. Kluge.....	New Bremen, Ohio.....	Zion's Ferv., N. Bre.	187	135	100	6	1	5	4	1	1	1	23	165	2	689	1468
Paul G. Kluge.....	New Bremen, Ohio.....	Enmanuel's, Loramie	28	23	21	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	11	30	1	10	140
William A. Settlage.....	Marion, Ohio.....	1st Ref. Ger., Marion	215	175	70	7	1	5	3	4	2	1	16	139	7	127	1639
Peter Greding.....	Lima, Ohio.....	Freden's Shelby C'ty	53	46	42	1	2	3	3	3	3	1	9	48	3	77	270
J. J. Grimmer.....	Carrollers, Ohio.....	Caroline	255	174	114	8	1	3	3	3	3	2	17	105	2	126	260
Peter S. Kohler.....	St. Marys, Ohio.....	Ashland	396	233	192	23	12	10	1	8	3	1	16	146	1	255	1701
Christian Lober.....	Gallon, Ohio.....	**St. Paulus.....	180	140	30	10	4	4	3	3	1	1	10	90	1	50	400
Herm. H. Cook.....	Sandal, Japan.....	Japan Mission															
C. Hartmann.....	New Winchester, Ohio.....	Invalid															
L. C. Martin.....	Gallon, Ohio.....	L. C. Martin															
William Spies.....	Decatur, Ind.....	Emeritus															
F. W. H. Kueckermann.....	New Knoxville, Ohio.....	Emeritus															
John Winter.....	Gallon, Ohio.....	Emeritus															
31	5399	3980	2276	201	26	131	77	39	55	71	20	29	391	3530	7	\$7678	\$ 39440

*Resigned.

†Pastor elect, not yet installed.

‡Pastor elect, not yet installed.

**Independent congregations. Sums not included in total.

Students under care of Classis: Wm. Klierlin, L. Stolte, Conrad Hoffmann, Wm. Huckeride, Benj. H. Holtkamp, Geo. Feldvish, Wm. F. Maurer.

ST. JOHN CLASSIS.

ST. JOHN CLASSIS.	Edw. C. Stuebel, Std. Clk.	Fred. C. Nau.....	930 <th>790 <th>610 <th>42 <th>9 <th>46 <th>55 <th>8 <th>26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	790 <th>610 <th>42 <th>9 <th>46 <th>55 <th>8 <th>26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	610 <th>42 <th>9 <th>46 <th>55 <th>8 <th>26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	42 <th>9 <th>46 <th>55 <th>8 <th>26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	9 <th>46 <th>55 <th>8 <th>26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	46 <th>55 <th>8 <th>26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	55 <th>8 <th>26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th></th></th>	8 <th>26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th></th>	26 <th>19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th></th>	19 <th>1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th></th>	1 <th>42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th></th>	42 <th>750 <th>\$5300 </th></th>	750 <th>\$5300 </th>	\$5300
William Lienkaemper.....	R. R. 2, New Philadelphia, O.	St. Paul's	400	220	175	21	8	51	5	6	5	9	1	2	22	200
Julius F. Grauel.....	Mt. Eaton, Ohio.....	Shanesville	592	375	183	12	26	16	83	4	3	2	1	24	425	1100
George A. Drehschales.....	Shanesville, Ohio.....	Zion	483	365	183	19	9	20	4	1	1	1	2	34	205	169
Frank E. Lahr.....	New Bedford, Ohio.....	Ragersville	416	225	222	12	11	11	10	8	11	1	1	16	225	63
Fred. C. Sehnulle.....	Waynesburg, Ohio.....	Walnut Creek	443	410	293	14	1	2	2	9	8	3	3	37	281	341
A. C. Renoll.....	Waynesburg, Ohio.....	Christus	284	259	120	3	1	7	7	9	15	8	2	19	140	154
J. H. Poetter.....	Walnut Creek, Ohio.....	1st Reformed	283	160	125	6	2	9	3	3	8	2	1	27	475	1031
Theo. P. Bolliger.....	53 E. Center St., Akron, Ohio	1st Reformed	760	730	550	34	2	30	25	5	11	9	1	34	475	1681
Christian Ruefener.....	Millersburg, Ohio.....	Christus	476	422	215	18	2	11	13	7	7	7	1	27	427	301
John W. Belsor.....	Orrville, Ohio.....	Christus	290	116	160	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	22	105	28
Joseph A. Keller.....	Alliance, Ohio.....	Christus	337	326	135	18	6	17	17	4	2	13	1	20	300	299
Benj. Lienkaemper.....	3644 Noble St., Bellaire, Ohio	1st Reformed	354	179	145	31	3	17	12	2	3	2	1	18	145	304
John Heberle.....	Helvetia, W. Va.....	Helvetia	240	135	110	4	1	9	1	6	10	2	1	16	180	172
Ernst Preuss.....	30 36th St., Wheeling, W. Va.	Stephanus	165	85	80	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	87	87	61
Fred. Strasser.....	131 Graham St., Canton, Ohio	St. Market St.	233	190	160	15	1	12	1	1	5	2	1	23	154	174
			90	60	50	14	1	1	4	6	3	1	1	18	172	400

J. A. Doleh, 1134 Pearl St., Cleveland, O., Ed. der Kirchenzeitg.
A. E. Schade, D.D., 1134 Pearl St., Cleveland, O., Ed. S. S. Literature
William Stechow, Dundee, Ohio
Edw. W. Kruse, Ada, Ohio
Stephen M. Kovachy, Dillonville, Ohio

27 6088 3047 3333 206 71 255 270 68 2 98 116 36 24 403 4361 3 \$4495 \$29439 196

CINCINNATI CLASSIS.

D. Hagedkamp 1589 Freeman Av., Cincinnati
L. H. Kunst 1425 Sycamore St., Cincinnati
Anton Seyring 5125 Carthage Pl., Cincinnati
F. H. Diehm 205 Jones St., Dayton, O.
J. H. Rettig 14 Lockwood St., Covington, Ky.
J. H. Rettig 14 Lockwood St., Covington, Ky.
George Loos Rising Sun, Ind.
***Vacant** Florence, Ky.
M. T. Schoepfle R. R. 6, Hamilton, O.
Jacob N. Hauser Beaver, Ohio
H. F. Limbacher 42 S. 4th St., Fronton, O.
Joseph Friedl 2041 Sherman Av., Cincinnati
***Julius Vollprecht** 255 N. Jefferson St., Dayton, O.
Henry Otte 208 Miami St., Lima, O.
***John Heckmann** 3022 Burnet Av., Cincinnati
Carl Becker Cheviot, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
W. Dieckmann 2271 Vine St., Cincinnati
***Joseph L. Schatz** 537 Betts St., Cincinnati

18 3519 2445 1567 203 7 136 107 38 52 48 16 16 253 2234 1 \$2636 \$19615 115

*Statistics of last year.
 †Supplies independent congregations at Foster and Lebanon, O.
 ‡Supplies an independent congregation.

TOLEDO CLASSIS.

John Wernly, 2038 Canton St., Toledo, Ohio.
Henry M. Gersman, 946 Fronty Av., Toledo, Ohio.
Henry J. F. Gramm, 572 Nushy St., Toledo, Ohio.
Wm. Adolph Kuske, Haskins, Ohio.
Alvin Beer, New Bavaria, Ohio.
George Engelmann, Helgate, Ohio.
George Engelmann, Florida, Ohio.
Nathaniel E. Vitz, 596 Washington St., Defiance, O.
Vacant, Swoyersville, Ohio.
William Grether, Archbold, Ohio.
Chr. Baum, D.D., 142 Chene St., Detroit, Mich.
Abraham Schneck, Fort Hope, Mich.
Vacant, Elk Rapids, Mich.
Adolph Buehman, West Bay City, Mich.
Wm. L. Meckstroth, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. G. Stiemert, Philadelphia, Pa.
John Kuesten, Tontogany, Ohio

Ministers, 15.

1 646 357 250 41 17 8 4
 1 304 262 216 18 16 9 2
 1 143 79 109 13 4 10 5 2
 1 64 49 37 3 4 4
 1 320 210 150 9 15 6 7
 1 320 225 180 20 10 2
 1 73 50 30 2 2 3
 2 199 103 128 6 2 1
 4 96 81 95 2 5 3
 2 322 184 178 6 2 9 5 2
 1 300 300 200 49 1 35 9
 1 80 45 48 6 11 5
 1 126 101 68 6 9 1 5
 1 120 68 70 2 9 1 5
 1 109 90 54 4 8 6 6
 20 3158 2144 1748 189 7 141 59 22 63 38 12 18 210 1550 1 \$2322 \$13825 118

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NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS

MINISTERS.

VIII. INTERIOR SYNOD.
ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.			Losses.					Sunday-Schools.		Contributions.		
			Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Un'ced.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Revenue for Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	Minutes Wanted.
L. A. Sigrist, Std. Clk.	1567 Vermont Av., St. Louis.	Maple Avenue	55	48	2	3	3	7	1	1	1	16	124	15	\$158	\$1008	15
John C. Horning	1156 Jackson Boulev., Chicago.	Grace	79	71	11	3	1	5	3	10	1	22	223	27	182	1593	27
B. B. Royer	521 S. Lincoln St., Chicago.	Bohemian	50	33	44	5	1	6	1	1	1	21	53	39	228	39	228
James Dudycha	Forreston, Ill.	Shilo	53	44	31	1	2	1	5	1	1	16	84	20	70	155	20
H. C. Blosser	Astoria, Ill.	Zion's Reformed	57	39	1	2	10	12	1	1	1	19	64	40	236	445	40
R. R. Lackey	Altamont, Ill.	Trinity Reformed	17	12	14	2	10	1	1	1	1	4	14	9	318	486	40
G. W. Kerstetter	Mhl Creek, Ill.	St. John's	29	34	10	2	6	10	1	1	1	8	25	6	15	100	10
Solomon Ream	Edinburg, Ill.	St. Peter's	49	41	10	2	6	10	2	1	1	10	87	10	87	1050	10
Christian Rufener	Orangeville, Ill.	First Reformed	40	28	31	2	2	1	1	1	1	10	85	10	52	360	10
J. W. Bechtel	Edinburg, Ill.	St. Paul	47	41	21	2	4	4	1	3	1	12	65	15	75	212	15
L. A. Sigrist	Orangeville, Ill.	Grace Reformed	18	11	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	20	34	34	101	10
J. C. Beade	Shelbyville, Ill.	Wetang	53	17	9	8	1	1	1	1	1	8	42	1	1	1	1
Calvin K. Staudt	Dakota, Ill.	Stonington	33	28	6	2	4	7	1	1	1	12	60	12	76	286	12
Joseph Sechler	Lena, Ill.	Edinburg	56	44	15	5	1	8	1	1	1	15	73	20	210	882	12
Robert F. Orlinger	Taylorville, Ill.	Buehbart	77	63	28	1	1	4	5	1	1	10	63	50	269	433	50
		Grace	14	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	31	136	10
		Trinity	17	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	100	10
		Salem	17	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	100	10
		Shelby	72	65	34	3	1	1	1	1	1	16	60	20	110	350	20
		Dakota	47	38	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	83	20	275	200	20
		Rock Grove	11	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	30	16	16	40	10
		Lena, Ill.	11	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		Taylorville, Ill.	11	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
			984	690	318	27	15	43	39	56	12	519	222	1264	\$292	\$7925	291

*Resigned. †Joined to Orangeville. ‡Just received.

IOWA CLASSIS.

J. N. Naly, Std. Clk.	Zwingle, Iowa	Harmony	90	50	7	2	4	4	4	1	1	12	60	10	\$175	\$1335	10
F. C. Bauman	Maquoketa, Iowa	Maquoketa	157	143	53	13	11	11	17	1	1	58	366	58	291	2010	58
D. F. Boomershine	Des Moines, Iowa	Conceville	72	3	1	2	5	2	5	2	1	14	88	12	85	600	12
G. C. Baumgarrel	Des Moines, Iowa	University Ave., Ref.	54	41	25	3	10	6	5	2	2	11	120	25	95	537	20
B. A. Black	Lone Tree, Iowa	Lone Tree	119	100	15	1	3	4	7	3	3	16	119	25	169	850	25
J. N. Naly	Tipton, Iowa	Tipton	101	72	15	1	1	2	8	1	1	11	73	23	147	718	10
Vacant	Liscomb, Iowa	Liscomb	52	31	5	4	4	3	3	4	1	9	65	23	180	557	23
M. Laucks, D.D.	Leighton, Iowa	Leighton	75	71	19	2	3	5	3	2	2	12	126	10	125	982	10
S. Charles Hoover	Lisbon, Iowa	Lisbon	132	112	47	5	3	3	1	9	3	25	100	10	235	2001	40
John B. Bloom	Wilton Junction, Iowa	Wilton	45	41	16	5	7	1	1	2	1	19	87	57	52	2684	10
Vacant	Columbus Junction	Columbus Junction	61	48	30	2	3	9	18	4	3	10	66	10	94	560	10

Vacant	Cedar Rapids																		
Vacant	Oskatoosa																		
Vacant	Grundy Center	1	15	10							3							10	30
Vacant	Anamosa	2	15							6									
E. V. Loncks	Oskatoosa, Iowa																		
D. S. Fouse, D.D.	Lisbon, Iowa																		
George Rettig	Monticello, Iowa																		
D. M. Jones	Fortsville, Ia.																		
S. L. Flocking	Rehoboth, Ia.	21	905	831	280	40	31	57	50	83		5	13	2	17	207	1268	\$1652	\$12984 184
Ministers, 12																			
KANSAS CLASSIS.																			
L. L. Hassending	L. L. Hassending, Std. Clk.																		
L. L. Hassending	Hiawatha, Kan.	1	90	80	55	1	1	5	12	4		2				11	66	\$150	\$800
William H. Fouse	Denver, Col.	1	70	60	27	1	1	5	12	4		4	2			8	109	152	2064 15
David H. Curtis	Kansas City, Mo.	1	75	69	35	9	3	2	4	2		2	3			9	68	148	1242 20
J. A. Hunsicker	Fairview, Kan.	1	133	122	34	5	11	28	10	8		1	2		1	24	160	629	849 25
Melchior Denny	Dillon, Kan.	1	87	87	83	9	2	12				1				8	67	189	521 6
John W. Loye	St. Joseph, Mo.	1	73	64	35	1	2	13	1			11	1		1	14	85	123	1147 20
Ernest N. Evans	Abilene, Kan.	1	126	111	42		2	2	9	5		2				23	139	193	1381 12
*Albert J. Naly	Holton, Kan.	1	24	16	18		1	4				4				10	49	25	109 8
S. Thomas	Banker Hill, Kan.																		
Elhas Bauman	Dillon, Kan.																		
H. Shunaker	Holton, Kan.																		
J. C. Bolger	Woodstock, Va.																		
C. D. Stauffer	Thurmont, Md.																		
Walter M. Gladdis	Holtou, Kan.																		
		9	714	623	322	25	22	53	56	22		25	9	2	8	107	734	1	\$1627 \$8164 124

*Dismissed to St. Joseph Classis, Synod of Ohio.

WICHITA CLASSIS.

D. B. Shney	D. B. Shney, Std. Clk.																		
D. B. Shney	Emporia, Kan.																		
Bence Griffith	Emporia, Kan.	1	36	33	24											7	47	\$110	\$726 15
L. C. Harnish	Wichita, Kan.	1	131	121	40	1	15	21	3	4		7	1		1	18	169	324	1840 12
A. Cusselman	Jola, Kan.	1	89	69	34	1	6	2	8			6			2	19	181	98	565 15
Calvin Foster	Cheney, Kan.	1	79	71	24	4			3	1		1	2		1	18	121	205	830 20
W. C. Baum	Whitewater, Kan.	1	27	20	16							4				1	65	54	245 10
	Whitewater, Kan.																		
		5	382	305	134	6	21	30	14	5		18	3	2	6	74	583	1	\$791 \$4255 72
LINCOLN CLASSIS.																			
Thomas F. Stauffer	Thos. F. Stauffer, Std. Clk.																		
George V. Walker	Sionx City, Iowa	1	63	47	42	2	2	5	5			5	1		1	12	106	\$106	\$1175 18
P. M. Orr	Lawton, Iowa	1	70	50	30	3	3	3	3			5	1		1	14	67	90	525 12
E. Rahl	Lincoln, Neb.	1	79	55	15	9	2	6	8			3	1		1	11	125	120	650 10
Walter M. Gaddis	R. F. D. Dawson, Neb.	1	82	45	35	4	1					2			1	12	50	150	432 8
Edmund Erb	Imogene, Iowa	1	60	56	37	2	1								1	13	53	66	325 9
	Beatrice, Neb.																		
		5	354	263	159	20	8	14	15	8		10	2	2	5	62	401		\$512 \$3107 56

Total Statistical Summary of Reformed Church in the United States for 1905.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Members.		Additions.			Losses.			S. Schools.			Students for Ministry.		Contributions.									
	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Renew. of Profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Easures of Name.	Deaths Unrecorded.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Benefvolent Purposes.	Congressional Purposes.					
																			Deaths Counts.	Deaths Unrecorded.			
Eastern Synod	11	334	548	108378	87510	50317	5433	604	5214	3972	1876	1	188	1763	930	565	104051	306997	68	8134,387	00	\$572,427	00
Ohio Synod	4	145	27418	21405	5314	745	564	1218	963	643	606	553	75	203	3287	23275	18	41,128	00	152,801	00	152,801	00
Synod of North West	4	172	236	24446	17710	14959	1650	27	1186	749	342	15	674	344	162	217	1578	13380	43	23,374	00	140,468	00
Pittsburgh Synod	96	158	21065	18646	10657	11961	213	846	844	428	3	416	326	137	146	1300	15439	8	41,563	00	159,807	00	
Potomac Synod	7	179	316	42544	34146	20199	1801	376	1882	1197	810	2	404	500	201	297	4380	30901	32	60,688	00	215,948	00
German Synod of East.	65	58	15177	11759	9533	1544	23	965	746	111	2	502	335	101	56	1114	11592	46	11,011	00	115,021	00	
Central Synod	106	120	24476	18762	12691	1316	117	930	723	244	4	523	306	155	109	1563	14720	17	21,985	00	125,633	00	
Synod of Interior.	54	62	3427	2712	1213	118	97	191	174	174	4	102	39	13	55	672	4190	2	6,884	00	36,434	00	
Total	26	151	1730	264631	212590	124283	13803	2921	12368	13668	4928	25	225	4116	1894	1048	24789	208524	194	\$232,720	00	\$1,494,629	00

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.	1905.
Synods	8	8	8	8	8	8
Classes	56	55	55	57	58	57
Ministers	835	885	961	1,029	1,112	1,151
Congregations	1,554	1,583	1,639	1,690	1,691	1,730
Communicants	200,498	212,830	226,572	242,299	255,408	264,931
Unconfirmed	112,486	121,057	125,779	125,752	129,864	124,283
Baptisms, Infants, given year...	14,605	14,526	13,758	13,816	13,457	13,803
" infants, in three years...	42,808	42,658	43,075	42,357	40,641	41,116
" adults, given year.....	1,595	1,564	1,966	1,880	1,830	2,021
" adults, in three years...	4,569	4,753	5,480	5,782	5,269	5,534
Confirmed, given year.....	10,759	10,758	11,792	11,647	11,366	12,368
" in three years.....	31,583	32,392	33,646	31,775	31,787	35,260
Certificate, given year.....	6,561	7,431	7,267	7,360	8,504	9,368
" in three years.....	18,558	21,045	22,619	22,472	24,621	27,116
Communed, given year.....	155,118	169,314	182,435	194,321	198,815	212,590
Dismissed, given year.....	3,061	3,292	3,483	3,787	4,391	4,628
" in three years.....	8,700	9,872	10,594	10,864	12,729	13,535
Excommunicated, given year.....	55	26	27	23	32	25
" in three years.....	139	122	45	67	100	74
Erased, given year.....	3,117	3,975	4,950	5,194	5,480	5,225
" in three years.....	8,640	10,753	13,289	15,877	16,487	16,407
Deaths, given year.....	5,107	6,130	5,693	5,142	6,258	6,010
" in three years.....	15,250	16,645	16,166	16,131	18,567	14,614
Sunday schools, given year.....	1,513	1,563	1,644	1,466	1,662	1,648
Officers and Teachers, given year	3,967	13,319	20,096	24,770	24,796	24,759
Sunday-school Scholars, given year	138,616	149,023	172,458	182,154	200,178	208,524
Students for ministry, given year	285	285	304	273	199	191
Benevolent contrib., one year...	\$161,078	\$236,321	\$204,401	\$202,726	\$283,954	\$332,720
" in three years.....	479,625	649,892	676,271	630,030	793,464	1,403,428
Cong. purposes, one year.....	874,053	1,060,229	1,066,709	1,093,791	1,396,654	1,494,629
" in three years..	2,580,945	3,022,174	3,067,780	3,216,556	3,889,709	4,552,649

Note.—As the latest Statistics obtainable were desired by General Synod the Stated Clerk was instructed to have printed in the minutes of 1905 the statistical tables of the several Classes for the same year. These classical statistics were obtained and printed so that in the interim the statement contains the statistics of four years instead of only three. This comparative summary of statistics will be found interesting and instructive, showing as it does the steady progress of the Reformed Church in the United States. The increase of the Church during the interim, '02, '03, '04 and '05, is as follows: Gain in ministers, 38; charges, 39; communicants, 9,533; communed, 13,775; infant baptisms, 366; adult baptisms, 191; confirmed, 1,002; by certificate, 864; Sunday-school scholars, 8,346; Benevolence, \$48,766; congregational purposes, \$97,975.

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; MI 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.

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Ackpenzeller, Edgar R., Chambersburg, Pa.	1103
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Ackple, Henry H., York, Pa.	E92
Ackple, Prof. Joseph H. (lic.), Frederick, Md.	
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Ackr, Robert L., York, Pa.	E92
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Ackld, Frederick W., B.D., Clearspring, Md.	E95
Ackliet, John T., St. Paris, O.	E89
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Ackrtholomew, Joshua S., Virginsville, Pa.	1100
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Ackne, Henry L., Wadsworth, O.	1189
Ackne, Dr. Samuel Z., Applecreek, O.	1162
Ackne, Joseph M., Montgomery, Pa.	1102
Ackner, George W., Lisbon, O.	1198
Ackner, Irvin M., Bangor, Pa.	1191
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Ackker, Frederick W., Plymouth, Wis.	0M1103
Ackker, Gottlieb C., Decatur, Ind.	0M1169
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Ackk, John B., Wilton Junction, Ia.	E04
Ackk, Nathan W., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	1182
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Ackk, Robert C., Kittanning, Pa.	E79
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Burghalter, Daniel, Galion, O.....	H95	Diefenbach, Albert C., Falck Ave., Bellevue Station, Allegheny, Pa.....	E01
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Cromer, Thomas K., Winchester, Va.....	E91	Engelman, George, Holgate, O.....	0MH82
Crow, Harvey I., Hulersburg, Pa.....	E95	Engelman, Otto, South Kaukauna, Wis.....	0MH97
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Ferer, Dr. Benjamin B., Riegelsville, Pa.	E88
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Fisher, William S., Cochranton, Pa.	E99
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Frank, Milton F., East Liverpool, O.	H77
Franko, Francis P., Elkhart, Wis.	0MH98
Frantz, Alexander P., Catauaqua, Pa.	F96
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Gekeler, John C., Alliance, O.	H01
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Gerhard, George W., Hamburg, Pa.	E83
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Ginder, Albert H., Evans City, Pa.	E99
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Glessner, Albert S., Saegerstown, Pa.	E91
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Goedduhn, G. A., Glenville, O.	
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