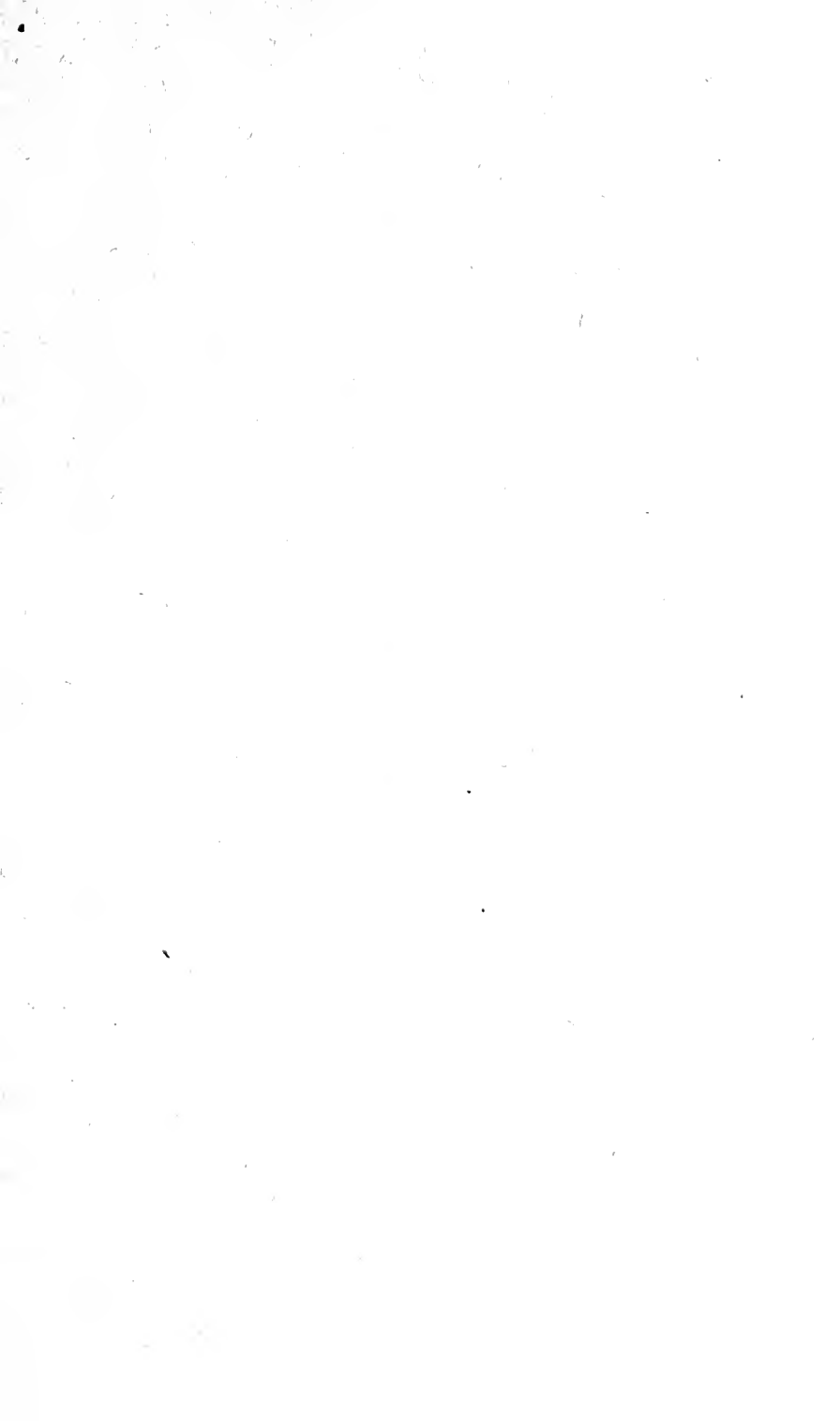






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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Annual Sessions convened in Convention, in York, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Six. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the Eighteenth, and continued until the evening of the Twenty-third day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod met in Convention on Wednesday evening, October 18th, A. D., 1876, at 7½ o'clock, in Trinity Reformed Church of York, York County, Pa., pursuant to appointment of last Annual Meeting, and was opened with the usual religious services. The President of the previous year, Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., preached the opening sermon from Luke xvi. 25: "Son, remember."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers.—Jacob Sechler, Jacob O. Miller, D. D., William K. Zieber, D. D., Jacob D. Zehring, Moses Kieffer, D. D., Rinehart R. Smith, Oliver L. Ashenfelter, Aaron Wanner, Aaron Spangler, Reuben Rauhauser, William H. Herbert, George W. Glessner, James I. Good, William F. Colliflower, John Kretzing, Daniel Gring, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., William R. H. Deatrieh, Francis S. Lindeman, Uriah H. Heilman Frederick W. Vandersloot, and Andrew J. Heller.

Elders.—Adam Hamm, Charles A. Shultz, Jacob Ditzler, Jacob Hartman, Henry M. Cocklin, Daniel Hamm, Emanuel Crone, Augustus Waltman, Simon Kell, Henry Spangler, Abraham Tawney, Peter Aulabangh, Samuel R. Weaver, Henry L. Smith, Peter Staumbaugh, Joseph Rebert, John W. Smith, John Hefflefinger, and John Roth.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.—Edmund R. Eschbach, William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, Abner R. Kremer, Daniel Gans, D. D., Orange E. Lake, David W. Kelley, Joel T. Rossiter, Nehemiah H. Skyles, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Henry Wissler, J. Mortimer Souder, and P. Allison Long.

Elders.—Louis Markell, Joseph Seibert, Hon. William H. Knode, Joseph Middlekauff, J. Taylor Motter, Jacob Sellers, Ezra Williard, Jacob Hinea, Isaac Brillhart, Goldsboro S. Griffith, Josiah Thomas, Philip Coblentz, David S. Firor, and D. B. Flegal, M. D.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.—William M. Deatriek, Isaac G. Brown, Harrison H. W. Hibshman, Albert G. Dole, Jeriah S. Shade, William D. Lefevre, John A. Peters, Ambrose C. Geary, Milton H. Sangree, Henry F. Seiple, David N. Dittmar, David M. Whitmore, William I. Stewart, John M. Schick, Isaac M. Motter, Elias D. Shoemaker, and Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D.

Elders.—Herman Hause, Samuel B. Snively, Barton R. Carnahan, Joseph Isenberg, Philip Snyder, Jacob Law, Joseph H. Griffith, William Bossert, James Smith, Jacob B. Resser, Benj. Franklin Di. hl, Jacob Heyser, and Robert Tussey.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.—Samuel N. Callender, D. D., Charles G. Fisher, Henry Talhelm, John A. Hoffheins, and John C. Bowman.

Elders.—John F. Crown, Henry J. Seibert, John M. Nicely, and William H. Bargelt.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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NOTE.—A number of members appeared upon the floor of Synod after the first and second sessions, and hence their names do not occur in the order in which they would, had they been present at the formation of the roll on the morning of the second day of the sessions. A number of members also obtained leave of absence from day to day. In one instance—from Zion's Classis—the name of an Elder *secundus* appears in the foregoing list of Elders together with his *primarius*.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Synod of the United States.—Revs. J. W. Nevin, D.D., P. S. Davis, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., F. K. Levan, Prof. W. E. Krebs, and C. Clever.

From the Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. J. McConnell and J. F. Wiant.

From the Ohio Synod.—Revs. C. Cort and J. B. Shontz.

From Classis of Zion.—Elders Wm. A. Wilt, Israel Laucks, John J. Vandersloot, Samuel K. Myers, F. C. Polack, John Schaeffer, Conrad Weaver, George Myers, and Charles Young.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES

The presence of the following ministers was announced from day to day, during the sessions of Synod.

Revs. Dr. Lochman, P. Anstadt, and Messrs. Alleman and Gotwalt of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. H. R. Bender of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. D. Gans was chosen *President*.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach was chosen *Corresponding Secretary*.

Elder Louis Markell was re-elected *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order, as adopted at the First Annual Meeting, were read by the Stated Clerk. The Synod then defined the bar of the house, as required by the Rules of Order.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of Synod, viz.:

The Morning Sessions to open at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock.

The Afternoon Sessions to open at 2 and close at 4½ o'clock.

An evening session was held on the last day of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the President:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. O. Miller, A. Spangler, W. D. Lefevre, and Elders C. A. Shultz, and J. Seibert.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatriek, S. S. Miller, W. K. Zieber, and Elders S. B. Snively, and J. Ditzler.

Overtures.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. Seehler, I. G. Brown, and Elders J. Sellers and H. Hause.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. T. Rossiter, J. D. Zehring, H. H. W. Hibshman, and Elders G. S. Griffith and J. B. Resser.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. M. Kieffer, W. Goodrich, G. W. Glesner, and Elders L. Markell, and W. H. Knode.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Revs. N. H. Skyles, A. C. Geary, A. G. Dole, and Elders E. Williard and W. Bossert.

Missions.—Revs. E. R. Esehbach, W. F. Colliflower, C. G. Fisher, and Elders P. Coblentz and A. Tawney.

Finance.—Revs. S. N. Callender, A. Wanner, O. E. Lake, and Elders J. T. Motter and H. M. Cocklin.

Nominations.—Revs. A. R. Kremer, J. A. Peters, J. S. Shade, and Elders J. Middlekauff and J. F. Crown.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Mercersburg, Maryland, Zion, Virginia, North Carolina, and San Francisco were received, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports, which were referred to the Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer was read, and then referred to the Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Reports of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions of the three District Synods of the United States, the Potomac, and Pittsburgh were received, severally read, and then referred to the Committee on Missions.

4. Eight other communications were received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following Religious Services:

1. All the sessions were opened and closed with suitable religious services.

2. The Committee on Religious Services submitted their report, which was received and adopted, as follows, viz. :

The Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for religious services :

SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SYNOD, IN TRINITY CHURCH.

Thursday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Peters.

Friday Evening.—Synodical Sunday-school Board's services ; conducted by Elder G. S. Griffith, member of the Sunday-school Board. Addresses by Revs. Dr. Kieffer and O. L. Ashenfelter, on the Sunday-school in its relation to the family ; Revs. Dr. Gans and I. G. Brown, on the Relation of our Sunday-school work to the Conversion of our children ; and Revs. A. Wanner and Dr. Callender, on the True Idea of a Sunday-school Literature.

Saturday Evening.—Services preparatory to the Holy Communion. Address by Rev. Dr. Nevin, and Liturgical services by Rev. O. L. Ashenfelter.

Sunday Morning.—Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Gans, President of Synod. Liturgical services by Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, E. R. Eschbach, W. M. Deatruck, and Pastor, Rev. Dr. Miller.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school services. Addresses by Revs. J. B. Shontz, D. N. Dittmar, J. F. Wiant, and Dr. Kieffer.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. C. Bowman.

Monday Evening.—Missionary Meeting. Services conducted by Rev. E. R. Eschbach. Addresses by Superintendent Levan, Revs. C. Cort, A. R. Kremer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins.

SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES.

Zion's Reformed Church.—*Saturday Afternoon.* Sermon by Rev. A. Wanner. *Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. G. W. Glessner.

Heidelberg Reformed Church.—*Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman. *Sunday Evening.* Sermon by Rev. A. G. Dole.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.—*Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. Dr. Kieffer. *Sunday Evening.* Sermon by Rev. Prof. Krebs.

Zion's Lutheran Church.—*Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. O. L. Ashenfelter. *Sunday Evening.* Sermon by Rev. J. T. Rossiter.

Union Lutheran Church.—*Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. A. Wanner. *Sunday Evening.* Sermon by Rev. C. G. Fisher.

Rev. Dr. Lockman's Lutheran Church.—*Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. J. S. Shade. *Sunday Evening.* Sermon by Rev. W. Goodrich.

Presbyterian Church.—*Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. J. A. Peters. *Sunday Evening.* Sermon by Rev. E. R. Eschbach.

Beaver Street Methodist Church.—*Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier. *Sunday Evening.* Sermon by Rev. N. H. Skyles.

Duke Street Methodist Church.—*Sunday Morning.* Sermon by Rev. J. B. Shontz. *Sunday Evening.* Sermon by Rev. J. Kretzing.

Baptist Church.—Sermon by Rev. O. E. Lake.

United Brethren Church.—Sermon by Rev. A. C. Geary.

African Methodist Church.—Sermon by Rev. P. A. Long.

Dallastown Reformed Church.—Sermon by Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich.

Quickle's Reformed Church.—Sermon by Rev. I. G. Brown.

Hoover's Reformed Church.—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Herbert.

Hanover Reformed Church.—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Callender.

Emigsville Chapel.—Sermons by Revs. W. I. Stewart and J. M. Souder.

Salem's Church.—Sermon by Rev. J. M. Schiek.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last annual meeting was dispensed with, and the printed Minutes of last annual meeting were referred to the Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report the items of unfinished business claiming the attention of this meeting.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod submitted the following report, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended, and adopted, as follows, viz. :

The Committee, to whom the Minutes of Synod were referred, beg leave to report the following items of unfinished business claiming the attention of the present meeting of Synod, viz. :

Item 1, page 28. An apportionment upon the several Classes for Home Missions.

Item 2, page 28. The appointment of a Committee, of which Rev. J. O. Miller is Chairman, to prepare a paper expressing the high appreciation with which the Synod regards the Missionary labors of the brethren laboring on the Pacific Coast, and send them therewith the cordial greetings, sympathy, and love of the Synod.

Item 3, page 29. The terms of office of the following members of the Board of Missions expired on the first instant, viz. : Revs. W. K. Zieber and E. R. Eshbach.

Item 4, page 33. The present Synod is to set apart an evening, during the present sessions, for the discussion of topics connected with the Sunday-school cause.

Item 5, page 33. The term of office of Rev. J. A. Peters, as a member of the Sunday-school Board, expires with the present meeting of Synod.

Item 6, page 34. Certain resolutions instructing the Sunday-school Board either to prepare, or have prepared, a Manual, giving a concise, practical, and popular account of the general scheme and idea of the Church Year, &c.

Item 7, page 37. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have twelve hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes of the last annual sessions of Synod published, and to distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Item 8, page 37. The term of office of William Heyser as a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod will expire on the 1st of January, 1877.

Item 9, page 40. The election of a committee of seven, of whom Rev. Dr. Higbee is Chairman, to choose the Editor-in-Chief to edit *The Messenger*.

Item 10, page 41. The Synod's Board of Trustees is authorized to effect a loan of two thousand dollars to be delivered to the new Board of Publication as soon as constituted.

Item 11, page 41. Rev. M. H. Sangree is appointed the agent to collect funds and pay them over to the Board of Trustees, to meet the principal and interest of the loan, which the Board may make.

Item 12, page 42. The Committee, which was appointed to prepare and publish, in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Synod of the United States, an edition *with music* of "Hymns for the Reformed Church," was continued, of which Rev. Dr. Higbee is Chairman.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. M. DEATRICK,
SIMON S. MILLER,
JACOB DITZLER.

Item 1, see Report of Treasurer of Tri-Synodic Board of Missions; action on items 2 and 3, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 4, 5, and 6, see Article XVIII., Sunday-schools; on item 7, see Article XX., Publication; on items 8, 10 and 11, see Article XV., Finance; and on items 9 and 12, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following documents:

Item 1. A letter from the Stated Clerk of the German Maryland Classis, containing a resolution expressive of gratitude, that Synod released said Classis from the payment of \$12.00, assessed upon it for Contingent Fund of Synod, two years ago.

Item 2. The Reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., together with a synopsis of the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Item 3. The Annual Statement of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa., as presented by the President of said Board and the Superintendent of the Institution.

Item 4. The Annual Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board, together with the Annual Statement of the Superintendent of the same, and also the new form of Charter adopted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. HOFFHEINS,
H. HAUSE,
JACOB SELLERS.

Item 1 was adopted. For the action of Synod on item 2, see Article XIII., Education; on item 3, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 4, see Article XX., Publication.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes submitted their report, which was received, disposed of item by item, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes respectfully offer the following as their report, viz.:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. The Classis of San Francisco appointed Rev. L. C. Edmonds as a member of Standing Committees before his reception as a member of Classis.

2. North Carolina Classis passed certain resolutions and appointed a committee to form a hymn-book of their own.

3. Virginia Classis reports as having received the Licentiate John C. Bowman from the Lancaster Classis, Synod of the United States, instead of from the Mercersburg Classis.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The San Francisco Classis requests the Board of Home Missions, in behalf of the First Reformed Church of San Francisco, to loan them the sum of *one thousand dollars* to relieve their church property, on

the following conditions, viz.: 1st, That they shall have it without interest; and 2d, That they shall be free from refunding any of the money for a period of five years; then and thereafter to pay annually the sum of \$100, until the whole amount be paid.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, and Virginia Classis took favorable action on the following subjects, viz.: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, Increase of the Circulation of *The Messenger*, Orphans' Home, and Statistical Reports.

V. LICENSED, ODAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

1. Zion's Classis licensed George P. Hartzell and dismissed him to the West Susquehanna Classis; received Rev. John Kretzing from the East Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. Uriah H. Heilman from the West Susquehanna Classis; and dismissed the licentiate George C. Hall to the East Susquehanna Classis.

2. Maryland Classis licensed Isaac M. Motter and dismissed him to the Mercersburg Classis; received Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier from the East Susquehanna Classis, and the licentiate Charles H. Coon from the Philadelphia Classis; dismissed Rev. Charles Cast and the Fourth Reformed (St. John's) Church of Baltimore to the German Maryland Classis, and Revs. Frederick A. Rupley, Wm. Aug. Gring, and Wm. C. Cremer to the Mercersburg Classis.

3. Mercersburg Classis licensed George F. Mull and William I. Stewart; ordained the licentiates William I. Stewart, John M. Schick, and Isaac M. Motter; received Rev. Frederick A. Rupley and the licentiate Isaac M. Motter from the Maryland Classis, the licentiate John M. Schick from the Allegheny Classis, Rev. Carl Gundlach from the Erie Classis, and the licentiate David W. Ebbert from the Philadelphia Classis; and dismissed Rev. Peter S. Davis, D.D., to the Philadelphia Classis, the licentiate John C. Bowman to the Virginia Classis, Revs. Daniel Y. Heisler and Wm. C. Schaeffer to the East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. Henry Hanhart to the Cincinnati Classis, and Rev. A. C. Geary to the Maryland Classis.

4. Virginia Classis licensed Anderson J. Whitmore; received Rev. John A. Hoffheins from the Allegheny Classis, and the licentiate John C. Bowman from the Mercersburg Classis; ordained the licentiates John C. Bowman and Anderson J. Whitmore; and dismissed Rev. William C. B. Shulenberger to the Westmoreland Classis.

5. North Carolina Classis: No change.

6. San Francisco Classis received Rev. Lewis C. Edmonds from the West Susquehanna Classis.

VI. PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

1. Zion's Classis will meet in Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., on Friday, May 25th, 1877, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., *President*, and Rev. W. R. H. Deatrich, *Stated Clerk*.

2. Maryland Classis will meet in Emmittsburg, Frederick County, Md., on Thursday, May 3d, 1877, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. L. Shuford, *President*, and Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Stated Clerk*.

3. Mercersburg Classis will meet at Marklesburg, Huntingdon County, Pa., on Wednesday, May 23d, 1877, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. A. G. Dole, *President*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*.

4. Virginia Classis will meet at Lovettsville, Loudon County, Va., on Thursday, May 17th, 1877, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. G. Fisher, *President*, and Rev. Henry St. John Rinker, *Stated Clerk*.

5. North Carolina Classis will meet in Newton, Catawba County, N. C., on Thursday, May 24th, 1877, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. J. A. Foil, *President*, and Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D., *Stated Clerk*.

6. San Francisco Classis will meet in Stockton, California, on Friday, June 1st, 1877, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. H. Krueger, *President*, and Rev. F. Fox, *Stated Clerk*.

Respectfully submit'ed.

J. T. ROSSITER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
H. H. W. HIBSIMAN,	
J. D. ZEHRING,	
G. S. GRIFFITH,	
J. B. RESSER,	

The items were severally adopted, with the exception of item 2 under *Irregularities*, for Synod's action on which see Article XIX., Church Government; and item under *Requests and Recommendations*, for the action on which see Article XIV., Missions.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination offered the following report, which was received and adopted, viz. :

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination beg leave respectfully to report, that no applicants for licensure have been referred to them; consequently, the Committee had nothing to do.

Respectfully submitted.

M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows, viz. :

Reverend Fathers and Brethren :—It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The reports on the State of Religion, from the several Classes composing this Synod, come to us, expressing, first of all, hearty thanks to God for health and strength vouchsafed to His servants during the year, and state that the work of the pastors, within our bounds, has been permitted to go forward without serious interruption, for which it is meet and right to praise the Lord.

A marked and pleasing feature of these Classical Reports, is the unanimity in which they express themselves, as to the growing appreciation, on the part of the members of our Communion, of the Church and all her means of grace, as a divine institution.

It certainly indicates progress in the right direction, when the members give evidence of the fact, that they more and more clearly realize that the Church, which is the mother of us all, is not the project of man, and thus of the world, but she is that divine economy of grace, which comes to us from the heavenly world.

Our Divine Lord and Master gathers the fallen world into the Church, which is His mystical body, and by and through her divinely appointed means breathes into all His own glorious and undying life.

Our Christian life properly begins when our relation to the old Adam is broken off, and we are livingly joined to the new Adam; when we are taken out of the dark world of sin, and are transplanted into the kingdom of light, which is the kingdom of God's own dear Son.

This is the first step toward our salvation, and which we may appropriately call the *planting season*. In the natural world we sow, we reap, we gather into barns. We must sow before we can reap. So it is in the spiritual world or kingdom of grace. There is a planting season, a nurturing and growing season, and an ingathering season. The planting takes place in our infancy, at the Baptismal Font. We are said to be *baptized into Christ*. As the seed must be buried in the soil, before it can sprout and grow, so we must be buried with Christ in baptism. This being the fact, it is encouraging to learn from the several Classical Reports that the parents within our Communion are coming to a clearer consciousness, in regard to this cardinal truth, and hence come promptly with their tender offspring and dedicate them to the service of the Trinne God. During the Synodical year just closed, *one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one* have been brought into the Church—planted in the house of the Lord, and dedicated to the ser-

vice and work of the great Master. We recognize them as members of the Church—lambs of Christ's flock—no longer belonging to the kingdom of this world, but to the kingdom of Christ, and therefore the special objects of His love and favor.

After the planting comes the *nurtrng and training season*. When the corn which the farmer planted in the ground is up, he must then industriously use the plough and harrow to kill the weeds, which are indigenous to the soil, or they will grow up and destroy the prospects for a harvest. So in the spiritual world, the little ones, planted in the vineyard of the Lord, must be nurtured and properly trained. Much depends upon the faithfulness with which the Church discharges her duty to the lambs of the flock. The Church has to do, not only with adult life, but also with child life. We do not, we dare not, ignore the infant membership of the Church.

And we are glad to report that, within our Communion, increased care and attention is being manifested in the moral and religious training of the young. This is seen, first, in the regular and faithful catechizing of the children of the Church by the pastors. This custom of sending the lambs of Christ's flock to the minister at the proper age, to be instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, is not new, but old; it comes down to us hoary with age. It is old, true, and tried. Our people show that they have full faith in this time-honored and well-tried custom.

To be sure, it is not so quick in its work, as some of the modern schemes and appliances. It is not accomplished in a day, nor a week; but if it is slow in its working, it is sure in its results. It is gratifying to learn that the catechetical instruction has received more than usual attention during the past year. And as the result we have a large increase in the confirmed membership. As compared with the confirmations of last year, there is an excess of four hundred and three. Another evidence that the educational system is gaining in strength among our people, is the increased attention given to the Sunday-school cause. There was a time when this good work received little or no attention in our annual Synodical and Classical meetings; but now this important auxiliary of the Church comes in for a good share of the time and attention of our meetings. The earnest discussions, had in our annual sessions, on the various topics relating to the Sunday-school work, show that we are coming to a consciousness of our duty in this direction. This is a favorable sign of a true and growing prosperity. We have now within the bounds of this Synod 207 Sunday-schools, and 13,680 scholars. A number of these schools are—as in fact all should be—under the care and supervision of the consistories of the congregations. The result of the educational policy of our Church is the admission to full membership in the Church of persons who are rooted and grounded in the Apostolic faith—of persons who are settled and established—not to be turned from their proper moorings by every passing wind and wave of popular movements.

It is refreshing to hear these Classical reports speak in this wise :

“The Holy Communion has perhaps never been more highly appreciated, or more largely attended within our bounds, than it was during the past year.” It is no uncertain sign, when our people manifest a growing appreciation of this most central service of our whole Christian worship. As a result we may look for growth in spiritual strength—in faith, hope, love, and all the graces of the Spirit. In this central service we have communicated unto us the crucified Body and shed Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the true meat and drink of our souls. “He that eateth Me, even He shall live by Me.” Corresponding to this growth of the inner life, we may, reasonably, look for increased faithfulness and zeal in general Church work, in the support of our institutions of learning, and in enlarged contributions for the cause of missions and all the various benevolent objects of our Church. There is, indeed, much room for improvement among our people in the way of devising liberal things for the Lord. The amount contributed annually for benevolent purposes is certainly not commensurate with our numbers and ability.

It is to be hoped that our people will soon realize the importance of consecrating unto the Lord, not only their bodies and souls, but also *a due portion of their possessions*. Following the nurturing and training season, which continues through the whole period of Christian life and Christian activity, and as the crowning work of the whole, we have the *ingathering season*. After the planting and maturing in the natural world, comes the reaping and gathering into barns. So in the spiritual world, after the season of earnest toiling and severe conflict, comes the season of quiet and repose, when all labor is at an end, and the good Master says, “It is enough; come up higher.”

According to the statistical table, under the column of deaths, 665 have departed this life—665 have been gathered into the garner of eternal rest. The messenger sent to do this work comes alike to young and old—to pastors, elders, deacons, and people. But our faith is, that we believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life of the world to come.

Three from the ranks of the ministry, belonging to this Synod, departed this life during the past year.

Rev. Henry Heckerman, of Bedford, Pa., fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, on the 5th day of April, 1876. He served his Church long and well. His labors in the ministry did not cease until he had borne the heat and burden of the day.

Rev. Daniel Ziegler, D. D., departed this life on the 23d day of May, 1876. This aged and much respected father labored successfully for almost half a century in the work of the ministry. He has gone to his reward.

Rev. Stephen K. Kremer, died on the 16th day of August, 1876. He fell at his post, in the morning of life, much beloved by his people, and in the midst of increasing usefulness.

These brethren were greatly esteemed and highly respected for their piety, their talents, their earnest zeal and efficient work in the

ministry. They now rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

“ So Jesus slept; God’s dying Son
Passed through the grave, and *blest*’d the bed.”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

N. H. SKYLES, *Chairman*.

(For Statistical Tables see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education made its annual report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Potomac:—

The Board of Education, elected by the Synod of Winchester, October 25th, 1875, organized the same day, by electing Rev. P. S. Davis, *President*; Rev. J. W. Santee, *Secretary*; and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*.

Rev. Dr. Davis having been called by the united action of the Synod of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, to the Editorship-in-Chief of *The Messenger* shortly after the last annual meeting, and having removed beyond the limits of the Synod, the duty of preparing this Report was, upon consultation, entrusted to the Treasurer of the Board.

The Board unfortunately failed to hold a meeting at Mercersburg, Pa., at the close of the Post Graduate year in Mercersburg College, May 16th, 1876, for the lack of a quorum. This is to be regretted. The meeting was duly called, several weeks before that time, by the Secretary of the Board, through the medium of *The Messenger*; but when the time came, only two members were to be found in the town of Mercersburg. Consequently the instructions of the Synod to the Board to attend the examinations of the students receiving Theological instruction at Mercersburg College has not been obeyed, for the past Synodical year, as designed by the Synod, except in so far as one member of the Board was present at said examinations. This failure of duty, owing to peculiar circumstances, is regretted by your Board. It is believed, however, that a like occurrence, in the future, can be easily avoided, by the Board appointing an Executive Committee, composed of those members of the Board who reside at or most convenient to Mercersburg, who shall not only discharge the duty en-

joined by the Synod to attend the examinations of such students as may receive theological instruction at Mercersburg College, but likewise the public examinations also of all the Beneficiary Students under the care of the Board, who receive literary and moral training at said College; and, in this manner, bring the beneficiaries into closer relationship with the Synod, and extend over them our sheltering ægis.

Mercersburg Classis, at its last annual meeting, formally placed all its beneficiary students under the direction and care of the Synod's Board of Education.

During the past year the Board has had under its immediate care the following beneficiaries, to whom appropriations have been made by the respective Classes to which they belong, viz.:

Mercersburg Classis: William I. Stewart, Anderson J. Whitmore, Henry S. Garner, Isaac N. Peightel, Samuel C. Long, W. Wilberforce Deatrick, Samuel H. Eisenberg, Albert A. Black, Daniel H. Leader, George B. Resser, and Jonathan W. Miller.

Maryland Classis: Marion L. Firor, and Louis F. Zinkhan.

Virginia Classis: George A. Whitmore and Samuel L. Whitmore.

Besides those whose names have just been mentioned, as receiving beneficiary assistance, the following students have been pursuing their theological studies under the care and direction of the several Classes, comprising the Synod: George M. Zacharias, George P. Hartzell, and Henry E. Cook, at Lancaster, Pa.; and George F. Mull, Isaac M. Motter, and John North, at Mercersburg, Pa.

Zion's and North Carolina Classes have neither operated through your Board, nor reported to it, and hence we cannot state what amount of funds has been contributed by them for this worthy cause, or what number of beneficiary students they may support.

Messrs. G. F. Mull, W. I. Stewart, I. M. Motter, J. M. Schick and A. J. Whitmore, having completed the full three years' Course of theological instruction in the Post-Graduate Department of Mercersburg College, were severally licensed, last May, to preach the Gospel: Messrs. Mull and Stewart by the Mercersburg Classis, Mr. Motter by the Maryland Classis, Mr. Whitmore by the Virginia Classis, and Mr. Schick by the Allegheny Classis. All these young brethren, excepting Mr. Mull who is in Germany engaged in still further prosecuting his studies, have been ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and are actively engaged in the pastoral work within the bounds of this Synod.

At the present time, G. M. Zacharias, L. F. Zinkhan, H. S. Garner, and H. E. Cook are pursuing their theological studies in connection with the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., Messrs. B. R. Carnahan, J. North, S. T. Wagner, I. N. Peightel, G. A. Whitmore, S. C. Long, W. W. Deatrick, S. H. Eisenberg, M. L. Firor, and D. H. Leader are now receiving theological instruction in the Post-Graduate Course, connected with Mercersburg College, agreeably to the action of the Synod at Chambersburg.

The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following sums,

during the past Synodical year, which have been duly paid to the beneficiaries entitled to receive aid, the vouchers for which he holds, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$15.03.

The different pastoral charges are herein credited with the amounts contributed for Beneficiary Education, the aggregate paid by each separate charge, during the year, being given, omitting items and dates of payments, viz.:

Mercersburg Classis.

Bedford Charge.....	\$125.00
Waterstreet "	120.59
Chambersburg "	115.00
Mercersburg "	110.00
Greencastle "	90.00
Everett "	75.00
Altoona "	75.00
St. Clairsville "	71.90
Greenfield "	71.84
Mont Alto "	64.46
Friend's Cove "	61.95
College Church.....	40.00
Woodcock Valley Charge.....	35.70
Woodbury "	27.55
London & St. Thomas Charge.....	22.60
Martinsburg Charge.....	20.25
Grindstonehill "	15.00
St. John's Church of Chambersburg.....	10.00
McConnellsburg Charge.....	8.40
Orbisonia Mission.....	8.00
Middleburg Church.....	5.48
Sulphur Springs Charge.....	2.15
Amount.....	<hr/> \$1,175.87

Maryland Classis.

Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick.....	\$85.80
Boonsboro Charge.....	30.00
Third Reformed Church of Baltimore.....	27.23
Cavetown Charge.....	22.40
First Reformed Church of Baltimore.....	22.00
Westminster Charge.....	22.00
Glade Charge.....	22.00
Emmettsburg Charge.....	20.00
Jefferson "	18.00
Manchester "	15.00
Clear Spring "	13.75
Hagerstown "	13.00
Burkittsville "	12.00
Mount Pleasant "	11.50
Mount Moriah "	10.00
St. Stephen's Church.....	3.20
Amount.....	<hr/> \$347.88

Virginia Classis.

Cash per Treasurer..... \$342.23.

Recapitulation.

Mercersburg Classis.....	\$1175.87
Maryland "	347.88
Virginia "	342.23
Mrs. M. E. S. Hood, Frederick, Md.....	200.00
Total.....	<u>\$2065.98</u>

We certify that we have audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same correct, showing a balance due him at this time of \$15.03.

J. HASSLER,
M. H. SANGREE.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 17, 1876.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the liberal and generous donation, "for needy students at Mercersburg College," of Two Hundred Dollars, by Mrs. Margaret E. S. Hood, a member of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick City, Md. May the great Head of the Church graciously reward her for her very opportune gift, and raise up many to imitate her worthy example, who may devise liberal things for Christian Education within our Synodical jurisdiction.

It will be necessary, during the present sessions of Synod, to elect a member of the Board to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Dr. Davis. The Board suggests the election of a person resident in Mercersburg.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Appendix.

On motion, the following paper was permitted to be appended to the foregoing Report, viz.:

The Officers of the Classes of Zion beg leave to submit the following statement before Synod in reference to its educational work. Two beneficiaries were under its care, during the first half of the Synodical year, now ending; the one in Mercersburg College, and the other in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Horatio G. Comfort, who was in Mercersburg College, was compelled to abandon his studies in May last, for reasons over which he had no control. It is his intention, however, to resume his studies again as soon as the causes are removed, which compelled him to abandon them.

Mr. George P. Hartzell was licensed to preach the Gospel at the last annual meeting of Classis, and is now in the active duties of his calling.

At a special meeting of Classis, held in this Chapel yesterday,

Mr. H. A. Trostle was taken under the care of this Classis as a Beneficiary Student, providing he can comply with the rules of Classis in regard to the execution of the Bond.

During the year the Classis raised for the work of Education the sum of Four Hundred Dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER, *President,*

W. R. H. DEATRICH, *Stated Clerk.*

At the election for members of the different Boards, held during Saturday Afternoon's Session, Rev. I. G. Brown of Mercersburg was duly elected a member of the Board of Education for two years,—the unexpired term of Rev. Dr. Davis.

The reports of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., together with a synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of said Seminary, as reported under item 2 of the Report of the Committee on Overtures, was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. S. N. Callender, A. Wanner, and Elder L. Markell. This Committee subsequently reported as follows, which was received and adopted, viz. :

Your Committee to whom were referred the Reports from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., beg leave to report.

Your Committee find the documents placed in their hands to consist of abstracts of the Reports of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors together with a synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. The Report of the Board of Trustees sets forth the receipts and expenditures for the current year as follows, to wit—

Receipts.....	\$4166.20
Expenditures.....	5508.70

leaving a deficiency of \$1342.40, to cover which collectable interest to the amount of about \$1350.00 fell due the 1st of October.

The general finances of the Institution are as follows :

Endowment Fund.....	\$64,277.42
Building “	11,480.40
Pittsburgh Synod Professorship Fund.....	1,501.59
Library Fund.....	1,862.50
Smaltz “	5,000.00

The report of the Board of Visitors sets forth that there were in attendance upon the Seminary, during the past year, thirty-two students—11 in the Junior Class, 10 in the Middle Class, and 11 in the Senior Class. The Senior Class, having completed their studies and sustained a satisfactory examination, were dismissed with the usual recommendation for licensure.

The year was one of peace and prosperity in the Seminary, and of encouraging diligence and faithfulness on the part of the students. The Professors, rendering full satisfaction to the church in their faithful labors, contribute thus most efficiently to the meeting of the pressing want for a continuous increase to the ranks of the ministry.

The Board of Visitors refers to the attention of the several Synods, the question which has been raised in different quarters, as to the propriety of having the several Professors in the Seminary hold their ecclesiastical connection with the different Synods represented in the Board of Visitors, instead of all belonging to the same Classis and Synod, as they now do.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that inasmuch as all precedent legislation touching this general question is adverse to such an arrangement, and inasmuch further as a disturbance of this precedent would open the door to great irregularity, and impair the jurisdictions of the several Classes and Synods, it would be best for them to remain in connection with the Classis and Synod within the bounds of which their office places them.

Respectfully submitted.

S. N. CALLENDER,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
A. WANNER,		
LOUIS MARKELL,		

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions, were laid before Synod and read, and then referred to the Committee on Missions. These reports are as follows, viz. :

I. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., The Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHERN:—The articles of agreement between the three Synods, combining to form “an organic union in the work of Missions,” say: “The Superintendent shall present an annual report to each of the District Synods.” In accordance with this provision I herewith offer my official Report for the Synodical year ending October 1st, 1876. And in the first place let me call your attention to our different missions and their respective condition.

SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Within the bounds of this Synod, the Board has had *seventeen* missions under its care during the year.

Catasauqua, Pa.—Rev. A. B. Köplin, pastor. East Pennsylvania Classis has assumed to pay the one-half of the debt resting on the property of this mission, which is a step forward in its interest. It is steadily growing in membership. Yet it is felt by both the pastor and the Classis, as well as by myself, that connection with some other congregation must be made, in order to enable it to become self-supporting at an early day. It is hoped this may be done. App. \$700, till July 1st, since then \$600. German and English.

Allentown, Pa.—*Salem*, Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, pastor. This Mission has been very vigorously pushed forward by its original projectors. During the year the present pastor was induced to take charge of it, and that fact at once insured its success. The membership has grown rapidly; a large new church is almost completed; and a wide door is open for future usefulness in the Christian work. From the first, the congregation became self-supporting. It deserves praise for the noble, self-reliant stand it has taken. German and English.

Allentown, Pa.—*Christ Church*, Rev. J. Fritzinger, pastor. Organized last July. Began with fifty-seven confirmed members, and a large Sunday-school. Its location in East Allentown, is in the midst of a large population, not near any of our other churches. So far, its progress and prospects have been very encouraging. Appropriation from July 1st, \$300. German.

Easton, Pa.—*Grace*, Rev. D. Y. Heisler, pastor. This has been quite a flourishing mission from the beginning. It was pushed forward for about one year by the pastors in the place, and myself. Last June, the present pastor was settled there. He reports favorably. The people are liberal in proportion to their numbers, a membership of forty, paying a salary of \$600. Appropriation \$200. English and German.

Reading, Pa.—*St. John's*, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, pastor. Growing rapidly in numbers and influence. The congregation is building a large church and parsonage. Appropriation old, \$400; new, \$300. German and English.

Reading, Pa.—*Christ Church*, Vacant since last November. Its future uncertain. German.

- Shenandoah City, Pa.*—Rev. E. D. Miller, pastor. Doing well, though affected by the difficulties peculiar to the coal regions. Scarcity of funds has retarded the completion of the new church. The pastor is in good hopes, however. Appropriation \$200. German and English.
- Philadelphia, Pa.*—*St. John's*, Rev. J. G. Noss, pastor. Has been holding its own as to membership; possibly gained somewhat; and has considerably improved its property. Its field is large, but rather difficult to utilize. The membership is earnest and united. Appropriation old, \$400; new, \$300. English.
- Philadelphia, Pa.*—*St. Stephen's*, Rev. A. Romich, pastor. From October to April, the appropriation was at the rate of \$200 a year. At that time the congregation passed over to the German Philadelphia Classis; and at the same time off our Board.
- Wyoming, Del.*—*St. John's*, Rev. W. F. Lichliter, pastor, until Sept. 1st. Vacant since, though about obtaining a pastor again. Progress has been made during the year. The membership numbers fifty-seven; a goodly gain over last year's report. The location of this mission gives it special importance for the future of the Reformed Church in the State of Delaware. App. \$300. English.
- Harrisburgh, Pa.*—*Second church*, Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor. A long step forward has been taken by this congregation. It has purchased a large new church-building in an excellent location. By the sale of the old property it expects to meet the cost of the new. The congregation and Sunday-school are in good condition. App. \$300. English.
- Harrisburgh, Pa.*—*Zwingli*, Rev. M. Noll, pastor. This congregation has been engaged, during the summer, in finishing the upper or main audience room of its church. It has just been dedicated. The interest does not seem to have material at hand to grow fast, but it has nevertheless, had a quiet, healthy progress. App. \$225. German.
- Columbia, Pa.*—Rev. Conrad Clever, pastor. I repeat simply what I said a year ago: This mission is "prosperous." App. old, \$150; new, \$100. English.
- Hazleton Pa.*—*Emanuel's*. Lately served by the Rev. I. E. Graeff. Now vacant. The debt on this interest, seems to be the sole obstacle in the way of its becoming self-supporting at once. The matter is in the hands of a Committee of Classis. App. \$100. German and English.
- Overton, Pa.*—Served by Rev. J. H. Schlappig, until August. Vacant since. At my suggestion a committee has been appointed by East Susquehanna Classis with power to connect other congregations with this charge, and so make it self-sustaining. What can be done is not clear yet. App. \$75. German and English.

- Liverpool, Pa.*—Rev. W. Donat, pastor. By request of West Susquehanna Classis, the appropriation has been continued for another year, from June, 1876, when the field is to be declared self-sustaining. App. \$80. German and English.
- Lock Haven, Pa.*—*Church of the Resurrection.* Rev. F. F. Christine, pastor. This congregation was served for one year by Rev. J. W. Pontius. In that time much work was done. The communicant membership was increased from twenty to forty-three. A flourishing Sunday-school was established; and full forty of its children are baptized members of the Church. Ill health led the pastor to resign in June. Since July 1st, the congregation has been in charge of Rev. F. F. Christine, who was lately ordained and installed by the Classis. He reports favorably. App. old, \$500; since July \$400. English.

2. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Within the bounds of this Synod, the Board has had *twelve* missions, for the whole or part of the year, under its care.

- Kittanning, Pa.*—Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, pastor. Has continued, as before, prosperous. Presumably will be self-supporting within the coming year. App., old, \$225; since June, 1876, only \$165. English.
- Titusville, Pa.*—The fortunes of this congregation have been various; so much so as to make it difficult for the Board to know what to do in its case. For some time past, it has been supplied under the supervision of a Committee of St. Paul's Classis. The Executive Council has passed a resolution authorizing the said Classis to pay the supply, Rev. C. A. Limberg, at the rate of \$150 a year, and deduct the same from its apportionment for missions. With better times in the oil regions, it is hoped this congregation will become permanently established, and save for itself its beautiful and valuable property. German.
- Meadville, Pa.*—Rev. D. D. Leberman, pastor. Prosperous. Became self-supporting in the spring. Former app. \$150. German and English.
- Cumberland, Md.*—Rev. F. R. Schwedes, pastor. This interest has come to a healthy and steady growth. The pastor serves also in connection with it a congregation, established by him in Keyser City. It has cost much labor and means to bring the Reformed Church to a solid basis in Cumberland, but our perseverance is beginning to bring its reward. Our people there propose to purchase a suitable burying-ground, a matter of special importance, as experience shows, to a German congregation. App., old, \$400; new, \$350. German.

Scottdale, Pa.—Until September, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. C. B. Shulenberger. Vacant since, but expecting to have the services of a pastor shortly again in the person of Rev. S. Z. Beam, of Michigan. Has fifty-one confirmed members; one hundred Sunday-school scholars. Has as yet more debt on its property than is desirable. This interest has been growing from the start. App. \$300 until September; since then \$250. English.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—*Trinity*, Rev. T. F. Stauffer, pastor. Growing, though slowly during the year. Much affected by the hard times. It has much in its favor for the future. Confirmed members seventy; unconfirmed sixty-two; Sunday-school scholars eighty-five. App. old, \$300; new, \$250. English.

Zion's, Rev. H. D. Darbaker, pastor. This brother became the successor of Rev. Dr. Russell, last January. He has labored with reasonable success so far. The membership is small, thirty-four; but has zeal, a good, well located property, and no heavy debt. App. old, \$400; new, \$300. English.

I may here remark, that the movement spoken of last year, to unite *Trinity* and *Zion's* under one pastor, was not found feasible. Unforeseen difficulties obstructed the effort.

St. Paul's, Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus, pastor. The report from this congregation speaks of progress upon the whole. The membership has grown. Its financial affairs are, however, not all that could be desired. App. \$220. German.

St. James, Rev. C. Boerchers, pastor. This congregation has improved very much in Christian life and spirit. Its membership has risen to eighty-nine confirmed, and fifty-eight unconfirmed. App. \$200. German.

St. Luke's, Vacant, but supplied during the year by Rev. J. W. Ebbinghaus of *St. Paul's Church*. German.

Triadelphia, W. Va.—Rev. Louis Müller, pastor. Owing to the organization of a congregation in *Wheeling*, last autumn, by its pastor, there has not been any appropriation extended since October, 1875. Brother Müller has done a good work, especially in *Wheeling*. German.

Helvetia, W. Va.—Formerly under the pastoral care of Rev. A. Kern. Supported, by agreement, during the past year by the *St. John's Classis, Ohio Synod*, from the bounds of which many of the members had come. German.

The congregations of the five last named missions, viz.: *St. Paul's*, *St. James'* and *St. Luke's*, *Pittsburgh*, and *Triadelphia* and *Helvetia, W. Virginia*, belong to the *German Classis of West Pennsylvania* and hence, by request, are to be transferred to the *Board of Missions of the German Eastern Synod*, to whose jurisdiction said Classis

now belongs. Our Executive Council has consented to, and authorized this transfer, to take effect October the 1st, 1876.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC

Within the bounds of this Synod there are *eight* Missions under the care of our Board.

Duncannon, Pa.—Vacant for a whole year. Since September, under the pastoral care of Rev. U. H. Heilman. While vacant the Mission was supplied with service, mainly by students from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. The new pastor finds the people active, and feels greatly encouraged. App. \$300. English and German

Winchester, Va.—Rev. C. G. Fisher, pastor. This charge is still making progress. Its most immediate need would seem to be a parsonage. That is of first account, in the circumstances, to give it an established character. App., old, \$350; new, \$300. English.

Orbisonia, Pa.—Rev. J. M. Schick, pastor. A mission along the eastern branch of the Broad Top Rail-road, in Huntingdon County. The pastor, who took charge July 1st, reports it as promising well. It includes several towns. App. \$200. English and German.

Chambersburg, Pa.—*St. John's*, Rev. Carl Gundlach, pastor. This congregation was for years under the care of the late Rev. Dr. Schneck. It has not much material to hand out of which to grow. App. \$100. German.

PACIFIC COAST MISSIONS.

San Francisco, Cal.—Rev. J. H. Krueger, pastor. I may here repeat my language of last year: "No particular change during the year. Holds fairly its own." San Francisco is a difficult field for church work, requiring ability, skill and patience, along with great devotion on the part of a pastor, if he would succeed. The brother in charge seems to labor hard. App. \$300. German.

Napa, Cal.—Rev. F. Fox, pastor. What has been said of San Francisco holds equally true of Napa. Our Missionary there has been a skillful pioneer. He continues to look to the extension of our work in the Golden State. App. \$440. English and German.

Portland, Oregon.—Rev. J. Gantenbein, pastor. This Mission is getting to have a fixed character, and a well-understood position in the community. Its greatest want is a chapel of its own, for obtaining which there seems to be good

prospect. The pastor has also visited other places in Oregon with the view of opening the way for the establishment of Reformed congregations. App., old, \$600; new, \$500 German.

Salem, Oregon.—Rev. J. Muellhaupt, pastor. The Missionary has just begun his work in this place, the capital of the State, and there is nothing very definite as yet to report. He also preaches in Albany occasionally, and may visit settlements in the country. He is a wise, persevering Missionary, and is like to do good service. German.

Besides these congregations, there is one at Stockton, Cal., under the pastoral care of Rev. L. C. Edmonds, which, however, supports its own minister, and is not a mission. It will thus be seen that the Reformed Church has laid a fair foundation along the Pacific Coast.

OTHER MISSIONS.

A number of Missions have all along been, for a longer or shorter time, under the care of the Superintendent, and a Committee of the Classes in which they severally are located, before they came under the full control of the Board by the appointment of a Missionary. We have been steadily saving money in this way. Of such missions the following are on hand at the present time; and others could be started at once, if the right conception of our work could be carried out.

Lansdale, Pa.—A congregation has formally been organized here with thirty odd confirmed members. A large, well-located lot has been purchased, and a brick church-building is in course of erection. No appropriation has been asked for. The services are mainly held in English.

Washington, D. C.—It gives me unfeigned pleasure, to be able to say that the outlook for an English congregation in this city has become very good. Long neglect, all sorts of difficulties, doubt and irresolution stood in the way. Yet a substantial triumph has been won. We have now at least forty names of persons likely to identify themselves with an English Reformed congregation, and at our first service we had an attendance of twenty in the morning, and thirty-five in the evening, almost every one of whom intending to go with the interest. At our next service we shall take into consideration the propriety of at once organizing. Some delay was deemed best in order to give all our people in Washington, an opportunity to attend, before it should take place. The Committee of Maryland Classis has given me efficient aid. We ask the hearty interest of the whole Church in this enterprise.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—At my last visit to this place, it was agreed that an organization should be deferred until winter or the late autumn, owing to the evil times, from which our members there were especially suffering. This was the request of the people themselves. I take it that now we would better go forward with an organization at an early day. Doubtless, in this the Mission Committee of East Susquehanna Classis, will co-operate with me very cheerfully. An appropriation of \$400 has been made for this place, to take effect whenever a Missionary is put in charge. English.

SUMMARY.

Mission in Synod in the U. S.....	17
“ “ Pittsburgh Synod.....	12
“ “ Synod of the Potomac.....	8
“ under special care of Superintendent.....	3
Total.....	<u>40</u>

Missions Passing off the Board.

Meadville, Pa., Self-supporting,	June, 1876.
Triadelphia, W. Va., “	October, 1875.
Allentown, Pa. Salem, Self-supporting from beginning.	
Philadelphia, St. Stephen's, Self-supporting,	April, 1876.
Pittsburgh, St. Paul's, Transferred to Ger. East. Syn.,	October, 1876.
“ St. James', “ “ “ “	1876.
“ St. Luke's, “ “ “ “	1876.
Helvetia, W. Va., Transferred to St. John's Classis, O. Syn.,	1875.

FINANCES.

Our Board felt itself much hampered during the year, by the debt which came over from former years. Happily this is diminishing. Our estimated expense for the year was \$9,500. Our actual expense has been \$500 less. The following table will explain the particulars, as near as I can get at them:

Actual cost of Missions in Synod in the U. S.....	\$3,520 00
“ “ “ “ Pittsburgh Synod.....	2,210 00
“ “ “ “ Synod of the Potomac.....	1,770 00
Salary of Superintendent.....	1,200 00
Traveling expenses of Supt., Members of Board and Ex-Council, and salary of Stated Clerk.....	300 00
Total.....	<u>\$9,000 00</u>

Over against this we have had an income of full *eleven thousand dollars*, as will be seen in the report of the Treasurer, to which I refer the Synods. I think I do not assume too much, when I say at this point, that the Church is to be congratulated upon this result. Personally I feel greatly pleased with it, especially when the times, and the divisions and obstructions within ourselves are considered.

IOWA MISSIONS.

The Church is well acquainted with the history of the Missions in Iowa Classis, Ohio Synod. They have looked to the East for support, and have received it to a considerable extent, yet in a way that was likely at any time, to produce irritation. With the view of relieving this abnormal state of things I entered some time ago, into correspondence with Rev. Dr. Williard, President of the Ohio Synod's Board of Missions, suggesting a transfer by said Board of the Missions in Iowa Classis, with their own consent, to our Board, and so opening up a normal way for help, from our Synods. The Ohio Synod's Board took favorable action, and passed the following resolution on the subject, which was also approved, at its late meeting, by our executive council.

"*Resolved*, That this Board gives its consent that any or all of the Missions now in Iowa, (the English Iowa Classis) be formally transferred to the Tri-Synodical Board of Missions, provided that said Missionaries or the Iowa Board of Missions make such request; in which case the officers of this Board are authorized to make the official transfer."

SUGGESTIONS.

1. To meet the current expenses of the coming year, and to pay off the balance of our debt we shall need an apportionment equal to that of last year. To the extent that charges pay up back apportionments we will be enabled to enlarge our work. The Classes will look after this matter. Last year's apportionment was \$15,000, as suggested; but the Pittsburgh Synod felt able to assume only \$2500 instead of \$3200. On this basis I would recommend the following division.

Synod in U. S.....	\$9,000
Pittsburgh Synod.....	2,500
Synod of the Potomac.....	3,500
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Total	\$15,000

It is to be borne in mind that out of this sum, provision will have to be made for work in the Iowa Classis, and that the separate drain upon our congregations for that interest will probably cease by next spring.

2. The Synods will otherwise learn that the Executive Council at its late meeting passed a resolution by a majority vote, limiting, from December 1st, the time and salary of the Superintendent to such an extent as to meet the demands of the office in connection with his duties to a regular charge, should he enter the pastorate. Personally I can only view such a step as relieving me from a great burden, borne for three years simply in devotion to a great and good cause, with which my active life has been mainly identified. I have nothing to regret in this direction, and much to rejoice at. And yet I opposed the action of the Council, and shall give it no more than a negative assent, unless the Synods make it their own. In that case I shall still have doubts as to its wisdom, but shall give my hearty support to legitimate authority. My objections, among others, are these. 1) The Synods alone have the right to take absolute action in this case. The Superintendency holds from the Synods, which also elect the person filling it; not from the Executive Council or even the Board. If the Executive Council can do this, it can, by logical sequence, change the intent of any other fundamental article of the original agreement between the Synods; which means, again, that a combination of two or three men may modify essentially the most positive compacts. I can be no party to this. 2) My second objection is this. The step proposed is one backward, not forward. It is one likely to be retraced again, one of these days. Time will tell. *Dixi.*

In closing I repeat the language of my last report. "Special thanks are due our Missionaries for their steady labors amid severe self-denial. The Lord will reward them."

Respectfully submitted.

F. K. LEVAN,
Superintendent of Missions.

II. REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

I have the honor to submit the following detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Board during the year ending October 7th, 1876.

RECEIPTS.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$264 11
(S. Schools, \$9 74)	
Classis of Goshenhoppen.....	1,114 12
Classis of East Pennsylvania.....	812 93

	(S. Schools, \$4 81)	
Classis of Tohickon.....	539 57	
Classis of Lebanon.....	1,495 33	
	(S. Schools, \$150.00)	
Classis of Lancaster.....	795 37	
	(S. Schools, \$67 47)	
Classis of West Susquehanna.....	551 19	
Classis of East Susquehanna.....	418 91	
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Total from Synod of the U. S. (including S. Schools \$232 02).....		\$5,991 53

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Classis of Zion.....	\$745 96	
	S. Schools, (\$13 39)	
Classis of Maryland.....	977 54	
	(S. Schools, (\$6 18)	
Classis of Mercersburg.....	148 14	
	(S. Schools, (30 26)	
Classis of Virginia.....	192 39	
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Total from Synod of Potomac (including S. Schools \$49 83).....		\$2,064 03

SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

Classis of Allegheny.....	\$221 25	
Classis of Clarion.....	290 21	
Classis of Somerset.....	365 67	
From Treasurer of Synod.....	1,090 24	
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Total from Synod of Pittsburg.....		\$1,967 37
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Total from the three Synods (including Sunday-schools).....		10,022 93
From Miscellaneous sources (includ' \$38 05 from Cal. Missions).		300 80
Balance due the Board at date of last Report.....		232 07
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Total from all sources.....		\$10,555 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of the Board during the year amounting to.....	\$9,645 05	
Paid Treasurer of Iowa Classis.....	277 03	\$9,922 08
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Balance due the Board.....		\$633 72

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have audited the account of Wm. H. Seibert by vouchers and find the same to be correct, and a balance of six hundred and thirty-three dollars and seventy-two cents in the Treasury. \$633.72, October 17th, 1876.

W. H. H. SNYDER.

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions, to whom the foregoing Reports had been referred, submitted their report, which was received, and taken up item by item, amended, and adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully report that the following documents were placed in our hands, as follows :

1. The Report of the Superintendent of Home Missions.

2. The Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions.

3. An Overture from Rev. J. B. Shontz, in which he tenders his services to the Synod, and volunteers to take charge of our missionary interests in Washington City, provided the Board of Missions commission him to that important field, and appropriate a sum to his support, sufficient only to pay the most necessary expenses of living.

4. A letter from Rev. J. Muellhaupt, Missionary at Salem, Oregon.

From the documents on Missions in our hands, we learn that notwithstanding the pressure of the times, the work has gone forward successfully. There have been forty missions under the care of the Tri-Synodic Board, eight of which only are within the bounds of this Synod. The whole amount received for missions during the year is \$10,555.80, a sum less than the actual demands of the work requires, and much beneath the ability of the Synods to contribute. Much remains undone for lack of funds. We believe that our people need only to have the claims of this work properly presented, to insure an increased liberality. Hard-earned wages are now due our Missionaries, who are living upon very small salaries. This ought not so to be.

There will be needed for the current year, the sum of at least \$15,000.00. We recommend the following action :

Resolved, That this Synod assume \$3,500.00 of this amount.

Resolved, further, That this amount be apportioned to the different Classes as follows :

Maryland Classis.....	\$1,300 00
Zion's.....	1,150 00
Mercersburg.....	700 00
Virginia.....	250 00
North Carolina.....	100 00

Making..... \$3,500 00

Resolved, still further, That this Synod do hereby instruct the Board of Missions of the three Synods, to appropriate five hundred dollars of the \$3,500.00 assumed by this Synod, to the Missionary Board of the Iowa Classis, through the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod ; and also, that this Synod do hereby instruct the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions to appropriate five hundred dollars of the \$3,500.00 assumed by this Synod to the mission-

ary work in Virginia Classis, this sum to include what is already appropriated to the Mission at Winchester.

From the report of the Superintendent, we learn that the Executive Council of the Tri-Synodie Board, at its late meeting, determined to reduce the salary and time of the Superintendent's services two-thirds for the coming year, and that he be allowed to serve a pastorate, in addition to his Superintendency. We recommend the following action :

Resolved, That this Synod regard the action of the Executive Council of the Tri-Synodie Board of Missions, in determining to abbreviate the services of the superintendent as inexpedient, even if they had the authority to do so, before the expiration of the four years for which he was elected, and cannot therefore endorse that action.

Touching the overture from Rev. J. B. Shontz, we would recommend the following.

This Synod fully recognizes the importance of speedily establishing an English Mission at Washington, D. C., and therefore learns with pleasure from the Report of the Superintendent of Missions, that he in conjunction with a committee of the Maryland Classis has the missionary interests of Washington under their special control, and are about effecting an organization there. Therefore,

Resolved, That the proposition of Rev. J. B. Shontz be referred to the authorities about to organize the mission.

The letter of Rev. J. Muellhaupt asks that he be excused for non-attendance upon the present sessions of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

Rev. J. Muellhaupt was the late pastor of the Stockton charge, and has removed to Salem, Oregon, where he has taken charge of a new mission field, and asks our prayers and material help. He with our other missionaries on the Pacific Coast have shown themselves earnest and self-denying laborers, who are deserving the confidence and support of this Synod. Therefore,

Resolved That Rev. J. Muellhaupt and his new field be referred to the Tri-Synodie Board of Missions.

Resolved, That this Synod set apart this (Monday) evening for a missionary meeting.

Resolved, further, That the arrangements for this missionary meeting be referred to the Committee on Religious Services.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. ESCHBACH,	} Committee.
W. F. COLLIFLOWER,	
CHAS. G. FISHER,	
ABRAHAM TAWNEY,	
PHILIP COBLENTZ,	

The missionary meeting was held on Monday evening, as proposed, and a collection lifted for the cause of missions. This collection was

ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of Synod, and by him remitted the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions. Rev. E. R. Eschbach presided at the missionary meeting, and addresses were made by Revs. F. K. Levan, C. Cort, A. R. Kremer, J. A. Hoffheins and T. F. Hoffmeier.

Revs. J. A. Peters and E. R. Eschbach were elected members of the Synodic Board of Home Missions for the term of four years, or until October 1st, 1880.

The Committee, appointed at last annual meeting of Synod to prepare a paper expressing the sense of high appreciation with which this Synod regards the labors in which the Brethren on the Pacific Coast are engaged, and thus convey to them the cordial greetings, sympathy, and love of this Synod in their work, and assure them also of our fervent prayers to God for them and their labor of love, reported as follows, which was received and adopted, viz.:

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of sending a letter of greeting to the brethren on the Pacific Coast, would beg leave to report,

That they attended to the duty assigned them.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

The Committee, to whom was referred the request from the San Francisco Classis for a loan of \$1000.00 in behalf of the San Francisco Church, offered the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.:

The Committee, to which was referred the request of the Classis of San Francisco, for a loan of \$1,000.00 from this Synod, upon certain conditions, offer the following report.

That under existing circumstances, this Synod deems it inexpedient to comply with said request.

Respectfully submitted.

M. H. SANGREE,

H. F. SEIPLE,

D. N. DITMAR,

SAMUEL B. SNIVELY.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Synod submitted his Annual Report, which was received, and then referred to the Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows:

LOUIS MARKELL, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac*

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October 22, 1875.	To balance, cash on hand.....	\$263 15
Sept. 19, 1876.	To cash received of Mercersburg Classis.....	75 00
October 13, “	“ Maryland Classis.....	70 00
October 16, “	“ North Carolina Classis.....	20 00
October 20, “	“ Zion's Classis.....	137 00
	Making.....	<u>\$565 15</u>

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December 18, 1875.	By cash paid for Minute Book for Trustees of Synod	\$3 00
January 15, 1876.	By cash paid to Stated Clerk for freight and postage on Minutes, traveling expenses, and postage	14 00
January 24, 1876.	By cash paid to Reformed Church Publication Board for Printing Minutes of Synod	152 00
September 19, “	By cash paid to Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk	75 00
October 20, “	By balance, cash on hand.....	321 15
	Making.....	<u>\$565 15</u>

Due from Virginia Classis, \$20.00.

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, as follows, which was received and adopted, viz. :

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report.

The Treasurer's Report shows the receipts during the last year, together with the balance remaining over from the year before, to be \$565.15.

Besides this there is remaining due from Virginia Classis, \$20.00. The expenditures were \$244.00.

Your Committee examined the Report of the Treasurer, and although some of the vouchers were forgotten by the Treasurer, having been left at home, nevertheless the Committee are satisfied that the Report is correct.

Adding the assessment of \$166.00 by the General Synod upon this Synod, and which the Treasurer neglected to pay through a misapprehension, the expenditures would be \$410.00, leaving an unappropriated balance in the treasury of only \$155.15.

The following assessments are made to meet the expenses for the current year, viz. :

Mercersburg Classis	\$65 00
Zion's Classis	65 00
Maryland Classis.....	60 00
Virginia Classis.....	10 00
North Carolina Classis.....	10 00

Making.....\$210 00
Respectfully submitted.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Board of Trustees of Synod presented their annual report to Synod, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Board of Trustees beg leave to report, That they held two meetings during the Synodical year. The first at the close of the sessions of Synod at Winchester for organization for the current year. The organization was effected by electing Rev. S. N. Callender, *President*, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, *Secretary*, and Elder Louis Markell, *Treasurer*.

In obedience to the instructions of the Synod at Winchester, your Board effected a loan of Two Thousand Dollars, which was duly paid over to the Reformed Church Publication Board in Philadelphia.

Your Agent, Rev. M. H. Sangree, went forth in obedience to Synod's direction and canvassed most of the field of this Synod to raise funds for the payment of this loan, and at the Board's second meeting for the year, during the sessions of the present Synod, submitting his report in part, relating to the results which have attended his labors.

His report sets forth that he succeeded in securing in individual subscriptions, some	\$1700 00
In pledges from Charges,	600 00
Of these he has collected about \$1,200.00, of which he has paid into the hands of the Treasurer,	1003 00

Some two or three hundred dollars will yet be needed to cover the gross amount of loan, interest, and cost of collection. This sum your Agent proposes to go forward to secure,—as also to superintend the collection of the sums yet due on subscriptions and pledges.

Your Board, in obedience to the direction of this Synod, arranged with the Agent the compensation to be rendered him for his labors, which they have fixed at 12 per cent. on the gross amount raised, together with his necessary expenses.

Your Board would congratulate Synod upon the success which has attended the efforts of the Agent, in securing so nearly the whole amount needed, and the certain prospect of speedily securing the deficit.

Respectfully submitted.

S. N. CALLENDER,
President of Board of Trustees.

Hon. Lewis H. Steiner, M.D., was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, in the place of William Heyser, whose term is about expiring, to serve from January 1st, 1877, to January 1st, 1882.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing took place under this head.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its third Annual Report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows :

The Sunday-school work is one which, in the nature of the case, is confined to individual congregations, and must be left principally to the judgment of the Consistories and Pastors, and in view of our dependence on other denominations for a Sunday-school literature, owing mainly to the want of means, the Sunday-school Board has little to report. At the meeting of Synod at Winchester, Va., the Synod instructed the Board "to prepare, or have prepared, a manual, giving a concise, practical, and popular account of the general idea or scheme of the Church Year, with specific, detailed statements of the significance of the separate days and seasons, and the logical order of thought contained in them." It was felt by the Board, at the time, that such a manual, much as it is to be desired, would be beyond the reach of the Board, and efforts, in a private way, were made to have the articles on the "Pericopes," published in the *Mercersburg Review*, continued, and in that way meet the wishes of the Synod. This was done as time and opportunity offered. The subject is one of vast significance, and it would be well to keep it before the mind of the Church, and patiently and earnestly studied, in the hope that it may fruit in the production of the work now felt to be needed.

As far as the Board is aware, the *Lesson Papers* are well received and supply a want.

The Board would recommend the following topics for discussion, with the names of brethren to discuss the same, as the order of the special service ordered by the last Synod to take place during the present sessions, to wit:

1. The Sunday-school in its relation to the family.—Revs. Dr. Kieffer and O. L. Ashenfelter.

2. The relation of our Sunday-school work to the conversion of our children.—Revs. Dr. Gans and I. G. Brown.

3. The true idea of a Sunday-school literature.—Revs. A. Wanner and Dr. Callender.

We would further recommend that Elder G. S. Griffith conduct this Synodical Sunday-school service; that the speakers be each limited in his remarks to ten minutes; and that a collection be lifted, the proceeds of which shall be placed in the hands of the Sunday-school Board, to be used as in its judgment it may determine.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SANTEE,
J. A. PETERS,
G. S. GRIFFITH,
W. K. ZIEBER.

The Sunday-school meeting was held on Friday evening of the Sessions of the Synod, the services took place according to the foregoing programme and elicited marked attention, being of more than ordinary interest.

Rev. A. R. Kremer was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the term of five years.

The action of the last annual meeting, making it the duty of the Sunday-school Board either to prepare, or have prepared, a manual, giving a concise, practical and popular account of the general idea and scheme of the Church Year, with specific, detailed statements of the significance of the separate days and seasons, and the logical order of thought contained in them, was reiterated.

On motion, Friday evening, October 19th, 1877, of the next Synod, was set apart for the specific purpose of considering the work and interests of the Sunday-school cause.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT,

Item 2, under the heading *Irregularities*, in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis was referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. J. A. Hoffeins, S. N. Callender, I. S. Weisz, and Elders H. Hause and J. T. Motter.

This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit :

The Special Committee, to whom *Item 2*, under *Irregularities*, in the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classis was referred, offer the following for adoption :

In this item, covering a certain preamble and resolutions, this Synod is confronted with the fact that the Classis of North Carolina has undertaken to prepare for its use a new Hymn Book.

It is the unanimous judgment of your Committee, that such action is not only highly disrespectful to the General Synod, in view of its deliverance, at its last meeting, in answer to the request of said Classis on this subject, allowing its congregations the use of any collection of hymns published by a Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. But further, That it is in direct conflict with and violation of Article 80 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Classis be and hereby is commanded and enjoined to desist from any further prosecution of a work such as is proposed in their action, or in the use of any other Hymn Book by her congregations than those already allowed, until the General Synod grants such permission.

Resolved, further, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to communicate this action to the President of North Carolina Classis at once.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. HOFFEINS,	} <i>Committee.</i>
S. N. CALLENDER,	
I. S. WEISZ,	
H. HAUSE,	
J. TAYLOR MOTTER.	

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk in regard to the publication of the Minutes of the Third Annual Meeting of Synod, and was adopted.

The undersigned, as Stated Clerk of Synod, would respectfully report :

That he had twelve hundred and fifty copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Third Annual Meeting of the Synod, published agreeably to the instructions of Synod, and distributed them according to the directions of the Synod. The members of the Synods of the United States, Ohio and Pittsburgh were generally furnished with a copy of the Minutes. Only a few copies were sent to ministers of the German Synods, as those Synods decline exchanging Minutes with the English Synods.

The Minutes were printed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, Pa., as directed, and at a cost of \$152.00, which has been paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. M. DEATRICK,
Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have twelve hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes of the present session, duly authenticated, published, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Item 4 of the Report of the Committee on Overtures, consisting of the Annual Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board, the Annual Statement of the Superintendent thereof, and also the new form of Charter adopted by the Board, was referred for consideration to a special committee, composed of Revs. W. K. Zieber, E. R. Eschbach, and Elder Judge Knode.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION BOARD.

The Committee offered the following report, which was received and adopted, viz. :

Your Committee submit the following report :

The documents placed in our hands are :

1st. The Annual Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board.

2d. The Annual Statement of the Financial Condition of said Board.

3d. A copy of the new Charter for said Board.

The items in these documents requiring action on the part of this Synod are as follows :

Item 1. The plan of operation agreed upon between this Synod and the Synods of the United States and of Pittsburgh have gone into effect. The new Charter, which has been carefully prepared, has not yet received the approval of the Courts. For this reason the Board requests that those of its members representing this Synod be conti-

nued for another year. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Elders Adam B. Wingerd and Goldsboro S. Griffith be continued as members of the Reformed Church Publication Board until the next meeting of Synod.

Item 2. The enlarging of *The Messenger*, and the increase of the editorial force, have augmented the expenses of publication, which have not been covered by the amount realized from the enlarged subscription list. Your Committee believe, that our Church paper is deserving of a much wider circulation, and therefore proposes the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the improvements manifested in *The Messenger*, and earnestly recommends the Classes to make renewed efforts to increase its circulation.

Item 3. From the Financial Statement your Committee cannot learn what has been the profit or loss resulting from the Board's management, during the past year. We suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Reformed Church Publication Board be requested so to prepare its future financial statements as to show clearly the actual loss or gain during each current year.

We recommend that the annual report and the copy of the Charter be recorded in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

W. K. ZIEBER, }
WM. H. KNODE, } *Committee.*
E. R. ESCHBACH. }

Yerk, Pa., Oct. 21, 1876.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac will heartily co-operate with any agent the Reformed Church Board of Publication may see fit to put into the field to further its work.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

To the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh, and the Potomac, the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully submits the following annual report:

The Board held one special session soon after the last annual meetings of the several Synods, and four regular quarterly meetings, at each of which the three Synods were represented, and earnest attention was given to matters relating to the interests of the Board.

The operations of the year have been carried forward under the disadvantages incident to all business enterprises in the midst of the continued financial pressure of the times, and though the results are

not as favorable as was to have been desired yet they are not without their encouraging aspects.

From the Annual Statement of the Superintendent submitted at the last quarterly meeting, which is full as to particulars, the following summary is gathered, as indicating the financial condition of the Board :

Receipts of the year.....		\$39,391	33			
Disbursements.....		37,479	86			
	Excess of receipts.....	\$	1,911 47			
	Liabilities reported October 1, 1875.....	\$29,212	28			
	Liabilities reported October 1, 1876.....	27,011	44			
	Decrease.....	\$	2,200 84			
General Assets Oct. 1, '75..	\$54,991	16	General Assets	\$54,811	31	
General Assets Oct. 1, '76..	54,811	31	Add Real Estate.....	35,000	00	
Decrease.....	\$	179	85		\$89,811	31
	General Liabilities.....	\$27,011	44			
	Add Mortgage.....	20,000	00		47,011	44
	Excess of Assets.....				\$42,799	87
	Advances of Treasurer, 1875.....	\$14,268	87			
	Advances of Treasurer, 1876.....	12,357	40			
	Decrease in Advances.....	\$1,911	47			

The agents of the Board have labored earnestly to collect outstanding dues of the past, and to enforce cash in advance payments both on periodicals and books in the future. They have, however, met with only partial success. These efforts are to be continued, and it is to be hoped that, with the active co-operation of the friends of the publication enterprise of the Church, they will be attended with greater success.

The funds proposed to be furnished by the Synods of the Potomac and of the United States, were received, and are included in the general receipts of the Board

Immediately at the first meeting after the adjournment of the Synods, the Board took measures to have its charter changed so as to conform to the arrangements entered into by the three Synods in regard to the publication interests represented in the Board. They have had to contend with the delays only too often incident to movements of this kind ; but have still succeeded in getting the new Charter drawn up in form, and having it acknowledged before the Recorder of Deeds, so that it may be expected soon to receive the approval of

the Courts, and go into full legal effect. A copy of the Charter accompanies this report. In view of the fact, that the new Charter has not yet obtained full legal sanction, the Board recommends to the Synods that they continue their present representatives in the Board for another year.

The wishes expressed by the three Synods in regard to the publication of *The Messenger* have received the earnest attention of the Board. The Rev. Dr. Peter S. Davis, who had been chosen Editor-in-chief, with his assistants appointed by the three Synods respectively, entered upon their duties with the opening of the present year. The paper has appeared in an enlarged and much-improved form, and has, as far as is known, given general satisfaction. To accommodate a certain class of subscribers, the paper is issued in two editions, the one being a double, and the other a single sheet. A respectable addition has been made to the subscription list; but it must be still further increased before a sufficient amount can be realized from receipts for subscription to cover the increased expenses of publication. It is to be hoped that active measures will be taken by the respective Synods to aid the Board in their efforts to place *The Messenger* on a paying basis, by greatly extending its circulation.

Agreeably to the instructions of the Synod of the United States, the Board resumed the publication of the *Mercersburg Review*. An edition of five hundred copies has been issued. The subscription list has been slightly increased; but still not to an extent to make its receipts cover the expenses. It greatly needs increased co-operation on the part of its friends.

The *Lammerhirte* was transferred to the German Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio, with the opening of the year. The other periodicals of the Church, the *Guardian*, *Lesson Papers*, and *Child's Treasury*, meet with continued favor, and are accomplishing their purposed work in their respective spheres.

A change has taken place in the Business Agent of the Book Department. At the first quarterly meeting, J. David Miller, who has occupied this position for a number of years, tendered his resignation, which went into effect on the 1st of April last. Charles H. Taylor was secured as his successor, who entered upon his duties on the 15th of May. He is well qualified for the position, and is prosecuting his duties with energy and efficiency. With a proper co-operation on the part of the Church, there is every reason to believe that he will be able to make this department of our publication operations a decided success.

The Synod of the United States instructed the Board to appoint an agent to collect the monies to replace the amount borrowed by it for the use of the Board, as well as to work for the general interests of the establishment. The Board secured the services of the Rev. Jacob F. Wiant for this purpose, who entered upon his duties in February last. He has met with some success, especially as relates to advancing the general interests of the Board, and it is to be hoped his continued ser-

VICES may be secured. As his operations concern more especially the Synod of the United States, a separate report of them from him will be submitted to it.

With the above statement, the Board earnestly commends the publication interests of the Church, as entrusted to it, to the hearty and prayerful consideration of the respective Synods, and solicits their ardent prayers and continued active co-operation in its behalf.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. GROSS, *President.*

SAM'L R. FISHER, *Secretary.*

FORM OF CHARTER.

SECTION I. The name and title of this Corporation shall be "The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States."

SECTION II. Its object shall be the publication and sale of such works, permanent and periodical, as are adapted to promote sound learning and true religion.

SECTION III. This Corporation shall be constituted of a Board of Trustees consisting at present of Daniel W. Gross, George Gelbach, George W. Hensel, John W. Love, Barnard Wolff, Adam B. Wingerd, and Goldsboro S. Griffith, who shall hold their office until successors are duly qualified to take their places, to be chosen by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and such other Synod or Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States as the Synods represented in the Corporation may see fit, by unanimous consent among themselves, to associate with them in the work of Publication, at such time and in such order, number, and manner, as shall be mutually agreed upon by the aforesaid Synods: Provided, that not more than one-third of the Trustees shall be removed in any one year, and that at least two-thirds of the Trustees shall at all times be citizens of the State of Pennsylvania; vacancies, however, occurring by death, resignation, or disqualification under the By-Laws of this Corporation may be filled by the Corporation itself, until the next annual meeting of the Synods when it shall be competent for them to fill such vacancies in such manner as may have been provided for among themselves.

SECTION IV. The Trustees hereby incorporated and their successors shall, subject to the supervision and direction of a majority of the Synods referred to in the previous Section, have full power to hold and manage the funds and property entrusted to them, and to conduct the particular business assigned to them in such manner as shall be deemed most advantageous and not contrary to law. Provided always, the clear yearly income above expenses from the real and personal estate held by said Corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and, Provided also, they shall not dispose

of or encumber any of said real estate without first having obtained the consent of a majority of the Synods controlling the Corporation.

SECTION V. This Corporation shall have power, from time to time, to adopt such By-Laws as it may deem necessary for its government; and also to alter and amend the same as it may see fit, Provided they do not conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this Charter, and the Constitution and Laws of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers.

The Society for the relief of disabled ministers and the widows of deceased ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States submitted the following statement to the Synod, which was received and ordered to be incorporated in the Minutes, viz.:

The Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and the Widows of Deceased Ministers, would respectfully present to the Synod the following statement of its condition and operations, with the request that it be placed on the Minutes:

Amount invested.....	\$12,750 00
Amount in the Treasury.....	1,322 02

Whole amount.....	\$14,072 02
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Amount appropriated for the support of its beneficiaries during the present year.....	\$700 00
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The Society has under its care two disabled ministers, eleven widows, and two aged unmarried females, daughters of a deceased minister, who was a member of the old Society.

The Society adopted the following resolution at its late meeting, viz.:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac be petitioned to request that collections be taken up in the congregations within its bounds on or about the third Sunday in June next, in aid of this Society.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. COLLIFLOWER, *Secretary*.

The congregations belonging to Synod were, on motion, requested to lift collections for the benefit of the Society, at the time designated.

The Committee on Overtures, under item 3, reported a communication, in the form of an annual statement from the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa. This paper was re-

ferred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. R. Kremer, A. G. Dole and Elder D. S. Firor.

This Committee reported during Friday afternoon's session, as follows, which was received and adopted, viz. :

Your Committee to whom was referred the "Annual Statement of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa.," beg leave to report :

That this Synod has heard with great pleasure, and with gratitude to the Good Shepherd of the lambs, of the prosperity and continued usefulness of the Bethany Orphans' Home; that all its inmates have been favored with good bodily health, and, above all, with the blessings of divine grace through the ministrations of the Church, a very encouraging number of orphans having been admitted to full communion by confirmation. Therefore,

Resolved, That this institution be commended to the favorable consideration, to the prayers and liberality of all the membership of the Reformed Church within the bounds of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. KREMER	}	<i>Committee.</i>
A. G. DOLE,		
DAVID S. FIROR.		

On the afternoon of the third day of the session, the Committee on Nominations presented their report, which was received and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two hundred tickets of these nominations printed for the use of the Synod, and the election was made the order of the day, for the opening of Saturday afternoon's session.

At the appointed time, the election was held. Revs. J. T. Rossiter and P. A. Long and Elders J. Heyser and B. R. Carnahan were appointed tellers, who received the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. This result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Trustees of Synod, Missions and Sunday-School, respectively.

During Friday afternoon's session, Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, who was present as an advisory member, was requested to address the Synod, and Saturday morning's session, at 10 o'clock, was fixed upon as the time for this address. At the specified hour, Rev. Dr. Nevin proceeded to address the Synod, speaking for upward of an hour, and was listened to most attentively.

At the conclusion of the address the following resolution was moved and adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That this Synod heartily appreciates the service which the Rev. Dr. Nevin has hitherto rendered to the Church; that we tender him our warmest thanks for the instructive address with which he has at this time favored us; and, further, that a copy of the same be requested for publication in the *Mercersburg Review*.

During the session of Monday morning, the Rev. G. W. Glessner, who has spent about forty-four years in the work of the ministry, and who has been perhaps, with one exception, the longest in the ministerial ranks of any connected with the Synod, was invited to address the Synod. The time chosen for the delivery of this address was at the opening of Monday afternoon's session. At the appointed hour, this venerable father addressed the Synod in solemn words, at considerable length, and was listened to very attentively by the members of Synod and visitors who were present. A vote of thanks was returned to Father Glessner for his earnest and excellent address.

The special addresses of these two venerable men were a new feature in the proceedings of the Synod, but one whose effect was happy indeed, and their influence, it is believed, will have excellent results.

An assessment of twenty-five cents was laid upon the members of Synod, to meet incidental expenses. The Revs. J. M. Souder, W. R. H. Deatrich, D. M. Whitmore and D. W. Kelly were appointed a committee to collect said assessment.

At a subsequent session, the Committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted, viz. :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :—

Your Committee appointed to collect an assessment of twenty-five cents from each member of Synod to compensate the sexton of the church, and pay incidental expenses, respectfully report, that the Committee have called upon the members of Synod present, and have received the sum of twenty-one dollars and ten cents, which has been handed over to the pastor of the church.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SOUDER, *Chairman.*

The Committee, appointed at the Synod of Hanover, which, in conjunction with a similar Committee from the Synod of the United States, was empowered to prepare and publish an edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church" with *music*, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :—

Your Committee, appointed to prepare an edition of the Hymn Book accompanied with music, respectfully report, that they have held a joint session with the committee appointed for the same end by the Synod of the United States, and that at this session work was apportioned out to the members of the Committees; and that much preparatory labor has been accomplished. Soon another general meeting of the Committees will be held and the work thus far done carefully examined and passed upon. The task is too great to be hurried, and your Committee can do no more than in this way report progress, and ask to be continued.

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman*

The Committee appointed, in conjunction with similar committees from the Synods of the United States and Pittsburgh, to elect an Editor in chief to edit *The Messenger*, made the following report, which was received and adopted, viz.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :—

Your Committee appointed to confer with a joint committee of the Synods of the United States and of Pittsburgh with power to confirm and carry out the new arrangement proposed in reference to the Board of Publication, respectfully report, that they met, in joint Conference with the Committees above mentioned, at Lancaster, Pa., during the regular sessions of the Eastern Synod; and after consultation and with great unanimity acquiesced in the new arrangement ratified by the Synod of the United States, and proceeded to the election of an editor in chief. The choice fell upon Rev. Dr. P. S. Davis, who was duly notified, and subsequently gave notice of his acceptance, and has entered upon the work.

E. E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

Revs. F. Fox, J. Ziegler, J. C. Hensell, G. H. Martin, J. S. Kieffer, A. J. Whitmore, Wm. C. Schaeffer, Wm. A. Gring, E. N. Kremer, and M. L. Shuford were severally excused for their non-attendance upon the present meeting of Synod.

On Friday afternoon, Revs. J. O. Miller, I. G. Brown, and O. E. Lake were appointed a Committee, through which all applications for leave of absence were to be made, and their report, submitted shortly before final adjournment, was received and adopted.

The following members of Synod obtained leave of absence and left before the sessions closed, viz. Revs. U. H. Heilman, H. Wissler, H. Talhelm, W. Goodrich, W. D. Lefevre, W. H. Herbert, H. H. W. Hibshman, J. Sechler, A. G. Dole, G. W. Glessner, F. W. Vander-sloot, I. M. Motter, P. A. Long, I. G. Brown, E. E. Higbee, and A. Spangler, and Elders J. Hefflefinger, J. Ditzler, E. Williard, J. Middlekauff, J. F. Crown, J. Hartman, W. H. Bargelt, J. Seibert, P. Aulabaugh, P. Stambaugh, S. B. Snively, W. Bessert, D. S. Firor, J. Heyser, J. Roth, and W. H. Knode.

A point of order was raised in regard to the custom of requiring members of the Synod, who may fail to appear at the opening session of the Synod, to render an excuse for tardiness when they appear upon the floor of Synod at a subsequent session, and it was decided that hereafter such practice be omitted, and that such persons, be regarded as amenable to their respective Classes in the case of

ministers, and to their proper pastoral charges in the case of delegated elders.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were moved and adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the most hearty thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the Pastor, Consistory, and members of Trinity Reformed Church of York, Pa., and also to the members of the other Reformed congregations and other citizens of the place, for their kind entertainment and liberal hospitality extended to us, during our present sessions in their midst.

Resolved, That the Pastor of Trinity Church be directed to read the foregoing resolution from his pulpit, and have it published in the daily papers of York.

Resolved, further, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to return the thanks of this Synod to the Officers of the Pennsylvania Central, the Northern Central, the Western Maryland, the Cumberland Valley, the Hanover Branch, the Gettysburg, and the Broad Top Railroad Companies for their kindness in making provision to pass the members of Synod over their respective roads at reduced rates of fare.

The Synodical Roll was then called finally, and the following members were found absent without permission, viz.

Rev. A. Wanner, and Elders Daniel Hamm, Augustus Waltman, Josiah Thomas, and Jacob Law.

The Minutes were then read and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of Synod be *in Convention*.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet again in annual Sessions in the First Reformed Church of Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday, the 17th day of October, A. D. 1877, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, prayer, the doxology, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

D. GANS, *President*.

Official Copy from the Original Minutes.

Attest, Wm. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms:		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schls.	Benev. Contribu'ts.		Stud. for Holy Min.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.		
				Inf'ts	Adults									Gene- ral.	Local.		County, Pa.	do	
Jacob Seehler,	4 Manheim,	450	180	30	410	21	18	355	8	13	8			\$200 00	4550 00	1	Hanover, York	County, Pa.	
F. W. Vandersloot,	3 Mt. Pleasant,	270	150	15	100	37	19	425	4	19	2						York, York	do	
Daniel Riegle,	2 Hillsburg,	250	214		228												Hillsburg, York	do	
Jacob Ziegler,	Without charge,																York, York	do	
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	1 Trinity Church, York,	376	305	30	45	18	7	355	8	7	4	550		500 00	4550 00	1	Shrewsbury, York	do	
Daniel Gring,	5 Shrewsbury,	490	275	31	1	425	4	10	10	10	2	230		435 00			Hanover, York	do	
William K. Zieber, D. D.,	1 Hanover,	321	275	17	1	275	1	1	1	1	1	300		210 00			Littlestown, Adams	do	
John Ault,	4 Christ Church,	920	480	61	57	14	12	820	12	15	4	300		200 00			Mechanicsburg, Cumberld	do	
W. R. H. Deatrich,	2 Mechanicsburg,	294	193	30	10	2	8	291	6	5	1	125		87 00	125 00		Gettysburg, Adams	do	
Moses Kieffer, D. D.,	2 Gettysburg,	320	175	20	20	4	305	4	6	5	1	300		203 51	200 00		Codorus, York	do	
Jacob D. Zehring,	5 Emanuel's,	880	383	84	36	4	759	4	1	13	6	162		43 00			York, York	do	
Rinehart R. Smith,	5 Trinity,	294	235	46	16	194	1	194	1	7	3	200		116 38			York, York	do	
A. J. Heller,	3 Conowago,	480	305	27	20	8	440	2	2	7	3	200		116 38			Arcadustville, Adams	do	
Oliver L. Ashenfelter,	1 Carlisle,	244	142	23	14	11	200	9	5	1	190	65 00		65 00			Carlisle, Cumber-land	do	
Aaron Wanner,	3 York Springs,	200	180	29	21	160	21	160	5	2	75	38 00		1000 00			York, York	do	
Aaron Spangler,	4 Zion's, (German),	456	165	28	17	255	1	255	1	18	1	110		79 97			York, York	do	
F. S. Lindaman,	4 Zion's,	375	275	25	35	7	300	7	14	7	6	250		142 61			Blain, Perry	do	
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	4 Paradise,	750	515	61	46	12	671	13	26	8	300	422 41		422 41			York, York	do	
Reuben Raubauer,	4 Kreutz Creek,	200	150	19	1	150	2	13	2	13	4	300		43 26			York, York	do	
W. H. Herbert,	4 Landisburg,	312	150	13	19	9	258	3	3	2	4	140		143 87			Landisburg, Perry	do	
George W. Glessner,	1 Newburg,	88	120	5	2	10	2	88	2	5	1	85		26 80			Newburg, Cumber-land	do	
Wm. F. Colliflower,	5 Abbottstown,	660	600	38	9	61	10	600	4	15	8	395		85 40			New Oxford, Adams	do	
James I. Good,	1 Heidelberg Ch.,	131	95	15	27	27	111	27	4	2	1	164		450 00			York, York	do	
John Kretzing,	3 New Bloomfield,	300	170	11	3	183	3	183	3	3	3	275		75 00			Newport, Perry	do	
Sup. by Aschenfelter and Deatrich,	3 Sulphur Springs,	173	136	5	3	164	1	164	1	1	3	75		18 50			Duncannon, Perry	do	
Uriah H. Holman,*	3 Duncannon,	130	25		110	5	3	90	5	2	1	70		18 00			Duncannon, Perry	do	
Sup. by Rev. A. Wanner,	1 Mt. Zion Cong.,	75	70	7	45	5		45	2	1	1	70		18 00			Duncannon, Perry	do	
Vacant,	1 St. Andrew's Cong.,	12			12			12									Duncannon, Perry	do	
* Recently taken charge.																			
		9411	5963	670	11,505	104,7965	109	223	87	4856	\$2843	92	\$6365	00		6			

Total, 25.

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Z. Schools.	Z. Sch'rs.	Beneficent Contributions.	Theological Students.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.,	4 Cavetown,	375	170	16	12	1	325	2	1	4	200	\$155 85		Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George L. Staley, D. D.,	1 St. Stephens, Supply,	25	20	1				4				15 00		Knoxville, Frederick do
Edmund R. Eschbach,	1 Evangelical Reformed	530	475	47	36	7	392	6	31	2	490	1047 01	1	Frederick, do do
William Goodrich,	2 Clear-spring,	141	100	15	6	6	141	3	11	2	140	102 97		Clear-spring, Washington do
Simon S. Miller,	2 Boonsboro,	158	109	15	7	7	140	7	6	3	160	143 65		Boonsboro, do do
J. Spangler Kieffer,	2 Hagerstown,	276	212	15	36	4	247	4	12	1	220	352 70	1	Hagerstown, do do
Abner R. Kremer,	2 Emmittsburg,	360	212	30	17	6	287	8	6	2	50	115 00	1	Emmittsburg, Frederick do
William C. Gremer,	3 Westminster,	660	460	67	36	6	560	5	15	3	370	135 00		Westminster, Carroll do
W. Augustus Gring,	3 Mt. Moriah,	137	79	5	8	5	105	3	1	1	180	59 10		Man's Choice, Bedford Co., Pa.
Daniel Gans, D. D.,	1 Third Church, Balt.,	290	220	17	18	8	240	2	6	1	306	200 00	1	67 N. Paca St., Baltimore, Md.
Mortimer L. Sbulord,	1 Burkittsville,	125	47	10	9	5	117	2	5	1	30	20 00		Burkittsville, Frederick Co., do
P. Allison Long,	4 Taneytown,	350	313	37	20	11	300	6	8	3	200	80 00		Taneytown, Carroll do
Orange E. Lake,	4 Glade,	340	275	32	56	11	325	1	20	3	200	67 40		Walkersville, Frederick do
David W. Kelley,	3 Manchester,	410	320	28			400	1	14	1	260	111 00		Manchester, Carroll do
Joel T. Kossiter,	1 First Chareh, Balt.,	286	86	26	32	28	233	5	7	1	247	97 50		208 N. Calvert St., Balt., do
N. H. Skyles,	4 Jefferson,	300	250	23	30	295		7	5	1	120	69 00		Jefferson, Frederick do
Henry Wiesler,	5 Mechanics-town,	289	200	28	26	3	247	2	8	4	75	42 25		Mechanics-town, do do
T. Franklu Hoffmeier,	1 Middle-town,	346	270	27	24	310		13	7	1	250	75 00		Middle-town, do do
Benj. Schneider, D. D.,	Foreign Missionary,													Aintab, Syria.
Nielohas E. Gilds,	Without charge,													Mechanics-town, Frederick Md.
J. Mortimer Souder,	"													Taylorstown, Loudon Co., Va.
Charles H. Coon, Lie.*	1 Christ's Church,	64	55	2			55	4	1	1	30			Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.
Anthony Shuldenberger,*	3 Mt. Pleasant,	85	86	1	2	2	56		1	1	50	23 00		
Total, 22.		5547 3959	412	375 97 4775	76	167 40	3575 2911 43	4						

* Recently taken charge.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Z. S. Sch'l's.	Benev. Contrib's.	Stud. for the Min'y.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William M. Deatrick,	Agent Mer. College,	376	299	11	27	10	358		1	8	3	199	\$1463 05	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac G. Brown,	Mercersburg,	307	245	36	30	14	270		12	15	1	125	308 25	do do
Adam C. Whitmer,	1 Altoona,	76	11	2	3	3	75		6					Blair
E. E. Higbee, D. D.,	1 College church,	406	380	29	15	3	380		5	6	4	190	245 08	Franklin
John H. Sykes,	6 Woodcock Valley,	329	240	30	27	9	272		6	2	2	274	125 75	Huntingdon
H. H. W. Hiltshman,	2 Waynesboro,	350	150	26	48	3	345		12	6	2	212	128 81	Franklin
Albert G. Dole,	2 Huntingdon,	245	187	39	2	3	234		4	9	15	90	137 98	Huntingdon
Wm. D. Lefevre,	3 Schellsburg,	370	150	20	45	15	365		2	18	5	150	1248 22	Bedford
John A. Peters,	3 Waterstreet,	321	200	21	16	10	300		2	1	9	3	280 60	Huntingdon
Edith N. Kremer,	3 Bedford,	250	150	17	16	5	240		4	6	4	200	113 50	Bedford
Milton H. Sangree,	4 Everett,	190	189	8	43	4	170		14	10	3	100	100 35	Bedford
Henry I. Comfort,	3 Grindstonehill,	299	230	29	13	2	260		5	15	4	268	134 04	Franklin
Henry F. Seiple,	4 Woodbury,	296	300	29	31	9	279		1	8	2	200	166 00	Bedford
David N. Dittmar,	4 St. Clairsville,	290	206	25	20	6	276		1	10	2	150	111 00	Bedford
David M. Whitmore	2 Friend's Cove,	245	127	11	13	1	220		4	11	4	105	271 35	do
William I. Stewart	4 London & St. Thomas,	61	45	5	2	1	52		3	1	1	63	70	Franklin
John M. Schick,	2 Orbisonia,	68	31	3	3	1	64		2	1	1	75	13 00	Huntingdon
Carl Gundlach,	1 St. John's, Chamb.,	163	68	8	5	5	130		4	6	2	166	190 12	do
Isaac M. Moter,	2 Mont Alto,	125	70	2	2	2	100		11	13	1	359	435 25	do
David W. Ebert,	1 Shippensburg,	290	190	22	18	17	245		3	7	1	90	218 56	do
Vacant,	1 Chambersburg,	229	160	12	16	1	190		2	3	1	200	166 00	do
"	1 Greencastle,	360	375	120	96	5	330		5	15	2	150	197 20	do
"	4 Greenfield,	300	195	22	25	15	250		17	3	2	210	76 00	do
"	3 Martinsburg,	168	105	12	19	4	138		10	3	100	63 27	do	Blair
"	4 McConnellsburg,	196	110	9	2	180		6	1	65	208 48		do	do
"	3 Sulphur Springs,	70	55	2	2	60		4						do
"	1 Middleburg,													do
		6387,4471	539,528	148	5803	8	132,206.51	3709	\$65.36	10	23			

Total, 35.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG, CONCLUDED.

MINISTERS.	REMARKS.	ADDRESS.
George R. Zacharias.....	Disabled	Upper Strasburg, Franklin County, Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner.....	Professor in Mercersburg College.....	Mercersburg, do do
Elias D. Shoemaker	Disabled.....	Bedford do do
Jeriah S. Shade.....	Without Charge.....	McConnellsburg, Fulton do do
Ambrose C. Geary.....	do	Keedysville, Washington Co. Md.
Henry Miller.....	Superannuated	Waynesboro, Franklin do Pa.
Jacob Hassler.....	Principal of Female Seminary, and Supply for Loudon and Fannettsburg Churches.....	Mercersburg, do do
Win. C. Schaeffer.....	Teacher in the Ku'ztown Normal School.....	Kutztown, Berks do do
Solomon B. Schafer.....	Supply for Sulphur Springs Charge.....	Carlisle, Cumberland do do
Samuel R. Bridenbaugh.....	Principal of Juniata Collegiate Institute	Martinsburg, Blair do do
Frederick A. Rupley.....	Without Charge.....	do do do
Henry Hanhart.....	do	Cincinnati, Ohio.
John B. Kiefer.....	Professor in Mercersburg College.....	Mercersburg, Franklin do Pa.
George N. Abbott.....	do do	do do do
George F. Mull.....	Licentiate	Germany, Europe.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Excom. cants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Z. Sch's.	Z. S. Sch's.	Contri- butions.	Candidates For Min'ry.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensell,	3	Rockingham,	173	100	5	6	146	4	5	3	150	90	150	\$60 00		Mt. Crawford, Rock'g'm Co., Va.
Geo. H. Martin, D.D.,	4	Woodstock,	360	20	11	300	9	1	90	1	90	76	90	76 00		Woodstock, Shenandoah Co
H. St. J. Rinker,	1	Lovettsville,	102	71	12	69	1	1	65	1	65	30	65	30 00		Lovettsville, Loudon do
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.,	2	Mt. Crawford,	195	14	9	3	180	1	2	1	50	70	50	70 00	2	Pleasant Valley, Rockingh. do
Henry Tallhelm,	3	Edenburgh,	165	13	13	160	3	2	1	25	25	25	25	25 00		Edenburgh, Shenandoah do
Charles G. Fisher,	2	Winchester,	197	76	7	9	13	78	3	2	1	80	20	20 00		Winchester, Frederick do
A. Jackson Bowers,	4	Mill Creek,	207	16	17	183	5	4	1	60	49	60	49	49 04		Weyer's Cave, Augusta do
John A. Hoffheins,	1	Martinsburg,	176	4	9	12	138	5	4	1	152	125	152	125 50		Martinsburg, Berkley W. Va.
John C. Bowman,	1	Shepherdstown,	126	55	7	8	107	1	3	1	115	45	115	45 00		Shepherdstown, Jefferson W. Va.
Anderson J. Whitmore,	2	Middlebrook,*	147			140										Middlebrook, Augusta Co., Va.
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,														Harrisonburg, Rockingham do
Total, 11.	23		1758, 302	98	84	28, 1281	14	35	11	787	498	81	787	498	81	

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Congrs.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bapt.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communt.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Benef. Contribu's.	General Specials.	Stn. F. Min.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.												
George Wm. Welker,	3	Guilford,	277	147	8	1	5					3	2	200	\$14 70	\$8 00	Greensboro,	
Jeremiah Ingold.		Without charge,															Hickory Tavern,	
Thomas Long,	4	Upper Davidson,	207		11	11	25	2				1		20	40		Salcm,	
Jesse W. Cecil,		Without charge,															Thomasville,	
John Ingle,		do															Shaw's Mills,	
John C. Denny,		do															Gold Hill,	
Jacob C. Clapp,	6	Newton,	328	167	23	2	20	3	185		1	7	3	150	180	00	140	00
Peter M. Trexler,		Without charge,															Newton,	
M. L. Hedrick,	4	Lower Davidson,	187	90	20		21	1				2					Salisbury,	
J. A. Foil,		Co-Pastor,															Silver Hill,	
J. H. Shuford,	4	Grace,	188	79	15		5	3				1	1	50	23	70	Newton,	
Varant,	2	East Rowan,	261	140			51	1			2	2	2	100	26	00	360	00
"	2	"	159														Hickory Tavern,	
"	2	W.	261															
Total, 11.	27		1868	623	77	14	127	8	185		3	15	11	500	\$294 80	\$508 00	3	

CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Unconfr'd	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Excom.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schls.	Benev. Contrib's.	Stud. Min.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Julius H. Krueger,	1 First Reformed Ch.,	36	105	71	7	36				12	1	95	\$24 35		San Francisco, California.
L. C. Edmunds,	1 First Reformed Ch.,	50	74	9		40				2	1	65	15 00		Stockton, do
Frederick Fox,	1 Salem Reformed Ch.,	26	40	12	1	25				2	1	40	10 00		Napa, Napa County, do
John Gantenbein,	1 Ev. Reformed Church,	66	70	10	612	66				3	1	50			Portland, Oregon. do
J. Muellhaupt,*															Salem, do
		178	289	102	620	167				19	4	250	\$59 35		
	Total, 5.														

* Congregation not yet organized.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.
Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Uncon- firmed	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommuni- cations.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Holy Ministry.	Beneficial Contributions.
	Zion, - - - - -	25	76	9,411	5,963	681	505	164	7,965	109	223	89	4,856	4,856	6
Mercersburg, - - - - -	35	68	6,387	4,471	539	528	148	5,803	8	132	206	3,709	3,709	23	6,536.10
Maryland, - - - - -	23	48	5,547	3,959	442	375	97	4,775	76	167	40	3,578	3,578	4	2,911.43
Virginia, - - - - -	11	23	1,758	302	98	84	28	1,281	14	35	11	787	787	2	498.81
North Carolina, - - - - -	11	27	1,868	623	91	127	8	1,785	3	15	11	500	500	3	294.80
San Francisco, - - - - -	5	4	178	289	102	6	20	167		19	4	250	250		59.35
Total, 6 Classes, - - - - -	110	246	25,129	15,607	1,953	1,625	465	21,756	8	334	665	207	13,680	38	\$13,144.41
Synod of the United States, 8 Classes, - - - - -	194	433	63,562	36,960	5,975	3,797	1261	51,398	88	656	2263	463	31,250	61	31,037.28
Synod of Ohio, 12 Classes, - - - - -	151	338	23,458	11,851	1,920	1,355	715	19,304	49	343	579	242	17,089	40	7,828.00
Synod of the North West, 9 Classes, - - - - -	124	187	14,635	12,372	1,655	1,034	623	11,765	172	300	425	130	6,516	11	9,988.00
Synod of Pittsburg, 5 Classes, - - - - -	50	112	9,312	7,425	892	539	322	8,155	8	155	199	88	5,808	9	6,002.27
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes, - - - - -	35	37	7,861	5,515	1,655	608	396	6,532	4	142	509	39	5,604	3	3,987.00
Grand Total, 6 Synods ; 45 Classes, - - - - -	664	1353	143,957	89,890	14,050	9,138	3782	118,910	329	1927	4640	1169	79,947	162	\$71,986.96

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