



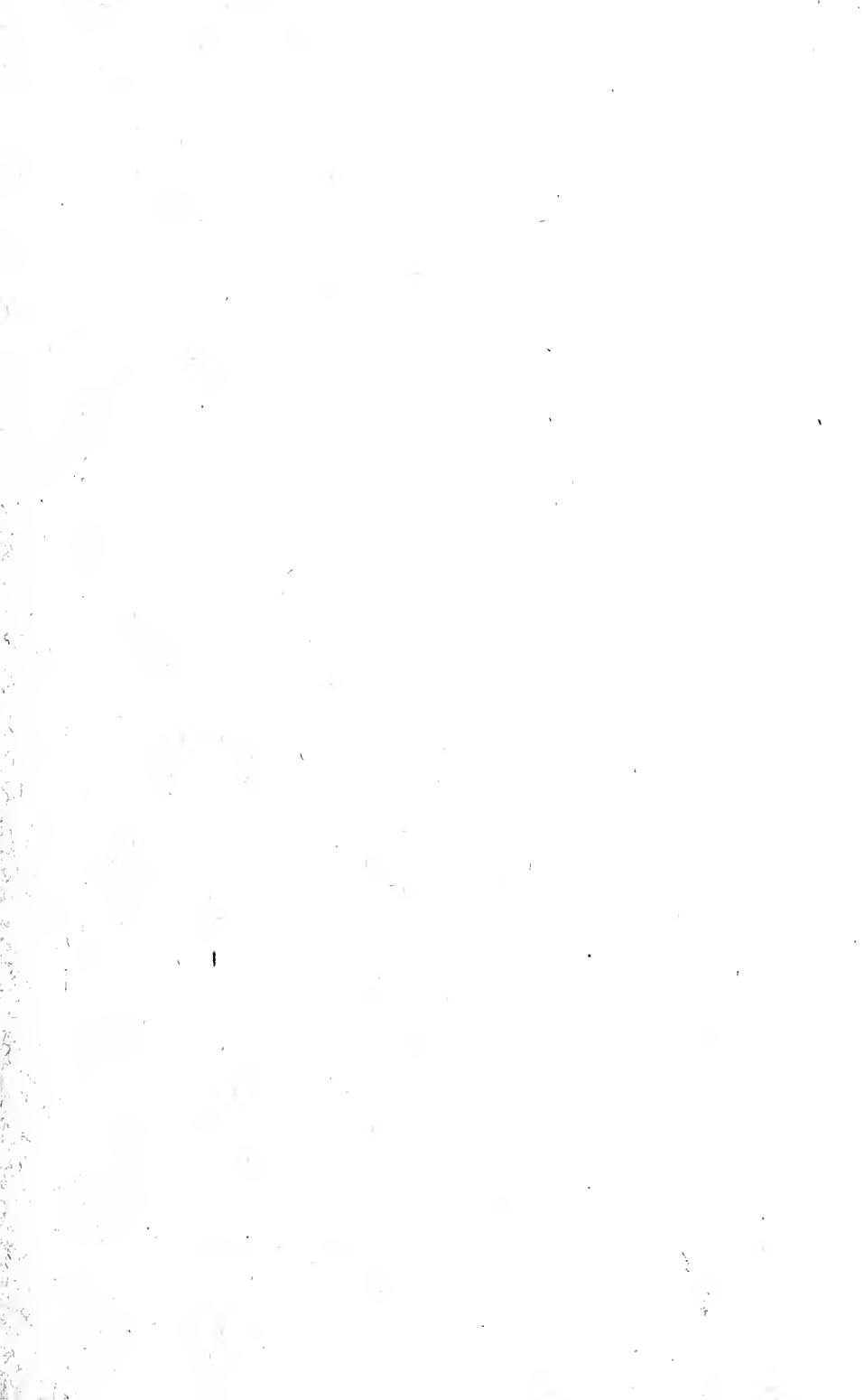


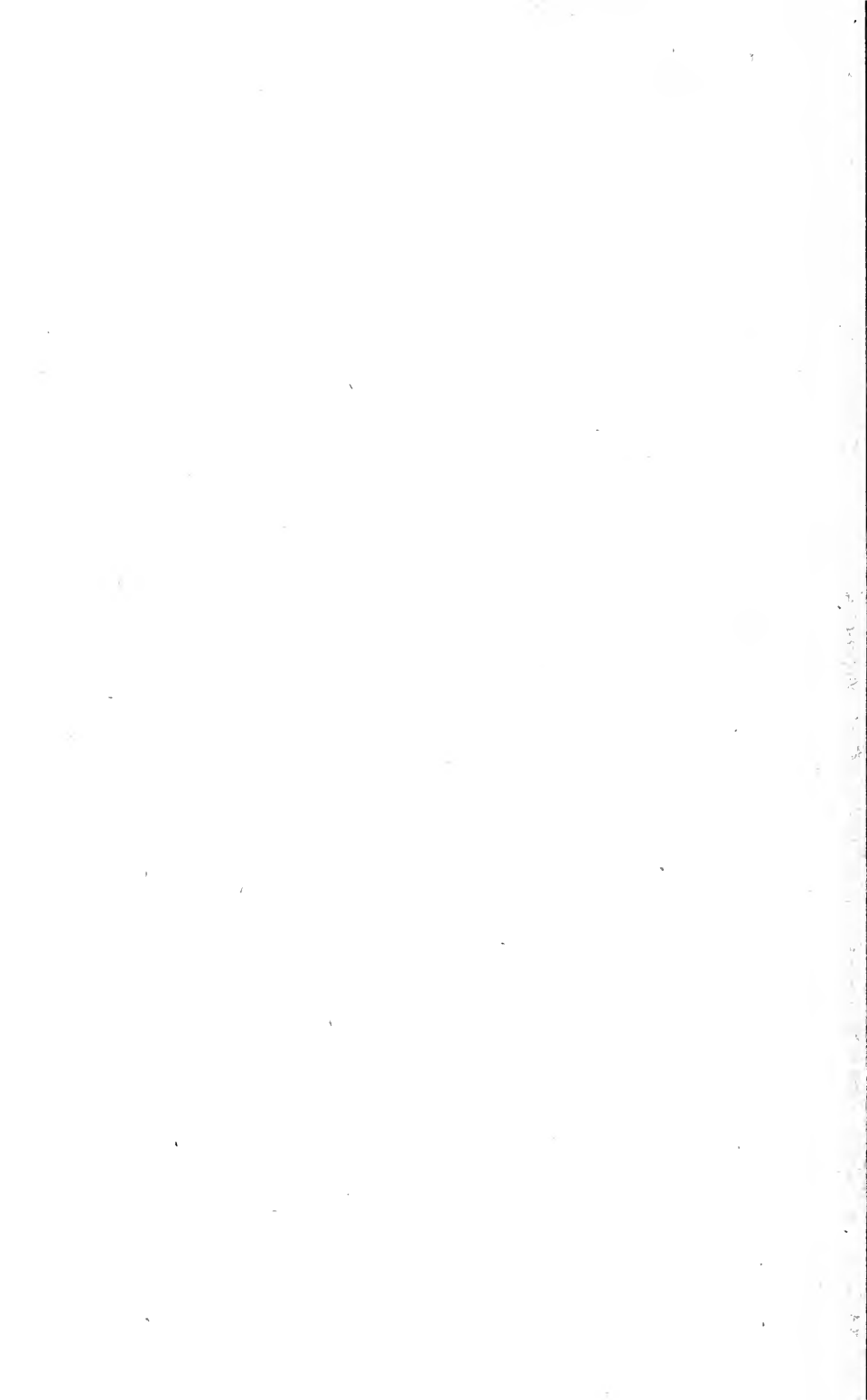
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, convened in General Convention, in Newton, N. C., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-three. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the seventeenth and continued until the evening of the twenty-second day inclusive, at 9 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD,

The Synod convened, in *General Convention*, on Wednesday evening, October 17th, A. D. 1883, at 7 o'clock, in Grace Reformed Church of Newton, North Carolina, pursuant to appointment of last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The President of the previous year, Rev. N. H. Skyles, preached the opening sermon from Col. 1: 18:—"He is the head of the body, the Church." At the close of the religious services, the President called the Synod to order, and it was ascertained that there was no quorum present, whereupon the members present adjourned until the following morning at 9 o'clock. The Synod accordingly assembled at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, October 18th, A. D. 1883, when a quorum was found to be in attendance

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.*

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers—Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Reinhart Smith, Aaron Warner, D. D., Frederick J. Sauerber, Aaron Spangler, Reuben Rahausser, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., and Alfred F. Dreisbach.

Elders—Charles A. Shultz, Emanuel Krone, Charles Yost, and George Butcher.

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers—Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., Simon S. Miller, Mortimer L. Shuford, Joel T. Rossiter, Nehemiah H. Skyles, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Joseph W. Santee, D. D., William Goodrich, P. Allison Long, Henry Wissler, Ambrose C. Geary, Conrad Clever, Silas M. Hench, Adam S. Weber, and J. Spangler Kieffer.

Elders—Joseph Cronise, Goldsborough S. Griffith, Dr. George W. Crum, J. Harmon Rensberg, Samuel Seibert, David S. Firor, Christian M. Keedy, Jacob H. Hinea, and Peter B. Mikesell.

* A considerable number of the members appeared upon the floor of Synod after the first session. Hence their names do not occur in the order in which they would appear had they been present at the first roll call.

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers—William M. Deatrick, Isaac M. Motter, William C. Cremer, Franklin F. Bahner, William H. Herbert, Jonas B. Shontz, and Cyrus Cort.

Elders—Jacob Whitmore, Jacob Heyser, and William Bossart.

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers—Barton R. Carnahan, John A. Hoffheins, and Samuel L. Whitmore.

Elders—Dr. Theodore N. Sellers, Levi Rinker, Henry J. Seibert, and John M. Nicely.

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers—G. William Welker, D. D., Jeremiah Ingold, Jacob C. Clapp, D. D., John A. Foil, G. Dickie Gurley, Paul Barringer, Alexander S. Vaughan, and Alfred P. Horn.

Elders—Dr. George K. Faust, W. Pinkney Reinhart, Matthew L. McCorkle, Esq., Zerubbabel B. Whitener, Daniel Finger, Henry C. Peeler, Jacob R. Fisher, John Hileman, John F. Murrill, and Hon. Sidney M. Finger.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

Ministers—David U. Wolff, Henry Hilbish, David N. Dittmar, John C. Bowman, and Joshua H. Derr.

Elders—Henry Wirt, John D. Waltman, George W. Hartman, and Jacob Gochnauer.

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Ministers—Francis S. Lindaman, William R. H. Deatrick, U. Henry Heilman, and Henry T. Spangler.

Elders—John W. Smith, and Jacob Wetzel.

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

Ministers—Henry S. Garner, William I. Stewart, and Cyrus J. Musser.

Elder—John D. Eckhard.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

None present.

X. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

None present.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Elders—Hon. S. M. Finger, of the North Carolina Classis, and S. Hoeflich, of the Mercersburg Classis.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence of Rev. G. W. Ivey of the Methodist Church, Rev. W. P. Cline of the Lutheran Church, and Revs. T. C. Johnston and B. M. Metz of the African Methodist Church, was announced.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. G. W. Welker, *President*, Shaw's Mills, N. C.

Rev. M. L. Shuford, *Vice-President*, Burkittsville, Md.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. W. C. Cremer, *Corresponding Secretary*, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Reading Clerk*, Middletown, Md.

Elder Louis Markell, *Treasurer*, Frederick, Md.

ARTICLE IV.
RULES OF ORDER.

The Synod's Rules of Order were read by the Reading Clerk, and the Synod defined the limits constituting the *Bar of the House*, to consist of the first seven pews from the pulpit.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

The forenoon session to open at 9 and extend to 10½ o'clock, to be followed by religious services of an hour or more in length. The afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4½ o'clock. An evening session was held on Monday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.
STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services—Rev. J. C. Clapp, G. D. Gurley, W. C. Cremer, M. L. Shuford, and Elders M. L. McCorkle, J. Whitmore, and D. Finger.

Minutes of Synod—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, A. Wanner, J. T. Rossiter, J. A. Foil, and Elders J. Cronise, L. Rinker, and G. K. Faust.

Overtures—Revs. F. F. Bahner, N. H. Skyles, W. H. Herbert, H. S. Garner, and Elders H. Wirt, J. Hileman, and T. N. Sellers.

Minutes of Classes—Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, F. J. Sauerber, F. S. Lindaman, D. U. Wolff, and Elders E. Krone, G. S. Griffith, and H. C. Peeler.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Revs. J. W. Santee, J. A. Hoffheins, I. S. Weisz, U. H. Heilman, and Elders J. Gochnauer, J. Wetzell, and C. M. Keedy.

State of Religion and Statistics—Revs. N. H. Skyles, A. Spangler, J. C. Bowman, C. Cort, and Elders J. Whitmore, C. A. Shultz, and J. R. Fisher.

Education—Revs. C. J. Musser, J. B. Shontz, T. F. Hoffmeier, J. Ingold, and Elders H. Wirt, J. W. Smith, and G. W. Crum.

Missions—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, W. R. H. Deatrick, A. S. Weber, S. L. Whitmore, and Elders W. P. Reinhart, G. Butcher, and J. H. Remsberg.

Publication—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, P. A. Long, D. U. Wolff, H. S. Garner, and Elders G. S. Griffith, J. D. Eckhard, and J. Heyser.

Finance—Revs. H. T. Spangler, H. S. Garner, D. N. Dittmar, B. R. Carnahan, and Elders C. M. Keedy, P. B. Mikesell, and H. J. Seibert.

Nominations—Revs. W. Goodrich, A. Spangler, U. H. Heilman, W. M. Deatrick, and Elders G. Butcher, Z. B. Whitener, and J. M. Nicely.

Ministerial Necrology—Revs. C. Clever, I. S. Weisz, C. Cort, S. L. Whitmore, and Elders W. Bossart, M. L. McCorkle, and J. Wetzell.

ARTICLE VI.
COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, San Francisco, and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and

read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, of the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, were presented to the Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Board of Missions, of the Superintendent of Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions were received, and severally read, except that of the Superintendent of Missions, which had already been published, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was submitted to the Synod, read, and disposed of without reference.

7. Several communications were received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

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

2. At 10½ o'clock of each morning session, religious services were held, lasting to the close of the session.

3. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments:

Thursday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. J. T. Rossiter.

Thursday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. F. J. Sauerber.

Friday Morning.—Devotional services, conducted by Rev. M. L. Shuford.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school service, conducted by Elder G. S. Griffith.

Saturday Morning.—Ordination of Licentiate Alfred P. Horn by Committee of Synod.

Saturday Evening.—Preparatory services. Sermon by Rev. A. Wanner; altar service by Rev. S. S. Miller.

Sunday Morning.—Communion sermon by Rev. J. S. Kieffer; altar service by Rev. W. Goodrich.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school Convention, conducted by Superintendent McCorkle. Addresses by Elder J. Heysler, Rev. W. C. Cremer, and Rev. H. T. Spangler.

Sunday Evening.—Missionary Meeting, conducted by Committee on Missions.

SMYRNA CHURCH

Sunday Morning.—Communion by Rev. M. L. Shuford.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sermon by Rev. M. L. Shuford.

GRACE CHURCH (OF GRACE CHARGE).

Sunday Morning.—Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Santee; altar service by Rev. H. Hilbish.

HICKORY CHURCH.

Saturday Evening.—Preparatory services. Sermon by Rev. E. R. Eschbach; altar service by Rev. J. O. Miller.

Sunday Morning.—Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. O. Miller; altar service by Rev. E. R. Eschbach.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. T. Rossiter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. I. S. Weisz.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEWTON.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. C. Clever.

A. M. E. ZION.

Sunday Morning, Afternoon and Evening.—Services conducted by Rev. J. B. Shontz, Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report the items of unfinished business, which properly claimed the attention of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday afternoon, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee, to whom were referred the printed Minutes of the Synod of last year, after a careful examination of them, begs leave to report the following items, as, in our judgment, requiring the attention of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:—

Item 1, page 5. A Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod, and of which committee Rev. F. J. Sauerber is chairman.

Item 2, page 19. It will be necessary to nominate for election by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, three members of the Board of Visitors and six members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 3, page 20. It becomes necessary for the Synod to fill by election the vacancies that will take place in the Board of Education, at the close of the present sessions of the Synod, by the expiration of the term of service of Revs. Wm. M. Deatriek, J. S. Kieffer, and J. W. Santee; and also of the Rev. I. G. Brown, who has removed to the State of Kansas, and whose term as a member of the Board would not end otherwise for a year yet.

Item 4, page 20. It will be the duty of the Synod to fill by election the vacancies about to occur in the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College of the

following members, whose term of office expires during the present month, namely, Revs. J. Hassler, A. J. Heller, and Elder G. Clever.

Item 5, page 34. Zion's, North Carolina, Gettysburg, and Carlisle Classes, delinquent in their apportionments for missions in the Iowa Classis, are urged to meet their deficiencies in the matter, without further delay, as the case demands.

Item 6, page 35. The several Classes, delinquent in their apportionments for the Washington Mission Chapel, are urged to make prompt payment in full.

Item 7, page 36. Forty-four hundred and twenty-five dollars are apportioned for Home Missions among the several Classes constituting the Synod.

Item 8, page 37. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Synodic Board of Missions in the place of Rev. G. W. Welker, whose term of service will terminate during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 9, page 38. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, North Carolina, Gettysburg, and Carlisle Classes are noted as delinquent in the payment of their assessments for Contingent Fund and Relief of the Printing Establishment and Theological Seminary.

Item 10, page 38. Certain specific assessments are made for the Contingent Fund of the Synod upon the several Classes.

Item 11, page 38. Specific apportionments are assigned the Mercersburg, Maryland, Zion's, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and Virginia Classes, to meet the deficiency in the income of the Theological Seminary.

Item 12, page 39. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees, to fill the place of Elder H. Wirt Shriver, whose term of service will end January 1st, A. D. 1884, agreeably to the Charter.

Item 13, page 40. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board, to fill the place of Rev. F. F. Bahner, whose term of office expires at this meeting of the Synod.

Item 14, page 40. Juniata Classis is authorized to meet for the purpose of organization in Greencastle, Pa., on Tuesday morning, May 22d, 1883; on which occasion Rev. J. M. Titzel was appointed to preside.

Item 15, page 42. The Stated Clerk is instructed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Synod published in pamphlet form, and to distribute them according to the rules of the Synod in the case.

Item 16, page 46. The several Classes are directed to request their congregations to take up an annual collection, or otherwise contribute toward the relief of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church.

Item 17, page 46. The term of office of Elder G. S. Griffith as a member of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States will terminate with the present meeting of the Synod, and it will be necessary to provide for the vacancy by election.

Item 18, page 48. The members of the San Francisco Classis are directed to hold an annual meeting as soon as possible.

Item 19, page 49. The Classes are requested to order a collection for the benefit of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and the Widows of Ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, to be lifted on or about the third Sunday in June last.

Item 20, page 49. The Classes of Zion, Gettysburg, and Carlisle are ordered to effect a final settlement of all financial matters between them.

Item 21. It will be necessary to assess the \$300.00 promised to Mercersburg College for the present Synodical year, as pledged by the Synod of Waynesboro.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Ne-

erology; items 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 13 and 17 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the requisite nominations; on items 5, 6 and 7, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 9, 10, 11, 20 and 21, see Article XV., Finance; on items 14 and 18, see Article XIX., Church Government; on items 15 and 16, see Article XX., Publication; and on item 19, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX. OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:—

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to submit the following report:—

Item 1. A communication from the Philadelphia Classis, calling the attention of the Synod to the propriety of properly observing the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ulric Zwingli.

Item 2. A letter from the Rev. J. Fuendeling, of the San Francisco Classis, concerning the present state of the Church within its bounds.

Item 3. A communication from the Board of Directors of the St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., relating to the work and needs of said Home.

Item 4. A statement of the condition and wants of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Worelsdorf, Pa. Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 3 and 4, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 2, see Article XIX., Church Government.

ARTICLE X. MINUTES OF CLASSES,

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was disposed of item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:—

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes reports as follows:—

There have been placed in our hands the Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, San Francisco, and Portland-Oregon. From these we obtain the following items:—

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Zion's Classis did not begin its annual meeting with a sermon, but commenced its business in the morning, and had the sermon preached in the evening.

2. Maryland Classis fails to record the call in the minutes of two special meetings.

3. Virginia Classis, at a special meeting, received the credentials of an elder, without previously having a quorum.

4. North Carolina Classis, in the call for a special meeting, had an item as follows: To attend to any other business.

5. The same Classis omits the date of the call in recording the call of a special meeting.

6. The same Classis fails to record the calling of the roll before final adjournment.

7. Gettysburg Classis, at a special meeting without a quorum, adjourned to meet at a different place, one week after the time named in the call.
8. San Francisco Classis transacted business without a quorum.
9. The same Classis fails to record the call for a special meeting.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

10. Maryland Classis requests the Synod to meet hereafter as a delegated body, instead of in general convention.
11. The same Classis requests the Synod to overture the General Synod to set apart a Sunday in June as a Children's Day, for the purpose of taking up a collection in the Sunday-schools to raise a fund, the interest of which shall be devoted to beneficiary education.
12. North Carolina Classis heartily welcomes the meeting of the Synod within its bounds.
13. Carlisle Classis requests the Synod to take proper measures to secure an index to the Constitution of the Church.
14. The same Classis requests the Synod to make its assessments for Contingent Fund hereafter in a separate column.
15. San Francisco Classis assigns its reasons for transacting business without a quorum, and requests the Synod to validate its action.
16. Portland-Oregon Classis deeply regrets that, owing to the weakness of the Classis financially and the great distance from the places of meeting, they cannot attend the meetings of the Synod; but they assure the Reverend Synod that they take the deepest interest in all its transactions.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

17. All the Classes took favorable action on all the subjects referred to them, and all assumed the amounts apportioned to them by the Synod, with the following exceptions, to wit:—

a) Zion's Classis, in view of the heavy assessments incident to the division of the Classis, does not see its way clear to pledge itself for the amount apportioned for Home Missions, viz., \$500.00, but resolves that as a Classis they will do what they can to raise, if not all, at least a fair proportion of that amount.

b) North Carolina Classis does not pledge itself for its apportionment for Home Missions, but orders the ministers of the Classis to take up in each congregation a collection in the month of July, in order to raise, if possible, \$175.00, the amount apportioned to the Classis for Home Missions.

c) The same Classis ordered its Treasurer to pay only \$30.00 of the amount assessed for the Contingent Fund of the Synod, instead of the full amount, \$35.00.

d) Gettysburg Classis commends the Church Building Fund project, but deems it inexpedient, owing to prior pressing claims, to order a collection, during the present year, for that cause.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

18. Zion's Classis dismissed the Rev. E. Garver Williams to the Tuscarawas Classis, and the Rev. William H. Xanders to the Indiana Classis.

19. Maryland Classis received the Rev. George B. Resser from the Lancaster Classis of the Synod of the United States, the Rev. Henry I. Comfort from the Miami Classis, the Rev. Andrew J. Heller from the Gettysburg Classis, and the licentiate Adam S. Weber from the Lebanon Classis and ordained him; and dismissed the Rev. Elias Welty, M. D., to the Virginia Classis, and the licentiate George M. Zacharias to the Somerset Classis.

20. Mercersburg Classis licensed Henry H. Sangree and Daniel N. Harnish,

and dismissed them to the Juniata Classis; received the Rev. George B. Russell, D. D., from the Lebanon Classis, and the licentiate Jairus A. Wickert from the Goshenhoppen Classis and ordained him; and dismissed the Rev. Isaac G. Brown to the Kansas Classis.

21. Virginia Classis ordained the licentiate Christian W. Summey; received the licentiate Benjamin F. Bausman from the Lancaster Classis of the Synod of the United States and ordained him; received the Rev. Elias Welty, M. D., from the Maryland Classis, the Rev. George A. Whitmore from the Clarion Classis; and dismissed the Rev. John C. Bowman to the Gettysburg Classis.

22. North Carolina Classis received the licentiate Alfred P. Horn from the Lehigh Classis.

23. Gettysburg Classis received the Rev. Joshua H. Derr from the West Susquehanna Classis, the Rev. John C. Bowman from the Virginia Classis; and dismissed the Rev. William D. Lefevre to the Somerset Classis, the Rev. Walter E. Krebs to the Lehigh Classis, and the Rev. Andrew J. Heller to the Maryland Classis.

24. Juniata Classis received the licentiates Henry H. Sangree and Daniel N. Harnish from the Mercersburg Classis, the Rev. David G. Klein from the Clarion Classis; and dismissed the licentiate Daniel N. Harnish to the same Classis.

25. San Francisco Classis received the Rev. George Mechttersheimer from the Portland-Oregon Classis.

26. Portland-Oregon Classis received the Rev. Gottfried Graedel from the St. Chrischona Pilger Mission-Institute at Basel, Switzerland; and dismissed the Rev. George Mechttersheimer to the San Francisco Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

27. Zion's Classis will meet in Shrewsbury, York county, Pa., June 6th, A. D. 1884, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. I. S. Weisz, *President*; Rev. F. J. Sauerber, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

28. Maryland Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church of Clear Spring, Washington county, Md., June 11th, A. D. 1884, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. W. Goodrich, *President*; and Rev. S. S. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

29. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Heidelberg Church at Marion, Franklin county, Pa., April 30th, A. D. 1884, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. F. F. Bahner, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

30. Virginia Classis will meet in Martinsburg, Berkeley county, W. Va., June 4th, A. D. 1884, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. R. Kremer, *President*; Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Treasurer*.

31. North Carolina Classis will meet in Mt. Hope Church, Guilford county, N. C., May 22d, A. D. 1884, at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. G. D. Gurley, *President*; Rev. G. Wm. Welker, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. T. Long, *Treasurer*.

32. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Spring Grove, York county, Pa., May 29th, A. D. 1884, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. H. Hilbish, *President*; Rev. W. K. Zieber, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. J. Myers, *Treasurer*.

33. Carlisle Classis will meet in Duncannon, Perry county, Pa., May 15th, A. D. 1884, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. W. R. H. Deatruck, *President*; Rev. J. M. Miekly, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. U. H. Heilman, *Treasurer*.

34. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at St. Clairsville, Bedford county, Pa., April 23d, A. D. 1884, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. M. Titzel, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

35. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet at Oak Point, Washington Territory, June 11th A. D. 1884, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Gantenbein, *President*; Rev. G. Graedel, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder F. Kellermeier, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, and 18 to 35 inclusive, were severally adopted. For the action of the Synod on items 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 17, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination begs leave to report, that nothing claiming attention was referred to it, and therefore, it has nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

Application was made in behalf of the North Carolina Classis, that the Synod ordain to the work of the Christian Ministry Mr. Alfred P. Horn, a licentiate of said Classis, who has received and accepted a call from one of the pastoral charges of that body. The application was sustained, the ordination ordered to take place on Saturday morning at 10½ o'clock, and Revs. E. R. Eschbach, T. F. Hoffmeier, and A. S. Weber were appointed the Committee of Ordination. At the appointed hour, the ordination took place before the Synod, and in the presence of a large audience. The Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, appointed to ordain the licentiate Alfred P. Horn, would report, that we attended to the duty assigned us, at 10½ o'clock A. M. of Saturday, October 20th. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier. The liturgical services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Weber, and the ordination service proper by the undersigned, all the members of the Committee uniting in the act of laying on of hands.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports presented its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.—The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals, respectfully submit the following report:

First of all, thanksgiving and praise are due unto the glorious and ever blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, for continued care and favor vouchsafed to us, and to that portion of our Lord's vineyard committed to our charge.

From the reports of the various Classes, which have been referred to us, we find that the general progress of the Church, through the past year, has been encouraging and such as should awaken our gratitude and thanksgiving. In all departments of church-work there has been advancement. Our membership has increased in number. This increase is the manifestation and fruit of the healthful action of that Spirit of life which must ever and steadily work in the Church, and upon the world, and by which only can the kingdoms of this world be eventually subdued, and become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ.

An increased attendance upon the preaching of the Word and upon the administration of the Holy Sacraments is reported; and also an increased consciousness on the part of the membership that the Gospel truly and faithfully preached by a divinely constituted ministry in the Church, is the power of God unto salvation, and that the Holy Sacraments are divinely constituted bearers, in a supernatural way, of real grace actually received by believers through the power of the Holy Ghost; this consciousness exhibiting itself in the form of increased faith and Christian liberality, zeal, and devotion.

In Christian beneficence all the Classes report progress. The contributions for general church purposes, during the Synodical year just closed, are quite in excess of those made the year previous. This is encouraging, and betokens the pleasing fact that the grace of giving unto the Lord is on the increase among our people. They are beginning to realize the truth of the Master's declaration, that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But still we are by no means up to the measure of our ability in this department of Christian activity. Our people possess the means, and when they once come to fully realize the privileges and responsibilities resting upon them, the Church will have ample means to carry forward its various benevolent enterprises. We must, therefore, continue to impress it upon the minds and hearts of the people, that it is a *privilege* to give of their substance to the Lord, and that they should regard it as an appropriate part of Christian worship.

We find from the various reports, that the instruction of the young in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion has been faithfully attended to during the year. One report says: "Catechisation of the young is in many cases gratefully and helpfully promoted by parents, thus aiding the pastors to feed the lambs of Christ's flock. The result of this faithful catechisation has shown itself in an enlarged number of admissions into full communion with the Church by the solemn rite of confirmation. We are and always have been a catechetical Church, holding and encouraging an educational religion, in which the child is brought into the Church by holy baptism, and then through faithful nurture in the Christian family and in the catechetical class grows more and more in the grace and life of Christ, in order that, in its own consciousness and life, it may bring forth the fruits of the Spirit

It is gratifying to learn, through the Classical reports, that increased interest and activity is being manifested in the Sunday-schools. This has shown itself, not only in an increase of schools, but also in an enlarged and better attendance on the part of scholars and teachers. Our Sunday-schools are generally under the immediate supervision and control of pastors and consistories. This is right and proper. Only as the Sunday-school stands in the bosom of the Church, and not independent of it, can it properly accomplish the end designed. It is not intended to supersede, or take the place of instruction in the Christian home or the catechetical class. It fulfils its legitimate mission only when carried forward as a *help* to parents and pastors in bringing the baptized of Christ's fold to a realization of the fact, that they are not their own, but belong unto their faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, with body and soul, both in life and in death.

The work of missions is engaging the attention of all our classes, to a degree that it has never done before. Christianity is missionary in life and spirit, and it is gratifying to know that we are realizing more and more the solemn and perpetual obligation, under which we are placed, to fulfil the great commission of the Master: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We are sadly in want of pious young men to enter the ranks of the ministry just at this time. The church is enlarging her borders—new and important mission points are being taken—new charges organized—large and unwieldy charges are being divided; all this calls for an increased number of pastors. But where are they? The few in our institutions of learning now preparing for the ministry, are inadequate to the demand. It behooves us as pastors and

elders to seek out pious young men, who may be induced to prepare themselves for the gospel ministry, so that our Zion suffer not for the want of earnest and efficient pastors. During the Synodical year just closed, three of our ministerial brethren have ceased from their earthly labors, and entered into rest. One of them, Rev. Henry Miller, an aged father, had borne the heat and burdens of the day. The other two, Revs. David M. Whitmore and Anderson J. Whitmore, were called to quit their labors in the morning of their ministry, and in the midst of increasing usefulness. Suitable notice has already been taken of the death of these brethren, by the Committee on Ministerial Necrology, and it only remains for us to add the solemn injunction of our Lord, "Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Let us who remain, "follow their faith, that we may enter at death into their joy; and so abide with them in rest and peace, till both they and we shall reach our common consummation of redemption and bliss in the glorious resurrection of the last day."

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. SKYLES, *Chairman.*

(For the Statistical Tables see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Education, for consideration. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave to lay before you the following annual report of its operations for the fiscal or Synodical year just ended.

The Board was duly organized by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, to wit: Rev. W. C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. I. G. Brown as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick as *Treasurer*; and the re-appointment also of the Executive Committee of the former year, consisting of the officers of the Board.

At the present time, the Board has under its care and supervision nine beneficiary students, for whom funds are to be provided. A former beneficiary of the Board, who was allowed to intermit his studies, in order to engage in the work of teaching, has returned to the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., entered the Senior Class, and will complete his studies in that institution, without any further assistance from the Board. Including him, the number of students directly under our care and supervision is just double what it was one year ago. Of the nine who will need pecuniary help, the Maryland Classis has promised to aid six of them, and the Mercersburg Classis, the Juniata Classis, and the Carlisle Classis one each respectively. The remaining Classes, constituting the Synod, either have no beneficiary students, or do not carry on their educational operations through your Board, as required to do by the Constitution of our Church. Three of the young men, now receiving aid, stand connected with the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., there being one of them in each class of that institution. One of them is pursuing his preparatory studies in Juniata Collegiate Institute, and the others in Mercersburg College.

Whilst the number of young men, preparing for the work of the holy ministry, under the care and supervision of the Board, has been doubled since our last report, made one year ago, yet it is very far short of what it should be, to ade-

quately meet the wants of that portion of our Reformed Zion represented by this Synod. The Board would, therefore, once more respectfully, but most urgently, direct the earnest attention and prayerful consideration not only of the Synod, but of the entire Reformed Church, to the absolute necessity of greatly increasing this arm of church work, so that the waste places of the Lord's vineyard may be filled with active, faithful laborers. Pious and talented young men, who have means of their own to educate themselves, or whose parents are abundantly able to educate their sons for the Lord's work, should be pressed to consecrate themselves to the Master's blessed service in the Christian Ministry.

The amount contributed, during the year, for the cause of beneficiary education, has fallen off very considerably, we are sorry to report, from that of previous years, as will readily be seen by a comparison of the Treasurer's Report with those of former years, although the number of students to be supported has almost doubled. The accumulated balance in the Treasury for 1881 was \$786.80, for 1882 it was \$656.92, whilst at this time it is only \$584.20. Deducting the sum in the Treasury a year ago, and also the interest from invested funds, it will be seen, that the whole amount raised for this cause, during the year, by the churches contributing has amounted to the comparatively small sum of \$459.88. Hence the Synod is requested to devise means and measures whereby the number of students for the ministry may be greatly increased, and the amount contributed for beneficiary education be correspondingly augmented, so as to meet the wants in the case.

About ten years ago, Nicholas Gruber, a worthy member and elder of the Martinsburg congregation in Pennsylvania, died bequeathing a contingent proportion of his estate for the cause of Beneficiary Education and Home Missions within the Reformed Church, in equal parts. Recently the surviving executor of the estate made a regular transfer of a first mortgage for the amount devised, being \$3,758.23. The interest is now available for the objects specified by the testator, and in due time the principal will no doubt be also applied as intended by Elder Gruber.

The Treasurer of the Board respectfully acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions for beneficiary education, during the last fiscal year, to wit :

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Maryland Classis.

From the Middletown Church, \$68.00; Manchester Charge, \$42.00; Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, \$40.00; Mount Moriah Charge, \$34.00; Glade Charge, \$30.00; Boonsboro Charge, \$23.35; St. Paul's English Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$23.00; Hagerstown Charge, \$20.00; Westminster Charge, \$17.43; First Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$15.00; Third Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$15.00; Cavetown Charge, \$15.00; Jefferson Charge, \$15.00; Emmitsburg Charge, \$10.00; Clear Spring Charge, \$8.00; Mechanicstown Charge, \$5.10; Burkittsville Charge, \$3.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$1.00; Grace Mission of Washington, \$1.00; and Christ Church of Hagerstown, \$1.00. Making \$386.88.

Mercersburg Classis.

St. Clairsville Charge, \$15.00; Chambersburg Church, \$10.00; Shippensburg Church, \$10.00; Sulphur Spring Charge, \$7.00; Waynesboro' Charge, \$5.00; Schellsburg Charge, \$5.00; Mont Alto Charge, \$5.00; Altoona Church, \$5.00; Martinsburg Charge, \$5.00; Everett Charge, \$4.00; and Yellow Creek Charge, \$2.00. Making \$73.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 10th, 1882	\$656 92
Received from the Maryland Classis	386 88
“ “ “ “ Mercersburg “	73 00
Interest of Jacob Stondenour's Legacy from Treasurer of Synod	12 00
Interest on First Mortgage Loan for one year	30 00
Total Receipts	\$1158 80

Summary of Payments.

Paid beneficiary students of Maryland Classis	\$405 00
“ “ “ “ Mercersburg “	150 00
“ “ “ “ Carlisle “	18 75
Paid postage, revenue stamps, etc.	85
Total Payments	\$574 60
Balance in Treasury, October 11th, 1883	584 20

Respectfully submitted by \$1158 80

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We do hereby certify that we have carefully 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 to be correct.

The foregoing Synopsis and Recapitulation of Receipts and Payments are a true and faithful statement of the same. There is a balance in the Treasury, at this time, of \$584.20.

J. HASSLER,
GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH, } *Committee.*

Mercersburg, Pa., Oct. 11, 1883.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your Reverend Body its annual report, as follows:

The organization of the Board remains the same as one year ago, the undersigned being President, Rev. Wm. I. Stewart being Secretary, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., being Treasurer. The Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Board *ex-officio*, together with Rev. J. Hassler, and Elder A. R. Schnebly.

The Board held the regular annual meeting at Mercersburg, Pa., last June, at the close of the scholastic or college year. It has carried out the expressed wishes of the Synod, in all respects, so far as it was possible to do so. The educational work of the Institution has gone forward regularly, during the past Synodical year, under the careful management of the Rev. Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., as Principal, assisted by four teachers, and without involving your Board in any expense. The number of students connected with the college, within the last Synodical year, reaches fifty-nine or sixty, nineteen of whom were young ladies. The number of boarding scholars has increased somewhat. And had the members of our Church, living within the bounds of

the Synod in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, patronized the College of the Synod and Church, by sending their sons and daughters to Mercersburg, instead of placing them in institutions of other denominations, the number of pupils would have been larger, and the income would not only have proven sufficient to run the college, as now carried forward, but would also have afforded some revenue to be applied towards the liquidation of its indebtedness.

The grade and standing of the students have been higher and better than at any time since its reopening in the autumn of 1881. A number of the young ladies, as well as of the young men, have been studying Virgil, Livy, Cicero's Oration, Horace, Xenophon's Anabasis, and Homer's Iliad, in addition to the higher mathematics, the natural sciences, psychology, German, elocution, &c. The Collegiate Department is divided into a Ladies' Course of three years, a Scientific Course of three years, and a Classical Course covering the Freshmen and Sophomore years of a regular collegiate curriculum, besides a Preparatory Department. There is also a Musical Department, in which students may confine their attention exclusively to the study of Music, or may connect it with studies in the other Departments. The students have made commendable progress generally in their studies, and have likewise deported themselves with marked propriety and decorum.

The Board found it imperative to make some necessary repairs to the property, the expenses of which were punctually paid. Were the means at hand, very considerable repairs ought to be made, in the way of repainting the outside of nearly all our buildings, placing new roofs on several of them at least, and much new fencing. Let it be borne in mind, in this connection, that your Board has under its care and supervision the Seminary or College Building, the Preparatory Building, the Diognothian Hall, three Professor Houses, together with numerous stables and outbuildings, and the Seminary Campus, the College Park, and the various yards and gardens, covering nine acres of ground.

Some slight reduction of the indebtedness, resting as an incubus on the Institution, was made during the past year: it would have been more, had the available means to do so been greater. The Board hereby gratefully acknowledges the receipt of three hundred dollars, during the year, from the Treasurer of Synod, agreeably to the promise of Synod, given at Waynesboro, two years ago. This sum, as intended, was applied to the payment of interest.

Since 1836, by the heroic efforts of our Sainted Fathers, Mercersburg has been a literary centre. Who can tell the anxious sacrifices of such men as Elders Besore, Wolff, Heyser, Cook, and others. And thus six of the buildings erected through their instrumentality are now in the hands of your Board, beautifully situated, an honor and an ornament to the Synod. Shall we allow the buildings, consecrated by our own hard-working Fathers, to become useless, and fall into neglectful ruins? God forbid! Let us rather emulate and surpass those who have gone before us. Let us consecrate funds enough out of the abundance possessed by us, to utilize the valuable buildings placed there, almost half a century ago, by the devout prayers and pious efforts of earnest Christian men. Let me tell you what many of you do not know. The Synod of the Potomac to-day numbers more ministers, and reports more communicant members than the whole German Reformed Church, east and west, north and south, reported in 1836.

In conclusion, the Board respectfully asks the generous patronage and hearty co-operation of the ministry and membership of our Church, especially within our Synodical bounds, in carrying forward the work of Christian Education at Mercersburg.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The undersigned begs leave to present the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.:

The following students were admitted to the Junior Class, at the opening of the Seminary, one year ago: Carl C. G. Betz, Henry Ditzler, Charles R. Ferner, Cyrus M. Hartzel, W. L. Hoy, Warren J. Johnson, Jonathan W. Miller, and Lewis Reiter. Eight in number.

Mr. Ferner was absent part of the time, and Mr Betz has left the Seminary entirely.

The Middle Class consisted of the three students mentioned in last year's report, together with Calvin B. Heller, a former student of the Seminary, who was admitted *ad eundem*.

The Seniors, nine in number, having completed the course of study in the Seminary, prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, received the usual *Testimonial* setting forth these facts, at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Benjamin F. Bausman, George W. Gerhard, Daniel N. Harnish, Alfred P. Horn, Charles W. Levan, David B. Schneider, Frank W. Smith, Adam S. Weber, and Jairus A. Wickert.

The whole number of students in attendance was twenty.

The examinations of the Senior Class were conducted this year orally in all the branches of study pursued by the Class; and of the Middle and Junior Classes orally and in writing. They were satisfactory, and the order pursued this year for the first time will be continued hereafter.

The conduct of the students and their progress in their studies have been satisfactory. In their meetings they have sought to cultivate the spirit of missions and to gain for themselves proper views of their future work. Of the nine who have just finished their studies, seven are able to officiate both in the English and German languages. Three of them have taken charge of Missions, and the rest are occupying posts of usefulness in the ministry.

We still regard the number of students in our Seminary altogether inadequate to meet the wants of the church, and would again urge the Synod to continue its efforts to secure a larger number of young men to devote themselves to the work of the ministry.

Since the meeting of the Board last Spring, one of its members, the Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., honored and esteemed in all his relations, fell asleep in the Lord, and left a vacancy in the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 25, 1883.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND OF THE TREASURER.

The following reports were received from the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and, after having been read, were referred to the Standing Committee on Education, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN—The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary held their regular spring and autumn meetings. At the former, the following officers were re-elected: D. W. Gross, *President*; G. W. Hensel, *Vice-President*; John B. Roth, *Treasurer*; and Edward J. Zahn, *Secretary*. The Executive Committee of the Board consists of the officers just named, together with Geo. Z. Kunkel. The Treasurer's Report, a synopsis of which accompanies this, will explain the

financial condition of the institution, and show the continued necessity for aid from the churches. We suggest that the Synod reiterates its action requesting the pastoral charges to give the Seminary one collection during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GROSS, *President.*
JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*
EDW. J. ZAHM, *Secretary.*

Lancaster, Pa., October 4th, 1883.

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT, AS FURNISHED.

Statement of John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, for the year ending October 1st, 1883.

Amount of Endowment Fund is	\$69,349.76.	
Amount of Expenditures to date		\$6694.42
Amount of Receipts from all sources		5345.07
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Amount due Treasurer		\$1349.35
Library Fund. Principal is \$2069.96.		
Amount of Receipts to date		\$257.03
Amount of Expenditures to date		115.77
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Balance on hand		\$141.26
Smaltz Fund. Principal is \$5000.00.		
Amount of Receipts to date		\$550.00
Amount paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treasurer		550.00
Building Fund. Principal is \$12,883.05.		
Pittsburgh Synod Professor Fund is	1,718.30.	

Theological Seminary Relief Fund.

Received from sundry sources to meet deficiency in Expenditures of the Institution:—

1881.		
Rev. D. B. Shæy, Treasurer Lancaster Classis		\$18.09
St. Stephen's congregation " "		6.00
1882.		
Rev. W. A. Haas		5.56
Christ Reformed Church of Philadelphia		25.00
Rev. J. W. Love, Treasurer Westmoreland Classis		77.35
Rev. D. W. Gerhard, New Holland		8.84
Salem Reformed Church of Harrisburg		35.00
First Reformed Church of Lancaster		16.00
Rev. A. Bartholomew, Leighton		15.00
Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer West Susquehanna Classis		17.50
C. A. Shultz, Treasurer Zion's Classis		36.15
T. J. Craig, Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod		21.06
1883.		
Louis Markell, Treasurer Synod of Potomac		50.00
Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer Maryland Classis		25.00
Reformed Church of Columbia		5.00
Rev. A. Bartholomew, Mahoning charge		10.50
St. Stephen's congregation, Lancaster		5.00
Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer West Susquehanna Classis		3.50
Rev. D. W. Gerhard, New Holland		8.30

Theological Seminary Relief Fund.—(Continued).

1883.

Rev. T. A. Huber, Monroe county	20.00
Rev. J. W. Pontious, Zion's charge	14.00
Rev. J. H. Pannebecker	13.35
Henry J. Myers, Treasurer Gettysburg Classis	12.00
Louis Markell, Treasurer Synod of Potomac	50.00
Amount	<u>\$498.20</u>

The undersigned auditing committee, having examined the Treasurer's account and compared his vouchers, find the same correct.

October 4th, 1883.

CHAS. SANTEE, }
A. G. RENINGER, } *Committee.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Monday afternoon. The report was received and considered item by item, then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:—

Your Committee on Education had placed in its hands the Reports of the Board of Education, of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, of the Board of Visitors, and of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Having examined these reports, we present to you, for your consideration, the following:—

The Board of Education states, that the number of young brethren preparing for the work of the holy ministry, under its care and supervision, has been doubled, since its last report, made one year ago; but, at the same time, calls special attention to the fact, that this number is entirely too small to meet the growing need of that portion of our Reformed Zion represented by this Synod. There is on all hands a demand for men. We are not meeting it; and our missionary work is seriously hindered. Money also is wanting. The amount contributed for this cause has fallen off very considerably from that of former years. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby call the very special attention of our pastors and people to this want, and urge them to seek out and educate for this work those among them who are men of piety and talent.

Resolved, That the several Classes be recommended to raise, either by apportionment or otherwise, increased contributions to carry on the work of beneficiary education.

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with pleasure of the payment by transfer of first mortgage of the sum of \$3758.23 (one-half of which is for the cause of Beneficiary Education), the bequest of Elder Nicholas Gruber, of Martinsburg, Blair county, Pa.; and that we commend the act of this good man, calling on our people to be followers of him in this.

The Report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary shows a deficiency in the revenue of that institution. Therefore,

Resolved, That we reiterate our recommendation to the several Classes to request the different pastoral charges, under their care, to give to the Seminary one collection during the year.

Resolved, That the attention of our people be called to this annual deficiency

in the income of the Theological Seminary, in hope that some among them, men of means and good-will, may come forward and complete the endowment of this institution.

Resolved, That we are gratified to learn, through the Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, of the continued success of that school.

Resolved, That the three hundred dollars assumed to be paid annually, for five years, towards the interest of the debt, be referred to the Committee on Finance for assessment.

Resolved, That we hereby commend Mercersburg College to the patronage of our pastors and people, to the end that their sons and daughters, instead of being sent elsewhere, may find their way into this church school, which is directly under the care of the Synod.

The attention of your committee has been called to Catawba College, at Newton, N. C., now conducted as a High and Normal School. Though in existence for years, this school has never yet received any formal recognition by this Synod, nor much substantial aid from any of our laity outside of North Carolina Classis. At present the names of a large number of young ladies and gentlemen are enrolled in its catalogue. Owing to the growth of the institution, it was necessary that the college buildings be enlarged. This has lately been done. Some small debt still rests on these buildings. Further improvements are still necessary to meet the growing demands of this community and the progress of the times. On this whole subject, we would offer for adoption the following, to wit:—

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure of the growth and prosperity of Catawba College, now conducted as a High and Normal School; and that we hereby formally recognize it as one of the Institutions of our Reformed Church.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the school to the patronage of our pastors and people.

Resolved, That we call the attention of our people to this institution and recommend it as an object worthy of attention to those of our communion who have means and a desire to do a lasting good to our Church.

Resolved, That the Trustees of Catawba College, now conducted as a High and Normal School, be invited to make an annual report of said Institution to the Board of Education of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS J. MUSSER, *Chairman.*

Revs. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eschbach and W. R. H. Deatrìch were chosen as the members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders Louis Markell, Henry Wirt, Israel Laucks, Charles A. Shultz, H. Wirt Shriver and Isaac H. Keefer as the members from this Synod of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the term of one year.

At the election for members of the different Boards of Synod, held during the session of Monday forenoon, Revs. Wm. M. Deatrìck, J. S. Kieffer and J. W. Santee were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years, and Rev. U. H. Heilman for one year. At the same time, Revs. W. C. Cremer, S. S. Miller and A. J. Heller were chosen as members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, for the period of three years. The following individuals constitute the

Board of Education, and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, severally, at the present time, to wit:—

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick	3 years	October, 1886.
Rev. J. S. Kieffer	3 "	" 1886.
Rev. J. W. Santee	3 "	" 1886.
Rev. W. Goodrich	2 "	" 1885.
Rev. A. J. Heller	2 "	" 1885.
Elder J. Heyser	2 "	" 1885.
Rev. W. C. Cremer	1 year	" 1884.
Rev. S. S. Miller	1 "	" 1884.
Rev. U. H. Heilman	1 "	" 1884.

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Rev. W. C. Cremer	3 years	October, 1886.
Rev. S. S. Miller	3 "	" 1886.
Rev. A. J. Heller	3 "	" 1886.
E. J. Bonbrake, Esq.	2 "	" 1885.
A. R. Schnebly	2 "	" 1885.
M. A. Foltz	2 "	" 1885.
Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick	1 year	" 1884.
Rev. Wm. Goodrich	1 "	" 1884.
Rev. Wm. J. Stewart	1 "	" 1884.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, and of the Treasurer of said Board, and also of the Superintendent of Missions having been referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration, the Committee reported, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was ordered to be taken up, item by item, for adoption. The report was amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such it will be found subjoined in its proper place. These several reports are as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHERN:—We herewith transmit to you the Reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States. The reports are encouraging. Our people, it will be seen, are becoming more liberal. The work is widening, and still calls for more aid. We ask that you encourage the pastors and people in your bounds, to engage more heartily in this work of the Lord—"Go, preach My Gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

II. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS, FOR THE
YEAR 1882-1883.

To the Reverend Synods, of Pittsburg, of the Potomac, and of the United States :

RESPECTED BRETHREN :—The Superintendent of Missions hereby presents to your honorable bodies his Sixth Annual Report of the progress and present condition of the missions under the care of the Board of Home Missions of the Church.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grace Church, Easton.—Under the Board seven years. Members, 86. S. S. scholars, about 100. Baptisms, 21. Additions, 5. Contributions for benevolent objects, about \$90. For local objects, \$600. The debt, amounting to \$1,600, was all paid off during the year, \$1,500 of which was the generous gift of three individuals, members of the mother church on 3d street, Easton. The property, now free from all encumbrance, is worth about \$4,000. The mission depends mainly for increase of membership on members of the church who move into this part of the town from the country, all of whom should connect with it at once. The members are more hopeful than at any previous period in the history of the mission. "Some time ago the Borough Council, having ordered certain streets to be curbed and paved, it became necessary for the mission to comply with the notice as regards its property. The members agreed to do the work themselves, and for three nights worked by torchlight, digging trenches and putting in the heavy curbing. The pastor, Dr. Heisler, was conspicuous in the work, which was finished on Saturday night amid great rejoicing." Had the work been hired out it would have cost the congregation in all about \$300. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, \$250. Pastor, D. Y. Heisler, D.D.

Salem's Church, Catasauqua.—Members, 150, diminished by removals and erasures. S. S. scholars, 200. Baptisms, 27. Additions, 16. For benevolence, \$54. Local objects, over \$500. Value of property, \$10,000. Indebtedness, \$1,250. The church papers, to a certain extent, circulated in the families. A Missionary Society was started last winter, and it has now one hundred dollars in its treasury. An effort was made during the year to strengthen the charge by connecting it with a neighboring congregation; but the members objected, regarding it as necessary to have all the time of the pastor. They prefer paying off the present indebtedness and then try to become self-supporting, which they believe can be done in this way in a much shorter time. The Board is satisfied that they should have an opportunity to make the experiment. The present pastor has been in the field six years. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, \$350. Pastor, John J. Crist.

St. John's Church, Reading.—One congregation, organized in 1871. Members, 450. S. S. scholars, 450. Additions, 96. Baptisms, 50. Losses, 20. Cost of property, \$22,000. Reduction of indebtedness, \$340. For benevolence, \$114. For salary and local objects, \$2,000. It is expected that the mission will be strengthened by annexing to it another congregation that worship at a short distance in the country. In any event the mission hereafter will be self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, nothing. Pastor, J. W. Steinmetz.

Birdsboro.—The arrangement referred to in our last report in regard to connecting this mission with other congregations was carried out successfully during the year, and the congregation no longer needs any assistance from the Board.

St. John's Church, West Philadelphia.—Members, 55. S. S. scholars, 87. Baptisms, 7. Additions, 12. Losses, 17. Raised for benevolence, \$25. For local objects, \$457. Church papers, 12. Value of church property, \$6,000. This mission was established in 1865, and has had an unfortunate history. It has had its successes, but it has had also many reverses to encounter. The population upon which it seeks to confer spiritual blessings are of a fluctuating character, and thus, whilst it has all along been making additions to its membership, it has been called on to meet many losses. The location of the church and the character of the building have, to some extent, been a difficulty in its way. Neither, we presume, was expected to become permanent. During the past year an effort was made

to dispose of the property and to build in another place, in accordance with the advice of the Board. The present indebtedness is \$2,400, but the interest, contingent expenses and salary have been paid up during the past year better than in former years, when there was usually a deficit, and, as a consequence, an annual increase in the amount of indebtedness. Under the efficient services of the present pastor, the progress of the mission, if not as rapid as we could wish, will, as we believe, be solid and sure. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$500. Pastor, J. P. Stein.

Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg.—Organized as a mission in 1864. Served by the present pastor ten years. Members, 119. S. S. scholars, 230. Baptisms during the year, 10. Additions, 17. Losses, 10. For benevolence, \$160. For local objects, \$550. Church property worth \$8,000. No indebtedness. During the period the present pastor has been serving this mission, he has added 174 members, of whom 83 have been dismissed or otherwise separated from the congregation. No progress has been made in securing a parsonage, although the matter is still agitated. Could this object be accomplished, the mission would be nearly or altogether self-sustaining. The project of establishing a mission at Steelton, near Harrisburg, is now in the hands of a committee of Lancaster Classis. The prospects of organizing a congregation and of the erection of a chapel at that place are said to be encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$200. Pastor, G. W. Snyder.

Zwingli Church, Harrisburg.—This mission was doing well according to our report last year, and we had hoped that it was in a fair way of becoming a well established congregation; but it met with a great affliction in the death of its pastor, H. A. Freidel, in January last. He was an efficient pastor, and did much to encourage the hopes and strengthen the faith of the people. After his death, the Board adopted measures to secure another pastor, but the consistory, on the ground of economy, preferred to secure the services of Rev. G. W. Snyder, pastor of the English mission at Harrisburg, who has supplied the pulpit once a Sabbath for about six months, without any expense to the Board. This was intended to be a temporary arrangement, and should, we think, give way to the settlement of a regular pastor over the mission, who may give to it his undivided time and attention. It has suffered somewhat in the loss or removal of members, and its present strength is not as great as it was one year ago, when it reported 85 members. The number of S. S. scholars is also less. Value of property about \$8,000. Indebtedness, \$1,221, an apparent increase over that given last year. For benevolence, \$12.20. For local objects, \$134. Interest received as rent for the use of the lecture-room, \$120. Appropriation last year, \$200. Vacant.

Columbia.—According to the expectation expressed in last year's report, the mission at Columbia became self-supporting on the first of January last, and it is now doing well.

Wilkes-Barre Mission.—At present, one congregation. Members, 375. Baptisms, 63. S. S. scholars, 200. Additions, 37. Losses, 8. For benevolence, \$70. Local objects, \$1,700. Indebtedness, \$800. Reduction during the year, \$750. At a recent meeting of the consistory of this church it was resolved to relieve the Board of all missionary support from October 1, 1883, and also to return the thanks of the mission for the aid extended by the church at large to the congregation. This mission has been under the care of the Board for a period of five years.

The congregation at Nanticoke, formerly a part of the Wilkes-Barre mission, dedicated its new church during the past year and secured for itself a pastor of its own, promising to support him without further aid from the church. Said minister has not yet connected himself with the East Susquehanna Classis, as was expected, and the Classis appointed a committee to look after its interests in the congregation, which belongs to Classis, and was constituted a distinct charge at its last annual meeting.

The mission at Plymouth, which also grew out of the Wilkes-Barre mission, is still under the efficient care of Pastor S. C. Meekel, and receiving from the Classis \$300, as missionary support. It has at present 75 members, a good Sunday School, and a neat chapel in the centre of the town, which, with the lot, cost \$2,500, and is all paid for. Its prospects are encouraging. Pastor, F. K. Levan.

Lock Haven Mission.—Two congregations, St. Luke's and St. John's. Mem-

bers, 160. S. S. scholars, 160. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 26. Losses, 5. For benevolence, \$52. For local purposes, \$1,500, of which \$850 were paid for the reduction of the indebtedness and repairs. The amount of indebtedness *unpaid* is \$500,—incurred by necessary repairs the whole or greater part of which, however, will be paid in at an early day. Value of property, at least, \$5,000. The pastor has been in this field for six years, during which it has made encouraging progress, and its prospects for the future are encouraging. During the spring he handed in his resignation to the Board and the Classis, to take effect on the 1st of July last, but remained at his post as a supply until a successor was secured. The Rev. G. W. Gerhard, licentiate, was elected by the congregation and commissioned by the Board to take his place, who entered upon his duties on the 1st of September, with good prospects of usefulness before him. The thanks of the church are due to Mr. Stahr for his self-denying labors in rallying this mission, and with the help of God, in establishing it on a good foundation. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$280. Pastor, G. W. Gerhard.

St. John's Church, Williamsport.—This is a new mission, organized in the spring of 1882, but not supplied with a pastor until the beginning of the current year. As both the German and the English portions of the old congregation needed more preaching, an amicable division was effected more than a year ago. The Germans retained the old church, but agreed to give the English \$1,500 for the erection of a new church for themselves. The Classis of West Susquehanna promised to give an equal amount. Thus encouraged the congregation have purchased ground and expect to lay the corner-stone of their new church during the present month. Its prospects are encouraging. Members, 72. S. S. scholars, 90. Baptisms, 3. Additions, 28. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$56. For local objects, \$1,200. The members and the pastor have shown energy and activity in pushing forward this new enterprise, and with the divine blessing have the prospects of seeing, at no distant day, their efforts crowned with success. Two churches are needed in Williamsport, and both have started out with a new life and a new spirit. The appropriation is \$300, one-half of which is paid by the Classis, and the other by this Board. Appropriation this year, \$150. Assisted by Classis, \$150. Pastor, J. S. Wagner.

Zion's Reformed Church, Stroudsburg.—During the past year the pastor in charge was requested by the Classis to supply several vacant congregations in the country, and this, with the fact that he had to be absent frequently to collect money in other charges for the erection of a new church, prevented him from preaching at Stroudsburg as regularly as he desired. His audiences in the court-house, however, increased rather than diminished, when he was at home and able to preach for his people. Thus far he has secured \$2,726 for the new church, to which additions will be made from time to time as the money is needed. The whole cost of the church will not exceed \$5,000, and it is confidently believed that when it is finished there will be little or no indebtedness resting on it. Ground has been broken, and the building will go up yet this fall, but will not probably be finished until next spring. It is proper to add that the missionary has met with a generous encouragement and a liberal help in the different charges in the Classis which he thus far has been able to visit. Members, 40. Baptisms, 8. No S. school as yet organized. Contributions mostly made for the erection of a church. Prospects encouraging. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$275. Pastor, G. W. Kerschner.

The Bangor Mission.—This mission, consisting of two or three congregations in Northampton county, separated from the Mt. Bethel congregation, was constituted a new charge at its last annual meeting and placed under the care of the Board as a mission for the present. The ground had been prepared for this result by Dr. Hilschman, by whose efforts the congregation at Bangor was organized, and supplied as long as he remained in the field. A pastor has been secured, but the Board thus far has received no report of the progress of the mission. Appropriation, \$—-. Pastor, J. G. Neff.

East End, Wilkesburg.—Two congregations. Members, 125. S. S. scholars, 150. Baptisms, 5. Additions, 22. Losses and erasures, 19. For benevolence, \$75. For local objects, \$1,178. Value of property, \$8,500. Debt, \$1,350, last year, \$1,850. Two students for the ministry. Church papers, 166. A new organ

purchased during the year. There is a "sociable" in one congregation, and a "mite society" in the other, both of which add to their income. The missions progress favorably. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$450. Pastor, J. W. Knappenberger.

Orbisonia Mission, Huntington Co.—Under the Board seven years. Three congregations, all now supplied with good substantial church buildings. Members, 98. S. S. S., 88. Baptisms, 1. Additions, 6. Raised for benevolence, \$61. For local objects, \$1,950. Value of church property, \$3,300. The debt on the new church at Shirley is about \$200. It was dedicated last spring amidst general rejoicing, and it has inspired the congregation with new courage, faith and zeal. The mission is making gradual progress spiritually and financially. But it needs a parsonage, and this would be an important step towards its becoming self-sustaining. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year the same. Pastor, C. H. Reiter.

Sulphur Spring Mission, Bedford Co.—Under the Board since 1876. Three congregations. Members, 194. Last year, 155 S. S. S. Baptisms, 32. Additions, 50. Losses, 8. Erasures, 35. For benevolence, \$79. For local objects, \$414. Value of property, \$3,000. A small debt of \$75 paid off during the year. The additions during the year were encouraging, but not of such a character as to add materially to the financial strength of the charge. There has been also a general waking up in this field, but much remains to be done. A good beginning has been made, and in the direction of self-support. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$150. Pastor, E. H. Dieffenbacher.

Duncannon.—During the past year an old congregation has been resuscitated and the charge in this way strengthened. Under its new pastor it has been making encouraging progress. The members are active, and are at present engaged in repairing two of the churches, one at Duncannon and the other at Marysville. Congregations, three. Members, 121. S. S. scholars, 100. Baptisms during the year, 8. Additions, 19. Losses, 9. Original cost of property, 4,000. Present value about the same. For benevolence and local objects, \$510. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$175. Pastor, J. R. Lewis.

Shenandoah.—No reports of any kind have been received from this mission during the year, and we have had no means of judging in regard to its progress. We understand that the pastor has left the field and that it is thought that the mission will be self-sustaining after the present year. A new pastor has been secured. Appropriation last year \$300. No appropriation.

St. John's Church, Johnstown.—One congregation. Under the Board three years. Members, 94, last year, 77. S. S. S., 125. Baptisms, 14. Additions, 17. Losses, 7. For local and benevolent objects, \$379.94. Value of property, \$3,000. No debt. A small amount of money in interest to put up a new church in a more central part of the town, as the present building is becoming too small, and not convenient for some persons who would like to attend its services. The mission ought to have a parsonage as soon as possible, and as this would be a long stride towards self-support the attention of the Board of Church Extension of the Synod is directed to it as a matter worthy of attention. Appropriation last year, \$450. This year, \$400. Pastor, W. H. Bates.

St. Luke's, Lancaster.—Organized in Jan. 1879, with 8 members. Members, 59. S. S. S., 225. Baptisms, 13. Additions, 12. Erasures, 12. Contributed for benevolence, \$18.46. Local objects, \$325. Value of property, \$2,850. No debt. Church publications subscribed for, 243. Length of pastorate 3 years and 3 months. One of the original members of the mission, Elder B. F. Bausman, always faithful as a member, and efficient and active as a worker, retires at this time to become pastor of the church at Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The mission regrets his separation, and will miss him very much in its work; yet it rejoices that it can send one so worthy into the active duties of the ministry. The erection of the present chapel was due in a great measure to his energy, combined with that of the first pastor. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, W. F. Lichtler.

Overton, Bradford Co.—Congregations, 3. Members, 160. S. S. scholars, 120. Baptisms, 10. Some additions by certificate. Other statistics not given. The congregation at Elkland is at present putting up a new church, 26 by 40 feet, with

a steeple, which is to cost about \$800, for which upwards of \$600 have been secured among the members, which is doing well as they are few and in limited circumstances. The congregation at Overton had resolved to put up another church in the place of the old one during the year, but were not able to agree in regard to the plan, and so the project has been postponed for the present. It has, however, succeeded in purchasing a new organ for the old church, which has been all paid for. The attendance on the means of grace is good, and the mission is making a steady progress. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, C. H. Mutschler.

Latrobe, Westmoreland Co.—Congregations, 2. Members, 140. S. S. scholars, 75. Baptisms, 11. Additions, 18. For benevolence, \$35. Local objects, \$900. Indebtedness, \$1,325. Reduction during the year, \$525. Under the Board five years. The assistance extended to this struggling mission by the Pittsburg Board in reducing its indebtedness has had a good effect and given it a new impulse to strengthen the things that remain. It is advancing towards the point of self-support. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, S. H. Eisenberg.

Sharon, Mercer Co—This mission tried to become self-supporting during the past year, but the pastor had to make extreme self-denial, and it was necessary that partial relief should be extended to him from the classis. Hereafter he will receive assistance from the Pittsburg Synod. The members of the church made a strenuous effort to pay off a large indebtedness in which they were successful, and hence could not do as much for their pastor as they wished.

New Castle.—The difficulties in this mission referred to in our last report continuing to operate against the pastor's usefulness, he felt it to be his duty to withdraw from the field, his resignation taking effect on the 1st of January last. The mission was supplied with preaching for several months by the Rev. McConnell, under the direction of the Pittsburg Board until a pastor could be secured. He, however, withdrew some time in the spring and since then this mission has been vacant. The effort, however, is still in progress to secure a pastor, which it is hoped will be crowned with success. The property of this mission is worth no less than \$4,000. The debt resting on it is about \$1,000 for half of which provision has been made in the way of pledges or subscriptions. In the absence of a pastor these subscriptions have not been paid, probably because they were not urged. Appropriation, \$450. This year the same. Vacant.

Marietta Mission, Lancaster Co.—As quite a number of German families were willing to connect themselves with this mission, provided they could be supplied with services every two weeks, it became necessary during the year to detach the Maytown congregation from it, so that it might enjoy the exclusive services of a pastor. During the greater part of the year it was vacant, but it was supplied by a committee of Lancaster classis. In the spring it secured a pastor from Seminary, who entered upon his duties on the first of June last. Under the new arrangement the mission has been doing well, and shows an increase of liberality. The Classis assists in the support of the pastor. Organized in 1881. One congregation. Members, 88. S. S. S., 60. Baptisms, 19. Additions, 21. Losses, 18. A union church for different denominations, worth \$3,000. Amount raised for benevolence and local objects, about \$200. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, D. B. Schneder.

Tionesta, Forrest Co.—The difficulties in this mission referred to in our last report, not having been adjusted, and continuing to operate against the pastor's usefulness, he felt that it would be best for him to leave the field, and accordingly he withdrew at the beginning of the year. This field is worthy of attention, and it is hoped that Providence may open the way at some future day for the location of a Shepherd, who may gather together the Lord's flocks and save them from the attacks of the arch enemy. Appropriation last year, \$250. This year, \$250. Vacant.

Dubois, Clearfield Co.—The pastor in this mission has been active during the past year supplying two of his congregations with suitable church buildings, and in this he has been successful. Both churches are now nearly or quite ready for consecration. In order to secure the means to pay for them it became necessary for him to visit other charges, and to collect from house to house. He met with

encouragement wherever he went. The members of the mission contributed liberally for their circumstances, and it is thought that, if any debt should be incurred, it will not be too onerous for them to bear. Under these circumstances the pastor was not able to devote as much of his time to building up the spiritual interests of the congregation as he could have wished. He hopes, however, that now, as they have houses of their own in which they can worship, his labors among them will be facilitated and be attended with a larger increase. During the year the Classis separated one of the congregations from the mission, so that it might be supplied with German services, but it seems nevertheless, to be stronger at present than it was one year ago. It has been a mission for about a year and-a-half, and it has made an encouraging degree of progress. Congregations, 2. Members, 50. S. S. Scholars, 45. Additions, 8. Benevolence, \$50. Collected in the mission and elsewhere for new churches, \$2,500. Appropriation last year, \$400. This year, \$350. Pastor, D. H. Leader.

Houtzdale, Clearfield Co.—One congregation. Members at present, 42. Two years ago, when the mission was started, there were eighteen members. S. S. S., 25. Baptisms, 9. Additions, 17. Losses, 8. For benevolence, \$14. For local objects, \$1145, which was expended for the erection of a parsonage, which is paid for, for pastor's salary and improvements about the church. The greater part of this amount came from citizens of Houtzdale and vicinity. Present value of church property, \$2000. The cost of the church building, \$400, and of the parsonage, \$800. The mission is making encouraging progress. It should, however, if possible, be connected with one or more outlying mission points; this would assist in making it self-sustaining at an earlier day. Appropriation last year, \$350. This year, \$300. Pastor, C. W. E. Siegel.

Meyersdale Charge, Somerset Co.—Organized in 1881. Congregations, 2. Members, 349. S. S. S., about 160. Baptisms, 3. Additions, 42. Losses, 8. For benevolence, \$208 20. For congregational purposes, \$2280. Value of property, \$3000. Debt, \$70, to be paid yet this fall. Reduction of indebtedness, about \$1400. Probably self-supporting in the course of another year. Appropriation last year, \$175. This year, \$120. Pastor, J. M. Schick.

Will's Creek Mission, Somerset Co.—Under the Board since Oct. 1, 1881. Four congregations. Members, 217. Sunday Schools, 3. Scholars, 125. Baptisms, 22. Additions, 17. Losses 6. Benevolent contributions, \$80. Congregational purposes, \$424. Indebtedness, \$450. Two of the congregations supplied themselves with organs during the year. This charge is spread over a large extent of territory, mostly in mountainous districts; the labors of the missionary are arduous, but such sections of country are generally less abundantly supplied with the means of grace, and the people to that extent usually appreciate their privileges. As the mission grows, it ought to be divided, or some new arrangement made in the contiguous charges. Appropriation last year, \$140. This year, \$115. Pastor, S. T. Wagner.

McKeesport Mission.—This mission, started a little over one year ago, consists of two congregations, one at McKeesport and the other at Turtle Creek, in Allegheny Co., both of which were organized in October last. Members, 71. Baptisms, 10. Additions, 30. Losses, 7. The pastor has been punctual in filling all his appointments, but he has been under the necessity of devoting a large portion of his time to the work of securing the means for the erection of churches for his congregation. Thus far he has secured enough money to buy a lot and to erect a church at Turtle Creek without any debt, and the corner-stone has just recently been laid. He has a balance in hand for the church at McKeesport, but as he has already canvassed the charges which were opened to him, he desires the Board to assist him, in some way in obtaining additional funds to erect a second church at McKeesport, during the coming year. The Board allows him to go forward and collect money wherever the people are willing to give. The mission is making encouraging progress—greater than was expected when it was commenced. Appropriation last year, \$500. This year, \$500. Pastor, H. D. Darbaker.

Trinity Mission, Scottdale, Westmoreland Co.—After our last annual report of this mission was rendered it seemed to be making favorable progress for the first

six months, when the pastor withdrew irregularly to another denomination. Since then the mission has been vacant. The statistical report may therefore not be quite complete. One congregation. Members reported last year, 60. S. S. Scholars this year, 48. Baptisms, 6. Additions, 5. Contributions for benevolence, \$17. For local objects as far as ascertained, about \$500. Value of property, \$4350. The church underwent some repairs, costing \$350, which were paid for. The Board condemn the irregular conduct of this missionary. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Vacant.

Mercer Mission.—This is a new mission, consisting of two congregations, located in the south-eastern part of Mercer County, with some 70 or 80 members. The Rev. J. J. Pennepacker took charge of it on the first of January last, and in his last quarterly report dated, June 30th, he spoke favorably of its progress and prospects. He had just held his communion, and some who had become estranged from the church took their place at the Lord's table. One member had been received by baptism, one by confirmation, one by renewal of profession, and several infants were baptized. New church officers had been elected and installed; the Sunday-schools had both been opened, with 25 scholars in the one, and 50 in the other; the attendance at worship and the benevolence of the people were both improving; and generally things in the mission were working regularly and harmoniously. But soon after this report was written Brother Pennepacker was overtaken with a severe affliction in his head, resulting in partial paralysis, which may incapacitate him from further pastoral labors for some time to come. He is entitled to our deepest sympathies and our earnest prayers, that his life and usefulness may be spared to the church. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, J. J. Pennepacker.

St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading.—For some time past a movement has been on foot to establish an English mission in the northern part of the city of Reading, which move has the prospect of being successful. The members of Reformed churches in the city purchased the ground for a church, and on the first Sunday in September the corner-stone of the new building was laid. The building is to be of brick, 35 by 75 feet and is to be handsomely arranged in the interior. All the expenses are to be paid by the Reading churches. The Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard has been commissioned to take charge of this new interest, and Providence permitting, will enter upon this new field of labor about the beginning of November. There is room for more Reformed churches in Reading, as her population is increasing rapidly, and Reformed people are constantly moving into the city from the country. With Mr. Gerhard's pastoral experience and ability as a preacher, it will not be long, it is believed, before this new movement results in a flourishing and useful church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The larger portion of the salary needed for the support of the pastor will be raised by the Reading churches. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, Calvin S. Gerhard.

VIRGINIA.

Winchester.—Congregations, 2; members, 112; Sunday-school scholars, 50; baptisms, 7; additions, 9; losses, 5; for benevolence, \$20; for congregational purposes, \$420; value of church property, \$5,000; indebtedness, \$500. In the month of August the corner-stone of St. Paul's Reformed chapel, five and a half miles from Winchester, was laid, and the occasion was said to be of a very interesting character. The building will be dedicated in November, most probably without any debt. It is believed that a flourishing congregation will be the result of this undertaking. It begins with from 15 to 20 members, which it is thought will steadily increase. Another chapel will probably be erected in this field during the coming year, which will help also to strengthen the charge. Appropriation last year, \$250; this year, \$250. Pastor, A. R. Kremer.

Middlebrook, Augusta Co.—Organized in 1882. Congregations, 2. Members, 75. Baptisms, 20. Sunday-scholars, 130. Additions, 23. Losses, —. For benevolence, \$40. For local objects, \$300. Value of property, \$2,800. Indebtedness, \$300. Progress encouraging. About to erect a parsonage. In addition to the two congregations served by the missionary, he has two preaching points, where the attendance is always large. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, S. L. Whitmore.

Mint Spring Mission.—Organized in 1882. Supplied with a pastor for the first time in the month of March last. Members, 134. Sunday-school scholars, 60. Baptisms, 8. Additions, 5. Losses, 2. Value of property, \$3,500. Indebtedness, about \$210. Contributed for pastor's salary and benevolence thus far, \$85. The mission consists at present of only one congregation, the St. John's church, near Middlebrook. No congregation has as yet been organized at the Mint Spring Church, which was put up and nearly or quite paid for a few years ago. It is expected however, that a congregation will be formed at this latter point at no distant day. When this is once effected the way will be open to make the charge self-supporting. The mission has been fortunate in securing the services of an efficient pastor, and it devolves on the members to co-operate with him in carrying forward the interests of Christ's kingdom to a successful issue. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, E. Welty, M. D.

Milk Creek Mission, Rockingham Co., Va.—A new mission, organized one year ago, with two congregations. Members, 96. Sunday-school scholars, over 100. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 7. Losses, 2. For benevolence, \$50. For local objects, \$700. Value of property, \$4,500. Present indebtedness, \$250. Reduction of indebtedness, \$450. A parsonage is in process of erection at Mt. Jackson, and as soon as this is finished, which will be the case in a few months, an effort will be made to put up a chapel near by, when a new congregation will be organized. The ground for this purpose has been secured. The pastor preaches at two mission points, where he is meeting with encouragement. In Grace church, his principal congregation, he has a class of thirty catechumens under instruction, many of whom will soon be ready for admission into the church. The pastor is encouraged by the cordial co-operation of his members, who show a disposition to assist him in making the charge self-sustaining at no distant day. Appropriation, \$150. This year, the same. Pastor, Geo. A. Whitmore.

Timberville Mission, Rockingham Co., Va.—Organized, Oct., 1882. Served by the present pastor since the beginning of June last. Two congregations. Members, about 90. Sunday-school scholars, 30. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 1. One church building in the country, worth \$1,000. The church building at Timberville commenced three years ago, is now under roof, and is to be finished yet this fall, without any debt, as is expected. The missionary expects to establish preaching points contiguous to his present field, wherever it is deemed advisable, so as to strengthen his charge. The salary is \$300, of which one hundred is pledged by the Board. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, C. W. Summey.

Harrisville Mission.—Two congregations, the St. John's and the St. Stephen's, having been separated from the Woodstock charge by the Classis of Virginia at its late meeting, were formed into separate charges and placed under the care of the Board as a mission, the Classis agreeing to assist in the support of a pastor, provided the Board would make a small appropriation. To this the Board agreed; but thus far no pastor has been secured to take charge of it. Appropriation, \$50.

Roxoke.—Efforts were made during the year to establish a mission at this place. The Classis of Virginia obligated themselves to raise \$300 for the support of a missionary, and the Board agreed to make an appropriation of \$300 additional from its treasury for the same purpose. A competent person had agreed to take charge of the mission, but his Classis would not allow him to leave his present charge, and thus the Board and the Classis were both defeated for the present in their efforts to supply this field with a missionary, which is a matter of deep regret. It is a field that ought to be occupied by our church at an early day. Appropriation, \$300. Vacant.

St. Johns, Wyoming, Kent Co.—This mission has been gaining ground, but the pastor, Rev. N. J. Miller, on account of continued ill health, felt compelled to withdraw from the field, and his resignation took effect on the 1st of July last. Since then it has been visited by the Superintendent and the pulpit supplied by other brethren. Arrangements are being made to secure a suitable pastor, and the prospects now are that the effort will be crowned with success. It is thought desirable that he should officiate in the German language, to some extent, as that seems necessary in order that the foreign Germans, on the Peninsula, who are growing in numbers, may be supplied with the means of grace. This will help

to strengthen the Mission. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Vacant.

Chumberland.—Members, 160. Sunday-School scholars, 100. Baptisms, 27. Additions, 28; Losses 34. For benevolence, \$10. For local objects, \$750. Value of property, \$2,000. Reduction thus far, \$250, but more has been subscribed for this purpose. Church papers, 55. Attendance good. Progress slow, but sure. Difficulties, Church debt, and immigration. A Mission since 1867. Length of present pastorate, nine years. Appropriation last year, \$100. This year, \$ Pastor, F. R. Schwedes.

East Baltimore.—Owing to various causes no further progress was made during the year in the establishment of this Mission.

Ridgeley, Caroline Co.—When we made our last annual report of this mission, the pastor, Rev. Joseph Hammaberry, was suffering from ill health. He preached occasionally, but continued to grow worse until the month of March, when he gently fell asleep in Christ and rested from his labors here on earth. He was faithful as a minister of the Gospel, and performed a useful work for the Church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His memory will be held in grateful remembrance by those whom he served in holy things. The Mission was supplied with preaching from time to time by the Superintendent. A short time ago the Rev. Charles W. Levan, licentiate, was elected by the Mission and commissioned by the board as missionary pastor. He enters upon his duties under encouraging prospects. Appropriation, \$300. Pastor, Charles W. Levan.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Concord, Cabarrus Co.—After the Rev. Mr. Gurley withdrew from this field the Mission was placed under the care of the Rev. Paul Barringer, who has been serving it as missionary in connection with other congregations in the surrounding country. He reports that it has been strengthened by the addition of several families that have moved into the town from the country, and that the membership are in good spirits, anxious to build up and establish the church. They are very much in need of a church building, but they are limited in their means, and are compelled to ask assistance from abroad. A suitable building could be secured for \$800 or \$1000. With help from the church building fund they would be willing to undertake to build or purchase a house for their use. They all feel that a pastor should be placed over them as soon as possible, who may give them all of his time and attention. Appropriation, last year \$50. This year, \$50. Pastor, Paul Barringer.

Lincolnton.—During the past year Mr. Foil has continued holding services at this place, once a month, (in connection with his other duties) which have been well attended, not only by the few resident members, but also by the outside community. The mission owns a good church building and has a nucleus of good members, which under proper care and attention ought to grow into a prosperous congregation. It deserves the attention of the Board and Classis. Appropriation, last year, \$50. This year \$50. Pastor, John A. Foil.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—This mission has been making a steady advance during the year. The additions to the congregations were four, all of whom were heads of families. Twelve children were baptized. Catechetical instruction has been held weekly, the class numbering eight members, who, however, were still too young for confirmation. Although the members live at considerable distances from the church, the attendance on the Lord's Day's Services has been good. The Missionary Service is held on the first Sunday of each month, which proves itself profitable in a spiritual sense and edifying to the congregation. There are about forty scholars in the Sunday School. Some of the children of the congregation live too far from the chapel to attend school, but these are instructed at home. As the Mission and pastor become known, its friends are gradually increasing. The pastor has worked hard in the Mission, and the evidences are showing themselves that his labors have not been in vain in the Lord, nor the prayers of the churches for its

prosperity been unanswered. Appropriation last year, \$600. This year the same. Pastor, C. F. Sontag.

NEW YORK.

German Evangelical St. Paul's Reformed Church.—Under the care of the Board of the Eastern German Synod, but assisted in part by this Board. The Mission is making encouraging progress, and the pastor is putting forth vigorous efforts, in season and out of season, to build up and establish the congregation in the true faith. No statistical report. Appropriation, \$150. Pastor, F. Fox.

KANSAS.

St. Paul's Church, Emporia.—The Rev. D. B. Shuey, who was commissioned to labor as missionary at Emporia, and to serve as Missionary Superintendent under the Board in Kansas, did not arrive on the ground until the latter part of April last. He found that it was necessary to remain a longer time in the East, in order to raise the necessary funds to place the mission at Emporia on a more permanent basis. In all he collected over \$2600; \$700 of this was used to remove a debt on the church, and the rest to pay his traveling expenses and to erect a parsonage during the coming year. Thus far he has devoted about half of his time to the congregation at Emporia, and the other half to explorations and preaching at other places. He has been preaching regularly every six weeks at Iola, Allen Co., about 60 miles distant from Emporia. Here he organized a congregation on the last Sunday in July with eleven members, baptized the children, and made thorough pastoral visitation. This is a promising point and should be supplied with a pastor by next spring. A single man would suit best. He preaches also regularly every six weeks at Abilene, 86 miles from Emporia. He found about 40 persons, who ought to be in the Reformed Church. At his last visit, he announced that when he came again he would proceed to organize a new congregation. For the erection of a church he procured two desirable lots in the centre of the town, the donation of Mrs. Nicolai, the widow of the late Rev. J. A. Nicolai. Although belonging to another denomination, she is willing to enter the new organization, and makes the donation of these lots in memory of her deceased husband. Mr. Shuey has also visited other places, and among the rest Kansas City in Missouri, where he says the prospects of establishing a mission are quite encouraging. He has preached there once and expects to preach there again, and thinks that an organization might be formed with from 25 to 30 members. He was encouraged to start an enterprise in the upper part of the city, where there are few churches, by outsiders no less than by members of our own church. A first class man would be required to take hold of this interest, and although it would be expensive to the church, it would pay in the end. Two congregations at present in the mission. Members, 31. Two Sunday schools with 70 scholars. Baptisms, 4. Additions, 14. Value of property, \$3,000. Only a small amount this year has been given for benevolence and pastor's salary. Appropriation, \$500. This year the same. Pastor, D. B. Shuey.

Wichita.—The Rev. I. G. Brown having been commissioned to labor as missionary in south-eastern Kansas, moved with his family to Wichita in April last. He found a number of Reformed people from Union Co., Pa., at Marshall, eighteen miles distant from Wichita, and preaching to them several times and administering to them the communion, he organized them into a congregation, numbering some fifteen or twenty members. A railroad company just about to establish a new road running near Marshall, have donated to the congregation two lots, both together measuring 100 by 140 feet, on condition that a building is put up on the ground within one year. This they intend to do at once. They expect to erect a respectable chapel first, facing one street, and reserve space for the erection of a large church in the future on the other street. It will be situated in a new town called Cheney, quite near Marshall, which has sprung up suddenly in consequence of the location of the new railroad, and is expected to be the principal business centre. Members of our church are settling at Wichita, and the prospects now are that during the coming year they will be organized into a congregation. The missionary reports that his hands are full with the work required of him at W. and Marshall, and that if more laborers were in the fields, congregations might

be organized in many others of the new towns that are constantly springing up. He says that the climate is healthy, and that the crops this year have been abundant. Appropriation for the first year, \$500. Pastor, I. G. Brown.

NEBRASKA.

Lincoln.—During the year one missionary, Mr. Erb, removed from Union further east to Lincoln, the capital of the State, where the population is more dense. This change he thought desirable, as it enabled him to meet his appointment, with less travel and expense. He was also under the impression that the Board would send out another missionary to assist him in his large field, in which he was very much to our regret disappointed. His sphere of labor has in this way been somewhat changed from what it was last year. He has at present two regular organized congregations, one at Fairview, in Saunders Co., 23 miles from Lincoln, and another at Ithica, both of which promise well for the future. He also preaches in a school six miles north of Palmyra, and also at North Auburn, where he finds members whom he is trying to organize into congregations. At the latter place a lady of our church died several years ago and left a farm of 80 acres to the Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. She also willed two lots for a church in the town. Here a church ought to be built to carry out her pious wishes. In Lincoln there is a nucleus sufficiently large to be organized into a church, but it would not be wise to do so, unless some competent person can be secured to take charge of it, as Mr. Erb's time is so occupied that he could not give it proper attention. Another missionary should be sent to Nebraska at an early day. Two congregations in the mission with 29 members and two regular preaching points, where congregations are to be organized in the future. No church property. Contributed for benevolence, \$10.35. For pastor's salary, \$150, which was supplemented last winter by a missionary box from the East with about \$100. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, Edmund Erb.

CALIFORNIA.

First Reformed Church, San Francisco.—Some time ago the Rev. D. E. Schoedler was commissioned to go to California as Missionary and Missionary Superintendent, to take charge of our Missionary interests in that state. We are happy now to be able to state that he has seen his way clear to accept of this call. Soon after his appointment the First Reformed Church in San Francisco became vacant by the resignation of its pastor, the Rev. Julius Fuendeling, and the consistory of the Church made an earnest appeal to the Board to supply it with a pastor and extend to it financial help. Accordingly it was taken under the care of the Board, and Rev. Schoedler was commissioned to take charge of it. This congregation was started as a mission under the care of the Board some ten or twelve years ago, and for a number of years it received an appropriation for the support of its pastor. But when Mr. Fuendeling took charge of it some five years ago, it agreed to support its own pastor, and since then it has been sustaining itself. But it has all along been laboring under considerable debt, which, with its increased exertions to support its pastor, it has not been able to diminish. In these circumstances it is the desire of the Board to assist the congregation in liquidating its present indebtedness, and in this way place it upon a better foundation. Accordingly, Mr. Schoedler, taking a proper view of the situation, proposes with the approbation of the Board, before he goes to California, to call on the Churches in the East for their assistance in carrying forward our missionary work in California, and to help in paying off this indebtedness. If they pay a part, the congregation will be expected to pay the rest. This seems right and proper, and it is hoped that Brother Schoedler will meet with encouragement in his mission wherever he presents its claims. Appropriation not fixed. Pastor, D. E. Schoedler.

Alameda.—The Rev. C. Hartman, pastor, labored in this mission about six months, when his increasing physical infirmities induced him a second time to hand in his resignation to the Board, which, under the circumstances, was accepted. Since last Spring the mission has, therefore, been vacant, but it has been supplied occasionally by members of Classis. As the Board has in contemplation the reconstruction of its missionary work in California, it will endeavor to pro-

vide for the wants of this mission at as early a day as possible. No statistics. Appropriation last year, \$400. Vacant.

Stockton.—The suit-at-law referred to in our last report resulted favorably to the mission. The court decided that the property, including a church building and parsonage, worth over \$6,000, belonged to the Reformed Church. After the trial was over, the pastor desired to withdraw from the mission, but the Board requested him to remain until a successor could be secured, and he is, therefore, still in the field. The controversy was an unfortunate one, and did much harm, no doubt, to the cause of religion. It may require years before the bitterness which it engendered among the Germans in Stockton shall have passed away, and this will probably continue for some time to be an obstruction in the way of the progress of the work. It is proper to say that the Reformed people and pastor acted generously with the defeated party, who, however, did not reciprocate their kindness, but are still holding possession of the parsonage by mere violence, and suit has been entered for its possession. No statistics. Appropriation last year, \$300. This year, \$300. Pastor, Eugene De Geller.

Salem's Church, Napa.—This Church has been making a gradual progress during the past. Recently it succeeded in paying off one half of its indebtedness, which was \$500, by a single effort, and during the year it will try to pay the balance. The pastor has been preaching to some extent at other points outside of Napa, but as the expense has been larger than the income from such trips, he says that he is compelled to do less work of this kind in the future, unless his salary can in some way be increased. He has the sympathies of the German people, and his services are well received. Appropriation, \$100. Pastor, George Maechtersheimer.

OREGON.

East Portland.—For several years past a Sunday School has been held among the Germans in East Portland, and this was followed by occasional preaching in the same place. As this was a new and promising field for missionary labor, the Rev. Professor Richard Schiedt was commissioned to take charge of it, and to assist Dr. Gantenbein in supplying such places as Astoria, Oak Point and other points near Portland with preaching. His services have been much appreciated in all these places, and the good resulting from this extension of missionary labor in a field like this, cannot fail to show itself at no distant day. In connection with Dr. Gantenbein he takes part in the instruction of this school, established by the Classis, for which he is well qualified, and in which he, with his colleagues, are doing a good work for the community and our church in the future of Oregon. No statistics. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, Richard Schiedt.

West Union, Washington Co.—Members this year, 27. Last year, 17. Catechization held during the year, but the catechumens were too young for confirmation, and the additions were made from the outside. S. S. scholars, 15. Baptisms, 10. Owing to their circumstances, the people were able to contribute only \$60 for pastor's salary. Last year it was \$50. He is inadequately supported. During the fall his congregation intend to erect for him a parsonage, which will be the means of giving him some relief. He makes missionary trips outside of his particular field; seeks out new emigrants who are crowding into the country, and tries to direct their attention to heavenly things. His visits during the past year have been made more profitable by his being able to distribute religious tracts in his visits, with which he was supplied by the thoughtfulness of a Christian friend. He could distribute many more with good effect if he had another supply. Appropriation last year, \$200. This year, \$200. Pastor, H. Stauss.

Stafford, Clackamas Co.—As intimated in our last report, pastor Lange withdrew from this field during the year and made a visit to Germany for the purpose of recruiting his broken down health. His place was filled by the Rev. Gottfried Graedel, from St. Chrischona Pilger Missions-Institute at Basel, Switzerland, who has been supplying the congregations at Tualatin, Damascus, Sandy, and Waldo Hills. They are small, but appreciate the means of grace and encourage their pastor in his work. As it was found necessary that pastor Ewald should go to Seattle and take charge of that interest, pastor Graedel has assisted in attending

to his congregations during the vacancy. His people are about erecting for him a parsonage, and this, it is said, will help to make the charge self-sustaining. No statistics have been given. Appropriation last year, \$150. This year, \$150. Pastor, Gott. Graedel.

Salem.—Members, between 60 and 70. Baptisms, 8. Additions 25. Property worth at present from \$3500 to \$4000. Indebtedness, \$1000, bearing interest at 9 per cent. Paid for church and parsonage during the year \$1300, of which \$1000 was raised in Salem. The \$250 received from the Church building fund in the East was thankfully received. The Mission needs further help from the same quarter in order that it may meet the instalments on the church debt as they become due. The pastor continues to preach in other places besides Salem, at Albany, Mehamah, and at Washongal, where he recently organized a congregation of 16 members. The missionary in his many labors was much encouraged by the reception of a missionary box from the East, which was thankfully received and applied to proper purposes. Appropriation, last year, \$200. This year, the same. Pastor, J. Muellhaupt.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Seattle.—Pastor Kreuter labored in this Mission during a part of the year with diligence and efficiency as the missionary and evangelist, but difficulties having sprung up in the congregation, which he, with his inexperience as a stranger, found it impossible to surmount, accordingly he withdrew from the field. His place has been supplied in accordance with the advice of Dr. Gantenbein, Missionary Superintendent, by Rev. F. Ewald, for the present. As he is a very competent person to take charge of this field, the Board hopes that he will remain in it. Appropriation, last year \$200. This year \$200. Pastor, F. Ewald. _____

IOWA.

The Superintendent of Missions in the Iowa Classis, Rev. D. S. Fouse, reports that only two missions in the Classis have been receiving aid during the past year. All the others, mentioned in last year's report have been provided for in some other way, so that they did not need assistance, by supplies or by the reconstruction of charges. One not here named may need assistance during the coming year. The Superintendent urges the importance of establishing a new mission at Des Moines, the capital of Iowa, without delay, and the Board feeling the great importance of providing for our members locating in that place, will establish a Mission there as soon as a suitable person can be secured to take hold of it.

Beaman Mission, Grundy Co.—Organized two years ago. Two congregations, Grace and St. Paul's. Members, 37. Sunday-school scholars, 104. Baptisms, 104. Additions, 7. No losses. Value of property, \$2,000. For benevolence, \$75. For congregational purposes, \$1,100. Only one church, St. Paul's still worships in a school-house. There are Sunday-schools and missionary societies in both congregations. The members, many of them from the East, are few, but liberal for their circumstances. There are good prospects of establishing another congregation at a new point in this field, where a number of Reformed families settled last spring. The missionary is at present supplying them with preaching. Appropriations last year, \$250. This year, \$290. Pastor, H. Bair.

Pleasant Valley Mission.—This mission has been doing well during the year. No statistical report rendered. Appropriation last year, \$125. This year the same. Pastor, D. P. Lefever.

URSINUS UNION.

From the Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Treasurer of the Ursinus Union, we learn that during the past year he has received \$913.86 for missions, which amount was used for the support of one missionary under the care of the Board, and the balance has been paid into the treasuries of other missionary Boards of the church.

SUMMARY.

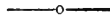
Number of missions.....	56
Members in the missions.....	4881
Baptisms during the year.....	646
Additions	677
Sunday School Scholars.....	3655
Amount collected for benevolence.....	\$1614
Amount collected for local objects.....	\$26,980
Estimated value of property.....	\$186,350
Indebtedness.....	\$26,405
Reduction of indebtedness.....	\$8,190

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

From the Treasurer's report it appears that, up to the annual meeting of the Board (the account not being closed,) the income during the year for missions was \$15,378.21; for missions in Kansas, collected by Rev. D. B. Shuey, over \$2600; for Washington mission, \$679.70; and for the Church Building Fund, \$620. Whole amount, \$19,277.42. Considerable sums of money were also collected for church building purposes by individual missionaries, which are reported in other places. The amount shows an increase in the income of previous years, and is the largest that has yet been contributed by the three Eastern Synods. The whole increase over the income of last year is between \$5000 and \$6000.

For the coming year the Board will need \$17,500 in order to meet current expenses, for which we recommend that the Synods raise the following amounts:

The Synod of the United States.....	\$9,500
The Synod of the Potomac	4,500
The Synod of Pittsburgh.....	3,500



From the report given above it will appear that the past year has been one of more than usual prosperity in the missionary work of the church, for which we are bound to give thanks to Almighty God, who by His Spirit works in us both to will and do of His own good pleasure.

Respectfully Submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Superintendent.*

Lancaster, Sept. 18, 1883.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS.

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

I beg leave to present to you the subjoined report of the finances of the Board for the fiscal year ending September 24, 1883; and am happy to state that the Church seems to be gradually awakening to a sense of her duty, as indicated by the handsome increase of more than \$3,300, in the amount contributed during the year for the Missions under the care of the Board.

Contributions were received as follows, during the year, viz :

<i>Synod of the United States.</i>	
Classis of Philadelphia	\$233.43
“ Tohickon	950.78
“ Goshenhoppen	1222.45
“ East Pennsylvania	826.73
“ Lebanon	1314.29
“ Lancaster	890.16
“ East Susquehanna	569.49
“ West Susquehanna	796.40
“ Lehigh	468.85
Total from the Synod of the United States	\$7,272.58
<i>Synod of the Potomac.</i>	
Classis of Zion	\$419.24
“ Maryland	1442.02
“ Mercersburg	1362.23
“ Virginia	253.73
“ North Carolina	123.96
“ Gettysburg	110.50
“ San Francisco	15 00
Total from the Synod of the Potomac	\$3,726.68
<i>Synod of Pittsburgh.</i>	
Classis of Somerset	\$52.80
“ Clarion	19.00
From Treasurer of Synod	3,618.75
Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh	\$3,690.55
<i>Miscellaneous Sources.</i>	
From Locke Legacy (loaned out)	\$500.00
“ “ “ (interest)	138.00
“ other Legacies “	26.22
“ Miller Legacy	95.00
“ Classis of Iowa	282.00
“ German Evang. St. Paul’s Church, N. Y.	15.00
“ First Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.	2.84
“ Miss Kate Eiler	50
“ Emporia Mission, Kans.	7.00
“ Miss. Societies of the Ref. Churches of Tiffin, O.	11.00
“ Rev. E. Erb, Neb.	3.65
“ Loans	1,000.00
“ Balance in Treasury, September 19, 1882	394.29
Total from these sources	\$2,475.50
Total from all sources	\$17,165.31

Disbursements.

Locke Legacy (loaned on note)	\$500.00	
Paid orders of the Board during the year by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod and the Treasurer of the Board	14,957.44	
Balance in the Treasury, September 24, 1883	1,707.87	
		<u>\$17,165.31</u>

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 25, 1883.

We certify that we have this day audited the foregoing account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, and find it correct, and a balance of seventeen hundred and seven dollars and eighty-seven cents in the Treasury.

Witness our hands at Harrisburg, the day and year above written.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

William H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with the Church Extension Fund of the Board:

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Received during the year, viz:

From Classis of Lancaster	\$54.25	
“ “ Lebanon	44.00	
“ “ Lehigh	3.56	
“ “ Tohickon	8.00	
“ “ Goshenhoppen	50.00	
“ “ Philadelphia	39.36	
“ “ East Pennsylvania	30.00	
“ “ West Susquehanna	5.50	
“ “ Somerset	57 00	
“ “ Mercersburg	52 43	
“ “ Maryland	151.72	
“ “ Gettysburg	45.62	
“ “ Zion	28.00	
“ “ Virginia	15.00	
“ “ St. Paul	15.56	
“ Treasurer of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Dakota, Ill.	20.00	
Total		<u>\$620.00</u>

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Paid during the year as follows, viz:

To Rev. J. Muellhaupt, Salem, Oregon	\$190.00	
To Rev. F. Ewald, St. Peter's Church, Oregon	50.00	
To Rev. A. R. Holshouser, Lyons, Kansas	15.00	
To Rev. D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kans.	108.00	
To Rev. J. Gantenbein, E. Portland, Oregon	28.00	
To Rev. D. H. Leader, Du Bois, Pa.	14.81	
Drafts and Money Orders	60	
To Balance in Treasury, September 24, 1883	213.59	
		<u>\$620.00</u>

We, the undersigned, auditors, certify that the above account is correct, and a balance of two hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-nine cents in the Treasurer's hands. Witness our hands, this 25th day of September, 1883.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
Committee.

In addition to the amounts contributed by the several Classes as per foregoing statement, the Rev. D. B. Shuey collected the sum of \$2,589.80 for the Mission at Emporia, Kansas, which would swell the total amount paid for Church Extension, during the year to \$3,209.80. This is certainly a very gratifying beginning and is calculated to rejoice the hearts of all who love to see the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with the Washington Mission Fund of the Board:

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Received during the year, viz :		
From Maryland Classis		\$586.75
“ Mercersburg “		53.55
“ Zion's “		20.00
“ Carlisle “		16.50
“ Tohickon “		31.26
“ Lancaster “		7.00
“ West Susq. “		12.00
“ East “		4.50
“ St. Paul's “		10.00
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		\$741.56
Balance in Treasury at last report		222.73
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		\$964.29
Paid out during the year		898.03
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Balance in Treasury Sept. 24, 1883		\$66.26

We, the undersigned, auditors appointed, certify that the above account was audited by us and found correct, and a balance of sixty-six dollars and twenty-six cents in the Treasurer's hands.

Witness our hands at Harrisburg, Pa., this 24th day of September, 1883.

W. H. H. SNYDER,
GEO. Z. KUNKEL,
Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions reported during the session of Monday afternoon. The report was considered item by item, amended, and then adopted, as follows, to wit :

The Committee on Missions would respectfully present the following report :

There were referred to this committee the reports of the President, the Treasurer, and the Superintendent of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, respectively. These reports the com-

mittee has taken into consideration. It appears from them, that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity in our missionary work. The amount raised for missions exceeds the amount contributed in any previous year by the three Eastern Synods. It exceeds the amount of the previous year, in particular, by between \$5,000 and \$6,000. It is believed, that this increase of contributions represents a corresponding growth of that reviving missionary spirit with which our people have, in the providence of God, within recent years, been blessed. It may also justly be regarded as a testimony in favor of the efficiency and faithfulness with which our missionary interests have been managed by those to whose hands they have been entrusted.

To meet the current expenses of the present year, the Board states that \$17,500 will be required, of which amount it recommends, that the Synod of the Potomac raise \$4,500.

In view of the above facts, your committee would recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to Almighty God for that steady growth of interest and liberality in behalf of Missions, with which He has, within the past year and recent years, blessed our congregations; that we record our strong desire, that this good spirit may continue steadily to grow; and that we pledge ourselves to use all our endeavors to bring about a result so greatly to be desired.

Resolved, That this Synod accepts, as its apportionment, the amount which the Board recommends it to raise, and that this sum be apportioned among the several Classes, as follows: Maryland Classis, \$1,300; Juniata Classis, \$780; Gettysburg Classis, \$580; Zion's Classis, \$525; Mercersburg Classis, \$520; Virginia Classis, \$350; Carlisle Classis, \$325; North Carolina Classis, \$175; Portland-Oregon, Classis, \$50; and San Francisco Classis, \$25; making, \$4,630.

Resolved, That this Synod urgently requests those Classes which may not yet have paid the sums assumed by them for the mission chapel at Washington, D. C., to make no delay in fulfilling their obligations in behalf of this important enterprise.

Your committee have been very deeply impressed with the room and necessity existing at the present time for special and vigorous missionary activity in North Carolina, as the wants of this field, and the hopefulness of missionary labor in it, have been earnestly and clearly set forth before the Synod by the Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D. They are the more impressed with these things, in view of the fact that one of the chief reasons for the formation of the Synod of the Potomac was the existing necessity for special missionary exertions in the important fields of Virginia and North Carolina. For this great work, there is the most urgent need of means and of men; particularly, just at the present time, it would appear, of men. In view of these facts, your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That those members of the Board of Missions, who represent this Synod in it, make known to said Board, at the earliest opportunity, what has become known to this Synod, at its present meeting in North Carolina, respecting the missionary field in this southern region, and the need of vigorous missionary exertion in this quarter.

Resolved, That, as pastors and elders, deeply feeling the great want of ministers, which at present exists in the Reformed Church, we hereby pledge ourselves to make special exertions to look out and secure for the office and work of the ministry young men of suitable character and capabilities; and, in particular, that each pastor of this Synod is hereby requested to preach, in the month of November of the current Synodical year, a sermon on this subject.

Though no document, relating to the cause of Foreign Missions, has been referred to this committee, your committee cannot forbear to express in this report its deep sense of the great importance of this work. An increase of

interest and activity in this cause is the more necessary. in view of the fact, that the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has recently enlarged its work, by sending two additional missionaries into the foreign field. We would recommend the following for adoption :

Resolved, That we commend anew to the interest, the prayers, and the liberality of the congregations under our care, the sacred cause of Foreign Missions.

As regards the matter, referred to your committee, of missionary work among the colored people, the following is recommended :

WHEREAS, The cause of missions among the colored population is pressing itself upon the attention of the Church, therefore,

Resolved, That we commend the cause of missions among the colored population of our country to the careful consideration of the Board of Home Missions, with the request that they give attention to this important subject at their first regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

The following resolution was moved and adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with deep interest the statement of Rev. Dr. Welker with reference to the wants of the Reformed Church in North Carolina, and that this matter be referred to the Committee on Missions to consider what action this Synod should take with reference to it.

The matter of mission work among the colored population of the country was also, on motion, referred to the same committee.

The following was moved and adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod reiterates its action of one year ago, and directs the Stated Clerk to furnish, in writing, the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions with the several amounts apportioned to each Classis, and that the aforesaid Treasurer of the Board be requested to open accounts with the Treasurers of the several Classes of Synod.

The Synod pledged one thousand dollars to the Roanoke Mission in Virginia, and five hundred dollars to the Concord Mission in North Carolina, to aid these missions in the erection of houses of worship. These sums, by instruction of the Synod, were apportioned by the Committee on Finance, as follows, to wit :

Roanoke Mission.—Maryland Classis, \$258; Gettysburg Classis, \$162; Juniata Classis, \$153; Zion's Classis, \$116; Mercersburg Classis, \$88; Carlisle Classis, \$80; Virginia Classis, \$75; and North Carolina Classis, \$75; making, \$1,007.

Concord Mission.—Maryland Classis, \$129; Gettysburg Classis, \$81; Juniata Classis, \$75; Zion's Classis, \$58; Mercersburg Classis, \$45; Carlisle Classis, \$40; North Carolina Classis, \$38; and Virginia Classis, \$38; making, \$504.

It was ordered, that the foregoing apportionments be remitted by the Treasurers of the respective Classes, when paid, to the Treasurer of Synod, and by him paid to the Treasurers of the Virginia and North Carolina Classes respectively, for the mission churches named.

Item 5 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. W. C. Cremer and Elders M. L. McCorkle and L. Rinker, for consideration. During the session of Saturday afternoon, the committee reported, as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit :

The committee appointed in reference to the arrearages of Zion's, North Carolina, Gettysburg and Carlisle Classes for Iowa missions, begs leave to re-

port, that we have examined the records of the several Classes named, and found that Gettysburg Classis paid its full amount, \$102 50, and Zion's Classis its full amount, \$43, and Carlisle Classis has paid the balance of the original apportionment upon the Zion's Classis, made by the Synod at Waynesboro, \$4.50, to the Stated Clerk of Synod, since the committee was appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CREMER, *Chairman.*

In regard to the apportionments for the Washington Mission Chapel, it was learned, upon proper inquiry, that with few exceptions they had been paid.

With reference to the amounts severally apportioned to the Classes for Home Missions by the Synod of last year, it was ascertained from the Report of the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, that the Maryland and Mercersburg Classes had contributed for Home Missions, during the year, considerably more than the amounts apportioned to those Classes by the Synod at Altoona; the remaining Classes less.

The usual Synodical Missionary Anniversary was held on Sunday evening, when the President of the Board of Missions presided. Addresses on Home Missions were made by Revs. C. Cort, H. Hilbish, and G. W. Welker; and on Foreign Missions by Rev. J. W. Santee. A collection for Home Missions was lifted in connection with the services, the amount of which was not reported to the Synod.

At the election for members of the different Boards, held on Monday morning, Rev. G. W. Welker was elected a member of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. G. W. Welker	4 years	October, 1887.
Rev. J. O. Miller	3 "	" 1886.
Elder J. T. Motter	3 "	" 1886.
Rev. J. M. Titzel	2 "	" 1885.
Rev. I. S. Weisz	2 "	" 1885.
Rev. E. R. Eschbach	1 year	" 1884.
Rev. E. N. Kremer	1 "	" 1884.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented to the Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing 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.*

Dr.

Oct. 10, 1882. To balance, cash on hand	\$168 09
Dec. 7, 1882. To cash of Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis, part of assessment for Theo. Seminary and Publication Board	100 00
Dec. 20, 1882. To cash of Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, for Contingent Fund	100 00

Dr.

Dec. 21, 1882. To cash Elder C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis, on assessment for Publication Board	36 14
Jan. 11, 1883. To cash of Elder C. A. Shultz, for Contingent Fund	150 00
Jan. 17, 1883. To cash of Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis for Theo. Seminary and Publication Board	163 89
Apr. 3, 1883. To cash of Elder C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis, for Contingent Fund	125 00
May 21, 1883. To cash of Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, for Theo. Seminary and Publication Board	161 11
May 24, 1883. To cash of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Treasurer of Virginia Classis, assessment for Contingent Fund	40 00
May 24, 1883. To cash of Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis, for Theo. Seminary and Publication Board	225 00
May 24, 1883. To cash of Rev. W. M. Deatrick, assessment for Contingent Fund	190 00
June 6, 1883. To cash of Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, assessment for Contingent Fund	190 00
June 9, 1883. To cash sent to Rev. C. G. Fisher by C. A. Shultz, from H. J. Myers, Gettysburg Classis, January 8, 1883, (should have been sent to me.)	123 00
June 20, 1883. To cash of Rev. T. Long, Treasurer of North Carolina Classis, part of assessment for Contingent Fund	30 00
Aug. 7, 1883. To cash of Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis, apportionment for Theo. Seminary	40 00
Sept. 25, 1883. To cash of Elder C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis, for Theo. Seminary and Publication Board	23 18
Sept. 25, 1883. To cash of Elder C. A. Shultz, for Contingent Fund	60 00
Oct. 6, 1883. To cash of Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, apportionment for Theo. Seminary	40 00
Oct. 6, 1883. To cash of Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, for use of Publication Board	54 41
Oct. 13, 1883. To cash of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Treasurer of Virginia Classis, apportionment for Theo. Seminary	15 00
Oct. 13, 1883. To cash of Elder C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis, balance for Contingent Fund	50 00
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Oct. 19, 1882. By cash to Rev. G. E. Addams, interest of Brechbill's legacy, due April 2, 1882	\$12 00
Nov. 8, 1882. By cash to Publication Board	50 00
Dec. 7, 1882. By cash to Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of Board of Education, interest on Stoudenour's legacy	12 00
Dec. 21, 1882. By cash to Publication Board	36 14
Jan. 4, 1883. " to Theological Seminary	50 00
" 4, " " to Publication Board	75 00
" 22, " " for Printing Minutes of Synod	140 00
" 22, " " Theological Seminary	50 00
" 22, " " Publication Board	113 89
May 24, " " to Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary	100 00
" 24, " " " " " expenses, postage, &c.	15 00
" 24, " " to Mercersburg College, appropriation for 1882.	300 00
" 26, " " to Rev. G. E. Addams, interest on Brechbill's legacy, due April 2, 1883.	12 00

CONTRA, CR.

May 26, 1883.	By cash to Publication Board	161 11
June 1, 1883.	“ “	200 00
June 9, “	“ “	123 00
July 5, “	“ “	25 00
Sep. 25, “	“ “	23 18
Oct. 6, “	“ “	54 41
“ 6, 1883.	By cash to Theological Seminary	80 00
“ 15, “	By balance cash on hand	452 09
		\$2084 82

Of the assessments made by the Synod at Waynesboro, there are due from Zion's Classis \$142.68, and North Carolina Classis \$5.00. Making 147.68.

Of the assessments made by the Synod at Altoona, there are due from Zion's Classis \$20.00, Gettysburg Classis \$130.00, Carlisle Classis \$80.00, North Carolina Classis \$5.00, San Francisco Classis \$5.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$5.00. Making \$245.00.

The North Carolina Classis was, on motion, exonerated from the payment of the foregoing arrearage of \$5.00 on assessment for Contingent Fund, made by the Synod at Altoona.

The Zion's and North Carolina Classes were requested to pay their arrearages on assessments made by the Synod of Waynesboro, as soon as possible.

The Gettysburg, Carlisle, Zion's, San Francisco, and Portland-Oregon Classes were ordered to pay their arrearages without delay.

The Zion's, Gettysburg, and Carlisle Classes, delinquent in the payments of their apportionments for the Relief of the Theological Seminary, made by the Synod at Altoona, were urged to make prompt payment of their apportionments, without further delay.

It was learned from the Minutes of those Classes, that the Zion's, Gettysburg, and Carlisle Classes had effected a final settlement of all financial matters between them, as ordered by the Synod at Altoona.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report, that the Treasurer of Synod reports a balance of \$452.09 on hand, which we find to be correct, according to his vouchers. He also reports \$245.00 unpaid of last year's assessments, and 147.68 of the previous year.

For the current year, we have assessed the sum of \$418.00 for Contingent expenses, and \$342.00 to meet the pledge to Mercersburg College, as follows:

Contingent Fund.

Maryland Classis \$104.00, Gettysburg Classis \$66.00, Juniata Classis \$63.00, Zion's Classis \$46.00, Mercersburg Classis \$37.00, Carlisle Classis \$82.00, Virginia Classis \$30.00, North Carolina Classis \$30.00, San Francisco Classis \$5.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$5.00. Making \$418.00.

Mercersburg College.

Maryland Classis \$86.00, Gettysburg Classis \$57.00, Juniata Classis \$54.00, Zion's Classis \$40.00, Mercersburg Classis \$32.00, Carlisle Classis \$28.00, Virginia Classis \$25.00, and North Carolina Classis \$20.00. Making \$342.00.
Respectfully submitted, H. T. SPANGLER, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, the Rev. E. R. Eschbach, was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach	5 years	January 1, 1889.
Rev. A. H. Kremer	4 "	" 1888.
Elder J. T. Motter	3 "	" 1887.
Rev. J. T. Rossiter	2 "	" 1886.
Elder Louis Markell	1 "	" 1885.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board submitted its annual report to the Synod, which was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren :

We present to you our annual report, with feelings of profound gratitude to Almighty God, for His blessing vouchsafed to the Sunday-school work, in promoting the religious education of the young, in every section of the Church of Christ, and seek a further development and progress of the glorious cause, under the auspices of the Reformed Church.

Let us, likewise, return thanks to our Heavenly Father for the increased interest, which has been awakened in the cause in all the Classical Sunday-school Conventions, which have been held during the past year. The Board begs leave to report the sum of fifty dollars in the hands of its Treasurer, and when a sufficient amount is added, it will be judiciously expended to advance the work, and we trust that more reapers will come forth to labor in the open field, and gather in the golden sheaves for the "harvest home."

We herewith present the topics and speakers selected and appointed for the Sunday-school Anniversary to be held on Friday evening of the present sessions of Synod, to wit: First topic: Is the Sunday-school producing the largest spiritual results of which it is capable?—Speakers, Revs. D. N. Dittmar and E. R. Eschbach. Second topic: How can we induce the scholars to study the Holy Scriptures more diligently?—Speakers, Revs. I. S. Weisz and J. S. Kieffer. The topics have been carefully selected for discussion, and the speakers appointed according to the usual custom. Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

The Sunday-school Anniversary was held on Friday evening, and the foregoing programme was observed.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. F. F. Bahner was chosen a member of the Sunday-school Board for the term of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. F. F. Bahner	5 years	October, 1888.
Rev. W. R. H. Deatrigh	4 "	" 1887.
Rev. B. R. Carnahan	3 "	" 1886.
Rev. W. K. Zieber	2 "	" 1885.
Elder G. S. Griffith	1 "	" 1884.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, under item 14, reported the appointment of the Rev. J. M. Titzel, to preside at the organization of the Juniata Classis. The following report was received from him and adopted:

To the Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHERN:—Having been appointed, at the Tenth Annual Sessions of the Synod of the Potomac, to preside at the organization of the Juniata Classis, I beg leave to report, that I attended to the duty assigned me, and that said Classis was regularly organized at the place and time designated.

Respectfully submitted,

Altoona, Pa., Oct. 17th, 1883.

JOHN M. TITZEL.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, under item 18, reported that the members of San Francisco Classis were directed to hold an annual meeting, as soon as possible.

The Committee on Overtures, under item 2, reported a letter from the late President of the San Francisco Classis, stating that said Classis had failed to hold an annual meeting as directed, but had held a special meeting of Classis, and assigned reasons for the failure to hold an annual meeting.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATIONS.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 15 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he attended to the duty assigned him, and had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distributed them agreeably to the rules and regulations in the case. The work was done by the Reformed Church Publication Board, at the cost of \$140.00, which was promptly paid by Synod's Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

From the Minutes of the several Classes, it was ascertained, that they had requested their congregations to take up a collection, or otherwise contribute to the Relief of the Publication Board.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

To the Synods of the United States, the Potomac and Pittsburgh, The Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States would respectfully submit the following report:—

The Board has met, during the year, three times in regular session. At the second meeting, held April 10th, 1883, Elder George Gelbach presented a certificate of election as a member from the Synod of the United States, and Elder Henry Wirt, also one as a member, from the Synod of the Potomac, for the period of four years, beginning January 1st, 1883.

The officers of the preceding year were continued, viz.:—George Gelbach, *President*, and Charles G. Fisher, *Secretary and Treasurer*. During the several meetings held the Board gave the usual attention to the interests committed to its care and keeping.

From the Annual Statement submitted by the Superintendent at the last meeting of the Board, is to be gathered the following:—

Receipts for the year to July 31st, '83.....	\$40,790.37	
Disbursements " " " "	40,999.41	
Excess of Disbursements.....	209.04	
<i>Liabilities</i> , 1882.....	30,827.32	
" 1883.....	29,509.01	
Decrease of Liabilities.....	1,318.31	
<i>General Assets</i> , 1882.....	77,879.50	
" " 1883.....	70,628.75	
Decrease of Assets.....	7,250.75	
<i>General Assets</i>	35,628.75	
Add Real Estate.....	35,000.00	
Total Assets.....		\$70,628.75
<i>General Liabilities</i>	29,509.01	
Mortgage	20,000.00	49,509.01
Excess of Assets.....		\$21,119.74

From the same statement is also to be gathered the fact, that as a whole, the Periodicals published by the Board have made some advance in the number of subscribers during the year. The Sunday-School Helps especially have increased in circulation and gained in popularity. Those recently added to the number have met with great favor. It is the purpose to make them still more up to the wants of those for whom they are specially adapted.

The Board has resolved to change the name of "The Child's Treasury" to that of "The Sunday-School Treasury," and to issue it after the end of the present volume as a Semi-Monthly and to reduce the price of it to 20 cts. per copy, when over five copies are taken, and 25 cts. per single copy. The Advanced Lesson Paper, after January 1st, next, will be issued *Quarterly*, with some additional features that will commend themselves to those using them. The subscription price will be thereafter \$6.00 per hundred copies a year.

The Book Department has been generally patronized during the year, and the receipts compare favorably with those of the past few years. The aim has been to make it what the Church wants and needs,—a medium through which can be obtained the Publications of the Church and those of other houses at a fair profit.

The number of books, tracts and services of different kinds, printed for this Department during the year, has been 96,500—including 15,000 Almanacs.

The Committee appointed to examine the stock in the store and place an estimate on the same, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

To the Reformed Church Publication Board: The undersigned members of your Committee, appointed to examine the stock and accounts of the Board, would present the following report:—

In examining the stock of books, stationery and publications on hand, we find a large amount of unsaleable stock which we deducted a large percentage from cost, in some cases as much as 75 per cent., and on a very large amount 50 per cent.

Much of the stock is the accumulation of years, and we recommend its sale for whatever it will bring, by auction or otherwise.

We find a large amount of old accounts for subscriptions which we consider entirely worthless, and have not put any valuation upon them. We have also made large deductions from the Estimated value of Fixtures, Cuts, Plates, Copyrights, &c., and endeavored to aim as near as possible at a cash value of the Assets of the Board.

You will find Statement of stock in store, Book accounts, &c., accompanying this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Phila. Sep. 4, 1853.

GEORGE W. HENSEL, }
JAMES T. REBER, } *Committee.*

To carry into execution the Plan of Life-Membership subscriptions for "THE MESSENGER," which was adopted a year ago, the Board appointed Elder Jacob Heyser, of Chambersburg, Pa., as its Agent. Mr. Heyser since his appointment has canvassed several sections of the Church, and has thus far succeeded in securing six subscriptions at \$100.00 for the life of *two*, and eleven at \$50.00 for the life of *one*. Quite a number of these were taken by congregations for their Pastor. With these he has also the promise of quite a number of others in due time. It is to be hoped that, at no distant day, a large number may thus be obtained.

At its last meeting the Board took the following action, which speaks for itself:

Whereas, It is exceedingly desirable that the debt of the Board be reduced as speedily and as much as possible, and

Whereas, We have a just claim upon the liberality of the Church in view of the loss sustained by the burning of our Establishment at Chambersburg during the War, and—

Whereas, The Synod of the United States, before the formation of the other Synods now owning the Printing Establishment, at the Synod held at Lancaster, Pa., in 1864, authorized the placing of an Agent in the field to raise \$60,000 for the use of the Board, very little of which has ever been raised, and—

Whereas, The said order has never been rescinded, but is still in force and applies as well to the other Synods formed out of the territory of the mother Synod, therefore—

Resolved, That we place an Agent or Agents in the field to raise all that is possible of the said \$60,000 from the congregations belonging to the three Synods represented in the Board.

Resolved, That Elder Jacob Heyser be authorized, in connection with securing life-membership subscriptions for "The Messenger," to collect all he can in any amounts, people are willing to give for this object.

It is probably necessary to add here, that the moneys obtained from life-membership subscriptions and from collections made by the Agent, are to be applied to the liquidation of the *old* debt of the Board. This debt, for the most part, was incurred by the express direction of the Synods themselves, and the Board, therefore, feels warranted in expecting that the resolutions of the past will be made good through the means now inaugurated. The Board wishes it to be distinctly understood, that these moneys are not for its present conduct, as its financial condition otherwise and its operations clearly show that it is self-sustaining, besides paying in full the interest accruing, year by year, upon its *old* debt, out of its receipts. With this debt removed, the interest thus paid would then go towards

extending its operations. The Board hopes that the Agent will receive a hearty welcome and a liberal response from Pastors and people within the bounds of the Synods.

The Board would express its appreciation of the majority of the Synods responding so willingly to the overture presented in its report of last year, asking them to see that at least one collection be lifted annually for the use of the Board, and it is hoped that the Synod of the United States will take favorable action upon the same. A number of congregations have lifted them in compliance with the action of their Synod with a very gratifying result. It is to be hoped that they may continue to do so year after year, and that others will follow their example.

During the year a pocket edition of "Hymns for the Reformed Church" has been issued; also an edition of "The Heidelberg Catechism," from new plates; both of which have met with decided favor. The former has since been introduced in many of our churches, whilst others contemplate doing so at an early date.

It was hoped that long before this the Board would be able to issue a book of music for the new hymn book, but, though it had decided to publish a book entitled, "Tunes for Worship"—*i. e.*, Tunes only,—difficulties arising to delay the completion of the selection of music by the Committee having it in charge, and there being somewhat of a demand for a "Hymnal" instead—*i. e.*, Tunes and Words—and the Superintendent not wishing to take upon himself the responsibility of publishing it in a form not likely to satisfy the wants of the Church, the whole matter was deferred until the late meeting of the Board. It was then resolved that the whole subject be referred to the three Synods, to decide as to what form in which the music shall be published—simply as a Tune Book, or a Hymnal. In either case, particularly if they decide that it shall be issued in the latter form, they will be expected to provide in some way or other the funds with which to meet the expense of electrotyping, editing, copyrights, &c.—the Board not having the funds with which to do it. The expense will not be much less than from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

For the improvement of the several periodicals published by the Board and the encouragement of those who may be requested to contribute to their columns, a certain amount has been placed at the disposal of the editors, with which they may compensate such, to some degree at least.

The terms of the following Trustees will expire at the end of the present year:—B. Wolff, Jr., from the Pittsburgh Synod, and G. S. Griffith from the Synod of the Potomac. It will devolve upon these two Synods, therefore, at their next annual sessions to fill the vacancies that will thus occur in the Board.

The Board in good faith makes the several progressive steps named in this report, and it has good reason to hope that it will be seconded by the Church, whose creature it is, in all laudable efforts to advance the interests and enlarge the sphere of that which has been placed in its charge.

CHAS. G. FISHER, *Secretary*.

GEO. GELBACH, *President*.

Philadelphia, Sept. 14, 1883.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication submitted its report, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and adopted, and is as follows, namely:

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report, that but one document was referred to us, namely, the Report of the Publication Board, as presented to Synod, which we have carefully considered, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That this Synod congratulates the Board and the Church on the healthy financial condition of the Publication interests, and the material reduction of the indebtedness of the Board.

Resolved, That we commend the energy of the Board in their effort to collect money for the liquidation of the debt, which has for a long time been a serious hindrance to their efficient working, and that we endorse their action in placing an agent or agents in the field of the three Synods, and request the pastors and consistories of this Synod to co-operate as far as possible with the agent or agents in this work.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends all the periodicals and interests of our Publication Board anew to the patronage and support of the membership of the Church.

Resolved, That we approve of the change of name of the Child's paper from "The Child's Treasury" to that of "The Sunday-school Treasury."

Resolved, That, in the unsettled state of the Hymn Book question, the Synod of the Potomac does not feel itself in a position to advise the Board of Publication as to the publication of a Hymnal or Tune Book.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two thousand copies of the Minutes of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed, and to distribute the Minutes among those entitled to receive them.

At the election held for members of the different Boards of the Synod, Elder Goldsborough S. Griffith was chosen a member of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Goldsborough S. Griffith, . . . 4 years 1887.
 " Henry Wirt, 3 " 1886.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday morning, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted. The Stated Clerk was instructed to have two hundred tickets of the nominations printed for the use of Synod, and the election was made the order of the day for the opening of Monday morning's session. At the time designated, the election took place. Revs. D. U. Wolff, H. S. Garner, and Elders J. F. Murrill and L. Rinker 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, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-school, and Publication.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under items 3 and 4, reported a communication from the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., relative to the work and needs of said Home, and also a statement by the Board of Managers of the condition and wants of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa. These items were referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. W. R. H. Deatrich, W. Goodrich, R. Smith, and Elders C. Yost and H. C. Peeler.

This committee reported during the session of Monday afternoon, which was considered item by item, and adopted, as follows, to wit :—

To the Synod of the Potomac :

Your special committee, to whom were referred items 3 and 4 of the Report of the Committee on Overtures, begs leave to submit the following report : Two documents were placed in our hands.

1st. A statement by Wm. E. Schmertz, President of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., expressing the gratitude of that institution to this Synod, for its sympathy and help, during the past year ; and, at the same time, earnestly commending the Home anew to our increased liberality. Under the present management, the work of the Home has been very gratifying. There is a debt of \$3000.00 on the Home, and the entire building needs re-roofing. The Board kindly offers to receive a few orphans from our Synod.

2d. The annual statement of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa. From this document we learn that the newly-erected Home was dedicated December 14th, 1882, and that on the 21st, one week later, it was occupied by the dear children. The new Home is not only larger, but is also, in every other way, superior to the one which was destroyed by fire. The cost of the new building, furniture, and other improvements, was \$30,000.00, which has been paid. But there has been a marked falling off in the receipts for the current expenses, during the past year, so that a debt of \$1500.00 remains unpaid. Four brethren have offered \$100.00 each towards the liquidation of this indebtedness, provided eleven others can see their way clear to do the same. The Home has been kindly remembered and greedily helped by legacies, and a thank-offering from several pious females of means. May their pious example be followed by others. There are fifty-three orphan children in the Home, looking to the Church for bread. There is room for twenty more. This is a Christian Home. Since its founding, in 1869, one hundred and forty-two of the orphans have been admitted into full communion and fellowship in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the chapel connected with the Home.

Your committee would suggest the following action :—

Resolved, That we are highly pleased with the management of these Homes of the fatherless children of our Church.

Resolved, That we commend them anew to the sympathy and increased liberality of all our people.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. H. DEATRICH, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Overtures, under item 1, reported a communication from the Philadelphia Classis, calling the attention of the Synod to the propriety of properly observing the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ulrich Zwingli. The item was referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. O. Miller, S. M. Hench, J. T. Rossiter, and Elders J. Heyser and J. D. Waltman. This committee, during the session of Monday afternoon, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit :—

The committee to whom was referred the overture from the Philadelphia Classis, in regard to the proper observance of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ulrich Zwingli, begs leave to report, that we as a Synod deeply feel the importance of having our people often reminded of the great work which God accomplished in the Reformation of the sixteenth century. And further, we deem it desirable that our children should be instructed concerning the men and the means God raised up to reform His Church, and that it is be-

coming that we should bestow honor upon those who founded our branch of the Protestant Church; therefore, in order to accomplish these ends,

Resolved, That on the first Sunday in January, A. D. 1884, or as soon after as possible, in connection with the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ulric Zwingli, the author of the Swiss Reformation, our pastors be requested to preach a sermon on the general subject of the Reformation of the 16th century, and of those men whom God raised up for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The following resolutions were adopted, to wit:—

Resolved, That the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers and the Widows of Ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, is hereby commended anew to the favorable consideration of our churches, and that the Classes within our Synodical bounds be requested to order a collection for the benefit of said Society, to be lifted on or about the third Sunday in June next.

Resolved, That the Synod requests said Society to render a statement to the Synod annually of its financial condition and operations.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly overtures the General Synod to provide for us an English Hymn Book, adapted to the wants of the whole Church, at the earliest possible moment.

Items 11 and 13 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes were, on motion, severally referred to the General Synod for consideration, and the General Synod was overtured accordingly.

The Maryland Classis, as reported in item 10 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, requested the Synod to meet hereafter as a delegated body, instead of in general convention.

In reply, the following was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Synod respectfully declines to grant the request of the Maryland Classis, to meet hereafter as a delegated body, and hereby orders the next annual meeting to be in general convention.

The request of the Carlisle Classis to the Synod, to make its assessments for the Contingent Fund hereafter in a separate column, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The request of the San Francisco Classis, giving its reasons for transacting business without a quorum, and asking the Synod to validate its action, was granted, and its action validated.

The Zion's and North Carolina Classes were directed to accept and try to meet their apportionments for Home Missions, as the other Classes have done.

The cordial greetings of Rev. Father Fritchey, of Lancaster, Pa., who commenced his long ministerial life in the North Carolina Classis, were, at his request, presented to the Synod by the Rev. Dr. Eschbach.

* A letter from the President of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, lately in annual sessions in the city of Reading, Pa., conveying the Synodical greetings of the mother Synod to the daughter Synod, was also received, and the greetings were thankfully accepted.

Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, G. D. Gurley, and D. U. Wolff were appointed, during the session of Thursday morning, to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press.

An assessment of twenty-five cents was laid upon each member of the Synod, to meet the necessary incidental expenses of the sessions of the Synod. Revs. H. S. Garner and F. S. Lindaman were constituted the committee to collect said assessment. The committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:—

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee, appointed to collect twenty-five cents from each member of the Synod, to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod, begs leave to report, that the duty assigned has been attended to, and the sum of \$21.50 handed to the pastor loci.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 20, 1883.

H. S. GARNER, *Chairman.*

Revs. J. Ingold and A. S. Vaughan obtained leave of optional attendance, and Rev. I. M. Motter and Elder H. C. Peeler were granted leave of absence after Saturday's sessions.

The travelling expenses of the Stated Clerk were, on motion, ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

During the session of Saturday afternoon, an invitation was extended to the Synod by Rev. J. C. Clapp, Principal of the Catawba High and Normal School, to visit said institution, located at Newton. The invitation was accepted, and the visit ordered to take place at 10.30 on Monday forenoon. At the time designated, the Synod in a body proceeded to Catawba College. Col. McCorkle, President of the Board of Trustees, and a member of the Synod, delivered an address of welcome to the Synod, in which he briefly presented the history of the College, its progress, and its present condition. Several addresses were made in response, by members of the Synod. The exercises were interspersed with music by the teacher of Advanced Music, vocal and instrumental.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented the following report during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted by a vote in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to submit the following report:

Since our last meeting, three of our number have been released from the bondage of this earthly life. The blessed message came to one of them after

long years of toil and suffering; to the other two while yet in the flush of early manhood. All these released prisoners seem to have had a full measure of the bitter side of this life. During all their lives it was their lot to toil and bear heavy burdens; but afflictions did not crush the spirit of freemen in them; it made them stronger. Oppression and trial did not make them abject and craven, but brave and noble, and the better fitted them for the land of freedom, where they now dwell. Thus saith the word of God (2 Cor. 4: 17), and thus we believe.

These three, whom the Master took to the other land, where bondage never is, and where afflictions never come, were Revs. Henry Miller, and the two brothers, David M. and Anderson J. Whitmore. With hearts sad at parting, but rejoicing in their triumph, and their blessed release from toil and pain, we, following the good custom of our Synod, recall a few points from the history of their lives.

REV. HENRY MILLER was born near Phoenixville, Pa., May 26th, 1807, and died at Waynesboro', Pa., May 29th, 1883, aged 76 years and 3 days. Of the early life of Father Miller, prior to his fourteenth year, we know but little. At that age he was sent to the old Academy of Philadelphia, where he remained a student for seven years. While here he was, in 1824, by the rite of confirmation, received into full membership in the Race Street Church, by the late Rev. Samuel Helfenstein, D. D. Where he received his theological education or training we cannot say. He was licensed to preach the gospel at Reamstown, Lancaster county, Pa., in 1831. He filled the chair of Mathematics in our institutions at York, Pa., for a time. He was ordained in 1835, and served the congregations at London and McConnellsburg for some time. In 1838 he removed to Ohio, located at Tarlton, and labored successfully for four years there in the ministry. He then returned to the East, and remained in retirement. In 1844 he removed to Lancaster, and edited a periodical called "*Reformer and Temperance Organ*." In 1848 he removed to Turbotville, and started a select school. In 1850 he went to Chulasky, Pa., to teach and preach. He subsequently accepted the agency of the American Sunday-school Union for Huntingdon and Centre counties. He continued in this work for some years, and then removed to Shirleysburg, Pa., and engaged in teaching in an academy at that place up to 1861. He then removed to his home in Chester county, Pa., where he remained until 1867, when he went to reside in Adamstown, Pa., and in 1872 to Waynesboro', where he continued to live until his death. The period from 1861 to 1872 was spent in lecturing on different subjects, and, as opportunity offered, in preaching. The latter year marked his retirement from public life. During the last two years of his life, his physical infirmities, always great, increased so much that he was almost constantly confined to his house. But the Master had not forgotten him, and his day of release was drawing near. It came on the 29th day of May, 1883, that day when unbelief could but say, "He dies," but when faith, in glad exultation, exclaimed, "Nay, he lives." May his joy in the other world be as great as were his sufferings in this.

REV. ANDERSON J. WHITMORE was born in Augusta county, Va., June 20th, 1846, and died January 16th, 1883, aged 36 years, 6 months, and 27 days. His brother, REV. DAVID M. WHITMORE, was born in the same county and State, on the 24th day of April, 1843. He survived his brother's death less than two months, passing away on the 3d of March, 1883. His age was 39 years, 10 months, and 7 days.

Never before in the history of this reverend body has the Necrological Committee been called upon to chronicle the deaths of two brothers in the same year. Let us, therefore, take the lesson all the more deeply to heart, the lesson that death teaches all, viz.: that "in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

These brothers enjoyed the advantage of Christian training. Consecrated to

the Lord in infancy, and given to Him in baptism, and growing up under the influence and teachings of a Christian home, it was but natural that their thoughts should be turned to the holy office of the ministry. To this they gave themselves, and the sincerity and purity of their purpose were attested by the many sacrifices they made, ere they were able to enter upon the sacred duties of this office. Their preparatory and professional training was much the same. They both began their academic course at Otterbein University. Both prosecuted their collegiate training at Mercersburg College, and graduated from that institution, David in 1872, and Anderson in 1875. The elder brother, in the fall of 1872, entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., but returned to Mercersburg and there continued his theological studies in connection with the post-graduate department of the college, finishing his course in May, 1875. On the 14th day of the same month, at an adjourned meeting of the Mercersburg Classis, held at Mercersburg, he was examined and licensed. And having received a call from the Friend's Cove charge, in Bedford County, he was at the same meeting ordained to the office and work of the holy ministry. From what we can learn, having been settled in his field in Friend's Cove, his labors were successful, and blessed to the upbuilding of the charge, in which he served the Master.

But he was not destined long to labor in the ministry. His health began to give way in the spring of 1881, and he was forced, in the autumn of the same year, to retire from the active duties of his calling. In the spring of 1882, he removed, with his family, to the vicinity of Martinsburg, W. Va., hoping to recuperate his shattered health, and, if possible, enter anew upon the work, which lay so near his heart. But it was ordered otherwise. He had toiled enough, and the Master called him away from labor to rest—from mortal suffering to bliss eternal. And thus, on the 3rd of March, 1883, he closed his eyes in the last sweet sleep of death.

His brother, of whom we have already spoken, the Rev. A. J. Whitmore, also received his theological training in the post-graduate course of Mercersburg College, finishing the prescribed course of study in May, 1876. In the same month and year, at the annual meeting of the Virginia Classis, held in Grace Church near Mount Jackson, Va., he was examined and licensed to preach the gospel. On the 26th day of May of the same year, he was ordained and appointed missionary to the Middlebrook Mission. Here he labored faithfully and successfully. With much self-denial, oftentimes doing work that others should have performed, never shielding himself, he succeeded in strengthening and building up the mission, so that the charge, which had become disorganized and was falling to pieces, was saved to the Church, and placed on a good basis. He resigned this field June 1st, 1879, and entered upon the mission work at Mint Spring, Va. Here his ministry was distinguished by the same energy and self-denial, and brought forth the same good fruits. In July, 1881, he resigned this charge, after which he was not again permitted to enter upon the regular work of the ministry, death removing him from these scenes of service here below to the place of rewards in the world to come.

Thus in the prime of life did these two brothers pass away. But we rear no broken monument over their graves. As Christians we believe their work was done, and broken columns would dishonor our faith. And though, as the world says, their lives were short, yet in the truest sense they may have been as long as that of the oldest, for "Life is not measured by the how much of the crawling clock, but by its intensity." So believing we leave them, as we leave the aged father, who has also fallen, conscious that our God, who governs all things, has so ordered their lives as was best for them and the cause of Christ. And what better than that we should, from their deaths, learn anew the lesson of our mortality, and unite over their new-made graves in offering up that beautiful collect: "O God, by whose wise and righteous order the whole crea-

tion groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, as having been made subject to vanity by reason of sin; graciously help the infirmities of Thy people, we humbly beseech Thee, and raise them up through the strong power of Christian hope; that we also, who have received the first fruits of the Spirit, may not seek our rest in this mortal state, but inwardly long after that which is far better, to be with Christ in heaven: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. SAUERBER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions were moved and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby returns its most hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the Reformed Church and other kind citizens of Newton for their liberal hospitality and generous entertainment extended to us, during our present annual sessions and very pleasant sojourn among them.

Resolved, That the pastor loci be requested to read the foregoing resolution of thanks from his pulpit, and have it published in the *Newton Enterprise*.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned by the Stated Clerk to the management of the Virginia Midland Railway, the York River Line of Steamboats, the Richmond and Danville, the Western North Carolina, and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads, for the favor of excursion rates, in attending the present meeting of the Synod.

The Synodical Roll was then called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The minutes were then read finally and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following resolution was adopted, during the sessions of Saturday afternoon, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in annual sessions in the Reformed Church of Hanover, York County, Pa., on Wednesday evening, October 15th, A. D. 1884, at 7 o'clock. The Synod by resolution had previously ordered the next annual meeting to be in *General Convention*.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening about 9 o'clock, October 22d, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the L. M. doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," &c., and the benediction by the President.

G. WM. WELKER, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.
CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Brsures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Schls.	Stud. for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Inf'ts	Adults											Benev. Purp.	Con'g. Purp.		
Daniel Riegel,	Dillsburg,	2	284		12	170							14	2				\$63 00	Dillsburg, York County, Pa. 437 W. Market street, York, Pa.	
Jacob Ziegler,	Supernannated,	1	362	215	10	8	328	3					9	2	520			740 00	23 N. Beaver do do	
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	Trinity, York,	5	329	211	55	11	3	233	1			3	16	7	247			45 00	413 S. Geo ge do do	
Reinbart Smith,	Kreutz Creek,	4	205	135	39	2	1	170	1				13	6	300			107 00	16 N. Duke do do	
Aaron Wanner, D. D.,	Zion's Reformed,	1	350	260	34	3	27	10	262	2			12	1	212			61 00	455 W. Market do do	
Aaron Spangler,	Mt. Pleasant,	5	160	160	30	9	7	140					6	5	165			47 00	York, York co., do do	
Reuben Kanauser,	Paradise,	4	890	600	90	3	2	13	780	11			32	11	400			395 00	441 W. Market street, do do	
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	Heidelberg,	1	224	170	12	1	6	11	180				3	1	235			20 00	104 S. Duke do do	
Fred. J. Sauerber,	Foreign Missionary																			Tokio, Japan.
Ambrose D. Gring,	Shrewsbury,	4	497	422	39		2	425	3				13	4	320			108 00	Shrewsbury, York county, Pa.	
A. F. Dreisbach,	Trinity Mission,	1	55																	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.
Vacant,	Hoover's	1	50				40						3	1	25			225 00		
do	Rosstown,	1	25																	
do	Ziegler's,	1	32																	
		31	3463	2173	321	11	132	55	2728	21			3	12	140	2424		\$1586 00	20025 00	

Total, 11.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Finesures.	Deaths.	S. S. Schols.	S. S. Sch's.	Sund. for the Min'y.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infant	Adult											Benev'nt purposes.	Cong'n'l purposes.		
William M. Deatrick,	Without charge,																		Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
George R. Zaebarias,	Disabled,	2	139	65	16	1	7		125				8	2	95			\$141 52	Upper Strasburg, do do	
Jacob Hassler,	Loudon; supply,																		Mercersburg, do do	
Isaac M. Motter,	Without charge,	1	318	235	10	2	8	8	240	5			5	1	261			376 36	Waynesboro, do do	
William C. Cremer,	Chambersburg,	3	471	216	23	6	25	30	368	11			13	3	437			166 29	Chambersburg, do do	
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,	3	188	47	8	2	8	6	167	1			4	2	121			105 60	Waynesboro, do do	
William H. Herbert,	Grindstonehill,	2	305	200	19	7	14	10	271	10	1		15	2	254			140 87	Chambersburg, do do	
Cyrus Cort,	Greencastle,																		Greencastle, do do	
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D.,	Princip'l Mer. College,																		Mercersburg, do do	
Jonas B. Shontz	Shippensburg,	1	196	67	22	21	43	24	183	4			3	1	190			367 48	Shippensburg, Cumberland do	
George B. Russell, D. D.,	Without charge,																		Zullinger, Franklin do	
Jarus A. Wiekert,	St. Thomas,	3	180	185					150				3	2	140			6 30	St. Thomas, do do	
Vacant,	Mercersburg,	3	340	315	11	4	16		275	15		2	10	3	160	1		66 92	Mercersburg, do do	
"	Mont Alto,	2	168	100	9	2	3	6	128	5			8	2	225			376 00	Mont Alto, do do	
"	McConnellsburg,	2	142	76	2	2	3	1	120	2			1	1	70			25 02	McConnellsburg, Fulton do	
J hn M. N-rtz,	St. John's, Chamb.,	1	68	61	2	2	2		48				1	1	70			17 00	Chambersburg, Franklin do	
Edgar S. Hassler,	Licentiate,																		Mercersburg, do do	
Isaac G. Brown,	do																		Butler, do	
	Disin. to Kan. Classis.																		Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kan.	
		23	2515	1567	122	45	126	85	2075	53	1	2	70	29	2023			1	\$1789 36	\$3067 82

Total, 15.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	Z. Schols.	S. S. Schols.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults										Benef.	Corp.	
John C. Hensell,	Superannuated,	4	410	200	22	2	12	2	350	2		3	2	100			\$750 00	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va
Geo. H. Martin, D.D.,	Woodstock,	1	125		6	3	70					2	1	60			506 00	Woodstock, Shenandoah do
Henry St. Jno. Rinket,	Lovettsville,	2	219	110	9	5	13	4	191		1	5	2	120			309 00	Lovettsville, London do
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.,	Mt. Crawford,																	Rockingham, Rockingham do
Joseph S. Loose,	Without charge,																	Bridgewater, Rockingham do
Andrew J. Bowers,	do																	Weyer's Cave, Augusta do
Henry Tallhelm,	Edinburg,	4	208	114	7	5	15		170	4	1	9	1	45			63 00	Edinburg, Shenandoah do
John A. Hoffheins,	Martinsburg,	1	253	84	8	2	20	12	214	1	2	1	160				224 00	Martinsburg, Berkley W. Va.
F. E. Vandershoot,	Superannuated,	3	230	17	3	15	23		222	4	3	3	85				111 00	Herndon, Fairfax Co., Va.
Barton R. Carnahan,	Rockingham,	2	75	35	15	1	5	6	68		1	2	170				40 00	Meyershoefer's Store, Rock'm do
Samuel L. Whitmore,	Middlebrook,																	Middlebrook, Augusta do
Lawrence M. Hensell,	Without charge,																	Winchester, Frederick do
Abner R. Kremer,	Winchester,	2	112	76	4	1	4	2	81	3	1	50					20 00	Winchester, Frederick do
Elias Welty, M.D.,	St. John,	1	134	93	3	2	6		87		2	40					15 00	Middlebrook, Augusta do
Christian W. Sumney,	Timberville, ¹	2	252	125	4		5		227		2	1	55				39 00	Timberville, Rockingham do
George A. Whitmore,	Mill Creek,	1	135	52	7				101		4	1	75				60 00	Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah do
Benjamin F. Bausman,	Shepherdstown, ²																	Shepherdstown, Jefferson W. Va.
Vacant,	Harrisville, ²																	
		25	2153	906	88	33	106	26	1781	14	231	17	960				\$1104 00	\$5885 00

Ministers, 17.

These charges have just been formed {¹ The statistics of Timberville charge are included in those of Mill Creek charge.
² " " Harrisville charge " " " " Woodstock charge.

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Conrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Benev. Purp.	Cong. Purp.		
G. Wm. Welker, D.D., Jeremiah Ingold, Thomas Long, Jesse W. Cecil,	Guilford, Upper Davidson,	4	409	242	13	10	27	2	394	1	6		3	3	3	178		\$65 34	\$322 50	Shaw's Mills, Hickory, do do do do
John Ingle, Jacob C. Clapp, Michael L. Hedrick, John A. Foil,	Catawba, Lower Davidson, Lincoln,	3	175	90	15		13		145	3			1	1	1	85	1	46 93	800 00	Blowing Rock, Newton, do do do do
Peter M. Trexler, Robert F. Crooks, G. Dickie Gurley, Paul Barringer, Alexander S. Vaughan, A. P. Horne, Licentiate, 1 Vacant,	Western Rowan, Pres. Claremont College, Eastern Rowan, Central Rowan, Grace, Hickory, Moffitt's Grove,	3	339	200	28	1	28	14	310	4			8	2	175			52 00	450 00	Lancaster, Concord, Heilig's Mills, China Grove, Hickory, do do do do
2 " " 3 " "		2	301	210	18				185	1		14	10	2	170			72 00	290 00	Heilig's Mills, do do
3 " "		3	163	65	7		2	125				1						40 00	175 00	do do
		1	38	26	1		1	33				2	1							do
		1	46																	do
Total, 14.		31	2292	1325	116	16	81	19	1894	11	6	30	31	17	840	2		\$354 60	\$2556 50	

No. 1 is supplied by Rev. G. D. Gurley; Nos. 2 and 3 are supplied by Rev. J. Ingold.

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cops.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schols.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stud. M'n.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults.										Ben'ev.	Cong.	
William K. Zieber, D. D., (Disab'd.)	(Disab'd.)	2	348	210	20	2	9	4	320	12	5	1	125	1		\$203	00	Hanover, York County, do
Jacob D. Zehring, Moses Kieffer, D. D., Vacant,	Gettysburg, Conowingo, Carist Church,	4	450	260	21	8	30	7	420	6	13	3	200	13		166	53	Gettysburg, Adams do do
John Kretzing, Silas F. Lauty, David U. Wolff, Henry Hibish, David N. Dittmar, Joshua H. Derr, John C. Bowman,	Emanuel's, Abbotstown, Manheim, Littlestown, East Berlin, Hanover,	3	675	374	25	23	8	505	10	11	3	250	625	24	8	313	06	Arendtsville do do do
		3	454	295	33	1	24	14	431	3	16	1	126	2		254	65	Codorus, York do do
		4	572	295	42	6	46	3	531	2	15	5	350	1		314	50	New Oxford, Adams do do
		1	222	210	13	1	3	3	184	10	1	5	155	1		237	74	Hanover, York do do
		4	390	265	8	9	39	4	345	4	5	2	90			76	62	Littlestown, Adams do do
		1	375	280	13		36	24	330	1	9	1	270			785	65	East Berlin, do do do
		26	4336	2927	232	28	250	69	3822	50	1	1103	25	2191	3	\$2390	39	Hanover, York do do
Total, 10.																		

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptism		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schols.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults.										Ben'ev.	Cong.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrich, Francis S. Lindaman, Geo. W. Glessner, D. D., Ulrich H. Heilman, J. Marion Mckley, Amos H. Kremer, D. D., George E. Addams, Henry T. Spangler, James R. Lewis, Vacant,	New Bloomfield, Zion's, Superannuated, Mechanicsburg, Newburg, Carlisle, Sulphur Springs, Landisburg, Duncannon, St. Andrew's Cong.,	3	320	171	14	3	15	8	309	1		6	2	300		\$129	00	Newport, Perry County, do
		4	435	200	38	2	18	10	405	8		8	6	200	1	194	00	Blain, do do
		2	300	170	5	1	7	3	250	1		6	2	150		70	00	Shippensburg, Cumberland do do
		1	162	71	9	7	26	8	154	1	1	4	1	155	1	61	00	Mechanicsburg, do do do
		1	230	185	8	3	9	8	200	6	2	1	156			1723	00	Newburg, do do do
		4	178	80	7	2	4	3	160	2	8	3	133			41	00	Carlisle, do do do
		4	375	268	18	5	25	7	350	3	3	4	6	200		310	00	Do do do do
		3	121	106	7		17	2	69	6	3	2	100			50	00	Landisburg, Perry do do do
		1	23	20			8					1	30			4	00	Duncannon, do do do
Total, 9.		23	2144	1271	106	23	129	49	1897	22	10	41	21	1514	2	\$930	00	

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregati's.		Members.		Unconfirmed Members.		Baptisms.		Confirmed.		By Certif. or Renew. Prof.		Communi-cants.		Dismissed.		Excom.		Deaths.		S. Schools.		S. School Scholars.		Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Congregati's.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beny's.	Cong'l Pulp's.														
Albert G. Dole,	Huntingdon,	2	351	150	23	8	18	340	10	8	7	2	220																	Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., Pa.	
Elias D. Shoemaker,	(Disabled),	1	123	103	13	2	7	100	4																					Bedford, Bedford	
Ellis N. Kramer,	Bedford,	3	325	220	15	4	16	318	10																					do	
Milton H. Sangree,	Watertown,																														do
Frederick A. Rupley,	Without charge,	3	125	91	5	1	1	95	24																					Alexandria, Huntingdon	
William I. Stewart,	Everett,	4	388	237	27	10	53	379	6																						do
Henry F. Long,	Woodcock Valley,	2	324	190	23	3	14	270	16																						do
J. David Miller,	Martinsburg,	3	230	165	12	7	3	190	13																						do
Henry S. Garner,	Schellsburg,	3	100	85	3	3	4	89	3																						do
Cyrus H. Reier,	Orbisonia,	3	275	192	12	6	2	212	2																						do
Isaac N. Peightel,	Yellow Creek,	3	199	86	6	3	9	174	12																						do
Simon Wolf,	Hickory Bottom,	1	394	268	11	2	20	274	13																						do
John M. Titzel, D.D.,	Altoona,	3	319	295	21	12	6	315	8																						do
Cyrus J. Musser,	St. Clairsville,	3	274	175	24	3	22	11	230	7																					do
Calvin S. Slagle,	Dunning's Creek,	4	425	485	53	4	26	6	390	7																					do
William M. Andrews,	Greenfield,	3	194	194	28	4	28	22	186	2																					do
Eusebius H. Diefenbacher,	Sulphur Spring,	3	78	67	1			60																							do
David G. Klein,	Clear Ridge,	3	268	208	5			219	1																						do
Vacant,	Friend's Cove,																														do
Henry H. Sangree,	Licentiate,																														do
		47	4392	3211	282	37	233	141	3841	138	39	96	37	3187	6	\$3122	43	\$15655	45												do

Total, 19.

CLASSIS OF SAN FRANCISCO.*

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Ben'v. Purp's.	Congr's Purp's.	
Julius Frenckling, Conrad F. Waldecke, Eugene De Geller, George Meethersheimer, Charles Hartman, Vacant, "	Without charge, Without charge, Stockton, Napa, Without charge, San Francisco, Alameda Mission	1 1 1 2 4	93 67 265 425	102 45 655 802	19 4 97 120	1 4 9 22	14 2 26 22	70 25 265 360	2 2 14 18	3 5 12 20	9 9 10 28	1 1 2 4	80 31 537 648	1 1 2 4	\$23 00 12 00 140 00 \$175 00	\$800 00 500 00 2930 00 \$4230 00	San Francisco, California. San Francisco, California. Stockton, California. Napa City, California. Alameda, California. San Francisco, California. Alameda, California.		

Total, 5.

* Statistic of last year.

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'l's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Ben'v. Purp's.	Congr's Purp's.	
John Gantenbein, Jacob Muellhaupt, Julius Lange, Hartmann Staus, Albert Kreuter, Frederick Ewald, Goufrick Graedel, Vacant, "	Portland, Salem, Without charge, Emanuel, Without charge, Seattle, Meridian, St. Peter's, Waldo Hills,	3 3 1 1 3 2 1 14	128 58 27 30 43 45 21 352	150 50 21 32 27 60 2 340	36 9 6 5 27 6 2	1 9 2 7	8 25 75 46	7 2 8 12	12 4 1 1	5 1 1 1	2 25 40 14	90 25 14	2 1 1	208 208	2 2	\$20 00 6 00 60 00 300 00 5 00 60 00 \$31 00	\$1050 00 1300 00 60 00 300 00 263 81 60 00 \$3036 81	Portland, Salem, Portland, West Union, Wash'g'tn Co., do Lima, South America Seattle, Washington Ter'y. Staford, Clackamas Co., Ore on. Oregon City, Silverton, Marion Co., do	

Total, 7.

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

CLASSES.	Ministers.		Congregations.		Members.		Unconformed Members.		Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Certificate.		Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Erasures of Names.		Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Sunday School Teachers.		Students for the Holy Ministry.		Contributions.	
									Infants.	Adults.																		Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Zion's, -	11	31	463	173	321	11	132	55	2,728	21		3	121	40	2,424	7	\$1,586 00	\$20,025 00														
Maryland, -	30	55	6,999	4,606	401	35	317	131	5,738	114	13	200	47	4,418	7	5,902 60	27,318 31															
Mercersburg, -	15	23	2,513	1,567	122	45	126	85	2,075	53	1	70	20	2,023	1	1,789 36	13,067 82															
Virginia, -	17	25	2,153	906	88	33	106	26	1,781	14	2	31	17	960	2	1,404 00	5,885 00															
North Carolina, -	14	31	2,292	1,325	116	16	81	19	1,894	11	6	30	31	17	840	2	354 60	2,556 50														
Gettysburg -	10	26	4,336	2,927	232	28	250	69	3,822	50	1	103	25	2,191	3	2,390 39	11,172 05															
Carlisle -	9	23	2,144	1,271	106	23	129	49	1,897	22	10	41	24	1,514	2	930 00	9,260 00															
Juniata, -	19	47	4,392	3,211	282	37	233	141	3,841	138	39	96	37	3,187	6	3,122 43	15,055 45															
San Francisco, -	5	4	425	802	120	22	42	360	18	20	28	4	4	648	1	175 00	4,230 00															
Portland-Oregon, -	7	14	352	340	64	1	9	189	12	19	7	7	8	208	2	31 00	3,036 81															
Total, 10 Classes, -	137	279	29,071	19,138	1,852	229	1,405	663	24,325	453	8	139	728	239	18,413	24	\$17,354 69	\$112,206 94														
Synod of the United States, 9 Classes, -	225	455	70,135	41,528	5,137	325	4,087	1,284	57,258	660	7	417	2,260	536	48,260	48	\$7,158 00	\$279,970 00														
Synod of Ohio, - 10 Classes, -	140	285	19,095	7,185	781	329	1,059	706	14,404	358	4	384	316	220	16,094	13	11,915 08	111,386 66														
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes, -	56	132	12,484	8,948	878	69	539	409	10,603	264	5	105	229	105	8,122	9	11,898 53	83,596 00														
Synod of the North West, 9 Classes, -	116	157	13,548	9,908	1,195	15	669	880	10,728	206	28	159	359	134	7,680	29	8,580 00	68,376 00														
German Synod of the West, 5 Classes, -	41	40	10,010	6,029	1,749	11	685	461	7,652	39	2	222	505	40	6,942	2	5,589 00	66,048 00														
Central Synod, - 4 Classes, -	68	119	15,190	10,386	1,073	40	749	640	11,927	142	14	273	389	104	9,209	20	8,653 00	57,989 00														
Grand Total, 7 Dist Synods; 52 Classes, -	783	1,467	169,530	103,122	12,665	1,018	9,233	5,043	136,897	2,122	68	1,699	4,787	1,378	114,720	145	\$101,145 30	\$779,572 60														

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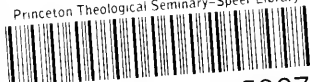






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