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NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Chambersburg, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the thirteenth and continued until noon of the twentieth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the First or Zion's Reformed Church of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 13th, A.D. 1891, at 7:30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon, at the request of the retiring President, was preached by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, the Vice President, from St. John 12: 23-26—"And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called, and a quorum was ascertained to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers: Alfred F. Dreisbach, Oliver P. Schellhamer,^e Aaron Wanner, D. D.,² and Jacob O. Miller, D. D.⁹

Elders: Charles A. Shultz, Adam D. Seitz, and William Stuck.

II. From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers : J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Conrad Clever, D. D., George A. Snyder, Joel T. Rossiter, Andrew T. G. Apple, Barton R. Carnahan, Adam S. Weber,² Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.,³ Ambrose M. Schmidt,³ Warren J. Johnson,⁵ and Louis F. Zinkhan.⁶

Elders : Jesse Dehoff, Christian M. Keedy, Frisby J. Davis,³ Ezra Williard,⁴ and Goldsborough S. Griffith.⁴

III. From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers : William C. Cremer, Sefellen E. Stofflet, John F. Mackley, M. D., William M. Deatruck, D. D., Franklin F. Bahner, and Jonas B. Shontz.

Elders : Samuel Hoeflich, Andrew R. Schnebly, Jacob Heyser, George R. Colliflower, Cyrus T. Keefer,² and Henry Omwake.⁵

IV. From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers : Alpha K. Kline, Josiah May, John A. Hoffheins, D. D., John T. Balliet, and George G. Everhart.

Elders : Daniel S. Rentch, John H. Bauserman, and William A. Pence.⁴

V. From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers : Calvin B. Heller, Jacob C. Leonard,² and Joseph L. Murphy.²

VI. From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers : Thomas J. Barkley, Ambrose C. Geary, Benjamin F. Bausman, Joseph D. Peters, and Oliver F. Schaeffer.³

Elders : John P. Butt, Jacob A. Hartman,¹ W. Anderson Rafensberger,^g Isaac F. Brinkerhoff,^e and George W. Hartman.²⁻ⁱ

VII. From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers : J. David Miller, Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,² Joseph W. Bell,² and Silas L. Messinger.³

Elders : George Hoobach, Peter D. Smith, Joseph Diehl,^{2-g} and Ephraim A. Shulenberg, D. D. S.

VIII. From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers : Samuel Z. Beam, D. D., R. Leighton Gerhart, John W. Pontius, Calvin U. Heilman, Lloyd E. Coblentz, and S. Charles Stover.³

Elders : William Koontz,¹ Samuel B. Isenberg,ⁱ William Neff,¹ Martin V. Boyer,¹ and John Brewster.⁴⁻¹

IX. From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate, who was not present at the opening of the Synod, took his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier occupied, during the first five sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. L. F. Zinkhan. Rev. E. R. Deatruck occupied the seat, during the first four sessions of Synod, occupied afterward by Rev. W. J. Johnson. Rev. C. Cort occupied the seat of Rev. F. F. Bahner during the sessions of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman was admitted to the seat of Rev. O. F. Schaeffer on Thursday morning, and occupied it to the close of the Synod. Rev. J. B. Stonesifer occupied the seat of Rev. S. C. Stover during the first two sessions of Synod.

Advisory Members Present.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit :

Maryland Classis.—Revs. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, E. Ranson Deatruck, Calvin S. Slagle, Uriah H. Heilman, Silas M. Hench, Samuel L. Whitmore, and James R. Lewis.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. Cyrus Cort, Jeriah S. Shade, Zwingli A. Yearick, J. William Knappenberger, Jacob Hassler, George B. Russell, D. D., Tilghman R. Dietz, and George W. Auginbaugh, D. D.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. Lewis Reiter.

Gettysburg Classis.—Revs. Prof. John C. Bowman, George P. Stem, and Elder Edgar Slagle, Treasurer of Synod.

Carlisle Classis.—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. James B. Stonesifer, William C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Francis M. Line, and Albert S. Glessner.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Charles G. Fisher, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Adam C. Whitmer, Jairus P. Moore, Thomas M. Yundt, Milton H. Sangree, and Elders Daniel S. Keller, Esq., and Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. William Rupp, D. D., Simon S. Miller, David N. Dittmar, Peter C. Prugh, D. D., and J. Harvey Mickleley.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the Officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year, namely :

Rev. C. U. Heilman, *President*, Alexandria, Pa.

Rev. J. B. Shontz, *Vice President*, Chambersburg, Pa.

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

Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Corresponding Secretary*, Keedysville, Md.

Rev. G. G. Everhart, *Reading Clerk*, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first seven pews from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit : The morning sessions to open at 9 and close at 11:30 o'clock ; the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock ; and the evening sessions to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit :

Religious Services.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. B. Shontz, A. T. G. Apple, and Elders J. Heyser, and G. R. Colliflower.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. T. Balliet, O. P. Schellhamer, and Elders A. R. Schnebly, and P. D. Smith.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. A. Wanner, J. D. Peters, A. F. Dreisbach, and Elders W. Stuck, and I. F. Brinkerhoff.

Overtures.—Revs. B. F. Bausman, J. F. Mackley, J. May, and Elders C. M. Keedy, and J. P. Butt.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. L. Murphy, A. C. Geary, G. A. Snyder, and Elders J. Dehoff, and J. A. Hartman.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. A. H. Kremer, J. May, J. C. Leonard, and Elders W. A. Raffensberger, and G. W. Hartman.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, A. T. G. Apple, G. G. Everhart, and Elders J. H. Bauserman, and S. B. Isenberg.

Education.—Revs. C. Clever, R. L. Gerhart, L. E. Coblenz, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and A. R. Schnebly.

Missions.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, F. F. Bahner, J. D. Miller, and Elders G. Hoobach, and D. S. Rentch.

Finance.—Revs. A. K. Kline, A. F. Dreisbach, S. E. Stofflet, and Elders C. A. Shultz, and S. Hoeflich.

Publication.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, B. R. Carnahan, E. R. Deatrck, and Elders C. T. Keefer, and J. Diehl.

Nominations.—Revs. J. W. Pontius, T. F. Hoffmeier, L. E. Coblenz, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and W. Neff.

Orphans' Homes.—Revs. C. B. Heller, S. C. Stover, A. S. Weber, and Elders W. Koontz, and A. D. Seitz.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. S. Z. Beam, R. L. Gerhart, A. C. Geary, and Elders M. V. Boyer, and J. A. Hartman.

Invested Funds.—Elders G. N. Forney, C. A. Shultz, and H. M. Schmuck.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, 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, the Board of

Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Superintendent of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally 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, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and disposed of without reference. It will be found in its proper place.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

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

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

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely :

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

Zion's Reformed Church.

Wednesday Evening.—Liturgical services by Revs. A. T. G. Apple and L. E. Coblentz. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Pontius.

Thursday Evening.—Educational meeting, Rev. W. M. Dea-trick to preside. First address—"The Education of our Girls," by W. J. Zacharias, Esq. Second address—"The Academy," by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary, Elder G. S. Griffith to preside. First topic—"Better Methods, Better Workers, Better Results," to be discussed by Revs. J. S. Kieffer and R. L. Gerhart. Second topic—"The Relation and Duty of the Sunday-school to Neglected Children," to be discussed by Revs. C. U. Heilman and C. Clever.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Liturgical services by Revs. G. G. Everhart and S. S. Miller. Sermon by Rev. S. Z. Beam.

Saturday Evening.—Home Missionary Anniversary, Rev. E. R. Eschbach to preside. Addresses by Revs. A. C. Whitmer and T. J. Barkley.

Sunday Morning.—Services of Prayer and Praise at 10 o'clock, Elder F. S. Davis to preside. Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Liturgical services by Revs. J. A. Hoffheins and T. F. Hoffmeier. Sermon by the President of Synod.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school Services. Addresses by Revs. A. M. Schmidt and E. R. Deatruck.

Sunday Evening.—Foreign Missionary Anniversary, Rev. J. D. Miller to preside. Addresses by Revs. S. N. Callender and J. P. Moore.

Other Churches.

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH.

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

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. H. Kremer.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. S. Weber.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. K. Kline.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. L. E. Coblenz.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. T. G. Apple.

FALLING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

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

FIRST UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. C. Geary.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. B. R. Carnahan.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CREMER, *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 such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole and is as follows :

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom the Printed Minutes of Synod were referred for examination, after careful inspection of them, begs leave to report the following items, as in its judgment, claiming the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. U. H. Heilman is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. A Committee on Invested Funds is appointed to examine the investments of the Theological Professorship Fund Endowment, to act as an advisory committee in making said investments, to audit the securities, and report the results to the Synod; of which committee Elder Henry M. Schmuck, of Hanover, Pa., is chairman.

Item 3, page 23. The following arrearages on the apportionments made at Mercersburg and at Mechanicsburg towards the debt of Mercersburg College are reported, to wit: Zion's Classis, \$205.49; Maryland Classis, \$155.00; Carlisle Classis, \$149.86; and Virginia Classis, \$140.00, making \$650.38.

Item 4, page 23. The several Classes are instructed to urge upon their charges and congregations the importance of prompt payment of their respective apportionments for Beneficiary Education, etc.

Item 5, page 25. A committee is appointed to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the Eastern Synod for the purpose of reaching an agreement by which this Synod may be admitted to such a share in the legal corporation, as well as secure to us, as a Synod, our rights in the Theological Seminary, located at Lancaster, Pa.; of which committee Rev. S. N. Callender is chairman, who is also appointed a commissioner to attend the meeting of the Eastern Synod, then being held in Reading, Pa., and lay the matter before that body.

Item 6, page 26. The officers of the Synod are instructed to furnish the Rev. John C. Bowman, professor-elect, with a formal call to the professorship to which he was chosen.

Item 7, page 26. The Trustees of Synod are constituted the proper authorities to arrange with him for his salary on specified conditions.

Item 8, page 26. A committee is appointed, of which Rev. C. U. Heilman is chairman and superintendent, to collect the necessary funds to cancel the indebtedness of Mercersburg College.

Item 9, page 28. The persons constituting the Theological Professorship Endowment Committee are appointed a committee to secure the remainder of funds needed to endow the Synodical Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 10, page 28. A committee is appointed to confer with like committees to be appointed by the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods on the project of erecting a Seminary building for the use of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; of which committee Rev. D. N. Dittmar was chairman.

Item 11, page 29. It will be necessary for the Synod to fill by election the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Education of those whose terms of office expire at this meeting of Synod.

Item 12, page 29. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose terms of service will terminate the present month.

Item 13, page 39. The cause of Home Missions is commended to the Classes, and they are requested to take such action as will further develop the activity and liberality of their membership, and they are also urged to cultivate regular systematic benevolence in supporting this arm of church work, etc.

Item 14, page 40. The Classes are requested to take certain action in reference to the cause of Foreign Missions, so as to bring the condition and needs of our work in Japan properly to the attention of our congregations, etc.

Item 15, page 41. It becomes the duty of Synod to elect a member of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the vacancy in said Board about to take place.

Item 16, page 44. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Church Building, Church Extension in Baltimore, Harbor Missions, Hungarian Missions, and Beneficiary Education.

Item 17, page 44. Assessments are made for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary.

Item 18, page 45. Various arrearages are noted on apportionments and assessments for Contingent Fund, Mercersburg, College, Theological Seminary, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Beneficial Education.

Item 19, page 45. Zion's, Carlisle and Maryland Classes are reported in arrears on their respective apportionments for Wichita College, with special instructions to those Classes.

Item 20, page 46. Certain action is taken in reference to the Treasurer of Synod, fixing amount of salary, bond to be given, etc.

Item 21, page 46. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of Rev. J. C. Bowman, whose term of office will end on the 1st of January next, agreeably to the charter.

Item 22, page 48. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of Synod.

Item 23, page 51. The Stated Clerk is directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 24, page 51. It will be necessary to fill the vacancy about to occur in the Reformed Church Publication Board, by the expiration of the term of service of Elder G. S. Griffith.

Item 25, page 53. Action is adopted commending the noble work of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Church, and calling the special attention of the several Classes to the claims of the Society, with the request that they instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday day before October in each Synodical year.

Item 26. It will be necessary to apportion five hundred dollars upon the several Classes, in order meet the pledge of the Synod, made four years ago, for Church Extension in Baltimore city.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of the Synod on Item 1, see Article XXII.. Ministerial Necrology ; on items 2, 3, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 26, see Article XV., Finance ; items 4, 13, 14 and 25 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis. to ascertain the actions of the Classes on those items ; on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, see Article XIII, Education ; items 11, 12, 15, 21, 22 and 24 were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the requisite nominations ; and on item 23, see Article XX, Publication.

Report of Committee on Minutes of General Synod.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, to whom were referred the Minutes of the special meeting of the General Synod, held last June in Philadelphia, Pa., reported as follows, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of the special meeting of the General Synod, held in Philadelphia last June, for examination, begs leave to report, that said Minutes have nothing in them which requires action on the part of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WANNER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands for examination, to wit :

Item 1. A communication from the Pittsburgh Synod giving its action in regard to the educational policy adopted by it, with a request that a committee be appointed by this Synod to confer with a committee of said Synod with reference to the same matter.

Item 2. A request from the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, that an alleged arrearage of \$104.86 on the apportionments for Harbor Missions, made in 1884 and 1887, upon this Synod be met.

Item 3. A request from the same Board that this Synod assume its portion of the eighteen hundred dollars, which are needed for missions among the Hungarians in the United States.

Item 4. A letter from the President of the Women's Missionary Society of Mercersburg Classis, asking for the approval by the Synod of their labors as an auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Synod.

Item 5. A communication from the Juniata Classical Missionary Society setting forth certain action adopted by said society, requesting the Synod to organize a Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 6. A request from female members of the Edenburg Reformed Church, Va., asking Synod's approval in the issuing of calls for delegates to form a Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 7. Similar requests from the Reformed Churches of Carlisle, Pa., Woodstock, Va., Mechanicstown, Md., and the Third and St. Paul's Reformed Churches of Baltimore City.

Item 8. A statement of the officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church.

Item 9. A complaint to Synod against certain action, or non-action, of the Classis of Virginia by Rev. A. R. Thompson.

Item 10. A request, made a year ago, by two members of the San Francisco Classis to the Synod not to abandon missionary work in California, or disband said Classis.

Item 11. A letter from Rev. C. G. Fisher, D. D., in which he presents to the Synod copies of two books recently published by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, namely : "College Chapel Sermons by the late John W. Nevin, D. D., LL. D., edited by Henry M. Kieffer, D. D.," and "The Young Prophetess, A Tale of the Children's Crusade, by Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, A. M."

Item 12. A statement and certain action of the Board of Managers of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

Item 13. The annual report of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa.

Item 14. An overture from the Trustees of Catawba College, requesting the Synod to establish a Theological Department in said college.

Item 15. A communication from the President of the Y. M. C. Association of Chambersburg, extending to the Synod the use of its reading room and periodicals.

Item 16. A letter from Rev. John Gantenbein, on a visit to Switzerland, making statements of interest, and asking to be excused from attendance upon the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 17. An invitation from Rev. J. O. Miller to hold next year's sessions of Synod in Trinity Reformed Church of York, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. BAUSMAN, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1 and 14, see Article XIII, Education; on items 2, 3, 10 and 16, see Article XIV, Missions; on items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on item 9, see Article XVII., Complaints; the invitation in item 15 was accepted, and the thanks of Synod were returned to the association.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received,

disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows :

Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained :

I. Irregularities.

1. Virginia Classis failed to furnish a full copy of its Minutes, as required by the Constitution, and on legal cap paper as ordered by the rules of Synod,

2. North Carolina Classis failed to use marginal notes on the pages of its minutes, as directed by the Synod.

II. Requests and Recommendations.

3. Zion's Classis requests the Synod to have an alleged discrepancy adjusted.

4. Gettysburg Classis asks to be exonerated from the payment of certain arrearages.

5. Juniata Classis requests the Synod to give it credit on its apportionment for the sum of \$200, paid to the Orbisonia charge or mission.

6. The same Classis requests the Synod to comply with the wish of the General Synod by transferring its missions to the care of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

7. Rev. A. R. Thompson complains against the action of the Virginia Classis, to the Synod.

IV. Subjects Referred to the Classes.

8. Zion's, Mercersburg, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, and Portland-Oregon Classes took favorable action on all subjects referred to the Classes.

9. Maryland Classis did the same, except a small amount for Beneficiary Education and the Apportionment for Church Building.

10. Virginia Classis accepts the recommendations of Synod, except it asks the Synod to cancel its arrearage on apportionments for Mercersburg College.

11. The same Classis asks to be relieved of arrearages on apportionments for the Theological Seminary and Church Extension in Baltimore. It asks also to be relieved of all apportionments except for Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary and the assessments for the Synod's and General Synod's Contingent Funds.

12. North Carolina Classis accepts Synod's apportionment for Home Missions, and assumes to pay \$30 additional.

13. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, and Portland-Oregon Classes severally adopted *The Reformed Church Hymnal*, sent down by the General Synod to the Classes for adoption or rejection. North Carolina Classis, for some cause or other, failed to take action on the matter.

V. Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

14. Zion's Classis erased the name of Rev. Ambrose D. Gring from its roll of ministers.

15. Maryland Classis licensed Francis M. Line and Thomas K. Cromer, and dismissed the former to the Juniata Classis, and the latter to the Virginia Classis; received Rev. George C. Erb from the Iowa Classis, Rev. George W. Snyder from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, Rev. Marion L. Firor from the Lincoln Classis, and Rev. James R. Lewis from the Tohickon Classis; and dismissed Rev. David A. Souders to the Westmoreland Classis.

16. Virginia Classis received licentiate Thomas K. Cromer from the Maryland Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry; received Rev. Lewis Reiter from the North Carolina Classis; and dismissed Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., to the Carlisle Classis, and Rev. Addison C. Snyder to the Somerset Classis.

17. North Carolina Classis dismissed Rev. Lewis Reiter to the Virginia Classis.

18. Gettysburg Classis received the licentiate George P. Stem from the Lehigh Classis, and ordained him to the work of the Christian Ministry; received Rev. George B. Resser from the Lebanon Classis; and dismissed Rev. David N. Dittmar to the Westmoreland Classis, and the licentiate Stanley L. Krebs to the Schuylkill Classis.

19. Carlisle Classis received the licentiate Joseph W. Bell from the Philadelphia Classis and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry; and received Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., from the Virginia Classis.

20. Juniata Classis received the licentiate Francis M. Line from the Maryland Classis, and the licentiate Albert S. Glessner from the Somerset Classis and ordained them to the work of the Christian Ministry; received Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., from the Lebanon Classis; and dismissed Revs. Cyrus J. Musser and Samuel C. Long to the Allegheny Classis, Rev. Joel W. Alspach to the Illinois Classis, Rev. Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher to the Wyoming Classis, and Rev. Robert O'Boyle to the Schuylkill Classis.

21. Portland-Oregon Classis enrolled Rev. Charles Hartman, and dismissed him to the Zion's Classis of the Synod of the Northwest; received Rev. Jacob G. Schmid from the Sheboygan Classis, and Rev. John G. Biegert from the Evangelical Synod of the West; and dismissed Rev. H. A. Schwichtenberg to the Lutheran Synod of California.

VI. Places and Times of the Next Annual Meetings of Classes.

22. Zion's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of New Freedom, York county, Pa., May 10th, A. D. 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. H. A. Bomberger, *President*; Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

23. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Mt. Pleasant, Frederick county, Md., May 5th, A. D. 1892, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. C. S. Slagle, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. U. H. Heilman, *Treasurer*.

24. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pa., May 12th, A. D. 1892, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Z. A. Yearick, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

25. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Kearneysville, Jefferson county, W. Va., May 19th, A. D. 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. H. Shuford, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

26. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Hedrick's Grove, Davidson county, N. C., April 28th, A. D. 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. L. Murphy, *President*; Rev. G. W. Welker, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

27. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of East Berlin, Adams county, Pa., May 18th, A. D. 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. B. F. Bausman, *President*; and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

28. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa., June 9th, A. D. 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. L. Messinger, *President*; and Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

29. Juniata Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church of Altoona, Blair county, Pa., June 8th, A. D. 1892, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. C. U. Heilman, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

30. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Portland, Oregon, June 9th, A. D. 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Muellhaupt, *President*; Rev. J. G. Schmid, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. A. Fischer, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY, *Chairman*.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and the attention of those Classes was called to the matter. For the action of Synod on items 3, 4, 10 and 11, see Article XV, Finance; the request in item 5 was refused; on Item 6, see Article XIV, Missions; on item 7, see Article XVII, Complaints; items 8, 9 and 12 to 30, inclusive, were severally adopted.

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 reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Tuesday morning, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN : Your Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics present the following report :

We have carefully read the reports of the several Classes, adopted at their last annual meetings. From these reports your committee is enabled to offer the following for adoption by this Reverend Synod :

In the Church of Christ there are always two things to be considered—namely, the internal growth and the external evidence of growth produced by the spirit and word of Christ, and by the proper use of the means instituted for the advancement of the Christian life. Both of these depend largely upon the physical and spiritual health, and consequently the efficiency of the ministry. It affords us, therefore, great pleasure to report that, in the good Providence of God, the health of the ministers of this Synod has been generally good during the past year. No serious affliction has overtaken anyone that prevented regular attendance upon the duties of this sacred office. The public services of the Sanctuary, pastoral visitation, the catechization of the young, ministering to the sick, and the comforting of the sorrowing have claimed the earnest consideration of the ministers in all the charges of the different Classes, except those in which, unfortunately, there are no shepherds to break unto the people the Bread of Life.

The word of God has been regularly and zealously preached to appreciative congregations. The children of believing parents have been ingrafted into the Covenant of Grace by Holy Baptism. Your committee note with special pleasure the fact that all the Classes report large numbers of children, and a respectable number of adults, baptized into Christ during the past year. From this fact it is evident that the people of the several charges cherish a true regard for, and a reverential trust in this initiatory sacrament of the Christian Church, and have in the blessings it secures for their offspring.

The Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ has been administered, according to the order of the Church, in all the charges. A larger number than usual have renewed their vows before God and men, and have been nourished with the bread that cometh down from Heaven.

The Sunday school cause, throughout our bounds, has received

more than ordinary attention. The children and youth, gathered into these schools of the Church, are instructed in the truths of the Divine Word by earnest and efficient teachers. The Catechetical classes in the congregations are largely drawn from the Sunday-schools; and we are glad to report that a sound, healthy interest, in this cause, prevails throughout this Synod. But its work should be more fully supported by parental instruction in the family. To this end the pastors should be diligent in urging the claims of family religion, and the right instruction of the children by the parents in their homes, where the first and most enduring impressions are made.

The evidences of growth, furnished by the reports, are numerous. Large numbers have been received into the Church by the rite of Confirmation. Many young people, and a goodly number whose years had carried them beyond the period of youth, have identified themselves publicly with the people of God.

The benevolent contributions of our people have been liberal. In this respect our people are growing into a fuller understanding of the Master's word, that it is "more blessed to give than receive."

Your committee note also that in almost all the Classes the building and repairing of churches and parsonages, have the attention of many congregations. A number of new churches have been built; others are in process of erection; others are being remodeled and renovated; and suitable homes for the pastors are receiving increased consideration at the hands of our people.

With all these evidences of temporal and spiritual prosperity before us, we, as a Synod, have abundant reason to rejoice and be glad. We should be encouraged in the work the Lord has given us to do. In fulfilment of His promises He has been with us in the fullness of His grace and power. And though there are conditions that are not bright—worldliness, negligence, disregard of the higher interests of the soul—we must not forget that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net cast into the sea, which gathers in both the good and the bad, and like the leaven, which works in its own mysterious way until the whole is leavened.

Our rejoicing in being permitted to come together in this annual meeting, and mingle together in the services and business of the Church is saddened by the fact that Mercersburg Classis reports the

death of two of her active ministers—the Rev. Simon Wolf and the Rev. P. Allison Long. These brethren, after long years of service in the Church, were called home to their eternal reward. The Classis, to which they belonged, honored their memories by appropriate memorial services. The Synod now lays its loving tribute of brotherly respect upon their graves by incorporating their names in this report.

And now may God grant us, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and depth, and heighth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge,—that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

For the Statistical Tables, see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII

EDUCATION.

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

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to submit the following annual report for the Synodical year just ended.

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Hanover, the members of the Board then in attendance being a quorum or majority, convened and effected an organization for the year by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, to wit : Rev. Wm. C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. J. David Miller as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck as *Treasurer*.

The Board is happy in being able to report the past year as a prosperous one, under the favor of our kind Heavenly Father, and

that the good work of the Board has gone forward with a measurable degree of success. The young men under the care of the Board have made commendable progress in their studies. Two of the beneficiaries under our care, namely, Thomas K. Cromer and Francis M. Line, completed the full course of training for the holy ministry, graduating from Franklin and Marshall College in 1888, and from the Theological Seminary, located at the same place, last May. Both were examined and licensed by the Maryland Classis, and subsequently ordained to the work of the ministry by the Virginia and Juniata Classes, respectively, within whose bounds they are now laboring. Three young men have been taken under our care during the year, to wit: Moses A. Kieffer, Nevin L. Weidner and Ezra D. Lantz, having been examined and recommended as students for the Christian Ministry by the Mercersburg, Gettysburg and Maryland Classes, respectively.

During the past Synodical year, your Board has aided thirty-two young men with funds, in their preparation for the holy ministry, furnished by the Juniata, Maryland, Virginia, Mercersburg, Zion's, Carlisle and Gettysburg Classes, as the Treasurer's Report will show. The receipts last year, not including the balance then in the treasury, amounted to \$3,880.19, being two hundred and fifty dollars and thirteen cents more than the previous year. Your attention is respectfully called to the low state of the treasury, the amount of funds on hand being scarcely one-fourth enough to make the first payment to the beneficiaries, who have as yet received nothing on the amounts promised them by their Classes for the current scholastic year. The Classes ought to remember, that to promise and apportion funds is not sufficient to meet the demands of the case. Apportionments must be all promptly and punctually paid up, when they amount to no more than what has been promised by the Classes to their beneficiary students, else there must inevitably be a deficit and consequent embarrassment.

The young men, at present, under the Board's care are Atvill Conner, *Jun.*; Daniel G. Hetrick, and E. William Stonebraker, *Seminary Seniors*; J. Philip Harner, Lewis T. Lampe, Homer S. May, and Paul M. Spangler, *Seminary Middlers*; Jacob S. Garrison, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spesard, and Louis C. Summer, *Seminary Juniors*; J. Calvin Bolger, Ira L. Bryner, and Lewis P. Krome, *College Seniors*; William E.

Bushong, Joseph M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, William G. Welsh, and David J. Wolf, *College Juniors*; Charles E. Bushong, Henry H. Hartman, Ezra D. Lantz, and Albert F. Nace, *College Sophomores*; and Amos T. Bennett, Moses A. Kieffer, F. J. Emil Muehe, Frederick C. Seitz, John N. Wolff and Nevin L. Weidner less far advanced in their studies for the ministry.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following funds for beneficiary education, since our last annual report to the Synod, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, and summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions, and also including funds from Sunday-schools and individuals, where such have been given, so as to give the sum contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the case of the Virginia and Gettysburg Classes, where the sources of receipts were not furnished, to wit :

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Juniata Classis.

Water street charge, \$95.13; First Church of Altoona, \$86.63; Greenfield charge, \$76.34; Martinsburg charge, \$70; Huntingdon charge, \$70; St. Clairsville charge, \$59.68; Friend's Cove charge, \$45; Dunning's Creek charge, \$45; Yellow Creek charge, \$43.66; Sulphur Spring charge, \$30; Second Church of Altoona, \$30; Everett charge, \$30; Schellsburg charge, \$23.11; Clear Ridge charge, \$9; interest of Gruber legacy, \$112.74; refunded by Raymond A. Plank, \$150. Making \$976.29.

Maryland Classis.

Frederick Church, \$115.20; Middletown Church, \$79.45; Mechanicstown charge, \$69.64; Taneytown charge, \$61; First Church of Baltimore, \$59; Third Church of Baltimore, \$58; St. Paul's Church of Baltimore, \$56; First Church of Hagerstown; \$55.81; Manchester charge, \$50; Clear Spring charge, \$36; Jefferson charge, \$32; Manor charge, \$31; Christ Church charge of Hagerstown, \$31; Westminster charge, \$29.54; Silver Run charge, \$25; Mount Moriah charge, \$22; Washington Mission, \$21; Woodberry Mission, \$20.83; Christ Church Mission of Baltimore, \$17.15; Burkittsville charge, \$17; Mount Pleasant charge, \$13; Glade charge, \$12.50; Faith Mission of Baltimore, \$9;

Sabillasville charge, \$8; Fairview Church, \$7.40. Making \$936.52.

Virginia Classis.

Per Treasurer of Classes, \$500; Middlebrook charge, \$16. Making \$516.

Zion's Classis.

First Church of York, \$164.51; Paradise charge, \$102.14; Trinity charge, \$81.25; Shrewsbury charge, \$68.35; Heidelberg Church of York, \$48; Grace Church of York, \$8.40; Dillsburg charge, \$7.01. Making \$479.66.

Mercersburg Classis.

First Church of Chambersburg, \$95; Mercersburg charge, \$80; Waynesboro charge, \$70; St. Thomas charge, \$62.36; Grindstone-hill charge, \$32.50; Second Church of Chambersburg, \$30; Ship-pensburg, Church, \$25; Mont Alto Church, \$19.86; St. Paul's charge of Waynesboro, \$17; Middleburg Church, \$9.75; Little Cove Church, \$5.13; McConnellsburg charge, \$5; Loudon charge, \$5; interest of Stondenour legacy, \$12. Making \$468.60.

Carlisle Classis.

Mechanicsburg charge, \$87.78; New Bloomfield charge, \$68.82; Carlisle Church, \$56.64; Zion's charge, \$44.08; Duncannon charge, \$35.32; Newburg Church, \$30.49; Carlisle Springs charge, \$9.99. Making \$333.12.

Gettysburg Classis.

Per Treasurer of Classis, \$150.00; First Church of Hanover, \$20.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, Oct. 11, 1890.....	\$170.00
Received from Juniata Classis	976.29
" " Maryland Classis.....	932.52
" " Virginia Classis	516.00
" " Zion's Classis	479.66
" " Mercersburg Classis.....	468.60
" " Carlisle Classis.....	333.12
" " Gettysburg Classis	170.00
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Total Receipts	\$4,050.19

Summary of Payments.

Paid to Beneficiary Students of Maryland Classis	\$975.00
“ “ “ Juniata “	\$50.00
“ “ “ Virginia “	550.00
“ “ “ Zion’s “	479.66
“ “ “ Carlisle “	444.08
“ “ “ Mercersburg “	325.00
“ “ “ Gettysburg “	175.00
Postage and Stationery	3.45
Total Payments	3,802.19
Balance in Treasury, October 10, 1891	248.00
	<u>\$ 4,050.19</u>

We do hereby certify that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, D. D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer’s Report, together with the summaries of receipts and disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be \$248.00.

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH.

October 10, 1891.

J. WM. KNAPPENBERGER.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod during the session of Saturday forenoon, 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 beg leave to submit to the Synod for consideration the following annual report:

The Board, at the annual meeting last June, at Mercersburg, organized by the re-election of the undersigned as *President*, the election of Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier as *Secretary*, and the re-election of E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*.

During the past year, the teaching, management and general conduct of the College have been like the preceding years. The number of students varied somewhat, but not enough to need mention here. Since our last report some little of the indebtedness has been paid, but counting interest the debt still remains

near five thousand dollars. The funds raised under the project of the last meeting of Synod for cancelling the whole indebtedness have not been sufficiently paid in to be used, only a small portion having come in longer than a few days ago. It is hoped and believed that in a short time a considerable part of the present debt can be wiped out.

Some necessary repairs have been made to the buildings and paid for, but still further repairs are absolutely necessary. In the Seminary Building one or two rooms, in addition to those mentioned in last year's report, have been put in thorough repair by friends of the college, and together with those previously put in like condition, make a very favorable impression upon visitors, but presenting a marked contrast to the other rooms. It is to be hoped, that this good work will go on, and that others—individuals, societies, or congregations—can be found to repair in like manner all the other parts of the building.

Insurance against fire for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the term of five years, on the different buildings has been effected, which will expire December 14th, 1895.

During the year, the Board has received from the Synod on its pledges for debt and interest on debt, the sum of \$372.12, leaving still due and unpaid \$418.01. Some of the Classes have paid promptly and in full, but others have failed almost utterly in paying their apportionments. For eleven years the Board has struggled with the debts of the college, and can now report them as reduced to about one-third of what they were in October, 1880, when the Synod met at Woodstock, Va., and now light seems to be breaking through this darkness, and with it come other questions, which we deem of greater moment to education, to our college, and to our Church, than the payment of the debt.

After much deliberation, the Board respectfully submits to the the Synod some projects, or plans, in reference to the future of the college; and asks your reverend body to approve or modify, or take such other course as your wisdom may deem best.

First. We recommend the total cancellation of the debt.

Second, The speedy provision of means to do positive work in the college as an institution of learning. It is well known that a seminary, academy, or college cannot exist and do its proper work on the profits or moneys it may take in for tuition,

boarding, &c. A fund is now always relied upon to help defray the expenses of an institution—particularly to secure the prompt and certain payment of the teaching force. Therefore we ask the Synod to take steps to finish the payment of the debt, and to provide an endowment fund, say of thirty thousand dollars. With such a fund the Board would feel warranted in undertaking and arranging for the education of our youth, for entrance to Franklin and Marshall, or other colleges, in the Freshman, Sophomore or Junior years; and for those not inclined, or shut out from a regular collegiate course, a sufficient education for the many lines of business usefulness outside of the professions. The Board has been, so far as possible, conducting the college in this line of education, and it now asks of this Synod, that it decide if this line is to be followed in the future, and if not, then to define the province in which it wishes the Board to work.

A course of study for ladies, whenever such should not coincide with that required for the other sex, should also be carefully and liberally considered and provided. All of which is respectfully submitted for your earnest and careful consideration, in behalf of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, October 19, 1891.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

*Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

DEAR BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your honorable body the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, for the year 1890-91.

At the opening of the Seminary, in September, 1890, the following persons were admitted to the Junior Class, twenty-three in all: Charles C. Clark, Lawrence S. Foust, David H. Fouse, Howard L. Greenawald, Bruce Griffith, J. Philip Harner, David Milton Jones, David W. Kerr, Lewis T. Lampe, William H. Landis, George E. Limbert, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer Skyles May, Eugene L. McLean, Benjamin M. Meyer, John N. Naly, Takeo Noya, James M. Runkle, Alfred M. Schaffner, William C. Sykes, W. B. Werner, Samuel H. Ditzel, and George A. Dreibelbies.

The Middle Class consisted of the fifteen students, without any changes, who were admitted into the Seminary as Juniors one year ago. Their names appear in last year's report.

All the students, with the exception of three, had enjoyed the benefit of a full collegiate training. Several were unavoidably absent during a part of the time, which was a matter of regret to their teachers, no less than to themselves; and one withdrew altogether for the present to fill an important position, in the Church as a teacher.

The members of the Senior Class, having completed the prescribed course of study, and, having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were regularly dismissed at the end of the Seminary year, and awarded the usual testimonial at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Thomas K. Cromer, Albert Suder Glessner, Francis Marion Line, William J. Muir, Henry D. Patton, David Scheirer, Jr., Henry E. Snyder and George P. Stem, eight in number.

Thus there were forty-six students connected with the Seminary during the last year, and the largest number as yet in attendance at any time during the previous history of the institution, which goes to show that the Lord is providing the Church with an encouraging supply of ministers of the Gospel, to break unto the people the bread of life in proportion as their wants and necessities increase. It is further gratifying to know that at the opening of the Seminary a few weeks ago, the names of nearly sixty students were on the roll.

The instruction in elocution has been satisfactory, and it is believed highly beneficent to the students. The Board, therefore, are of the opinion that the present arrangement should be continued for another year, or until a more permanent one can be made for both the College and the Seminary to take its place. In that event the Synod of the Potomac is requested to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary \$75.00, the same as last year, as its part, to meet the necessary expenses of the coming year.

It gives us pleasure to be able to report that our supervision of the Seminary as a Board has been satisfactory. The professors have sought to discharge their duties in a faithful manner. The conduct of the students and their diligence in the prosecu-

tion of their studies were such as to commend them to the respect and confidence of their teachers, and of the community at large. There was no necessity for the exercise of discipline, and all the examinations were approved as satisfactory to the Board, and creditable to the students. The addition of a new professor in the person of the Rev. J. C. Bowman is a valuable accession to the strength of the faculty. The same will no doubt be true when the Synod of Pittsburgh, at no distant day, succeeds in completing the endowment of its professorship. Such helps, together with the erection of new buildings for the use of the Seminary—so much needed, but so long delayed—will consummate the work, inaugurated by the fathers of the Church, many years ago, in establishing its school of the prophets. We thank God for the many evidences of his favor resting upon our labors, and look up to Him for His guidance and help in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 12, 1891.

THEODORE APPEL, *Sec'y.*

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

HARRISBURG, Oct 9, 1891.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: I herewith enclose the annual report of J. B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and beg further to report:

That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary held three meetings during the year. *One* on the 22d of January 1891, at Lancaster, Pa., (a special session) in the College building at 2 o'clock P. M. Members present, G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, G. Z. Kunkel, J. D. Skiles, H. J. Seibert, A. G. Renninger, Geo. G. Heilman, P. C. Wiest, W. B. Barnhart, Geo. L. Freet, P. S. Hay and W. J. Baer.

In the absence of the President, D. W. Gross, who was excused, Geo. W. Hensel, Vice President, presided.

Opened with prayer by Thos. G. Apple, D. D. Chas. Santee was also excused for absence. The object of the meeting was stated to be, "The location of the Seminary building and other matters connected with the Seminary."

A Committee from the Eastern and Potomac Synods, consisting of Revs. J. H. Pannebecker, Samuel A. Leinbach and W. C.

Schaeffer and Revs. D. N. Dittmar, J. A. Hoffheins and C. J. Musser was introduced to the Board and requested to give their views in regard to the matter under consideration.

After a free interchange of views between the Committee and the Board, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the sense of the Board of Trustees is, that a Seminary building should be erected as soon as the necessary funds can be raised in accordance with the action of Synod.

On motion, a recess was taken for the purpose of viewing the grounds around the College building by the members of the Board and the Committee, in view of selecting a proper location.

After recess, the board again met and Judge Wm. J. Baer offered the following resolutions which were adopted :

1st. That in the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, the lot of ground in front of the College building owned by ———— is the most desirable plot for the erection of a Seminary building.

2nd. That in the opinion of the Board, the joint Committee of the Synods, should if possible, procure an option for the same, for as long a time, and at as low a price as can be agreed upon.

Adjourned,

G. Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary.*

The *Second* meeting was held on the 12th of May last, in the College building at Lancaster. Members present, G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, Geo. G. Heilman, P. C. Weist, Geo. N. Forney, Geo. L. Freet and Chas. Santee.

Prayer by Thos. G. Apple, D. D.

Chas. Santee acted as Secretary *pro tem.*

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A. G. Renninger, H. J. Seibert and D. W. Gross were excused, also Geo. Z. Kunkel for lateness.

On motion, D. W. Gross was elected President, Geo. W. Hensel, Vice President, John B. Roth, Treasurer, and Geo. Z. Kunkel, Secretary for the ensuing year.

Executive Committee continued, namely the officers of the Board and John D. Skiles in addition.

Adjourned,

CHAS. SANTEE, *Secretary, pro tem.*

The *Third* meeting was held on the 24th of September last, at the residence of D. W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa., at 2 o'clock P. M. Present, D. W. Gross, J. B. Roth, Geo. Z. Kunkel, Israel Laucks, H. J. Seibert, also letter received from J. D. Skiles approving the action of the Board.

Prayer by G. Z. Kunkel.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A. G. Renninger, Chas. Santee, Geo. L. Freet, Geo. W. Hensel, Geo. N. Forney and J. D. Skiles were excused for absence.

The Treasurer, J. B. Roth, presented his annual report, which was received, and read, and then audited by Messrs. Laucks and Seibert. who reported the same correct, with a balance in the Treasury of \$702.26.

The Treasurer also reported having received from Mrs. S. Israel Laucks, the sum of \$833.33, her portion of the legacy of \$2,500 dollars left by her father, W. A. Wilt, of York, Pa., to the Theological Seminary, and on motion the Secretary was directed to address a letter to Mrs. Laucks, thanking her for her kind remembrance in carrying out the intention of her father, in donating a legacy to the Seminary, and in accordance with her request the same shall be known as the "W. A. Wilt Fund."

Minutes read and approved. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States :

1891.

DR.

For amount of Endowment Fund as per account rendered Sept. 25th, 1890.....	\$ 78,296.90	
Received additional from Sept. 25th, 1890, to Sept. 24th. 1891.....	511.00	
Received from Jacob Bausman, Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, as principal from the Wilhelm estate.....	3,644.75	<u>\$82,452.65</u>

1891.

DR.

Sept. 24. For balance due and income received from all sources for current expense account of Seminary to date.....	\$ 6,344.56
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1891.	CR.	
Sept. 24.	By sundry bills and salaries paid to Oct. 1, 1891.....	\$ 5,642.30
	Balance due Seminary.....	\$ 702.26
BUILDING FUND is.....		\$ 12,883.05
	Interest received on same accounted for current expense account of Theological Seminary.	
PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND as per report of Treasurer to Sept. 1890.....		\$ 1,718.30
1891		
Sept. 24.	Received additional to date.....	969.00
	Interest on same included in current expense account of Theological Seminary Oct. 1, 1891.....	2,687.30
LIBRARY FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IS.....		\$ 1,819.96
1891.	DR.	
Sept. 24.	For cash due and interests received to date.....	\$ 166.27
1891.	CR.	
Sept. 24.	By sundry bills paid to date.....	135.93
	Balance due Library Fund.....	\$ 30.34
" SMALTZ FUND IS.....		\$ 5,000.00
1891.	DR.	
Sept. 24.	For interest received on same to date.....	\$ 275.00
1891.	CR.	
Sept. 24.	By interest paid Rev. C. C. Fisher, Treas.	275.00
1890.	" PRIZE ESSAY FUND in Church History as per report of treasurer to September, 1890.....	\$ 550.00
	Received additional to September 24, 1890.....	208.30
		\$ 758.30
	Due said fund as interest to October 1, 1891, the sum of \$25.00.	
1891.	WILLIAM A. WILT FUND.	
June 26.	For amount received of Mrs. Imilda A. Laucks, of York, Pa., in accordance to the bequest of her father, William A. Wilt, deceased, and to be known as the Wm. A. Wilt Fund.....	\$ 833.33
JOHN B. ROTH, <i>Treasurer.</i>		
The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the several accounts of the treasurer, report that we find them correct.		
HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 24, 1891.		ISRAEL LAUCKS, HENRY J. SEIBERT.

Report of Committee on Education.

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

Your Committee on Education begs leave to report, that the following papers were referred to them and have been carefully considered, to wit : The Reports of the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the Report of Synod's Board of Education, and the Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College. From these several reports it is evident that the educational work of the Synod has been vigorously prosecuted, and the results in the main have been satisfactory.

From the Report of the Board of Visitors, the Synod learns, that during the past year, there have been forty-six students in attendance upon the several classes ; that the instruction in elocution has been continued and the Synod is requested to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary seventy five dollars, the same as last year, as its part to meet the necessary expenses during the coming year ; that the professors have sought to discharge their duties in a faithful manner ; that the conduct of the students and their diligence in the prosecution of their studies have been commendatory ; and that Professor J. C. Bowman has been added to the teaching force of the Seminary.

From the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, the Synod learns that the Board has been considering the location of the proposed Seminary building, and that the Committee of this Synod was introduced to the Board and took part in the effort to secure a suitable plot of ground, that it was concluded by the Trustees and the committees of the Eastern and this Synod, that a Seminary building should be erected as soon as the necessary funds can be raised ; that the Treasurer of the Seminary reports having received from Mrs. Israel Laucks eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, her portion of the legacy of \$2,500 left by her father, William A. Wilt, of York, Pa., to the Theological Seminary.

From the Report of the Board of Education, we learn that the past year was a prosperous one ; that the young men under the

care of the Board made commendable progress in their studies ; that two of our beneficiaries have graduated from the Theological Seminary and are now in the active work of the ministry ; that the Board has aided thirty-two young men, during the past Synodical year ; that the receipts of the past year have been \$3,880.19, not including last year's balance, which is \$250.13 more than the previous year ; that the present state of the treasury requires immediate efforts to replenish it ; and that the Classes ought to remember that the apportionments should be all paid promptly and punctually in order to avoid embarrassment.

From the Report of the Board of Regents we learn, that the efforts to liquidate the indebtedness of the college has been partially successful ; that the apportionments made by the Synod towards the indebtedness have not been met ; that the Board of Regents requests the Synod to go forward in cancelling the debt ; that an endowment fund of \$30,000 be raised for carrying on the work of the college ; and that the Synod define the policy, which the Synod wishes the Board to pursue in the future management of the college.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following action as growing out of these reports, to wit :

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the large number of young men in the Seminary, and for the efficiency displayed by students and professors.

Resolved, that the Classes be requested to urge upon the ministers to present the claims of the ministry upon the young men of the Church.

Resolved, That the seventy-five dollars asked of the Synod for the payment of a teacher in elocution be paid by the Treasurer of Synod out of the Contingent Fund.

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to urge upon their pastoral charges the payment of all monies promised by the Classes to their beneficiary students promptly.

Resolved, That the efforts to liquidate the indebtedness of Mercersburg College be continued during the coming year, and that the Classes be urged to meet all their apportionments for the purpose.

Resolved, That the raising of an endowment fund for Mercers-

burg College and the matter of its future policy be committed to the Special Committee to which the subject of the educational policy of the Synod has been referred.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *Chairman.*

Report of Professorship Endowment Committee.

The Synodical Professorship Endowment Committee presented the following report which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee having in charge the Endowment of the Theological Professorship and that also of the Synodical Fellowship, begs leave to report, that efforts were made during the year, to secure the payment of pledges to the Professorship Fund with the results given in the Treasurer's Reports, viz: the addition of \$1,094.75 from the Classes, together with \$728.84 from other sources, making an increase of \$1,823.59. There yet remain a number of unpaid pledges in several pastoral charges, which should be cancelled at an early day.

The movement to establish a Fellowship Fund, which was begun so hopefully one year ago has been held in abeyance by your Committee, mainly out of consideration for the claims of Mercersburg College, which in a special manner have been engaging the attention of the Synod. We take pleasure, however, in reporting that the promises made one year ago have been redeemed. The \$800.00 pledged by "a friend" has been paid, together with three \$100.00 pledges, as credited in the Treasurer's Report. This fund of \$1,100.00 has been invested at 5 per cent.

It is the purpose of your Committee to press forward this advance movement as soon as the way may be clearly opened.

Owing to the resignation of the Superintendent of the Endowment Committee, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins was chosen to fill the vacancy. Two members of the Committee, during the year, have changed their Synodical relations, and as yet their places have not been filled.

The expenses incurred by the Committee amounted to \$10.50, which has been paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Superintendent pro. tem.*

The appointment of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins as Superintendent of the Endowment Committee was, on motion, confirmed by the Synod.

All delinquent subscribers to the Professorship Fund were urged to make settlement during the present Synodical year, in order that the Endowment account in the hands of the Committee may be closed.

The Committee was instructed to present a summarized statement of the contributions to the Endowment Fund to the Synod, after all the collectable pledges have been paid.

The officers of the Synod, who were instructed to furnish the Rev. J. C. Bowman, Professor-elect to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., with a formal call to said position, reported as follow, to wit :

The undersigned begs leave to report, that the officers of Synod, the President and Stated Clerk, made out a formal call to Professor-elect Rev. J. C. Bowman, as instructed, which he accepted. The officers of Synod, in connection with the President of the Board of Visitors and the officers of the Eastern Synod, inaugurated Rev. John C. Bowman as Professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., on the evening of May 12th, 1891.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed a year ago, as set forth in item 5 of Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and referred for consideration to the Special Committee raised under item 1 of Report on Overtures. The report is as follows, to wit :

Your Committee appointed by the Synod of the Potomac at its meeting in Hanover, Pa., in October, 1890, to confer with a similar Committee to be appointed by the Eastern Synod, to the end that arrangements might be made, if possible, by which the Synod of the Potomac might be invested with the legal right to elect directly the incumbent of the Chair of New Testament Exegesis, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United

States, located at Lancaster, Pa., as also to secure to said Synod of the Potomac other alleged rights, begs leave to report.

That your Committee met a similar Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod, in the city of Lebanon, Pa., September 10th, 1891, and organized the joint Committees by the election of Rev. S. N. Callender, Chairman, and Rev. E. N. Kremer, Secretary.

After a careful examination into the matter committed to its consideration, and a free interchange of views and opinions it was felt that the subject matter involved grave legal questions, touching the charter of the Seminary, etc., and it was deemed best to submit the legal questions involved to the careful consideration of D. S. Keller, esq., a member of the joint Committee who is learned in the law, and that an adjournment should be taken, subject to the call of the chairman. A second meeting, at the call of the chairman, was appointed to convene in Chambersburg on October 13, 1891. A quorum failed to attend this meeting. All that your Committee consequently is prepared for at this time is to report progress, and ask to be continued, or a new Committee to be raised for the further consideration and examination of the whole interest involved.

Your Committee would further beg leave to report, that it unofficially learned, that the Synod of Pittsburgh, at its meeting in Latrobe, Pa., in October, 1891, appointed a committee of conference, asking the Eastern and the Potomac Synods each to raise a similar Committee, to confer together for the purpose of unifying and consolidating the educational interests of the three Synods under one corporation—these educational interests to include both the Theological Seminary, and Franklin and Marshall College, located at Lancaster, Pa.

Your Committee would therefore beg your reverend body to further instruct it as to your will in the premises—to enlarge the scope of its powers—or take such action generally, as in your wisdom is deemed necessary or expedient in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed a year ago, as set forth in item 10 of Report on Minutes of Synod, submitted the following report,

which was received, and referred to the special Committee raised under item 1 of Report on Overtures. The Report is as follows, to wit :

Report of Committee on the Erection of Theological Seminary Building, at Lancaster, Pa.

BRETHREN : The Committee appointed by this Synod to secure funds for the erection of a suitable building for the use of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., met in connection with a similar committee appointed by the Eastern Synod a few weeks after the adjournment of the Synods.

The meeting was held in the college building. In looking over the lot belonging to the Seminary it was the unanimous judgment of the joint Committee that the site is not adapted for a Seminary building, it being very low ground at the south end of the campus, and the building erected on it would be obscured by other buildings already on the ground. This opinion of the Committee was communicated to the trustees of the Seminary, and a joint meeting with them was held for the purpose of having them consider the advisability of purchasing another and more suitable site than in the market. The trustees declined to make the purchase.

The joint Committee from the first was unanimously of the opinion that an earnest effort should be made, if possible, to find one or two persons who would give the amount required. With this in view they set to work, and report that, although they have not secured the money, they have laid the matter before persons who are giving it earnest consideration.

About the time when your Committee had settled down to work three members moved out of the bounds of their Synod and another became incapacitated through illness, leaving only one member from each Synod for active duty. This fact interfered very greatly with the work.

In view of the above stated facts and for the purpose of accomplishing the work of securing funds for the erection of the Seminary building, your Committee recommend the following action to your reverend body, viz :

1. That Synod directs the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, to purchase a suitable site for a building for the Seminary, in close proximity to the College buildings.

2. That the Committee, to secure the funds for said building, be so reconstructed that it consist of three ministers and two elders.

3. That this Committee, in conjunction with the Committees of the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods, be authorized to employ such means to secure funds as in their judgment may seem best.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee to raise funds to pay the Debt of Mercersburg College.

The Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod to collect funds to cancel the indebtedness of Mercersburg College, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee was continued. The report is as follows, namely :

Your Committee, appointed last year, to secure the money necessary to pay the debt of \$5,000 resting on Mercersburg College, begs leave to report, that a beginning has been made and a few congregations have been canvassed, and a few individuals have made pledges, so that the sum of \$2,162.10 have been secured in the form of pledges and cash, leaving for actual debt \$1,262.10. Nine hundred dollars of the above were given for the permanent use of the college as an endowment. As these claims were against the college we were glad to secure them, as our people who were called on for the debt, preferred to give their money for this purpose, than simply for the payment of the debt. Of the whole amount pledged and given, \$1,350.00 were pledged on condition of the payment of the entire debt.

The reason that the amount thus far realized is no larger is owing to the fact that only thirteen congregations of the more than three hundred belonging to the Synod have been canvassed. All that will be needed to make the movement a success is that the pastors will permit the members of the Committee from their respective Classes to hold conventions in their congregations and have an opportunity to present the cause to their people, and to secure the sums which they will cheerfully contribute toward this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the entire Committee,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Superintendent.*

On motion, the pastors of the Synod were earnestly requested to co-operate heartily with the Committee in its work.

Items 1 and 14 of the Report on Overtures were referred for consideration to a special Committee composed of Revs. C. Clever, R. L. Gerhart, T. J. Barkley, A. H. Kremer, A. F. Dreisbach, C. B. Heller, J. A. Hoffheins, C. Cort, and Elders S. B. Isenberg and J. Diehl. Items from the Report of Committee on Education were also referred to the same Committee. This Committee presented its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday evening, and was considered at length, and after having been amended, was adopted during the session of Tuesday morning, as follows, to wit :

Your Committee to whom was referred the overture of the Pittsburgh Synod and the report of the Committee on Conference in regard to the Theological Seminary appointed a year ago, also the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Catawba College, respecting the establishment of a theological department in that institution, and items from the report of the Committee on Education respecting Mercersburg College, etc., respectfully report the following for your consideration :

These documents involve the educational policy of the Church and necessitate a frank statement of the position which the Potomac Synod should occupy on this important subject in time to come.

We heartily concur in the main with the sentiments set forth in the overture of the Pittsburgh Synod with regard to the questions of joint ownership and control of our Theological Seminary and College at Lancaster.

The time has come when we should assume and assert those rights which have, in a large measure, been allowed to remain in abeyance since our formation as a separate district Synod. The most sacred traditions of the past and most vital interests of the present, apart from large pecuniary contributions given by members of the Potomac Synod, either directly or indirectly to our institutions at Lancaster, urge us to co-operate with our brethren of the Pittsburgh Synod in an earnest request to the mother Synod to recognize our legal and moral rights in the ownership and man-

agement of the institutions at Lancaster. And we are glad to know that such a request will be cheerfully granted according to just principles of representation by the mother Synod at the earliest practicable date.

Whilst we are ready and anxious to co-operate with the authorities of other district Synods in the matter of establishing our central theological and literary institutions on a broader and more permanent basis and believe that our educational policy requires a thorough concentration of effort at Lancaster, we at the same time recognize our obligations to the people of Mercersburg and vicinity to maintain an educational institution in their midst on the basis of the old foundations laid by our fathers. We believe that this obligation can be best met and the highest educational interests of the Reformed Church in all directions be best subserved by the maintenance of a good classical school or collegiate institute at Mercersburg which shall ground students in the elements of a scientific and literary education, and carry as far as to the sophomore year such as desire to take a full college course.

We recognize also the vast importance and necessity of female education and the duty of making better provision for this sacred interest within the bounds of our Synod, either in connection with the collegiate institution at Mercersburg or in some other way.

In order to meet the immediate demands of the situation as they confront us in the documents submitted to your Committee, and in harmony with the views set forth above, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved. That the Potomac Synod affirms its confidence in and cordial support of our institutions at Lancaster, Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, and that we pledge our support to them to the fullest possible extent.

Resolved, That we heartily reciprocate the general sentiments contained in the overture of the Pittsburgh Synod as regards the proposed movement to secure joint ownership and control of the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster in connection with the Eastern Synod on a just and equitable basis ; to this end we recommend that this Synod appoint a Committee of three to confer with similar Committees of the Pittsburgh and Eastern Synods to report plans and make all necessary

arrangements to carry the proposed educational movement into practical operation at the earliest practicable date.

Resolved, That a Committee of five, consisting of three ministers and two elders, be appointed to act with similar committees of the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods to select a location, collect funds and procure plans for the erection of a Seminary building.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to co-operate with the Committees of the other Synods to procure a site and secure plans for a new building for the Theological Seminary be instructed that this action has been taken with the understanding that no site be purchased until the money has been raised to pay for it, and that any plans for a seminary building be submitted to this Synod for approval.

WHEREAS, The charter of Mercersburg College vests its entire management and discipline in the Board of Regents;

Resolved, That the Synod respectfully requests the Board of Regents to so arrange the management of and the course of study in Mercersburg College, that it may be in a position to command the better patronage and influence of the entire Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby pledges to the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, its moral and financial support in any reasonable effort put forth to bring the institution into harmony with the desires and interests of the Synod.

In regard to the endowment of Mercersburg College

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to raise funds to cancel the indebtedness be instructed at the same time to solicit funds for the endowment of the institution.

In regard to the third item from the Executive Committee of Catawba College, this Synod recognizes the reasonableness of the request and is willing to co-operate with North Carolina Classis and the Trustees of Catawba College in establishing a Theological Department in Catawba College if satisfactory arrangements can be made to that effect.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the authorities of said Classis and of Catawba College on this subject, and to report a plan for establishing a Theological department in Catawba College for the consideration of this Synod at our next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *Chairman*.

The Committee called for in the second resolution consists of Revs. C. Clever, C. Cort, and T. J. Barkley. The Committee called for in the third resolution is composed of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. A. Hoffheins, A. Wanner, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and A. R. Schnebly. The Committee called for in the last resolution consists of Revs. J. S. Kieffer, J. T. Rossiter, and Elder J. Heyser.

Revs. A. H. Kremer, E. R. Eshbach, S. N. Callender, and J. S. Kieffer were nominated as members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders Israel Laucks, George N. Forney, H. Wirt Shriver, Peter C. Wiest, Edgar Slagle and Jacob Heyser as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., from this Synod for election by the Eastern Synod, for the term of one year.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday forenoon, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Rev. C. U. Heilman, and Elder S. Hoeflich were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, at the present time, namely :

Board of Education : Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for three years; Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and T. J. Barkley, for two years; and Rev. W. M. Deatruck, J. W. Santee, and F. F. Bahner for one year.

Board of Regents : E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Rev. C. U. Heilman, and Elder S. Hoeflich, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatruck, T. F. Hoffmeier, and E. R. Eshbach, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Cremer, G. A. Whitmore, and W. J. Zacharias, Esq., for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, and the Report of the Secre-

tary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and, then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows:

Report of Bi-Synodic Board.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We send to you the report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that of the Treasurer of said Board. We bespeak for these papers that careful consideration which you have ever been pleased to give to them.

Substantial progress has been made during the past year, to which the missions, fostered by your reverend body, have largely contributed.

The field of missionary activity is ever enlarging, and your Board may soon be called upon to extend its labors in directions which cannot be so well reached by any other body.

We trust that your action with regard to this sacred cause may call forth a liberal response from the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

*Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church
in the United States, for the Year Ending
October 1, 1891.*

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: During this missionary year the Executive Council has had three special meetings in addition to the quarterly meetings, and the full Board has had one meeting. We began the work of the year with many encouragements, and we close it with even more.

On October 1st, 1890, our roll numbered 36 missions. Of these Plymouth and Seattle have become self-supporting; and Dushore, Freeland and Nanticoke were lately withdrawn from the care of the Board by the Wyoming Classis. Astoria, Roanoke and Bal-

lard have been enrolled during the year, and at the late meeting of the Board, Royersford, Pa., Tower City, Pa., and Allentown, Pa., were enrolled. By the action of the Board one year ago, Imogene, Iowa, was to be dropped from the roll at the close of the present year. Therefore we will begin the new missionary year with a roll of thirty-six missions.

The most important facts in the history of these missions are embodied in the statistical table, which deserves careful examination. Indeed, such full statements are there given as to make it unnecessary to speak here in detail of each mission, but a few additional facts may be of general interest.

Nearly all of the Missions have had a prosperous year, and nearly all are in good financial condition. Nearly all have a yearly settlement, which is reported to the congregation. A large number have Missionary Societies. All report the relation of missionary and people as pleasant and satisfactory. Abilene asks its first (but a large) reduction. Altoona, Iola, Lisbon and York have built parsonages as a step toward self-support, and others are preparing the way to do so. Faith Mission, Baltimore, has enlarged its church, and Woodberry has improved both church and parsonage. Concord has been strengthened by the addition of a neighboring congregation. Roanoke and Astoria have as yet no organizations, and both greatly need help in building churches. The self-support of Plymouth was unexpectedly early, and also at personal sacrifice on the part of the missionary. Seattle became self-supporting by a mutually satisfactory arrangement between Rev. G. Graedel and the new pastor, Rev. A. E. Schade, who takes Seattle without aid, which enabled the Board to commission Rev. Graedel for Ballard, a suburb of the same city. Only two of the missions are vacant, namely, Sioux City since July 1st, 1891, and Winchester during the whole year.

According to the action of the Board a year ago, the *Missionary Herald* was discontinued with the issue of December, 1890, the Board has since then been editorially represented in the the *Missionary Guardian* by Rev. T. J. Barkley, one of the assistant editors.

The income of the year, though quite too small for what should be done, has nevertheless enabled the Board again promptly to pay the missionaries in full every quarter. You will notice that the

Treasurer reports \$2,526.49 on hand ; but as orders for about \$4,000 have just been issued, there is in fact on hand a small deficit.

The Board desires to call the attention of the Synods to the necessity of our receiving the whole apportionment in order rightly to carry on the work. Again, while many of the Classes raise a large part of their apportionment for Missions, many seem to lay but little stress on the apportionment for church-building, perhaps under the mistaken notion that this last is not very important. We beg the Synods to emphasize the importance of paying both apportionments in full.

We began the year with eleven Church-building Funds on hand. It gives the Board great pleasure to report that five more have been received, namely, one from Elder John L. Riegel, of Riegelsville, Pa., one from the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis, one from Miss Anna M. Knecht, of Freemansburg, Pa., one from Mrs. Anna Keely, of Spring City, Pa., and one of \$666 from Mrs. Imalda Laucks, of York, Pa.

It is proper to add that part of the Fund loaned to Faith Mission, Baltimore, has been repaid by Maryland Classis, and that Christ Mission, Baltimore, has already paid back \$300 of its Fund. A Tract on "Our Church-building Funds," giving many facts in regard to their meaning, history and helpfulness, has been published for free distribution among those who may be expected to establish such funds.

In addition to the support of our own missions, we this year again gave \$150 towards the support of one mission under the German Board of the East, and \$1,000 towards three missions under the care of the Board of the General Synod.

We regret to say that the efforts to raise one thousand "tens" this year found but feeble response, only one hundred and twenty-five having been reported ; and yet even this small result was felt in meeting the demands on the treasury.

Superintendent D. B. Shuey reports another busy year, with 25,000 miles travel. His field, the Synod of the Interior, is 850 miles from East to West, by 450 miles from North to South. Speaking of his work, he says: "When I remember that some weeks I was in bed only from two to four nights, and how very exhausted I sometimes felt, I realize the enormity of the work. I preached 153 sermons during the year, seldom more than one at a

place on the same day, often going one hundred to two hundred miles between sermons." Most of his work was in Kansas; but four trips were made to Illinois and three to Iowa. At Anna, Ill., he recovered our fine church and parsonage illegally held by the Congregationalists. At Stonington, Ill., he prepared the plans and specifications for a church, and directed its construction. He gave much time to the Holton charge. He preached for awhile at St. Joseph, Mo., and taught a class of catechumens in Emporia, Kan. His work has indeed been many-sided. While not much progress has been made in the Synod of the Interior, he adds, yet we have been steadily going forward, extending our work and building churches, while some other denominations have had to recede with loss.

The Board makes the following requests:—

(1) We respectfully ask the Synods to assume the following apportionments for the work of another year:

Eastern Synod.—For missions, \$13,000; for church-building, \$2,500.

Potomac Synod.—For missions, \$7,000; for church-building, \$1,500.

(2) We earnestly beg the Synods to endeavor to secure the full payment of their apportionments, the increased circulation of the *Missionary Guardian*, and a wide distribution of the Board's Tract on "Our Church-building Funds."

The yearly Report of the Board should be of great interest to every member of the Church, since every one should anxiously watch how the work is going forward and how God is answering the prayers of his people. We trust, therefore, that the consistories of our Churches will take pains to place this Report in the hands of their people, even to a greater extent than last year. As it can again be had for free distribution, let enough be secured for every charge. We want our people to know where their money is going and how the work is prospering.

We close this yearly Report with gratitude to God for His continued favor, and with gratitude to the Church also for her large measure of confidence and co-working.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent of Missions.*

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

I beg leave to present my annual report of the finances of the Board during the year ending September 22, 1891.

The subjoined tables show the moneys received and payments made for Home Missions, Church Building, etc, during the year, viz :

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Classis of Philadelphia,.....	\$ 285.32
“ “ Tohickon,	1077.56
“ “ Goshenhoppen,	943.85
“ “ E. Pennsylvania,.....	749.00
“ “ Lebanon,.....	1185.50
“ “ Schuylkill,.....	1366.43
“ “ Lancaster,.....	1099.56
“ “ E. Susquehanna,.....	525.82
“ “ W. Susquehanna,	914.75
“ “ Lehigh,	1517.26
“ “ Wyoming,	571.34
Total from Synod of the United States,.....	\$10236.39

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Classis of Maryland,.....	\$1096.22
“ “ Mercersburg,.....	786.44
“ “ Juniata,	969.70
“ “ Carlisle,	389.30
“ “ Zion,	453.18
“ “ Gettysburg,.....	770.00
“ “ Virginia,.....	85.00
“ “ North Carolina,.....	150.27
“ “ Portland, Oregon,.....	151.85
Total from Synod of the Potomac,.....	\$4851.96
	\$15088.35

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

Received 12 months' interest on Gerhart legacy,.....	\$ 6.00
“ Interest on loans, viz, from Mechanics' Bank, Harrisburg, Pa.,	37.50
“ C. H. Hutchison,.....	114.00
“ Mrs. C. A. Fremell,.....	115.50
“ Of the Reformed Church of Abilene, Kansas,	135.00
“ Of Jno. R. Hamilton,.....	60.00
“ Of L. C. & L. Sidle,.....	150.00
“ On account of Sioux City mortgage,.....	55.00
“ Of Jno. L. & Sophia Grove,.....	120.00
“ Spangler legacy dividend,.....	25.00
“ Of Ladie's Aid Society of Kansas City,.....	60.00
“ Collection of Synod of Reading,.....	29.49
“ One-half do. of Synod of Interior,.....	17.64
“ Of Missionary Society of Scottsdale, Pa,.....	10.00
“ Of “ “ “ Leighton, Iowa,.....	20.00
“ Legacy of Catharine Sweigert,.....	8.00
“ Reformed Church, Lisbon, Iowa,.....	12.50
“ Miss. H. J. Smith, St. Joseph, Mo.,.....	10.00
“ Reformed Church, Iola, Kansas,.....	4.00

Received of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mission,.....	\$10.00
“ “ Woman’s Mission Society, Magnoketa, Ia.,	13.62
“ “ Rev. W. K. Stearley, Cleveland, Ohio,.....	10.00
“ “ Philip Hoke, Elklick, Pa.,.....	10.00
“ “ Mrs. C. Barnhart, Treas., etc.,	10.00
“ “ Imogene, Iowa Mission,.....	40.00
“ “ Sundry Contributors,.....	45.00
Total from Miscellaneous sources,.....	\$1128.25
Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1890,.....	4859.00
Total from all sources,.....	\$21075.60

Disbursements.

Paid orders of the Board during the year,.....	\$18549.11
Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1891,.....	2526.49
	—————\$21075.60

Church Building and other Funds.

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Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1890,.....	\$248.31
Received for Church Building in Baltimore,.....	150.01
“ “ Sioux City, Iowa Mission.....	90.00
“ “ Steelton, Pa. “	200.00
“ “ Hazleton, Pa. “	15.00
“ “ Trinity, Altoona “	50.00
“ “ Grace Church, York, Pa.,.....	50.00
“ “ Braddock, Pa. Mission,.....	5.00
“ “ Grace Mission, Philadelphia,.....	15.00
	—————\$823.32

General Church Building.

Received from Philadelphia Classis,.....	\$ 30.00
“ “ Tohickon “	178.75
“ “ Goshenhoppen “	230.00
“ “ E. Penn’a. “	91.00
“ “ Lebanon “	102.00
“ “ Schuylkill “	225.00
“ “ Lancaster “	150.63
“ “ W. Susquehanna Classis,.....	119.00
“ “ Wyoming “	131.93
“ “ Maryland “	1.00
“ “ Carlisle “	54.44
“ “ Juniata “	151.82
“ “ Zions “	122.47
	—————\$1588.04

Received on Account of Loans.

From Christ Reformed Church, Baltimore,.....	\$300.00
“ Faith Mission, “	296.00
	—————\$596.00
Received of Mrs. Israel Laucks, York, Pa., on account of the legacy left the Board by her father, William A. Wilt, dec’d,.....	666.67

Received for Church-Building Funds.

Received from Women’s Miss. Society of Phila. Classis...\$199.75	
“ “ Tohickon Classical Church-Building Fund 236.76	
“ “ Riegelsville “ “ “ 500.00	
“ “ Catharine Dietz “ “ “ 500.00	
“ “ Eliza C. Knecht “ “ “ 500.00	
	—————\$1936.51

Received on account of bond due Board, by Synod of United States :		
From Lancaster Classis,.....	\$	2.65
“ W. Susquehanna Classis,.....		3.09
“ Lebanon “	9.00	\$14.74

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\$5625.28

Paid Out During the Year, viz :

To Hazleton, Pa. Mission,.....	\$	15.00
“ Sioux City, Iowa “		10.00
“ Steelton, Pa. “		200.00
“ Altoona, Pa. “		50.00
For Church Extension in Baltimore, Md.,.....		158.75
Grace Church, York, Pa.,.....		50.00
Grace Mission, Philadelphia,.....		15.00
Braddock Mission,.....		5.00
Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, D. D., for Church of Strangers, Phila.,..	526.50	
“ G. Graedel for the Ballard, Washington, Mission,.....	500.00	
“ Rev. M. L. Firor for the Sioux City, Iowa, “	450.00	
Loan to Steelton Mission, secured by mortgage,.....	1000.00	
Paid for entering mortgage,.....		2.50
Loan to Caroline A. Fremel, secured by judgment,.....	1000.00	
Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1891,.....		1642.53
Respectfully submitted,		\$5625.28

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned Auditors appointed to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have examined his account, compared the vouchers and find it correct, as stated, and a balance of \$2526.49 in General Fund and \$1642.53 in Church Building Fund.

JNO. J. NISSLEY,

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 22, 1891.

T. J. HACKER.

NOTE—In addition to the receipts acknowledged in the body of this report, the Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of \$500 from Mrs. Anna Keely, of Spring City, Pa., to constitute the “Joseph Keely Church Building Fund.”

Report of the Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 26, 1891.

To the Synod of Potomac.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN :—By order of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S., as its Secretary, I beg to submit to your most careful consideration and helpful action the following statement :

It is with profound gratitude to God that I am able to say our Foreign Work is going prosperously forward ; souls are being con-

verted to Christ ; the work is being extended ; and God in his merciful Providence is beckoning us onward to enlarged operations and new conquests for His Kingdom. During the last year, however, our Missionaries report that, while the work has held its own, there has not been the same onward progress which signalized preceding years. At first the Japanese were carried away in their enthusiastic welcome to the Christian religion. It has since appeared that a large element in their enthusiasm was the thought that, as the Christian nations were the most advanced in civilization and material prosperity, they would welcome their religions as a means of secular and governmental aggrandizements. At the same time, their Buddhism had, in some measure, lost its hold upon the people, and its priests had grown indifferent. Now, however, the Japanese are perceiving that with the Missionaries, political and secular interests are altogether secondary to the salvation of souls, and the promotion of man's spiritual interests, and the establishment of Christ's Kingdom in their midst. Meanwhile, the Buddhist priests are bestirring themselves to the assertion of their old religion. Together with these causes, there was a widespread diversion of the people's minds from Christianity to political affairs, induced by the establishment of a constitutional government, and this was followed by a revival of the anti-foreign prejudice. All these causes combined led to an alienation of feeling from the missionaries and Christianity. Even some of the converts grew cold and arrogant towards the foreigners, and manifested a disposition to set them at naught. I mention these things to explain why there was an arrest, during the last year, of Christian progress. But with all this, Christianity was able to hold its own, if it did not materially advance. Now, however, a favorable turn has taken place. The former spirit of confidence in the missionaries is asserting itself, and the prospect of onward Christian progress is happily growing brighter. The kingdom of darkness has been fighting the truth, but the truth is getting the upper hand again.

Both our schools are prospering ; in the girl's school 31 out of 38 pupils have embraced Christianity, and we have as many scholars in each as we can well care for with our present small teaching force. The number has been ranging from 30 to 40 scholars in each school. The Seminary building will be completed and occupied in September.

In the home Church, however, for nearly a year past, there has

been a distressing apathy and want of co-operation with the Board. Only too many of our pastors seem to have no heart for Foreign Missions, and a great many of them, with their congregations, do not contribute a single cent. My observation and experience in visiting the churches, assure me that if the minister will earnestly present the cause, even when other calls are made upon them, the people will contribute—I know they will. When, therefore, a congregation gives nothing, whose fault is it? If even only one collection a year were taken in each congregation of the entire Church the Board would be furnished with means sufficient to go forward and add to our teaching force—a matter of great importance—for we are overworking our missionaries, and there is danger of their breaking down. The Board was induced by the shortage of receipts (indeed we have been running behind for more than a year, and we are in debt about \$10,000), to anticipate Bro. Moore's furlough by one year (he will be in this country the last of September), that he may visit among our Churches and arouse the missionary spirit again. The Mission begged the Board to send them a helper in his place, but it was out of our power to do so. Late letters show us that our remaining missionaries often feel discouraged and disheartened in consequence of the Church's continued neglect to furnish sufficient means to carry forward our encouraging work. By the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, we are enabled to send out Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional teacher in the girls' school, that Society furnishing the means. The Board could not do it. She will sail October 25, 1891, from Vancouver.

And now, Dear Brethren, let us beg you, in the name of Him who bled for heathen souls, as well as for ours, to take such effective action and steps as will save the Board the necessity of taking further backward steps. God is opening new doors and bidding us enter in, and we cannot, because the Church neglects to furnish the necessary means. Our own Church is the child of Foreign Missions. Men and means were sent here from the "Vaterland," and will we not do for others what our fathers did for us? God forbid that we should refuse.

May the Holy Spirit incline you to make a prompt response, and to render a constant systematic support to this blessed cause.

Your Brother in Christ. S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Read carefully the accompanying statistical report.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, JAPAN MISSION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S. A., MAY, 1891.

Organized Churches.	Self-supporting Churches.	Preaching Stations.	Membership Last Year.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Received from Other Sources.	Baptisms.	Present Membership.	Girl Schools.	Scholars.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars.	Theological Schools.	Scholars.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Nihon Bashi,	1		93	21	1		4	65			1	36				1	1		\$ 72 00
Iwatsuki,	1	2	98	20	1		6	83			1	42				1			16 42
Matsubayashi,		1	40				2	42			1	40							13 40
Ozawa,		1	9			32		41			1	15							12 30
Baicho,	1	2	226	14		12	15	239			1	120			1				360 00
	3	1	6	466	55	2	44	27	470		5	253			1	2	1		\$174 12
Sendai,																			
Fukushima and Hobara,																			
Nakamura,																			
Shiroishi,																			
Ogawara,	4	1	8	729	3	5	86	807	1	41	13	509	1	31	5	5	2	3	\$1018 25
Watase,																			
Tome,																			
Yonegawa																			
Yamagata,																			
Tsurugaoka,																			
Iwanuma,	1	1	101				3	104			1	30							146 54
Furukawa,	1	1	43				7	50			1	20							11 70
Ishinomaki,	1	1	76				2	78			1	15							9 50
Hakodate,	1	1	130				1	121			1	76							419 86
	8	2	11	1069	3	5	99	1160	1	41	17	650	1	31	5	5	2	3	\$1603 85
	11	3	17	1535	58	7	44	126	1030	1	41	22	903	1	31	6	7	3	\$2077 97
Grand Total,																			

N. B.—The Mombetsu Church, 121 members, in the new distribution of work, is under the care of the Dutch Reformed Mission. This Church is, therefore, omitted in this year's report.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully submit the following report :

There were placed in the hands of this Committee the Report of the Board of Missions representing the Eastern Synod and the Synod of the Potomac (accompanied by the report of the Treasurer of said Board) and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Board of Missions speaks of the past year as one of prosperity for the Missions under its care. Two of the Missions have within the past year become self-supporting ; others are approaching the point of becoming so. The entire number of Missions under the care of the Board is thirty-six, of these, only two are vacant. The year began with eleven Church Building Funds on hand ; to these five more have been added. In furtherance of this good cause, a tract, entitled "Our Church-Building Funds," has been prepared and published for free distribution. The *Missionary Herald* has given place to the *Missionary Guardian*, in which the Board is editorially represented by the Rev. T. J. Barkley.

Special mention is made of the extensive and many-sided labors of the Rev. D. B. Shuey, as Missionary Superintendent, in his field of the Synod of the Interior, where there has been steady, though not rapid, advancement and gain.

This Synod has cause to be grateful for the good management, by the officers and members of the Board, of its Missionary interests ; for the healthy growth and progress of the work of its Missions during the past year ; for the regular payment of the salaries of the Missionaries ; for the sound condition of the financial affairs of the Board ; and for the wide field, lying open before us, as a Synod, for continued and increased activity in the work of Home Missions.

In regard to the matters to which attention has thus been called, your Committee would recommend the following action for adoption by this Synod:

Resolved, That expressing its gratitude to the Board of Missions for its good and faithful management of the interests entrusted to it, this Synod again most earnestly commends the cause of Home

Missions to the several Classes and to all the consistories and congregations under its care, asking that systematic efforts be everywhere made to secure, not only the continuance, but also the large increase of the liberality of our people in support of this great and necessary work.

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the amount of \$7,000 apportioned to it for the coming year, and \$750 of the amount apportioned for church-building; and that (seeing there has been some remissness in this respect) the Classes be urged to insist upon the payment in full of this latter apportionment, no less than of the former.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends, as of great importance to this cause, the monthly periodical entitled *The Missionary Guardian* and the tract entitled "Our Church-Building Funds," and requests the several Classes to take such measures as may be deemed most effectual to secure the increased circulation of the one, and the extensive distribution of the other.

Resolved, That attention be called to the interesting and valuable yearly report of the Board, and that Classes and consistories be urged to see to it that the members of the congregations be supplied with it, reminded of its importance, and invited attentively to peruse it.

Certain documents from brethren in California which failed to reach the Synod at its last meeting, having also been referred to this Committee, the Committee recommend that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to return these documents with the statement that, by Synod's action of last year, the charges in California were transferred to the Portland-Oregon Classis, and that the parochial reports of these charges belong to that Classis.

There having been referred to your Committee, also, the statements of the Rev. Lewis Reiter and the Superintendent of Missions, concerning our Missionary work in the valley of Virginia, especially that at Roanoke, with the request that Synod assume at least \$3,000 toward the purchase of a lot in that city. In reference to this item we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod finds itself unable, at the present time, to assume so large a sum for this new work, but, recognizing the importance of the enterprise, authorizes the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions to continue the Mission by keeping the Missionary on the ground.

Foreign Missions.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions makes mention of circumstances which have caused an arrest, to some extent, of the progress which has heretofore characterized Missionary work in Japan. Christianity has, however, been able to hold its own against reactionary and hostile influences, and it is believed that a favorable turn has taken place. Both the schools at Sendai are prospering: the number of pupils in each has been ranging from thirty to forty. In the girls' school thirty-one out of thirty-eight pupils have embraced Christianity. The Rev. J. P. Moore has been recalled on furlough, and it is hoped that his presence among our churches may have the effect of reviving the Missionary spirit. By the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod (that Society furnishing the necessary means) Miss Mary C. Hallowell is about to be sent to Japan as an additional teacher in the girls' school.

The Statistical Summary accompanying that report shows that our Mission in Japan includes eleven organized churches, three self-supporting churches, seventeen preaching stations, and a membership of 1,630.

The report, however, laments that "for nearly a year past, there has been a distressing apathy and want of co-operation with the Board." The grievous fact is announced that, in many congregations, nothing whatever is contributed to this cause. As a consequence the Board is in debt to the amount of \$10,000, the Missionaries are often discouraged and disheartened, and sufficient means are wanting to make the necessary enlargement of our work. These are painful facts, which may well lead to salutary humiliation, to thoughtfulness and prayer, and an earnest effort to amend our ways.

In regard to these matters, the Committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That, learning with regret and grief that many of our congregations are not contributing to the cause of Foreign Missions, this Synod earnestly and affectionately reminds all the Classes, consistories and congregations within its bounds of the solemn and inevitable obligation resting upon us as a Christian Church, in regard to this all-important matter, and urgently advises each Classis to take such measures as shall secure, in each of

its congregations, the taking up of at least one special and liberal collection, within the year, for this purpose.

Resolved, That, learning with great pain of the indebtedness and embarrassed condition of the Board, this Synod recommends that special, individual and large contributions be made by those who may possess the means to do so, for the meeting of this particular emergency.

Resolved, That we express our grateful appreciation of the zeal and activity manifested by the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, and of the work undertaken by them of sending out and supporting Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional Missionary and teacher in the girls' school at Sendai.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its gratitude for the safe return to this country of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Moore; that we welcome Rev. Moore in our midst and to our congregations, with the hope that his presence may do much towards reviving Missionary interest and enthusiasm among our people.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

The request of the Juniata Classis, contained in item 6 of the Report on the Minutes of Classes, was referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. T. Rossiter, J. F. Mackley, and Elder J. P. Butt. Near the close of the sessions of the Synod, this Committee presented the following report, which was received, and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the overture of the Juniata Classis, requesting this Synod to transfer its Missions to the care of the Board of the General Synod, recommends the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we recommend the transfer of the Missions under the care of the Bi-Synodic Board to that of the General Synod's Board.

Resolved, That we recommend the continuance of the relations holding between the Eastern Synod and the Synod of the Potomac under the present compact, so modified however as to meet the requirements of the new relations.

Resolved, That we recommend that the defining of the precise relations that shall hold between the two Boards, and the rights

and privileges that shall be enjoyed by each, be determined by the two Boards.

Resolved, That a copy of these recommendations be conveyed to the Eastern Synod by Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *Chairman*.

The following action was adopted in reference to the request of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, contained in item 2 of the Report on Overtures, for the payment of an alleged arrearage of \$104.86 for Harbor Missions on the part of Synod :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be directed to advance the amount of \$104.86 to the Treasurer of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and that the delinquent Classes on said apportionments for 1884 and 1887 be given by the Stated Clerk in the printed Minutes of Synod, and that said delinquent Classes be enjoined to pay said arrearages without further delay.

Note. A careful examination of the several reports of the Treasurers of Synod since 1884 shows credits for moneys paid for Harbor Missions to Treasurer Charles Santee, up to the time of the late meeting of the Synod, amounting to \$555.05. The Treasurer of Juniata Classis paid the apportionment of that Classis \$60.00, September 3, 1885, directly to Treasurer Santee. The Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis also paid directly to Treasurer Santee, May 27, 1885, \$43.00, instead of paying to the Treasurer of the Synod.

These several sums aggregate \$658.05 or \$24.36 less than the two apportionments of 1884 and 1887. This will leave an unpaid arrearage of \$429.71, including the apportionment of 405.35, made last year. All arrearages, including those of last year's apportionment, will be found given among the arrearages on assessments and apportionments in Article XV, Finance.

Stated Clerk.

The request of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, contained in item 3 of the Report on Overtures, that the Synod of the Potomac assume its portion of the eighteen hundred dollars needed for missions among the Hungarian population in this country, was granted, the Synod assuming four hundred dollars for this specific arm of Church work, and ordering the Com-

mittee on Finance to apportion the same among the several Classes of the Synod.

A letter from Rev. John Gantenbein, the delegate from the Portland-Oregon Classis, who was still on a visit to Switzerland, giving some interesting facts, and asking to be excused for his absence. He was excused for his absence, and his letter was referred to the Committee on Missions.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. S. Z. Beam was elected a member of the Synodic Board of Missions for the period of four years.

Members of the Board of Missions and Terms of Service.

Rev. S. Z. Beam, for four years; Revs. J. O. Miller and C. Glever, for three years; Revs. T. J. Barkley and J. C. Bowman, for two years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and W. R. H. Deatrick, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Rev. J. C. Bowman, acting Treasurer, from October 20th, 1890, to January 1st, 1891, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.

DR.

Oct. 20.	Rec'd. from Henry Wirt, former Treasurer,.....	\$1024.92
Dec. 23.	“ “ Gettysburg Classis for Church Extension in Baltimore,	50.00
	Total receipts,.....	\$1074.92

Expenditures.

Oct. 22.	For printing tickets of Hanover Synod,.....	\$ 1.00
“ 29.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick for Mercersburg College, being money contributed for deficiency of Virginia Classis,	74.78
Nov. 5.	Rev. S. N. Callender expenses as Commissioner to Eastern Synod,.....	5.00
“ 8.	J. N. Slagle, for expressage on bonds,.....	1.30
“ “	Rev. J. C. Bowman, for expenses of Synod,.....	25.00
“ 19.	Rev. E. R. Deatrick, expenses of Synodical Reporters,68
Dec. 4.	Rev. J. O. Miller, four month's interest on note of \$300.00, held by York National Bank,.....	6.00

Dec. 16.	Treasurer of the Board of Education, one year's interest on Stoudenour legacy,.....	\$ 12.00
" "	Stated Clerk of Synod, for postage, etc.,.....	10.00
" 31.	To Endowment account for expenses of Endowment Committee, refunded by order of Synod,.....	232.59
" "	Balance paid to Treasurer Edgar Slagle,.....	706.57
		<u>\$1074.92</u>

Edgar Slagle, Treasurer, in Account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending Oct. 13th, 1891.

DR.

Received.

From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	\$105.00	
" " " " Theological Seminary,.....	4.53	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	11.63	
" " " " Church Extension in Baltimore, ..	30.90	
" " " " Harbor Missions,.....	9.26	
" " " " Hungarian Missions,.....	8.05	
" " " " Wichita College,.....	83.11	
	<u>252.48</u>	
" Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	200.00	
" " " " " Gen. Synod,.....	114.00	
" " " " Theological Seminary,.....	30.00	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	125.60	
" " " " Wichita College,.....	50.00	
	<u>519.60</u>	
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	100.00	
" " " " " General		
Synod,	56.00	
" Mercersburg Classis for Theological Seminary,.....	10.00	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	50.00	
" " " " Harbor Missions,.....	46.00	
" " " " Hungarian Missions,.....	50.00	
	<u>312.00</u>	
" Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	60.00	
" " " " Theological Seminary,.....	5.00	
	<u>65.00</u>	
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	100.00	
" " " " " General		
Synod,	70.00	
" Gettysburg Classis for Theological Seminary,.....	25.00	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	50.00	
" " " " Harbor Missions,.....	40.00	
" " " " Hungarian Missions,.....	40.00	
" " " " Home Missions Bi-Synodic		
Board,.....	170.00	
" Gettysburg Classis for Home Missions, General Synod Board,.....	28.00	
	<u>523.00</u>	
" Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	28.48	
" " " " Theological Seminary,.....	2.04	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	10.11	
	<u>40.63</u>	
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	50.00	
" " " " " arrears,.....	10.00	
	<u>60.00</u>	

From Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	\$100.00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ Gen. Synod, .	70.00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ Mercersburg College,.....	50.00	\$ 220.00

Total Receipts,.....	1992.71
Balance in Treasury, Jan. 2, 1891,.....	706.57

\$2699.28

1891.

Expenditures.

Jan. 29,	By cash paid	Reformed Church Publication House, publishing Minutes of Synod,.....	\$ 184.89
Feb. 6.	“ “ “	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, for Church Extension in Baltimore,	50.00
March 30,	“ “ “	Rev. J. O. Miller, four months' interest on note in York Bank,.....	6.00
May 14,	“ “ “	Rev. W. H. Groh, one year's interest on Brechbill Legacy to April 1, 1891,.....	12.00
“ 16,	“ “ “	Christ. Gross, Treasurer of Gen. Synod, for half of assessment of Gen. Synod for Contingent Fund,.....	243.10
“ 18,	“ “ “	Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, expenses of attending meetings of Conference Committee on Theo. Seminary Building,.....	28.34
“ “ “	“ “ “	Rev. D. N. Dittmar, expenses of attending meetings of Conference Committee on Theo. Seminary Building,.....	26.00
“ “ “	“ “ “	Rev. C. J. Musser, expenses of attending meetings of Conference Committee on Theo. Seminary Building,.....	17.40
“ “ “	“ “ “	Rev. A. H. Kremer, for expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors,.....	3.17
June 12,	“ “ “	Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors,..	4.00
“ 22,	“ “ “	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk of Synod,.....	100.00
“ 26,	“ “ “	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College,	273.60
Aug. 7,	“ “ “	Rev. J. O. Miller to pay on principal of note in York Bank,.....	50.00
“ “ “	“ “ “	Rev. J. O. Miller to pay interest on balance of note \$250, three months,.....	3.75
“ 27,	“ “ “	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, for Church Extension in Baltimore,.....	20.61
Sep. 10,	“ “ “	Edgar Slagle, Treasurer of Synod, salary to January 1, 1892,	100.00
“ 11,	“ “ “	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Hungarian Missions,.....	90.00
“ “ “	“ “ “	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Harbor Missions,	87.38
“ “ “	“ “ “	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Home Missions, General Synod,.....	28.00

Sep. 11,	"	"	"	W. H. Seibert, Treasurer Home Mis- sions, Bi-Synodic Board,.....	\$170.00
" 24,	"	"	"	Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, expense as mem- ber of Conference on Theological Semi- nary Building, attending meetings,.....	24.34
Oct. 3,	"	"	"	Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, expense of En- dowment Committee for years 1890 and 1891,	10.50
" 5,	"	"	"	John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological Seminary,.....	75.00
" "	"	"	"	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Mary- land Classis for Church Extension in Baltimore,.....	10.29
" "	"	"	"	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions, for Hungarian Missions,	8.05
" "	"	"	"	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Harbor Missions,	7.88
" "	"	"	"	Rev. W. M. Deatrick for Mercersburg College,	23.74
Total Expenditures,.....					1658.04
Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....					1041.24
					<u>\$2699.28</u>

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, PA., Oct. 13th, 1891.

Theological Professorship Endowment Account.

REV. J. C. BOWMAN, *Acting Treasurer, from October 20th, 1890 to January 1st, 1891.*

Dr.

Oct. 20, To cash from Henry Wirt, former Treasurer,...	\$5288.06
From Maryland Classis, First Reformed Church of Balti- more,.....	75.00
Jefferson Charge,.....	1.00
	<u>\$76.00</u>
Gettysburg Classis, Fairfield Charge,.....	21.00
Lischey's Charge,.....	8.25
	<u>29.25</u>
Juniata Classis, Water Street Charge,.....	203.00
Greenfield Charge,.....	6.00
	<u>209.00</u>
Interest on investments to Dec. 31,.....	446.25
Nov. 3, John A. Hambleton & Co., Bankers, Baltimore,	50.00
Dec. 31, From Synodical Treasury, expenses of Endow- ment Committee refunded,.....	232.59
Total,.....	<u>\$6331.15</u>

Contra Cr.

Nov. 1, 1890, Savannah, Americus and Montgomery Railway Bonds,.....	\$2000.00
Four months' interest on same,.....	40.00

Baltimore and Harrisburg Western Extension R. R. Bonds, at 101 1/2,	\$2030.00
Oxford and Clarksville R. R. at 103,	1030.00
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Dec. 31, Balance in hand paid to Treasurer Edgar Slagle,	\$5100.00
	1231.15
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Total,	\$6331.15

January 2, 1891, Delivered into the hands of Treasurer Edgar Slagle, cash, securities and investments aggregating thirty-five thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars and twenty six cents, as per memorandum made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN.

*Edgar Slagle, Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary
Endowment Account.*

1891.	Receipts.	
Jan. 2, To cash from Rev. J. C. Bowman, former Treas.,		\$1231.15
	MARYLAND CLASSIS.	
To cash from Christ Church Charge, Hagerstown,	36.00	
“ “ “ Boonsboro Charge,	25.00	
“ “ “ Jefferson Charge,	6.00	
“ “ “ Union Bridge Charge,	22.00	
	<hr/>	89.00
	JUNIATA CLASSIS.	
To cash from Water Street Charge,	\$ 217.00	
“ “ “ Everett Charge,	160.00	
“ “ “ Yellow Creek Charge,	10.00	
	<hr/>	387.00
	GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.	
To cash from Fairfield Charge,	\$ 55.00	
“ “ “ Lischey's Charge,	5.00	
“ “ “ Arendtsville Charge,	1.50	
	<hr/>	61.50
	CARLISLE CLASSIS.	
To cash from Mechanicsburg Charge,	\$ 199.00	
“ “ “ New Bloomfield Charge,	6.50	
“ “ “ Carlisle Charge,	5.00	
	<hr/>	210.50
	MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.	
To cash from St. Thomas Charge,		32.50
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	Credit.	2011.65
By cash paid for box rent in vault of Han. S. F. S.	5.00	
“ “ “ “ Railroad Bonds,	1500.00	1505.00
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“ “ “ “ Balance in Treasurer's hands, Oct. 13, 1891,		506.65
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Amount of Endowment Fund invested in mort- gages and bonds bearing interest,	\$34,907.54	
Premiums on bonds,	535.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	506.65	
Total amount of Endowment Fund,	<hr/>	<u>\$35,949.19</u>

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, Oct. 13th, 1891.

Interest Account.

Jan. 2, To interest received on investment from Jan. 2 to date,.....	\$1332.45
By amount paid Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, on salary,.....	1200.00
Balance of interest in Treasurer's hands,.....	\$132.45

Edgar Slagle Treasurer, in Account with the Fellowship Endowment Account of the Synod of the Potomac.

1891.

April 2, To cash received from a friend,.....	\$ 803.00
“ “ “ “ “ Rev. J. C. Bowman,.....	100.00
“ 8, “ “ “ “ “ J. A. Hoffheins,.....	100.00
“ 28, “ “ “ “ “ Elder Saml. Haeflich,.....	100.00
Total amount of Fund,.....	1103.00

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By amount invested at 5 per cent.,.....	1100.00
“ cash in hands of Treasurer,.....	\$3.00

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, Oct. 13th, 1891.

To the Potomac Synod :

The Standing Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to examine and count the securities held by the Treasurer, on account of the Theological Professorship Endowment, begs leave to report that it has attended to its duties. The following were the securities and cash in the hands of Edgar Slagle, Treasurer of the Synod, on October 5th, 1891 :

Real Estate Mortgages and Railroad Bonds,.....	\$34,907.54
Cash in Bank,.....	506.65
Paid for Premiums on Bonds.....	535.00

Amounting to,.....\$35,949.19

Your Committee also reports that the Treasurer holds a promissory note on account of the Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., amounting to \$1100.00

Respectfully submitted,

EMMITSBURG, MD., Oct. 13, 1891.

U. HENRY HEILMAN,
Chairman.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Tuesday forenoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

The Committee on Finance respectfully offers the following report: The reports of the Treasurers of Synod have been audited, and found to be correct, according to the vouchers furnished.

The following sums were referred to your Committee for apportionment among the several Classes: For Home Missions, \$7,000; Beneficiary Education, \$4,000; Church Building, \$750; Mercersburg College, \$440; Church Extension in Baltimore, \$500; Hungarian Missions, \$400; Elocution in Theological Seminary, \$75; Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, \$500; making \$13,665.00.

Your Committee recommend the following distribution of these amounts, viz:

HOME MISSIONS.—Maryland Classis, \$1,802; Juniata Classis, \$1,072; Gettysburg Classis, \$991; Zion's Classis, \$871; Mercersburg Classis, \$612; North Carolina Classis, \$554; Carlisle Classis, \$506; Virginia Classis, \$476; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$116; making \$7,000.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.—Maryland Classis, \$1,133; Juniata Classis, \$712; Gettysburg Classis, \$566; Zion's Classis, \$500; Mercersburg Classis, \$450; Carlisle Classis, \$344; and Virginia Classis, \$300; making \$4,005.

CHURCH BUILDING.—Maryland Classis, \$191; Juniata Classis, \$115; Gettysburg Classis, \$107; Zion's Classis, \$92; Mercersburg Classis, \$66; North Carolina Classis, \$61; Carlisle Classis, \$55; Virginia Classis, \$51; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$12; making \$750.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Maryland Classis, \$114; Juniata Classis, \$67; Gettysburg Classis, \$58; Zion's Classis, \$55; Mercersburg Classis, \$43; Carlisle Classis, \$33; North Carolina Classis, \$33; Virginia Classis, \$29; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$8; making \$440.

CHURCH EXTENSION IN BALTIMORE.—Maryland Classis, \$125; Juniata Classis, \$75; Gettysburg Classis, \$75; Zion's Classis, \$60; Mercersburg Classis, \$60; Carlisle Classis, \$60; and Virginia Classis, \$45; making \$500.

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.—Maryland Classis, \$100; Juniata Classis, \$61; Gettysburg Classis, \$57; Zion's Classis, \$49; Mercersburg Classis, \$41; North Carolina Classis, \$30; Carlisle Classis, \$30; Virginia Classis, \$27; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5; making \$400.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Maryland Classis, \$20; Juniata Classis, \$13; Gettysburg Classis, \$12; Mercersburg Classis, \$11; Zion's Classis, \$9; Carlisle Classis, \$5; and Virginia Classis, \$5; making \$75.

CONTINGENT FUND.—Maryland Classis, \$128; Juniata Classis, \$77; Gettysburg Classis, \$60; Zion's Classis, \$64; Mercersburg Classis, \$60; Virginia Classis, \$33; Carlisle Classis, \$32; North Carolina Classis, \$30; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$6; making \$500.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. KLINE, *Chairman*,

Arrearages.

The following are the arrearages found still resting on the different Classes for the following objects, to wit :

CONTINGENT FUND.—Carlisle Classis, \$158.51; Zion's Classis, \$56.23; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$33.

GENERAL SYNOD FUND.—Zion's Classis, \$56; Carlisle Classis, \$56; Virginia Classis, \$40; North Carolina Classis, \$20; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Carlisle Classis, \$164.78; Zion's Classis, \$118.37; and Maryland Classis, \$109.40.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Zion's Classis, \$98.38; Carlisle Classis, \$77.63; Juniata Classis, \$13; North Carolina Classis, \$3.

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.—Maryland Classis, \$60; Juniata Classis, \$50; Zion's Classis, \$31.95; Carlisle Classis, \$25; North Carolina Classis, \$10; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.

HARBOR MISSIONS, including the apportionment of 1890.—Maryland Classis, \$93; Carlisle Classis, \$91.04; Gettysburg Classis, \$80; Virginia Classis, \$65; Juniata Classis, \$60; Zion's Classis, \$39.79; North Carolina Classis, \$20; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.—Maryland Classis, \$694.79; Carlisle Classis, \$369.74; Gettysburg Classis, \$205; Mercersburg Classis, \$122.51; and Juniata Classis, \$33.50.

WICHITA COLLEGE.—Zion's Classis, \$287.97; Carlisle Classis, \$55.70; and Maryland Classis, \$2.34.

Gettysburg Classis was exonerated from the payment of its arrearage of \$467.75 on apportionments for Beneficiary Education, as requested in Item 4, of Report on Minutes of Classes.

Virginia Classis was exonerated from the payment of its arrear-

age of \$140 on apportionments for Mercersburg College, and the amount was referred to the Committee on Finance for re-apportionment among the Classes.

The same Classis was exonerated from the payment on Theological Seminary of \$48.

The request contained in Item 3 of Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. May, and Elder A. R. Schnebly. Subsequently the Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, viz :

Your Committee, to whom was referred Item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, begs leave to report that we have carefully examined into the matter, and have also conferred with the delegates of Zion's Classis. We find a discrepancy in the Minutes of Synod in favor of Zion's Classis to the amount of \$105.49. We therefore recommend, that last year's arrearage of Zion's Classis for Mercersburg College be \$100 instead of \$205.49.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

The Classes still in arrears on their respective apportionments for Wichita College were instructed to pay their arrearages as soon as possible, in order that the matter may be concluded during the present year, five years having already elapsed since said apportionments were made.

The attention of all the Classes reported in arrears was called to their arrearages as above set forth, and they were requested to meet them as speedily as possible.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its Annual Report, which was received and adopted as follows, to wit :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees met, pursuant to a call, in the study of the First Reformed Church of Baltimore, Md., February 12, 1891, and organized by the election of the undersigned as President, and Elder G. N. Forney as Vice-President and Secretary.

The business claiming the attention of the Board was as follows, to wit :

1. In accordance with the instructions of the Synod, the Treasurer, Edgar Slagle, presented his bond for thirty-four thousand dol-

lars, signed by himself and five responsible bondsmen, which bond was approved and is held by the Secretary of the Board.

2. The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay Rev. J. C. Bowman, Professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., the annual interest accruing from all invested funds in quarterly payments, dating from January 1, 1891, the time of entrance upon his duties.

3. Rev. J. C. Bowman presented his resignation as a member of the Board, which was accepted, and Jacob N. Slagle, of Hanover, Pa., was appointed to fill the unexpired term, which will end with the end of the present civil year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *President*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Henry M. Schmuck was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years, from January 1, 1892

Members of the Board of Trustees and Terms of Service.

Elder H. M. Schmuck, five years; Elder J. N. Forney, four years; Rev. J. T. Rossiter, three years; Elder J. P. Reed, two years; and Elder Edgar Slagle, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Item 9 of Report on Overtures, and Item 7 of Report on Minutes of Classes, being a complaint of Rev. A. R. Thompson against the action of the Virginia Classis, were referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. A. Wanner, A. C. Geary, and J. Heyser, to examine whether the complaint be in order, and if found to be in order, to propose an order of trial. At Monday evening's session the Committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee, to whom were referred the papers in the com-

plaint case of Rev. A. R. Thompson against the action of the Virginia Classis, begs leave to submit the following report. Whilst the Committee is not absolutely sure, that all the requirements of the Constitution in the case of complaints have been complied with, nevertheless your Committee believe that it is so far in order, that it should be acted upon by the Synod, and we suggest the following order of trial of the case: 1. That Synod appoints counsel for the complaint, who, on account of bodily infirmity, cannot be present. 2. That the counsel for the complainant be allowed ten minutes to open the case. 3. That the defendent Classis be given ten minutes to reply. 4. That the complainant's counsel be given five minutes more, and the counsel for the defendent allowed five minutes to close the defense. 5. That the vote of the Synod be then taken without further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WANNER, *Chairman.*

The case was immediately taken up and tried. Rev. A. Wanner was appointed attorney for the complainant, and Rev. A. K. Kline appeared as attorney for the Classis. After the attorneys had completed their pleadings, the Synod voted by an aye and nay vote, and refused to sustain the complaint, only two members of Synod voting to sustain it.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the sessions of Thursday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Rev. Synod of the Potomac:

The Sunday School Board begs leave to present the following report:

Our Heavenly Father has in a most extraordinary manner, prospered the work of the Sunday-school during the past year, and never in its history has there been such intense interest manifested and so much good accomplished, its importance is becoming more and more appreciated by the Church, and we find that over three-fourths of those received into the Church are from the Sunday-Schools. In the State of Maryland there were received into the

Churches of different Protestant denominations, during the last year sixteen thousand nine hundred and ninety-four (16,994) from the Sunday Schools, and $23\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of the population is engaged in the Sunday-school work.

We believe, as far as we have been able to ascertain, that the festivals of the Church and Children's Day have been observed within the bounds of the Potomac Synod.

We are also pleased to state that the Sunday School and Church Conventions have been held in the different Classes, and were generally well attended and with excellent results.

We are happy to congratulate the Synod upon their success in securing the appointment of the Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr, as a member of the International Lesson Committee, and we have reason to believe that hereafter the Sunday School lesson papers will be prepared more in accordance with the scriptural order of the Church year.

In accordance with the authority given, the Board, by letter and verbally, made known to those interested in the Sunday School at Falling Waters, W. Va., that eighty-five dollars was appropriated towards the erection of a suitable building in which to hold Sunday-school and preaching; the amount to be paid as soon as a deed for the lot and property was executed to the Board of Trustees of the Synod. We have received no notice of its acceptance, and consequently the appropriation is null and void, and there is now in the hands of the Treasurer ninety dollars and eighty five cents (\$90.85.)

The Sunday School Board has selected the following topics to be discussed, and appointed the following speakers: 1st. "Better methods, Better Workers, Better Results, Revs. J. S. Kieffer and R. L. Gerhart; 2d. "The Relation and Duty of the Sunday School to Neglected Children," Revs. C. U. Heilman and C. Clever.

We recommend that Friday evening, October 16th, be set apart for this discussion,

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. R. L. Gerhart was elected a member of the Sunday-School Board for the period of five years.

Members of the Sunday School Board and Terms of Service.

Rev. R. L. Gerhart, five years ; Rev. W. I. Stewart, four years ; Elder G. S. Griffith, three years ; Rev. C. S. Slagle, two years ; and Rev. E. R. Deatruck, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following rule was adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be and hereby are instructed to forward to the President of Synod the Classical Reports on the State of Religion and Morals, at least ten days before the annual meeting of the Synod, in order to enable him to prepare the Synodical Report on the State of Religion and Morals.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 23, of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted :

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them agreeably to the rules and regulations of Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publishing House, of Philadelphia, Pa., at the cost of \$184.89. The bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Report of Reformed Church Publication Board.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac, and Eastern Synods :

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States begs to submit to the Synods named, this, its annual report :

During the year just ended one meeting was called, namely the regular annual meeting for September, 2d, 1891. In the absence

thusiastic support, there should exist a strong pride in every individual to extend the literature of his Church, to enlarge the columns of its papers and thereby attract to its pages the fruits of the best and broadest minds.

Again, the contract made by the three Synods with the lessee imposes a legal as well as a moral obligation to support this particular interest to the exclusion of every other. It requires very little reflection to appreciate the justice and wisdom of such a contract, for under any terms its disposal for a guaranteed consideration would have been impossible.

There exists still another reason for an undivided and ardent interest in your authorized publications, namely, the recognized merit of the various periodicals themselves. The Board has courted information and criticism on these, and can confidently state that the opinion is all but unanimous that the several publications in their contents and form are excellent and far in advance of what they were in former years. Even those who doubted the wisdom of leasing this interest are giving their words of commendation, and recognizing the advantage of the present over the former system. There would seem to be every reason to labor unitedly for its support, and none to remain luckwarm or to encourage any other interest.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire Jan. 1st, 1892: B. Wolff, Jr., Pittsburg Synod, and G. S. Griffith, Potomac Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10th, 1891.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*,
EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

Report of Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee, to whom the foregoing report had been referred, presented its report during the session of Tuesday morning, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows, to wit:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Publication had to do with but one document, namely: The Report of the Board of Publication. From this your Committee learns, that, during the past year, as in the previous three years, the publication interests of the Synod and of the Church have continued under the management and control of Dr. C. G. Fisher, publisher and lessee of the Board;

that his books, examined by the Executive Committee of the Board, were satisfactory; that the business of the lessee being within the limit of forty thousand dollars he has made good his part of the contract in the payment of twelve hundred dollars to the Treasurer of the Board, as stipulated in the grant to the lessee; that the amount from this source, now in the hands of the Treasurer, is \$4,395.88.

In view of the foregoing facts, the adoption of the following action is suggested :

Resolved, This Synod keep steadily in mind its obligations under the contract with the lessee.

Resolved, Further, That we ask anew the patronage and hearty co-operation of the Classes, pastors and people of the Synod generally, in behalf of our publication interests in Philadelphia, to the end that the lessee may be properly encouraged and assisted in reaching the best results under the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

The following preamble and resolution were moved and adopted, to wit :

WHEREAS, It has been stated on the floor of the Synod that the publisher of the *Missionary Guardian* intends to increase the subscription prices of said magazine; and,

WHEREAS, It seems to be the expressed judgment of this Synod that such a course would decrease its present circulation; and in view also of the fact that the Synod has urged its pastors to make earnest efforts to increase its circulation; therefore,

Resolved. That the Synod of the Potomac most earnestly requests the publisher not to make any increase in the subscription price of the *Missionary Guardian* for the present.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod,

Elder Samuel Hoeflich was elected a member of the Board of Publication, to serve for four years.

Members of the Board of Publication and Terms of Service.

Elder Samuel Hoeflich, 4 years ; Hon. John Cessna, 3 years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday forenoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock of Monday morning's session. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. J. C. Leonard, A. M. Schmidt, and Elders C. A. Shultz and C. M. Keedy, acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of 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 Schools and Publication.

Report of Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to which items 12 and 13 of the Report on Overtures were referred, presented the following report, which was considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole :

Your Committee, to whom were referred items 12 and 13 of the Report on Overtures, begs leave to submit the following report :

From the report of Bethany Orphan Home, we learn that the present number of children in that home is eighty-two, and that the general health of the inmates has been unusually good. The spiritual interest of the orphans receive careful attention in the way of daily family worship, Church and Sunday School services, and catechetical instruction during the week. Eight orphans were received into full Church membership by the rite of confirmation.

The schools in connection with the Home are in good condition, and the majority of the orphans apply themselves diligently to their studies. The discipline of the Home is good, and the behaviour of the children excellent. The Board reports the purchase of seven acres of land for the sum of \$524.12, which has been paid for, making the number of acres owned by Bethany Orphans' Home, ninety-six. A new building has been erected, the cost and furnishing of which will be \$19,000. Of this sum \$11,500 have already been secured, leaving a balance of \$7,500 unpaid.

In order to cancel the debt upon the new building, and to meet the current expenses of the Home, the following action is recommended :

Resolved, That earnest efforts be made on the part of pastors, Church and Sunday School officers to take up liberal collections in every congregation and Sunday School during the ensuing Christmas season, for the benefit of the orphans of the Church.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home be requested to introduce such industrial features in the work of the Home as they shall deem best.

With respect to St. Paul's Orphans' Home, your Committee would respectfully submit the following action for adoption :

WHEREAS, The Commission of Soldiers' Orphan Schools of the State of Pennsylvania have withdrawn the wards of the State from St. Paul's Orphans' Home, thereby affecting its principal source of revenue ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac, through its pastors and consistories, give some of its orphans and a corresponding proportion of its contributions to St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HELLER, *Chairman*.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit :

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, in compli-

ance with the request of the Society and the desire of this Synod, present for record in the Minutes of the Synod, the following statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 30th, 1891 :

Receipts.

Cash on hand as per last report,.....	\$1832.64
“ received from interest,.....	3829.21
“ “ “ collections,.....	1684.82
“ “ “ donations,.....	366.66
“ “ “ miscellaneous sources,.....	106.29
Total receipts,.....	<u>\$7819-62</u>

Expenditures.

Cash paid investment,.....	\$2000.00
“ “ thirty-four annuitants,.....	1771.67
“ “ for expenses,.....	67.44
“ in Treasury,.....	<u>3980.51</u>
Invested Fund, \$25,580.00.	- \$7819.62

In the past year nine ministers and twenty-four widows or dependents of deceased ministers have received financial relief from the Society. As far as is now known, in the coming year, at least five more will be added to the list of those receiving help. The major part of the amount in the Treasury will be required to meet the appropriations made at the annual meeting, and will be paid on or before the end of the present civil year. The membership of the Society has been increased in the last year, by the addition of nineteen life members and three annual or contributing members, from the collections and contributions received, to wit :

Life Members : Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. B. Kerschner, B. B. Ferer, W. A. Long, J. O. Miller, D. D., J. J. Rothrock, D. B. Lady, M. A. Miller, P. C. Prugh, D. D., S. B. Yockey, J. S. Shade, J. D. Thomas, L. J. Mayer, T. O. Stem, I. E. Graeff, D. D., R. Lisberger, T. G. Apple, D. D., G. A. Whitmore and A. S. Dechant.

Annual Members : Revs. J. May, J. B. Stonesifer and S. E. Stofflet.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The following special report of the Treasurer to the Synod was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, within the bounds of your reverend body, for the year closing September 30th, 1891 :

Receipts.

Maryland Classis,.....	\$126.36	Mercersburg Classis,.....	\$51.15
Juniata Classis,.....	78.64	Zion's Classis,.....	33.12
Gettysburg Classis,.....	65.00	Carlisle Classis,.....	30.00

Total amount received, \$384.27.

Expenditures.

Maryland Classis,.....	\$225.00	Mercersburg Classis,.....	\$50.00
Carlisle Classis,.....	75.00	Juniata Classis,.....	50.00
Zion's Classis,.....	75.00	Virginia Classis,.....	50.00

Total Expenditures, \$525.00.

With the prayer that the Society may receive at your hands the encouragement it deserves, I remain,

Your fellow-laborer in the Gospel,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The following action of last year was reiterated, to wit :

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayer of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

The Stated Clerk of Synod was, on motion, instructed to prepare a circular, setting forth the object and needs of the Society, and send a copy to the pastors of the Synods co-operating in the work of the Society.

The following preamble and resolutions were also adopted :

WHEREAS, This Synod has heard with great pleasure, through the report of the Society, of the prosperity and of the great good that is being done by said Society ; and,

WHEREAS, The cause of the Society is of most vital importance

to the comfort and welfare of our ministry and their families; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod, at its next annual meeting, set apart as an anniversary of the Society an evening for the presentation of the object and claims of said Society.

Resolved, Further, That the officers of said Society arrange a suitable programme for said meeting.

At the session of Wednesday morning, Revs. C. Cort, J. D. Miller, E. R. Deatrick and J. S. Kieffer were appointed a Reportorial Committee, to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment, the Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee appointed to prepare reports for the papers, submit the following report: We have furnished full reports of the proceedings of the Synod for the daily *Valley Spirit* and daily *Repository*, of Chambersburg; the daily *Mail*, of Hagerstown; daily *Tribune*, of Altoona; the daily *Morning Herald*, of Baltimore, and the *Reformed Church Messenger*. All of which has been done without any expense to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CORT, *Chairman*.

The unanimous thanks of the Synod were returned to the Committee.

On Friday afternoon, instead of holding a business session, the Synod, in a body, was taken on a visit to Mercersburg, through the generous kindness of Col. Thomas B. Kennedy, President of the C. V. R. R. Company, and an alumnus of Marshall College, who furnished a special train free of charge, consisting of an engine and four passenger coaches. The following programme of services was observed in front of Mercersburg College: Invocation, by the Stated Clerk; hymn, led by the Vice-President; prayer, by Rev. C. Clever; addresses of welcome, by the President of the College and one of the students, which were responded to by the President of the Synod. Addresses were also made by two or three members of the Synod, who had studied at Mercersburg some twenty-five years ago. At the close of these services at the College, mem-

bers of Synod proceeded to the Reformed Church, where memorial services were held in memory of Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, in the Church, and to the memory of Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, around his grave, in front of the Church. The afternoon was delightful and balmy, and the trip was most pleasant—long to be remembered by those who enjoyed the excursion.

A Committee was appointed to attend the public unveiling or dedication of the monument erected to the memory of Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, late Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pennsylvania, by the Public Schools of the State, which occurred October 31st, at Emmitsburg, Md., the place of burial; the Committee consisting of Revs. U. H. Heilman, B. R. Carnahan, S. L. Whitmore, A. S. Weber, and Elder J. Heysler.

The two volumes, mentioned in item 11, on the Report on Overtures, as recently published, and presented to the Synod by the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., were received, the thanks of the Synod returned to the donor, and the books ordered to be placed in the Library of Mercersburg College.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of Zion's Reformed Church, twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The following members were granted leave of absence, to wit: Rev. O. P. Schellhamer and Elder I. F. Brinkerhoff, on Thursday afternoon; Rev. S. C. Stover and Elder J. Diehl, on Saturday forenoon; Elders S. B. Isenberg, G. W. Hartman and J. A. Hartman, on Monday forenoon; Revs. A. H. Kremer, S. Z. Beam, B. F. Bausman, A. C. Geary, and Elders G. S. Griffith, M. V. Boyer, W. Neff and W. Koontz, on Monday evening, and Revs. S. L. Messinger, J. W. Bell, and Elders A. D. Seitz, J. H. Bauserman and J. Brewster, on Tuesday morning.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, In the judgment of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in annual sessions in Chambersburg, Pa., October 13-20, A. D. 1891, the opening of the World's Fair at Chicago, in 1893, on the Lord's Day would be demoralizing and contrary to the Christian sentiment and morals of this country; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly importune the Board of Directors of the Columbian Exposition to use every endeavor to have said Fair closed on Sunday, or the Lord's day.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Synod be directed to communicate an official copy of this action to said Board.

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 Friday forenoon, which was received, and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

Report on Ministerial Necrology.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology reports, that of the 144 ministers on the roll of Synod at the last annual meeting, but two have departed this life during the past Synodical year.

REV. SIMON WOLF.

Rev. Wolf was born at Lewisburg, Pa., February 22, 1815. In 1844 he became a preacher of the Evangelical Association, in which he continued for over 30 years, and served as presiding elder a part of the time. On May 18th. 1876, he made application to the West Susquehanna Classis to be received into the Reformed Church, and to be licensed to preach the gospel, and which was granted. At a special meeting of the Mercersburg Classis, held Oct. 31st, 1879, his call to the Hickory Bottom charge was confirmed, and he was regularly ordained to the Christian ministry. He was installed at Millerstown, Pa., November 13th, 1879. He was installed as pastor of the McConnellsburg charge on April 20, 1884, which he continued to serve until his death, which occurred on December 23d, 1890, at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 1 day.

The funeral service was held on Christmas day, and his body was buried in the cemetery four miles south of McConnellsburg.

REV. P. ALLISON LONG.

Rev. Long was born in North Carolina, March 6, 1830. He was licensed by the Classis of North Carolina, in 1858. His first field was known as the Davidson charge, in which he labored very effectively. In 1872 he removed to Ohio, and served the Navarre charge until 1874, when he became pastor of the Taneytown charge. Here he was united in marriage with Miss L. A. Hess, in October, 1874. From 1884 to September, 1885, he lived in retirement at Taneytown. In September, 1885, he became pastor of the Grindstone Hill charge, Pa., in which he labored until his departure from this life on April 8th, 1891. His death was very sudden and unexpected. The funeral was held at Chambersburg, Pa., on April 11th, 1891, and his remains were buried at Taneytown, Md. During his residence in North Carolina, Rev. Long served for one year in the State Senate, with credit to himself and to his constituents. His biographer speaks of him as having been a faithful minister of Christ, a man of large experience, and with a rich fund of knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

U. HENRY HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

EMMITSBURG, MD., Oct. 13th, 1891.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby tenders its hearty thanks to the pastors *loci* and members of the Reformed Churches and other kind citizens of Chambersburg, who have so hospitably entertained us during our present annual sessions, and that we implore the richest blessings of the Lord upon them in all the relations of life.

Resolved, That the pastors *loci* be requested to read the foregoing action to their respective congregations at next Lord's day services.

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its thank to Mrs. C. W. Cremer for her kindness in presiding at the organ at the opening of the several sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the management of the Cumberland Valley and Western Maryland Railroads for the favor of excursion rates of fare granted to the members of Synod passing over said roads.

Resolved, further, That the special thanks of the Synod be returned to Col. Thos. B. Kennedy, President of the Cumberland Valley Railroad, for his very generous courtesy in furnishing a special train, free of cost, to convey the members of the Synod to and from Mercersburg, on Friday afternoon, the 16th instant, where many of the members of the Synod had received their education.

The Synodical roll was then called, and none were found absent unexcused.

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

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely :

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to mee in the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., W. Va., on Tuesday evening, October 11th, 1892, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday at noon, October 20th, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

C. U. HEILMAN, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ZIONS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Bapt'isms		Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excomm'n'ted.	Names Erased	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.	
		Adults.	Infants.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega'l Purposes.		
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	First Reformed, York,	1	350	200	11	2	24	7	325	9	13	1	460	\$ 635.00	\$2,538.00	113 South Duke St., York, Pa.	
Aaron Wanner, D. D.,	Kreutz Creek,	5	398	325	36	5	21	3	230	4	15	5	415	250.00	2,225.00	York, Pa.	
Aaron Spangler,	Trinity,	7	510	339	77	7	44	7	430	3	18	10	386	123.00	1,200.00	507 West Market St., York, Pa.	
Keuben Rahauser,	Without Charge,																34 North Prince St., Lancaster, Pa.
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	Paradise,	4	980	590	87	8	40	16	927	13	50	10	500	435.00	1,300.00	441 West Market St., York, Pa.	
Alfred F. Dreisbach,	Shrewsbury,	5	665	595	40	10	18	524	5	5	15	5	380	1,000.00	1,000.00	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.	
Phaon W. Snyder,	Mt. Pleasant,	4	222	93	10		2	100	5	9	9	5	108	23.00	855.00	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.	
Oliver P. Shelhammer,	Zion's, York,	1	400	270	46	1	26	13	300	6	11	1	375	170.00	2,650.00	411 West Philadelphia St., York, Pa.	
Henry A. Bomberger,	Heidelberg,	1	324	214	8	3	7	7	192	3	4	1	400	56.00	10,000.00	200 South Duke St., York, Pa.	
Aaron H. Leisz,	Hillsburg,	4	313	150	11		7	7	102	3	10	3	50	71.00	624.00	Hillsburg, York Co., Pa.	
Isaac N. Peightel,	Grace, York,	1	134	65	10		6	16	128	5	1	1	220	205.00	1,665.00	West Hartley St., York, Pa.	
Total, 11.		33	4196	2832	336	26	178	89	3420	51	6	146	42	3378	\$2,318.00	\$24,957.00	

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconformed Members.	Baptisms Infants.	Baptisms Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Confession.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted.	Names Erased	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregal Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.	Cavetown,.....	3	362	188	11	4	15	3	308	5		8	3		170	1	\$ 90.00	1,025.00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
George Lewis Staley, D. D.	Without Charge,.....								10		9	38	1		560	1	1,450.00	3,340.00	1628 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.
Edmund F. Eschbach, D. D.	Ev. Ref. Church,.....	1	685	350	31	5	37	10	525	8	219	1	4		180		150.00	950.00	Frederick, Md.
William Goodrich	Clear Spring,.....	2	223	90	6	1	4	1	219	1	219	3	30	30	180		150.00	950.00	Clear Spring, Md.
J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.	Zion Ch., Hagerstown,.....	1	578	213	12	8	23	7	325	10	3	13	1	38	266		701.00	2,100.00	Hagerstown, Md.
Joel T. Rossiter	First Ch., Baltimore,.....	1	518	322	35	2	20	5	416	14	2	17	1	32	370		752.00	3,273.00	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.
F. Franklin Hoffmeier	Middletown,.....	1	415	250	25	2	13	3	290	10	1	16	1	275			552.00	1,400.00	Middletown, Md.
John G. Noss	Silver Run,.....	2	665	500	33	3	16	2	475	7	1	16	2	180			255.00	3,460.00	Silver Run, Carroll Co., Md.
Anthony Shulenberg	Mt. Pleasant,.....	4	171	141	15	3	16	2	162	8	5	9	3	290			75.00	1,275.00	Mt. Pleasant, Frederick Co., Md.
Conrad Cever, D. D.	Third Ch., Baltimore,.....	1	348	114	10	1	18	11	310	10	1	6	1	38	270		1,260.00	3,000.00	518 W. Mulberry St., Baltimore.
Silas M. Hensch	Glade,.....	5	450	335	21	1	30	17	373	1	1	12	5	75	427		287.00	1,955.00	Walkersville, Frederick Co., Md.
Louis F. Zinkhan	Prison Chaplain,.....																		100 Pleasant St., Baltimore.
E. Ranson Deatrick	Woodberry,.....	1	144	124	13		13	4	166	5		5	1	19	115		173.00	618.00	342 3d Ave. Woodberry, Balt.
Henry Dietzer	Taneytown,.....	2	250	175	25	7	32	7	225	1	1	9	1	25	230		130.00	8,762.00	Taneytown, Md.
U. Henry Hellman	Ch. of Incarnation,.....	1	150	75	6	3	2	125	7	1	1	4	1	8	25		36.00	842.00	Emmitsburg, Frederick Co., Md.
Samuel L. Whitmore	Manor,.....	3	216	140	11	1	11	6	194	4	7	4	3	32	198		225.00	1,200.00	Adamstown, Frederick Co., Md.
Barton R. Carnahan	Mt. Moriah,.....	3	209	104	8	1	5	3	198	4		4	3	38	215		268.00	765.00	Keedysville, Washington Co., Md.
Calvin S. Slagle	Westminster,.....	2	241	166	8	1	30	14	194	8	2	3	2	19	140		141.00	6,450.00	Westminster, Md.
J. Marion Mickle	Burkittsville,.....	2	116	80	11		10	2	104	1		10	2	9	79		71.00	737.00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., Md.
George A. Snyder	Christ Church,.....	2	242	179	39	8	12	25	211	7		10	2	28	240		436.00	3,189.00	Hagerstown, Md.
Adam S. Weber	Faith Reformed Church,.....	1	118	72	28	1	15	31	87			1	1	22	475		85.00	1,011.00	308 S. Patterson, Park Ave, Balt.
George A. Whitmore	Mechanics-town,.....	4	356	298	37	3	42	8	337	9	4	14	4	48	204		448.00	841.00	Mechanics-town, Frederick Co., Md.
Ambrose M. Schmidt	Christ Ref., Baltimore,.....	1	102	74	13		14	17	308			17	5	19	193		81.00	1,145.00	2217 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore.
Newton J. Miller	Manchester,.....	4	650	385	34	1	11	10	487	8		17	5	320			220.00	900.00	Manchester, Md.
Andrew T. G. Apple	Grace Mission,.....	1	102	47	5		2	14	81			4	1	12	75		155.00	951.00	1126 12th St., Washington, D. C.
Warren J. Johnson	St. Paul's Ref., Balt.,.....	1	430	155	14	2	24	24	330	6		5	1	4	552		415.00	4,933.00	Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Henry F. Dittmar	Jefferson,.....	2	137	122	6		14	4	177	2		5	2	28	165		436.00	1,360.00	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.
Henry W. Hoffmeier	Without Charge,.....																		Middletown, Md.
Jacob B. Kershner	Without Charge,.....																		Emmitsburg, Md.
Henry E. Cook	Without Charge,.....																		Hagerstown, Md.
T. F. Hoffmeier	Fairview-Supply,.....	1	43	25	2		9	1	36			1	1		20		19.00	65.00	Boonsboro, Washington Co., Md.
George W. Snyder	Boonsboro,.....	*2	186	109	13		180		161	6		6	3		215		80.00	725.00	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., Md.
Marion L. Firoz	Union Mills,.....	3	296	168	17		2	4	25				1		115		15.00	45.00	Highfield, Frederick Co., Md.
James R. Lewis	Sabillasville,.....	2	63																Union Mills, Md.
George C. Erb	Without Charge,.....																		
Ministers, 34.			59,819	4871	480	57	455	244	6761	158	34	230	57	522	6814	13	\$ 9,906.00	\$54,217.00	

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ns Adults. Infants.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Names Erased	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	Teachers and Officers	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega'l Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
William M. Deatrick, D.D.,	Without Charge.	2	180	77	5	10	2	165	4	7	2	20	140		\$	76.89	\$	455.00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jacob Hassler,	Supply, Loudon Charge	1	430	320	13	4	18	14	340	5	8	1	23	280		1,499.02	2,104.37	Waynesboro,		
Isaac M. Motter,	Without Charge.	3	485	225	44	9	20	29	400	10	10	2	45	350	1	394.99	1,600.00	Waynesboro,		
William C. Cremer,	First Ch., Chambersb'g	2	342	250	11	9	18	12	300	5	28	8	21	266	2	132.87	1,927.30	Waynesboro,		
Franklin F. Bahner,	Greencastle,																	Greencastle,		
Cyrus Cort,	Without Charge.																	Mercersburg,		
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.,	Without Charge.	1	102	31	4	2	13	2	85	4	5	1	10	115	1	45.00	200.00	Zullinger,		
George R. Russell, D.D.,	Supply, Mt. Alto Ch'ge,																	Mercersburg,		
J. William Knappenberger,	Without Charge,	1	216	86	21	7	28	20	198	1	8	1	17	252	1	168.00	1,170.00	Mercersburg,		
Jonas R. Shontz,	Second Ch., Cham b'g.	3	368	352	19	11	25	12	269	14	26	10	34	193	1	1,381.22	2,218.86	Mercersburg,		
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Mercersburg,	1	197	125	5	1	9	1	173	6	3	1	19	145	1	157.20	5,850.00	Shippensburg,		
Tighman R. Dietz,	Shippensburg,	2	188	120	23	1	17	6	450	6	1	10	2	220		245.17	1,105.00	Waynesboro,		
Sejellen E. Stofflet,	St. Paul's, Waynesboro,	3	183	84	7	4	20	10	167	1	7	6	3	112		267.00	377.00	St. Thomas,		
John F. Mackley, M. D.	St. Thomas,	3	194	69	2	2	16	4	178	6	4	3	43	202	1	150.00	1,000.00	Quincy,		
Irwin M. Beaver *	Grindstonehill,	2	134	60	4	2	2	3	110	1	4	2	16	110		32.20	200.00	McConnellsburg,		
Vacant,	McConnellsburg,	1	29	16	4	2	1	1	26	1	2	2	5	30		58.50	50.00	Fulton Co., Pa.		
Jeriah S. Shade,	Little Cove Church,																	Sylvan, Franklin Co., Pa.		
George R. Zacharias,	Superannuated,																	Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md.		
John M. North,	Disabled																	Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.		
	licentiate,																	Mercersburg,		
Total, 18.		25	3048	1875	156	57	197	126	2561	64	70	75	25	304	2417	7	\$	4,476.41	\$	18,266.03

*Recently taken charge.

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MEMBERS.	CHARGES.											Contributions		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Bapt'ns Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Names Erased Excommu'ted.	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.		S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega'l Purposes.	
G. Wm. Welker, D. D.,.....	Guilford.....	2	352	120	10	1	6	6	300			10	2	102	1	\$ 72.00	\$ 319.00	Lamont, North Carolina. Hickory, N. C.	
Jeremiah Ingold, D. D.,.....	Assistant at Hickory.....																	Salem, N. C.	
Thomas Lorger,.....	Without Charge.....																	Thomasville, N. C.	
Jesse W. Cecil,.....	".....																	Blowing Rock, N. C.	
John Ingle,.....	Pres. Catawba College, Prof. in Catawba Col.....																	Newton, N. C.	
John A. Foil, Ph. D.,.....	Concord,.....	1	41	41	4		3		34					46		368.00	237.00	Newton, N. C.	
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.,.....	Without Charge.....																	Concord, N. C.	
Michael L. Hedrick,.....	West Rowan.....	2	350	141	11	2	30	3	224					191		70.00	650.00	Silver Hill, N. C.	
Paul Barringer,.....	East Rowan.....	2	351	255	26	6	10	4	315	6				286	1	70.00	602.00	China Grove, N. C.	
Carvin B. Heller,.....	Lincoln.....	4	261	152	10	6	48	5	250					223		51.00	475.00	Helite's Mills, N. C.	
Joseph I. Murphy,.....	Upper Davidson.....	4	400	108	11	28	35	5	289	7				393		178.00	457.00	Hickory, N. C.	
Jacob C. Leonard,.....	Central Rowan.....	3	117	149	19	5	11	10	113	2				205		28.00	239.00	Lexington, N. C.	
J. M. Luther Lyerly,.....	Lower Davidson.....	4	265	156	20	8	13	8	200	1				170		35.00	725.00	Faith, N. C.	
Allen R. Holshouser,.....	Alamance.....	3	102	31	8	17	25	5	82					75				McKee, N. C.	
Jesse Richard,.....	Hickory, vacant.....	3	141	91	4	1	25	6	140	2				165		146.00	981.00	Lakeside, Ohio.	
	Catawba, vacant.....	4	347	200	8	4	31	8	250	2				300		178.00	1,000.00	Hickory, N. C.	
	Mount Bethel Mission.....	1	21	28	1				20					50		7.00	3.00	Newton, N. C.	
	Saint Paul's Mission.....	1	35	30	5				34					54		10.00	200.00	Blowing Rock, N. C.	
	Mount Tabor Mission.....	1	37	28	4				20					42		4.00	23.00	Enochville, N. C.	
		1	37	28	4				20					42		4.00	23.00	Lexington, N. C.	
Total, 16.		35	2820	1530	141	71	238	57	2271	20	1	25	48	33	2392	2	1,269	00	5,967.00

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Uncon- firmed.	Bapt'ms Infant. Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- newal o. Profes- sion.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregati'al Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,.....	New Bloomfield,.....	3	348	198	21	10	39	33	14	13	15	3	3	424		\$	4,783.00	Newport Perry Co., Pa.
Amos H. Kremer, D. D., ..	Carlisle,	1	281	115	8	3	16	295	4	5	1	1	1	170		326.00	1,380.00	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Wm. I. Stewart,.....	Mechanicsburg,	1	240	100	5	6	11	204	12	15	7	5	1	180		595.00	1,435.00	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Silas L. Messinger,.....	Zion's,	4	537	333	26	2	21	400	5	15	7	5	2	425	4	367.00	867.00	Blair, Perry Co., Pa.
J. David Miller,.....	Duncannon,	3	178	73	12	1	4	155	1	10	3	1	2	202	2	181.00	1,070.00	Marysville, Perry Co., Pa.
Wm. H. Grob,.....	Sulphur Springs,.....	4	215	111	6	5	7	185	3	10	3	1	3	160	2	136.00	725.00	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Jos. W. Bell,.....	Newburg,	1	142	71				129	5	3	1	1	1	113	1	195.00	440.00	Newburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Sol. B. Schafer,.....	Without Charge,																	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Milton H. Grob,.....	"																	Columbus, Ohio.
Abraham B. Stoner,.....	"																	Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.,	Sec'y, Foreign Missions																	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Vacant,.....	Landisburg,	4	527	307	3			268				6		483		332.00	241.00	Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.
Total, 11.		21	2468	1308	81	27	98	1938	44	28	42	22	2157	7	\$	2,369.00	\$ 10,941.00	

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Bap'tms.		Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Names Erased, Excommunic'ted.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributious.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Adults.	Infants.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'l Purposes.	
Elias D. Shoemaker,	Without Charge,			20	9	400	18	1	10	5	380	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 880.00	Bedford, Pa.
F. A. Rupley, D. D.,	Woodcock Valley,	8	21	9	6	369	23	6	6	2	201	1	1,651.00	1,239.00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Henry F. Long,	Water Street,	3	27	9	6	366	10	3	2	2	201	1	265.00	1,239.00	James Creek, Hunt'on Co., Pa.
Calvin U. Heilman,	Martinsburg,	3	398	12	13	288	10	8	3	2	234	5	114.00	827.00	Alexandria, Hunt'on Co., Pa.
John W. Pontius,	Hickory Bottom,	10	10	12	8	297	12	3	3	3	245	1	391.00	766.00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
William A. Long,	Greenfield,	5	33	16	8	389	7	9	20	4	362	1	155.00	1,392.00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Christian W. Shummy,	Bedford,	4	86	7	12	159	12	3	3	1	160	1	166.00	566.00	Bedford, Pa.
R. Leighton Gerhart,	Dunning's Creek,	4	17	4	237	11	11	25	9	3	203	1	390.00	826.00	Cessna, Bedford Co., Pa.
S. Charles Stover,	St. Clairsville,	3	181	18	11	310	12	11	11	2	223		226.00	3,870.00	St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Samuel Z. Beam, D. D.,	Without Charge,	3	349	302	24	3							226.00	3,870.00	James Creek, Hunt'on Co., Pa.
Cyrus H. Reiter,	Altoona, Trinity Mis.,	2	147	17	25	197	5	8	8	1	233		85.00	500.00	701 Fourth Ave., Altoona, Pa.
Lloyd E. Cobbletz,	Friend's Cove,	3	170	20	3	139	11	6	6	2	90		257.00	4,586.00	Saegerstown, Pa.
Joseph H. Apple, D. D.,	Schellsburg,	6	21	7	10	157	2	12	4	3	160	2	597.00	1,870.00	Schellsburg, Pa.
James B. Stonesifer,	Huntingdon,	6	6	22	10	363	12	4	4	2	363		110.00	887.00	Huntingdon, Pa.
Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Fyverett,	6	6	6	13	43	11	12	4	1	84		270.00	2,531.00	Everett, Pa.
Francis M. Line,	Sulphur Springs,	3	292	213	44	3	2	5	3	1	79		759.00	2,761.00	Mann's Choice, Bedf'd Co., Pa.
Albert S. Glessner,	Altoona, Christ's Ch.,	1	449	210	15	4	18	27	9	1	200		210.00	752.00	Altoona, Pa.
Vacant	Yellow Creek,	1	359	179	16	1	23	313	7	3	285		24.00	93.00	Loysburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
"	Orbissonia,	1	66	65	2	51		1	1	Un.	82		23.00	18.00	Orbissonia, Hunt'on Co., Pa.
"	Clear Ridge,	1	53	78		51		1	1	Un.	82		23.00	18.00	Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Total, 17.		51	5232	3276	276	52	38	125	3524	10	\$ 5,787.00	\$ 24,835.00			

PORTLAND-OREGON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Un-confirmed.	Bapt'ns		Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Names Erased Excommu'ted.	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
				Infants.	Adults.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congreg'al Purposes.	
John Gantenbein, D. D.,	Portland,	100	110	24		4	57	120	42	3	3	1	80		\$ 19.00	3,436.00	94 North 9th Street, Portland, Oregon.
Jacob Muehlhaupt,	Salem,	82	90	17		5	5	65	2	2	2	3	80		12.00	320.00	352 Merian Street, Salem, Oregon.
Julius Lange,	{ Meridian,	51	33	6		5	38	38		4	4	1	23		96.00	260.00	
	{ Washougal,	16	27	3		8	10	10		1	1	1	130		171.00	24.00	Staford, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
Gottfried Gradel,	{ Seattle,	79	83	18		8	20	74	24	5	5	1	24			623.00	Seattle, Washington,
	{ Ballard,	12	13	5		16		12				1	24		125.00		
Rudolph Staub,	{ Hamilton,	16	12	1				74		3	3	1	45		40.00	250.00	Mink, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
Herman Liesmann,	{ St. Peter's,	96	57	3			8	16		1	1	1	12		12.00	50.00	Glencoe, Washington Co., Oregon.
Jacob G. Schmid,	{ St. John's,	16	31	3				40		1	1	1	62		10.00	230.00	
R. H. Staehli,	{ West Union,	60	90	6											10.00	480.00	Astoria, Oregon.
Vacant—No report,	{ Astoria,	24	20	9		1	9		2	2	1	1	41				Stockton, California.
Vacant,	{ Stella,	54															
John G. Biegert,	{ Stockton,	33	30				20					1	25				94 North 9th Street, Portland, Oregon.
Th. G. DeLyfe,	{ Sandy,																720 Marietta Ave., Lancaster, Pa.
	{ Waldo Hills,																
	{ Napa, Col.,																
		639	576	95		39	99	549	8	68	19	12	542		\$370.00	5,807.00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.—1891.

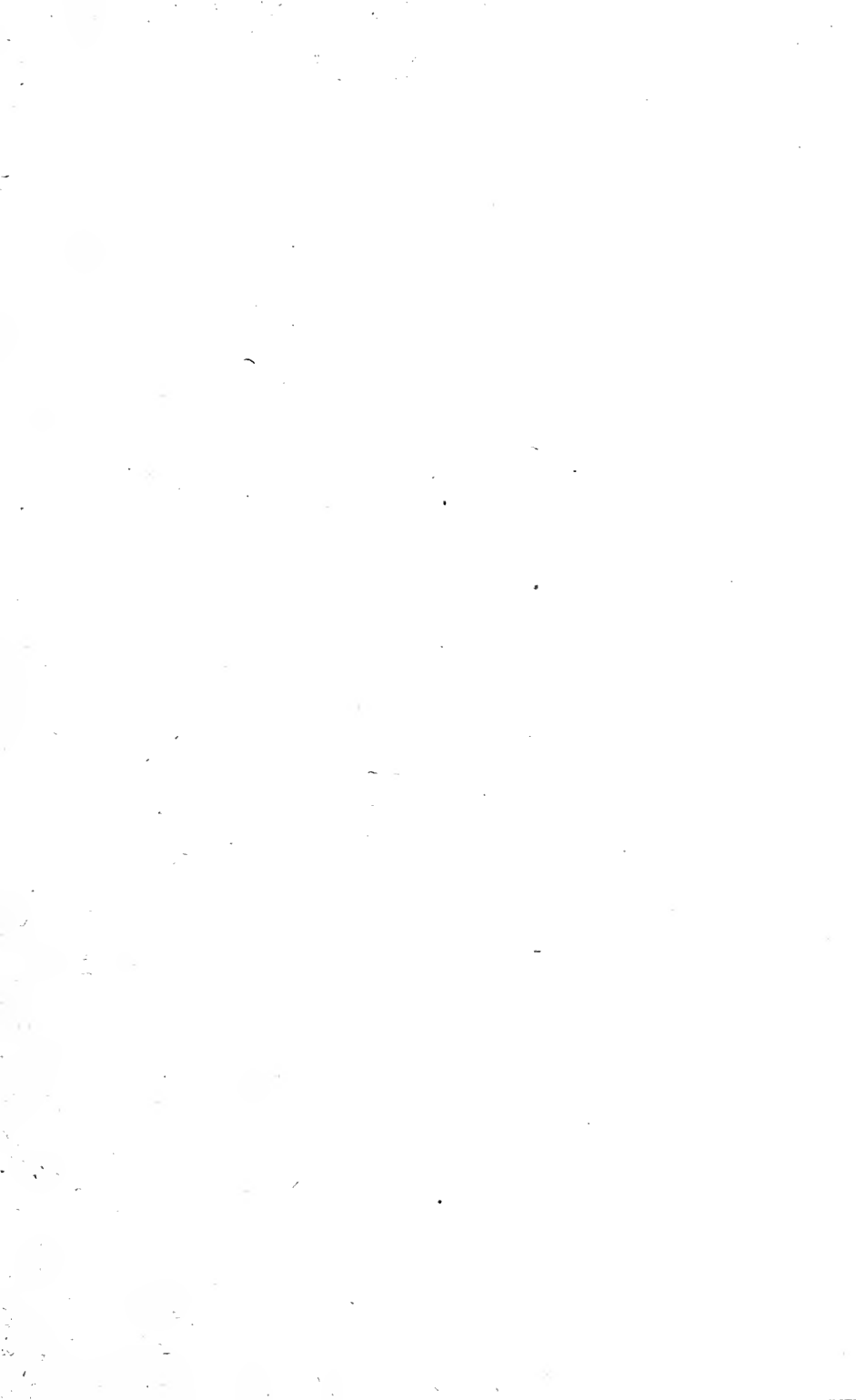
CLASSES.	Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	By Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted.	Names Erased	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.												Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega'l Purposes.
Zion's	11	33	4,196	2,832	336	26	178	89	3,420	54		6	146	42	42	3,378	7	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 24,057.00
Maryland	34	59	8,196	4,871	480	51	455	242	6,761	158		31	230	57	522	6,814	13	9,806.00	54,217.00
Mercersburg	18	25	3,048	1,875	156	57	197	126	2,561	64		70	75	25	304	2,417	7	4,479.41	18,266.03
Virginia	14	36	2,352	929	45	14	46	15	1,900	13		5	23	24		1,586	7	1,345.80	5,910.83
North Carolina	16	38	2,820	1,530	141	71	238	57	2,271	20	1	25	48	33		2,302	2	1,297.00	5,977.00
Gettysburg	14	29	4,887	3,517	289	53	268	125	4,368	72		4	102	24		2,534	4	4,362.00	15,474.00
Carlisle	11	21	2,468	1,368	81	27	98	67	1,938	44		28	42	22		2,257	7	2,366.00	10,941.00
Juniata	17	51	5,232	3,276	276	52	276	165	4,329	166		53	125	38		3,524	10	5,787.00	24,835.00
Portland-Oregon	10	19	639	576	95	95	95	99	549	8		68	19	12		542		376.00	5,867.00
Total	145	302	33,838	20,714	1,899	331	1,801	985	28,037	599	1	289	810	277	826	25,354	57	32,103.21	165,484.83
Eastern Synod	244	486	86,832	49,716	5,806	500	4,550	2,274	68,974	1,356	4	925	2,781	577	5,846	59,324	105	78,925.00	383,732.00
Synod of Ohio	114	222	20,112	9,939	588	508	1,234	633	16,544	610	5	863	372	201	2,472	15,532	33	15,258.00	94,709.00
Pittsburgh Synod	63	131	14,346	9,009	898	94	706	685	11,852	388		212	286	112		9,137	16	42,197.00	74,527.00
Synod of the Northwest	133	200	18,434	15,424	1,716	24	1,642	881	14,766	194	10	394	424	100		12,136	40	16,581.00	94,979.00
German Synod of the East	53	46	13,737	8,949	1,976	18	741	699	10,398	141	2	345	491	45	928	9,704	12	7,639.00	82,377.00
Central Synod	79	115	17,981	10,677	1,230	83	1,023	857	13,120	232	10	491	168	108		11,089	25	13,189.00	97,736.00
Synod of the Interior	38	72	2,845	1,586	143	95	220	135	2,088	48		105	41	56	394	2,836		3,523.00	19,416.00
Grand total, 8 Dist't Syn'ds	869	1574	208,095	122,077	14,220	1,661	13,311	7,069	165,797	3,568	32	3,624	5,689	1,583	10,516	148,604	291	208,405.21	1,012,966.83

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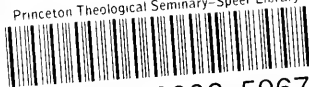




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