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The Synod of New Jersey met at Bridgeton, in the First Church, on Tuesday, October 17th, 1893, at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

After devotional services, the following letter from the Moderator was read:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 11th, 1893.

REV. WALTER A. BROOKS, D.D.,

Stated Clerk of the Synod of New Jersey:

DEAR BROTHER: In addition to the informal intimation I gave you of my inability to be present at Synod's meeting next fall, I feel it due to the Synod itself to make this more regular s atement, and to leave with you officially my regretful good-bye to the brethren.

The office of Moderator, in which Synod's complimentary voice placed me, and the performance of whose duties Synod's generous consideration lightened, has become to me a subject of pleasant thought, as it will be always a cherished honor. The chair which I shrank from a year ago, I am now free to confess I would have been pleased again temporarily to occupy, that I might in person hand it over to my successor. That agreeable duty I must now leave to Dr. Hickok. * *

God graciously bless us all in our one work, in His Name! Fraternally,

ROBERT HAMILL NASSAU.

The Synod then listened to a sermon by Rev. Henry F. Hickok, D.D., the Vice-Moderator of the Synod, from 1 Cor. III, 11.

After the sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. In this service the Vice-Moderator was assisted by Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., and Rev. William W. Knox, and by the following Elders: Theophilus Trenchard, Edward B. Holcombe, E. W. Ketcham, James P. Jones, Joseph C. Magee, Hudson Muchmore, Abram C. Smith, Joseph Cross.

The Synod was constituted with prayer by the Vice-Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following members were found present:

Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTERS—None.
RULING ELDERS—None.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS—Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., Everard Kempshall, D.D., Ezra F. Mundy, John A. Liggett, D.D. (2), Kneeland P. Ketcham, D.D., William E. Honeyman, James G. Mason, D.D., James M. Nourse (2), Samuel Parry, William R. Richards, D.D., Eben B. Cobb, James H. Owens, William A. Alexander, William Hoppaugh. Charles E. Herring, J. Garland Hamner, D.D.—16.

RULING ELDERS—B. E. Young, Clinton; Spencer C. Blake, Cranford; Charles H. Langdon, Elizabeth, First; Charles Rommell, Elizabeth, Second; W. H. Candee, Elizabeth, Madison Avenue; Joseph Cross, Elizabeth, Westminster; E. W. Barnes, Perth Amboy; George A. Bush, Rahway, Second; Charles G. Endicott, Westfield—9.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS - Charles D. Shaw D.D (2), George Sluter, Henry T. Beatty-3.

RULING ELDERS—E. W. Ketcham, Hoboken, First; Charles A. DeWitt, Jersey City, First; T. W. Randall (2), Paterson, Second—3.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS—Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., Joseph G. Symmes, D.D., Benjamin S. Everitt, Joseph S. Van Dyke, D.D., Edward B. Hodge, D.D., George Swain, D.D., Henry R. Hall, Oliver A. Kerr, William L. Cunningham, D.D., Charles Everett, Henry G. Smith, William P. Finney, George T. Eddy, Nathaniel J. Sproul—14.

RULING ELDERS-Jacob Wilson, Beverly; James Hemphill, Calvary; Oscar B. Fenn, Bordentown; William H. Thomas, Cranbury, First; J. L. Whitaker, M.D., Cranbury, Second; Thomas Campbell, Englishtown; Andrew Perrine, Freehold; Joseph C. Magee, Jamesburg; H S. Simons, Lakewood; James Steen, Shrewsbury—10

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS—William W. Halloway, Jr., D.D., O. H. Perry Deyo, Henry A. Harlow, Henry F. Hickok, D.D., Washington A. Hooper, Thomas Carter, Edward P. Gardner, John R. Fisher, William F. Whitaker, Stanley White, Samuel J. McClenaghan—11.

RULING ELDERS—Enoch Hammond, Boonton; Hudson Muchmore, Chatham; Richard Purdue, East Orange, First; H. H. Ward, East Orange, Brick; Aaron Carter, Jr., Hillside; William P. Tuttle, Madison; Robert Carter, Morristown, South Street; Charles A. Lindley, Orange, First—8.

Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS—Charles T. Haley, D.D., Charles E. Knox, D D, Alexander H. Young, D.D., A. Nelson Hollifield, D D., Hugh B. MacCauley, Ford C. Ottman, J. Garland Hamner, Jr., Frederick N. Rutan—8.

RULING ELDERS—James P. Jones, Bloomfield; Robert S Grummon, Newark, Third; A. L. Runyon, Newark, Fifth Avenue; W. S. Ketcham, Newark, Wickliffe—4.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS—Joshua H. McIlvaine, D.D., Samuel J. Milliken, William M Wells, Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., Charles P. Glover, Thomas S. Long, William Swan, Lewis W Mudge, D D, James W. Van Dyke, William H. Filson, John Dixon, D.D., Frank B. Everitt, Walter A. Brooks, D.D., Titus E. Davis, Samuel A Harlow, George H. Ingram, James B. Clark, William S Voorhies, William W. Knox, David T. Smyth—20.

RULING ELDERS—Edward B. Holcombe, Amwell, Second; David S. Bellis, Amwell United, First; George D. Scudder (2), Bethany; Uriel T. Scudder, Ewing; Manuel Runyon, Kingston; Frank L. Janeway, New Brunswick, First; John B. Van Doren, Princeton; Pierson B. Hunt, Titusville; Joseph A. Pittenger, Trenton, Third; Franklin Dye, Trenton, Fourth—10.

Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS—William Thomson, Robert J. Burtt, Henry S. Butler, D.D., S. Nye Hutchison, Isaac H. Condit, Robert A. Bryant, A. MacShannon Higgins—7.

RULING ELDERS—Abram C. Smith, Bloomsbury; W. W. Shipman, Stewartsville; D. W. Ribble, Washington—3.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS—Allen H. Brown, William Bannard, D.D., Henry Reeves, Ph.D., David Stevenson, D.D., Alfred J. Snyder, Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D., John Ewing, D.D., Heber H. Beadle, Alfred P. Botsford, J. Howard O'Brien (2) William J. Bridges, Edward Scofield (2), Arthur W. Spooner (2), Clearfield Park, William V. Louderbough, William H. Johns (2), Sylvester W. Beach, Herbert R. Rundall (2), Edward A. McLaury (2), Thomas Thompson, Albert K. Staiger, Daniel I. Camp (2), John Turner (2), James C. Russell (2)—24.

RULING ELDERS—Richard Stevenson, Blackwood; Theophilus Trenchard, Bridgeton, First; Benj. T. Harding, Bridgeton, Second; C. S. Padgett, Bridgeton, West; Andrew Abels, Camden, First; R. T. Bancroft, Camden, Second; Eugene Bostwick, Elmer; Smith Sheppard (2), Greenwich; J. W. Marcy, Merchantville; Jos. L. Richman, Pittsgrove; Morris H. Stratton, Salem; Isaac C. Stevenson, Wenonah; Joseph H. Webber, Woodstown—13.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS—Rev. W. W. Moffett, N. J Conference M. E. Church; Rev. Thomas McCauley, D.D., Synod of Pa.; Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Synod of Pa.; Rev. Samuel J. Fisher, D.D., Synod of Pa.; Rev. E. C. Ray, D.D., Synod of Illinois; Rev. D. J McMillan, D.D., Synod of N. Y.; Rev. T. E Montgomery, Synod of Ky.; Rev. J. Eugene Dieterich, English Lutheran General Synod; Rev. J. Judson Pierson, N. J. Baptist Association; Bishop Lee, African M. E. Church—10.

Summary—Ministers, 103; Ruling Elders, 60; Corresponding Members, 10-173.

Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, was elected Moderator.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, recommending:

First. That the sessions of Synod begin at 9 A. M., and that recess be taken from 12:30 to 2 P. M., and from 5 to 7:30 P. M.; and

that the first half hour of the morning sessions be given to devotional exercises.

Second. That during the last two hours and a half of the afternoon session on Wednesday, opportunity be given to such representatives of the Boards of the Church as may appear in Synod to present the work of their respective Boards; also, that Rev. William W. Moffett be granted fifteen minutes in behalf of the work of the American Bible Society.

Third. That a popular meeting be held on Wednesday evening in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions, at which the Moderator of Synod shall preside, and addresses be delivered by Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D, and Mr. Robert E. Speer.

Fourth That the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be made the first order of the day for Wednesday morning, and that the report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions be the order for 10:30 A. M. the same day.

The report was accepted, and the several recommendations were adopted.

Sundry orders of the day for Wednesday and Thursday were adopted.

The Synod adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The session closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 18th.

The Synod met at 9 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment, and a half-hour was spent in devotional services.

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read, and the record was approved.

The Moderator announced Rev. Lewis W. Mudge, D.D., as Vice-Moderator, and the Standing Committees as follows:

I-BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers—Henry F. Hickok, D.D., Charles T. Haley, D.D., George Sluter, Robert A. Bryant.

Ruling Elders-Jacob Wilson, Joseph Cross, Benjamin T. Harding.

II—JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers—John Ewing, D.D., Henry Goodwin Smith, Everard Kempshall, D.D., Thomas S. Long.

Ruling Elders - Abram C. Smith, E. W. Ketcham, Robert Carter.

III-MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ministers—William Thomson, William W. Halloway, Jr., D.D. Ruling Elder—Morris H. Stratton.

IV-NARRATIVE FOR 1894.

Ministers—William J. Bridges, Henry A. Harlow. Ruling Elder—Charles G. Endicott.

V-FINANCE.

Ruling Elders—Franklin Dye, W. W. Shipman. Ministers—Henry R. Hall, Hugh B. MacCauley.

VI.--RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Corisco—Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., Rev. William L. Cunningham, D.D., Elder William P. Tuttle.

Elizabeth—Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D., Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., Elder Charles A. DeWitt.

Jersey City—Rev. David Stevenson, D.D., Rev. Kneeland P. Ketcham, D.D., Elder I., Marshall Teel.

Monmouth—Rev. Frederick N. Rutan, Rev. Thomas Carter, Elder Joseph A. Pittenger.

Morris and Orange—Rev. Robert J. Burtt, Rev. Charles Everett, Elder Isaac C. Stevenson.

Newark -- Rev. James H. Owens, Rev. William Swan, Elder Richard Purdue.

New Brunswick—Rev. William V. Louderbough, Rev. William P. Finney, Elder William H. Thomas.

Newton—Rev. Alexander H. Young, D.D., Rev. Stanley White, Elder Charles H. Langdon.

West Jersey—Rev. Joseph S. VanDyke, D.D., Rev. James G. Mason, D.D., Elder Pierson B. Hunt.

The report of the Stated Clerk was presented, and the acts and expenditures of the Stated Clerk as reported were approved. The proposal of the Stated Clerk to print the reports of the Permanent Committees and other reports in the Minutes, rather than in the Appendix as heretofore, was approved by the Synod.

Sundry papers in the hands of the Stated Clerk were placed in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The Stated Clerk presented a copy of the Minutes of the Synod for 1892, bearing the approval of the General Assembly of 1893.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and accepted, and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay the traveling expenses of the Trustees of the Synod for November, 1892, and for October, 1893; and in the future to pay their traveling expenses to special meetings in the service of the Synod, upon the order or certificate of the President of the Trustees.

In response to a telegram from Elder William M. Lanning, of Trenton, the Synod appointed Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D, to draft a minute upon the evils of legislation favoring gambling upon race-tracks.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance was made the second order for Thursday morning.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented and accepted. The resignation of Rev Theodore F. White, D.D., as Chairman of the Committee, was accepted, and the Committee was authorized to appoint a Chairman.

The report is as follows:

The Permanent Committee of Synod on Systematic Beneficence respectfully report:

First. The contributions to the nine objects of our church, according to the Assembly's Minutes for 1892 and 1893, are as follows:

	TABLE A.			
TT 36'-	1892.	1893.	Increase.	Decrease.
Home Miss ons,		\$101,139	\$3,894	
Foreign Missions,		108,212	13,565	
Education,		14,558	1,823	
Sabbath-school Work,		13,656	558	
Church Erection,		18,393		\$1,186
Ministerial Relief,		11,957	1,403	
Freedmen,	10,922	9,514		1,408
Sustentation, S. H. M.,	14,427	14,007		420
Aid for Colleges,	6,667	7,108	441	
	\$279.874	\$298,511	\$21,681	\$3,014

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The net increase of \$18,670 to the nine objects of our church is very gratifying, particularly in view of the fact that inasmuch as the number of communicants has increased only by 756, it shows an increase per capita in gifts to the nine causes of 24 cents.

Second. The measure of support given by Synod to the Boards of our church, and the amounts expended in Synod, are as follows:

TABLE B.

	1.2	ABLE D.				
				1	Expended	in Synod.
	1892.	1893.	Increase.	Decrease.	1892.	1893.
Home Missions,	\$48,135	\$48,498	\$363			
Foreign Missions,	81,665	85,988	4,323			
Education,	6,454	5,817		\$637	\$3,849	\$1,550
Sunday-school Work, .	7,881	7,953	72			
Church Erection,	6,496	6,454		42		1,000
Ministerial Relief,	9,533	10,347	814		5,575	6,100
Freedmen,	6,874	6,589		285		
Sustentation,	228	229	I			
Aid for Colleges,	4,015	4,113	98			
	\$171,281	\$175,988	\$5,671	\$964	\$9,424	\$11,650
Synodical Home Miss.,	14,802	15,262	460		14,049	15,452
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					\$23,473	\$27,102
Net increase to the Box	ards					\$4,707
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The above increase to the Boards of \$4,707 over 1892 and of \$2,933 over 1891 is gratifying. The increase in the church membership of Synod since 1891 is 4771, showing that the increase in gifts to the Boards since 1891 is just $62\frac{2}{3}$ per cent. of the increase in membership. Ought this ratio to continue? The percentage of the contributions of Synod to the nine objects of our church, given through the Boards, is $62\frac{81}{100}$, and that of those given in other ways is $37\frac{69}{100}$, as against 38.7 last year. It is worthy of notice that whereas the

sum given to Foreign Missions in 1892, viz., \$81,665, was the largest in our history, that of 1893 exceeds it by \$4.323.

Third. Table C shows the amount given by each Presbytery to the nine objects of our church, including Sustentation.

	1892.	1893.	Increase.	Decrease.
Morris and Orange,	\$67,470	\$68,842	\$1,372	
Newark,	52,124	65,100	12,976	
Elizabeth,	39,896	40,646	750	
New Brunswick,	36,237	48,446	12,209	
Jersey City,	25,681	26,193	512	
Monmouth,	17,125	17,380	255	
West Jersey,	18,512	16,735		1,777
Newton,	14,787	15 081	294	
Corisco,	142	121		21
	\$271,974	\$298,544	\$28,368	\$1,798

Net increase to the nine objects, \$26,570.

Fourth. Table D shows the amount given by each Presbytery through the Boards of our church.

	1892	1893.	Increase.	Decrease.
Morris and Orange,	\$41,652	\$45,719	\$4,067	
Newark,	29,518	30,423	905	
Elizabeth,	27,551	28,881	1,330	
New Brunswick,	24,496	22,038		2,45 ⁸
Jersey City,	14.544	13,976		568
Monmouth,	12,823	12,328		495
Newton,	11,158	11,597	437	
West Jersey,	9.733	11,449	1,716	
Corisco,	182	139		43
	\$171,657	\$176.550	\$8,457	\$3,564

Net increase, \$4,893.

In amounts given to the nine objects the order of Presbyteries is the same as in 1892 except that Elizabeth yields the third place to New Brunswick. The order of gifts through the Boards remains unchanged. It is encouraging to note that whereas in 1892 all the Presbyteries except Elizabeth, Monmouth and Newton had declined in contributions in 1893, all but Corisco and West Jersey have increased, and Newark and New Brunswick very largely. In gifts through the Boards five Presbyteries show an increase of \$8,457, and four a decrease of \$3,564.

Fifth. Table E shows blanks in each Presbytery.

TABLE E.

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	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education.	Sabbath-school	Church Erection.	Ministerial R	Freedmen.	Sustentation.	Aid for Colleges	1892.	1893.	Increase,	Decrease.
Corisco,	. 9	7	9	9	9	 9	8	8	8	63	76	13	0
Elizabeth,	. 2	2	3	2	2	2	3	5	2	22	23	I	0
Jersey City,	. 9	6	12	14	14	15	17	5	18	76		36	0
Monmouth,	. 2	4	9	10	9	10	10	11	ΙI	78	76	o	2
Morris and Orange,	I	2	4	6	6	5	7	5	10	85	46	0	39
Newark,	. 4	4	7	8	4	5 9	7 8	5	17	73	66	0	7
New Brunswick, .	. 0	0	0	0	o	Ó	0	ŏ	0	2	0	0	2
Newton,	. 4	4	6	7	9	7	6	6	12	73	61	0	12
West Jersey,	. 10	9	17	13	9 18	17	.20	I 2	27	147	142	0	5
Totals,	. 41	38	67	69	71	74	79	59	105	619	602	50	67

While we are thankful for the net decrease of 17 in the number of blanks this year we must remember that this is a decrease over 1892, when we had a net increase of 131, and a comparative one over 1891 of 76. Why should not more Presbyteries copy the noble example of New Brunswick and fill all the blanks?

Sixth. Table F shows the total amounts given to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, Sabbath-school Work and Freedmen, and the portion thereof contributed by the Sabbath-schools and Ladies' Societies.

TABLE F.

	′	Ladies' Societies.	Sabbath- schools.	Both.	Per Cent.
Home Missions,	\$48,498	\$16,168	\$5,331	\$21,499	44.33
Foreign Missions, .	85,988	31,162	7,738	38,900	45 24
Sunday-school Work,	7,953		3,260	3,260	42 24
Freedmen,	6,589	588	1,457	2,045	31.00
	\$149,028	\$47,918	\$17,786	\$65,704	44.08

The percentage of gifts contributed by Ladies' Societies and Sabbath-schools in 1891, was 39 22; in 1892, 42.29; in 1893, 44.08; showing a steady increase of 4.86 per cent. in two years.

In amount of contributions to the nine objects New Jersey stands third as heretofore. In average gifts per member to the same causes New Jersey stands third instead of fourth as in 1892. Oregon is first with the remarkable percentage of \$14 per member; Minnesota is second giving \$5.92 per member; and New Jersey is third, contributing \$4.76 per member. The extraordinary percentages of Oregon and Minnesota are explained by the very heavy gifts of \$44,181 for Oregon, and \$46,688 for Minnesota, to the Board of Aid for Colleges. But it is only just to Oregon to say that it would still remain first, giving \$5.63 per member, even if the sum for Aid for Colleges were omitted.

Synod will remember that in 1891 your Committee called attention to the large aggregate of gifts to our Boards from miscellaneous sources, which are not included in the tabulated statements of their receipts, and are not credited to the Synods or Presbyteries, and that Synod directed your Committee, together with the Stated Clerk, to correspond with the Secretaries of the Boards on this subject. In 1892 your Committee reported that it had conducted such correspondence and the results, but Synod took no further action, and your Committee supposes that in your judgment none was considered necessary. The sum of such contributions gathered from the reports of the Boards for 1893 is about \$345,000 (\$344,831.39).

The number of churches in Synod is 319. If all had contributed to all the Boards there would have been a total of 2871 g fts. But we find 602 failures to contribute or 21 per cent. of the whole, averaging 67 to each Presbytery, or 75, omitting New Brunswick, which had none. Nor are these failures confined to our weak churches, since 164 are found in churches having over 100 members, and reaching as many as 600 or more.

Our average gift to Home Missions this year is \$1.61, as against \$1.50 last year; and that to Foreign Missions \$1.73, compared with \$1.53 in 1892.

Fathers and Brethren, we have presented to you the customary statistics on this subject, and these have a certain value. They enable us to compare ourselves with ourselves, and they seem to show that we are becoming more systematic in the sense that we are growing more regular and faithful in the support of the work of our church. But it must be plain to us all that they throw comparatively little light on the matter of Systematic Beneficence in its truer and better sense, viz., on the question whether the members of our congregations are making progress in regular, universal, proportionate and devotional giving to the cause of the Master. Or rather, they seem to teach that but little gain is being made in this direction, for if so, there can hardly be any questioning that our increase in contributions would be much greater than it has been

Your Committee has not been able to obtain general and reliable statistics concerning this, but such as we have received appear to sustain the conclusion that, while some churches and more individuals are attaining toward true systematic giving, the old methods generally prevail. Indeed this grace of true Systematic Beneficence is so closely related to a higher type of Christian life that it can hardly be expected to become generally prevalent in the church without a larger outpouring, and a fuller indwelling of the Spirit of God. Something, probably much, can be done, as was said in our last report, in the way of training the children and youth in our families and Sabbath-schools; but our main dependence must be on the revival of pure and undefiled religion in the hearts of our people. And for this we, pastors, sessions and people, should give our most earnest prayer and faithful endeavor.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read and accepted.*

The report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions was presented and accepted, and its recommendations were considered *seriatim* and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

The Synod of New Jersey comes to the close of the seventh year of the care of its own weak churches and mission stations with increasing cause for gratitude to God. During the past year we have raised more money, we have done more work, and we have aided a larger number of churches than ever before. The importance of our work and the efficiency of our plan become increasingly evident. When your Committee held its stated meeting early in September the outlook was far from promising. The wide-spread financial troubles seemed to make it almost impossible to secure from any of the Presbyteries the amount needed. The chairman of the Committee feels it to be his duty to incorporate in this report his tribute of heartiest praise to his associates for the splendid work they did in securing the needed funds. Letter upon letter, urgent and persuasive, was sent by them setting forth the needs of the treasury and pleading for the good of the cause and the standing of the Presbytery. Their self-denying and persistent efforts have made it possible to say to Synod that the last year has been our best year. But the hearty consecration and earnest work of these brethren would have been fruitless were it not that the ministers and elders of Synod were ready to join with the members of the Presbyterial Committees in securing the funds needed to meet our obligations.

^{*} See Appendix.

We enter upon a new year with the ability to give of many seriously reduced. Even under the most favorable circumstances financial prosperity will return to our country but slowly, yet we are not cast down, for we are sure that next year, even as this, we shall have cause for rejoicing.

The Treasurer reports that during the past year he has received from all sources the sum of \$15,262.15, as follows, viz.:

Elizabeth	\$2,508 87
Jersey City—	
Churches	
Individual gift 5 oc	
	- 1,297 63
Monmouth—	
Churches	
Special offering by Presbytery 85 34	
	1,232 75
Morris and Orange	2,817 64
Newark	2,618 93
New Brunswick—	
Churches	
Individuals	,
	2,481 89
Newton	969 49
West Jersey—	
Churches	
Individual	,
	1,334 95
	\$15,262 15

This is \$459.68 more than last year. The Presbyteries of Monmouth, Morris and Orange, New Brunswick and West Jersey have somewhat exceeded the amounts expected from them. Elizabeth and Newark both fall a little short, but each of them sends more than last year. Jersey City would appear as contributing more than last year if the Treasurer had received all that had been raised during the fiscal year. Newton has fallen somewhat below the amount sent last year, which was the largest sum which had been contributed by that Presbytery.

The Treasurer has paid out \$15,452.05, which is \$189.90 more than the receipts, and \$1,402.87 in excess of last year. With the expenditures in excess of the receipts, and with the prospect that it will be more difficult for the churches to raise money during the coming year than for several years past, the Committee were compelled to scrutinize the applications from the Presbyteries with more than usual care. The various Presbyteries voted to ask Synod for nearly

\$17,000. Every dollar was needed, and every place was important. Both in country and in city there is a growing need of assistance, and this will doubtless continue to be the case for many years. In the country the churches are, for the most part, destined to grow weaker until the foreign populations which have taken up the farms are brought into active sympathy with the church. The rapid growth of the cities opens up new fields which cannot safely or properly be neglected. Our funds will not permit us to give to all, though nearly double the sum for mission work is spent in New Jersey as compared with the former gifts of the Home Board. Shall we neglect the old in order to take up the new? That would not be right. So we recommend Synod to do the best it can for the new work while not neglecting the old.

Aid has been given during the year to 81 churches and missions, the places and amounts being set forth in the report of the Treasurer. These churches have added to their membership during the ecclesiastical year a total of 754 persons, of whom 510 were on confession and 244 by letter. It is a suggestive, or, at least, a singular fact that the accessions to our mission churches almost equal the net gain of the entire Synod in the matter of membership. The Minutes of 1892 reported the total number of communicants of the Synod as 61,911. This year it is 62 667—a net gain of 756. The average amount paid to our churches is \$190. The average amount paid by the Home Board to the churches under its care in the Synod of New York is \$234, which sum does not include the cost of administration.

Special appropriations were made to the Presbyteries of Jersey City and West Jersey, for work among the foreign populations Important work has been done and excellent progress made. Presbytery of Newark has been specially successful in its work also, among the Italians. Jersey City Presbytery has resolved upon beginning a new mission in that city, and would have asked Synod for an appropriation at this time. The uncertain prospect as to our revenue for the coming year, as well as the numerous and pressing calls from other Presbyteries for established work, have induced the Presbytery to do the whole work of the proposed new mission without assistance from Synod this year, but it will be compelled to seek an appropriation next year. Steadily, though perhaps not as rapidly as some cou'd desire, the churches are being pressed towards the point of self-support. But it seems as soon as that point is reached Presbytery finds a new field waiting for its help. To this great work we are thoroughly committed as a Synod. We rejoice in the opportunity for such service, and pray God to prosper us in it more and more.

We recommend—

- r. That Synod offer its heartiest thanks to Elmer Ewing Green, Esq., for his services as Treasurer of this fund, and ask him to serve for the ensuing year.
- 2. That Presbyteries be asked to contribute upon the same basis as last year, so that the following sums may be expected:

Presbytery o	of Elizabeth, \$2,	552	40
	Jersey City,	633	50
	Monmouth,	198	6 ɔ
	Morris and Orange, 2,	741	10
	Newark, 2,	789	37
	New Brunswick, 2,	309	85
	Newton,	182	6 o
	West Jersey,	275	40
	\$15,	682	82

3. That allotments be made to the Presbyteries as follows, viz.:

Presbytery of	Elizabeth, \$375	00
	Jersey City, 2,600 (00
	Monmouth, 4,000	00
	Morris and Orange, 1,750	00
	Newark, 1,525	00
	New Brunswick, 625	00
	Newton, 925	00
	West Jersey, 4,200	00
	\$16,000	00

The report of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions was presented as follows:

To the Synod of New Jersey:

Your Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions respectfully presents the following report:

The close of the seventh year of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey charges the Treasurer with the obligation of making a short statement of the year's work, so far as it has fallen within the lines of his employment. This statement may naturally be brought under three heads—reminder of the provision for the work, narrative of the performance of the work, and suggestion based upon experience in the work.

At the beginning of the year, your Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions recommended that fifteen thousand, four hundred and forty-nine dollars and ninety-one cents should be raised

within the borders of Synod, and that sums, reaching in the aggregate fifteen thousand, six hundred and eighty-eight dollars, should be granted for use in the general work within the limits of the several Presbyteries. Under the leading of another Committee, it was also recommended that supplementary grants of two hundred dollars each, should be made to the Presbyteries of Jersey City and West Jersey for use in the work among foreign populations. It certainly bears testimony to the foresight and wisdom of your Committee that the sums actually expended in the general work of the year and the expenses of administration fell within the income actually received. All of the recommendations of the Committee were by you adopted, and their apportionment among the Presbyteries of the sum to be raised and allotment of the sums to be used were confirmed by your action. The particulars of such apportionment and allotment will be found in Schedules I and 2, hereunder written and making part of this report.*

In the performance of the work thus provided for, thirty-one churches within the limits of the Presbytery of Elizabeth have contributed two thousand, five hundred and eight dollars and eightyseven cents; twenty-nine churches within the Presbytery of Jersey City have contributed twelve hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixty-three cents; forty-seven churches within the Presbytery of Monmouth have contributed eleven hundred and forty-seven dollars and forty-one cents; forty-four churches within the Presbytery of Morris and Orange have contributed two thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars and sixty-four cents; thirty churches within the Presbytery of Newark have contributed two thousand, six hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety-three cents; thirty-five churches within the Presbytery of New Brunswick have contributed seventeen hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty-nine cents: twenty-nine churches within the Presbytery of Newton have contributed nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents; and forty-eight churches within the Presbytery of West Jersey have contributed thirteen hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-five cents. Of these contributions, thirteen thousand, six hundred and fifty-eight dollars and sixty-eight cents have come from congregations, six hundred and six dollars and seven cents from Sabbathschools, and one hundred and forty-two dollars and six cents from missionary societies. In addition to these gifts, five persons have contributed in differing sums seven hundred and seventy-one dollars. Of these persons, one was a pastor of a church in Jersey City Presbytery, one a pastor of a church in West Jersey, one a member of a church in Monmouth, and three members of churches in New Brunswick. The Presbytery of Monmouth also contributed eighty-

^{*}For the Schedules accompanying this report see Appendix.

four dollars and thirty-four cents, for the avowed purpose of making up a deficiency in the gifts of the sixth year. In Schedule 3 hereunder written and making part of this report will be found the gifts of the year, classified as heretofore; and in Schedule 4 will be found a comparative statement by Presbyteries of the gifts of the churches in the sixth and seventh years, which shows, both absolutely and relatively, the number of churches giving and the sum of their gifts.

In the further performance of the year's work, aid has been given from the Synodical Home Mission Fund in maintaining the preaching of the gospel in eighty-one mission fields within the borders of the Synod. Of the seventy-nine fields in which has been wrought the usual or general mission work of the Synod, one lies within the bounds of the Presbytery of Elizabeth; eleven lie within the Presbytery of Jersey City; eighteen within the Presbytery of Monmouth; ten within the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; four within the Presbytery of Newark; five within the Presbytery of New Brunswick; six within the Presbytery of Newton; and twentyfour within the Presbytery of West Jersey. Of the two fields, or stations, in which has been done the special or supplementary work. one is within the bounds of the Presbytery of Jersey City, and the other within the Presbytery of West Jersey. During the past year. payments have been made on account of appropriations for the services of ministers and missionaries, reaching the sum of fifteen thousand, four hundred and fifty-two dollars and five cents, the average for each quarter being a little over three thousand, eight 'hundred and fifty dollars Of the whole sum, there have been paid out upon the orders of the Chairmen of the several Presbyterial Committees on Home Missions, for services within the Presbytery of Elizabeth three hundred dollars, for services within the Presbytery of Jersey City, in the general work, two thousand, three hundred and nineteen dollars, and in the supplementary work, sixty dollars, for services within the Presbytery of Monmouth three thousand, nine hundred and thirty-five dollars and twenty-two cents, for services within the Presbytery of Morris and Orange fourteen hundred and fifty-eight dollars and sixty-five cents, for services within the Presbytery of Newark sixteen hundred and twentyfive dollars, for services within the Presbytery of New Brunswick seven hundred and eighty-one dollars and sixty-six cents, for services within the Presbytery of Newton seven hundred and seventyseven dollars and ninety-two cents and for services within the Presbytery of West Jersey, in the general work, three thousand, nine hundred and twenty-seven dollars and twenty-eight cents, and in the supplementary work, one hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents. These payments for strictly mission work

will be found particularly set forth in subdivisions 1a and 1b of Schedule 5*, hereunder written and making part of this report. There have also been paid out during the year, for printing and stationery, (including the publication of contributions in The Church at Home and Abroad.) fifty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents; for postage and expressage, thirty-seven dollars and ninetytwo cents; and for the necessary traveling and other expenses (except postage) of the members of the Permanent Committee, thirty-seven dollars and forty-five cents ;-in all, one hundred and thirty-three dollars and ninety-nine cents. The particulars of these incidental expenses of administration will be found in subdivision 2 of Schedule 5. In the Schedule 6 hereunder written and making part of this report will be seen a comparative statement by Presbyteries, of the payments in the sixth and seventh years for the services of ministers and missionaries, which shows, both absolutely and relatively, the number of mission fields wherein aid was given and received, and the amounts expended. The balance in the treasury at the closing of the books was four thousand, eight hundred and twenty-one dollars and eighty-five cents. Against this, we must charge the debts of the several Presbyteries for work fully performed by ministers and missionaries in the last quarter of the year just ended. If the average quarterly payment should be maintained, the true balance at the disposal of the Synod will be less than one thousand dollars.

In the line of suggestions for the work of the new year, two only will be offered, based upon experience gained in the finished work. In the first place, while the Treasurer, both as an officer of Synod and as an individual church member, highly approves of mission work among foreign populations, he must express the hope that the making of special or supplementary grants for the carrying on of such work may not permanently become a part of our policy. It makes a needless distinction in work among different foreign peoples, as between work among Germans and work among Slavs; it makes a needless distinction in work among men of the same race in different Presbyteries, as between work among Italians in Newark and work among Italians in West Jersey; it adds to the length of this report, and consequently to the cost of printing it; and in case of a failing treasury, it would give rise to difficult questions of administration, which would require for settlement more power than is conferred upon the Treasurer, and all of the patience and prudence that are possessed by your Permanent Committee. In the second place, moved thereto by his own observation and by letters lately received, the Treasurer would with all modesty remind the Synod that we are in the midst-perhaps not at the worst-of the first financial and business depression which has overspread the

^{*} Not printed, by order of Synod.

country since the establishment of our plan for Synodical Home Missions, and that, while promising work already begun should be maintained at much hazard and at great sacrifice, these are not times in which to undertake new labors or to assume increased responsibilities.

The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

It was made the order for Wednesday afternoon to hear Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., upon German Education, for ten minutes after the addresses of Dr. McIlvaine and Principal Lyon.

The report of the Trustees of Synod was presented, as follows:

At the last meeting of this Synod and for reasons which were then deemed satisfactory, the Trustees of the Synod made only a brief verbal report. (See Minutes 1892, page 23). They now beg leave to present a report covering two years.

First, they report that, as authorized by Synod, they conveyed by deed the Chapel and land at Barnegat City to the Presbytery of Monmouth, and they conveyed the Chapel and land at Holly Beach to the Trustees of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

They also report that the Holmes Fund of \$725 and the Wurts Legacy of \$525 have been combined in one mortgage, dated March 1st, 1892, upon property in Newark at five per cent. It is known as the "Kane Mortgage."

They further report, that the conditions in regard to the Woodland Avenue Chapel in the Eighth Ward of the City of Camden having been complied with, the One Hundred Dollars held conditionally by Synod have been paid to the Presbytery of West Jersey, for the final liquidation of the debt on that property.

On October 10th, 1892, the Trustees appropriated \$17.50, the balance of the "Manse Fund," to the manse at New Gretna, formerly called Bass River, and the balance of \$6.50 of the Holmes Fund, remaining after the investment of \$725, to the church at Forked River.

The special donation of \$500 for Barnegat Village was used to purchase a valuable lot for a manse, adjoining the church, and the title is, for the present, vested in the Presbytery of Monmouth.

The congregation at Mays Landing, aided by the special gift of \$500 through the Synod, has erected a very neat and commodious manse and has given to your Trustees a mortgage, without interest, similar to those which the Board of Church Erection requires.

In consequence of the action of Synod last year, the Board of Trustees held a special meeting at Newark in November and resolved to sell the Seaside Chapel at Long Branch and to devote the proceeds to the interest of the Presbyterian Church at that place.

The disposal of the property was committed to the Trustees of the Long Branch Church, who have only very recently decided to take down the building and to use the material in the erection of their greatly needed new church and to wait for more prosperous times before selling the land When it is sold, your Trustees will execute the deed to the purchaser and report to Synod.

Your Trustees report that they have accepted the offer of a new chapel at Avalon, which is a new and attractive watering place on Seven Mile Beach in Cape May county. The building was commenced and failed as a union enterprise and was then offered to the Presbyterians. Though unfinished, it was opened for public worship, for the first time, on the 30th of July, 1803, and was regularly supplied through the summer. It is now completed and the whole property is valued at nearly four thousand dollars. A debt of two thousand dollars rests upon it, payment of which is secured by a mortgage, guaranteed by four responsible individuals, whose names are upon the bond. Therefore, in accepting the gifts the Trustees assume no financial obligation, only holding the property in trust for the Presbyterian Church. Both residents and visitors have manifested unwonted enthusiasm in the work. The establishment of a summer school especially for the teachers of Philadelphia adds prospective importance to Avalon and to its one only church.

Whereas the Synod of 1891 (see Minutes, page 93,) endorsed a plan for "special voluntary contributions" to a Manse Fund for the benefit of any of our missionary fields in New Jersey, to be paid to the Trustees of the Synod and to be distributed by them, according to such rules as the Trustees may adopt and the "Synod may approve," now, therefore, the Trustees submit for the approval of Synod these rules, which were prepared for presentation one year ago, but failed to arrive before the adjournment of Synod, because, with other papers, they were missent through the mail.

The Synodical Manse Fund is designed only for the Missionary Churches to help them to self-support by donations for the erection of manses under the following

RULES.

- I. All specially designated contributions to be paid promptly according to the wishes of the donors.
- 2. Grants to be made by the Trustees upon recommendation of a Presbytery or of its Missionary Committee.
- 3 Except in extraordinary cases no grant to exceed one-third of the cost of the manse.

- 4. To prevent alienation and loss of the property, a mortgage shall be given to the Trustees of Synod for the sum granted, payable only in case of alienation of the property from the Presbyterian Church.
- 5. To release a mortgage—any Missionary Church making an annual contribution to this fund of not less than ten per cent. of the amount originally granted to it shall be deemed as paying in such contribution an installment of like amount upon the mortgage held by the Synod, and when such payments in the aggregate shall equal the amount of the grant the Trustees shall execute a release of the mortgage, and thus remove Synod's lien from the property of the church; provided, that such church, at the time its contribution is sent, shall notify the Trustees that it desires such application thereof to be made.

The vacancy in the Board of Trustees, occasioned more than a year ago by the death of Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., should be filled at this session.

In 1891 Rev. Robert Aikman, D. D., resigned the office of Treasurer and Rev. Allen H. Brown was chosen Treasurer to hold the office from January 1st, 1892.

The report of the Trustees was accepted, and the acts of the Trustees and the proposed rules relative to funds for manses, were approved.

The report of the Treasurer of the Trustees was also presented, and was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Stated Clerk was directed to cast the ballot of the Synod for Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D.D., to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees caused by the death of Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., Rev. Samuel Parry, Elder Frank L. Janeway as a Committee on the next place of meeting.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was presented and accepted;* and the Synod engaged in prayer.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Elizabeth reported in the following resolution, which was adopted:

^{*}See Appendix.

Resolved, That we recommend the approval of the minutes of the Presbytery of Elizabeth as far as written, with the following qualification, to wit: In approving the minutes of the Presbytery, the Synod is not to be understood as deciding that a refusal to accept the statements of the Confession in Chapter III., section 7, and Chapter X., sections 3 and 4, may not involve rejection of "the system of doctrine," but only as assuming that the Presbytery deemed that the difficulties experienced by the Elder-elect had reference to certain forms of statement rather than to the system itself.

The Synod took a recess until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

The Synod re-assembled, and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending:

(1) That the sixteenth annual report of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions be referred to the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions; (2) that a memorial from the Presbytery of Newark in reference to changes in the Plan for Synodical Home Missions be referred to the same Committee; (3) that an overture from the Presbytery of New Brunswick in reference to instruction in temperance in the public schools, and asking that the Synod seek legislative action, be answered in the affirmative, and that the matter be referred to the Permanent Committee on Temperance.

The recommendations were adopted.

The following paper was adopted:

WHEREAS, Evelyn College is the only institution for the higher education of women in the State of New Jersey, is under Presbyterian control, and is devoted to the religious education and training of young women; therefore,

Resolved, That we commend it to parents and guardians as eminently suitable and desirable for the education of their children.

WHEREAS, The business trouble prevailing throughout the country renders it necessary that the college should be financially aided; and in view of its high character,

Resolved, That we cordially commend it to effectual support by our people, and by all who are interested in the education which it represents; and in full recognition of the autonomy of our pastors and sessions in all such matters, we recommend that, if they shall judge it to be wise, they admit the President of the College to their pulpits to preach on the higher education of women.

Addresses upon education were made by President McIlvaine, Principal Phœbus W. Lyon, President Charles E. Knox, D.D.

The following paper, prepared by Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., appointed for the purpose, was presented and adopted by a rising vote, and the Stated Clerk was authorized to send a copy to each minister and vacant church in the Synod, the Synod recommending that the paper be read in every pulpit:

Resolved, That Synod is in deepest sympathy with the effort now being made to suppress race-track gambling in New Jersey. The gravity of the situation can hardly be exaggerated. By the systematic and persistent effort of the abettors of this most demoralizing vice, it has come to pass that laws legalizing book-making and pool selling upon race-tracks have been placed upon the statute books of our State. The law-abiding citizens of New Jersey feel most deeply the humiliation and disgrace thereby brought upon the State, while the resultant evils from this legislation, accomplished in scornful indifference to the most earnest protest of the people, are too apparent to need recapitulation. The issues at stake in the impending election, as affecting the most sacred interests of our homes, the community, and the State, are in their momentous character beyond the power of human computation. The question of the hour is simply this: "Shall the State of New Jersey be permanently surrendered into the hands of men who, for their own selfish and mercenary ends, will continue to corrupt our legislation, debauch suffrage by the lavish use of money, defy the courts and tempt to ruin scores and hundreds of the citizens of our State?"

The Synod of New Jersey calls upon all ministers and laymen within its bounds to rise in the power of righteous indignation, and lend their aid in giving answer at the polls in November next; "that by the help of God, this thing shall not be '

Synod urges upon pastors to endeavor to keep the duty of the hour before the people of their charges, and earnestly calls upon all who have a vote to cast, to allow no other obligation to interfere with doing their part in the coming election toward freeing our State from the power of these conspirators against its peace and prosperity, and restoring it to its once honored position in the

sisterhood of States, by voting for candidates, without regard to party, who can be trusted to oppose race-track gambling in New Jersey.

During the last two hours of the session, addresses were made by Rev. Edward C. Ray, D.D., upon Aid for Colleges; by Rev. Samuel J. Fisher, D.D., upon the work for Freedmen; by Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., upon Sabbath-school Work; by Rev. William W. Moffet, upon the work of the American Bible Society.

Rev. George Swain, D.D., was appointed to convey the fraternal salutations of the Synod to the Annual Conference of the District of New Jersey of the Methodist Protestant Church in session in this city. From this Conference the following message was received:

The Annual Conference of the District of New Jersey of the Methodist Protestant Church, sends its Christian recognition and fellowship in relation to a church whom we have learned to love. We would express it more particularly in the language of I Cor. 3:9: "For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

L D. STULTS, Secretary.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was presented, and its several recommendations were adopted. The circular-letter proposed by the Committee, for distribution in the churches of the Synod, was referred back to the Committee, after its issue by the Committee had been authorized.

The report is as follows:

In reviewing the ecclesiastical year your Committee has seen unusual reasons for thankfulness and hope; not only because the work abroad has been owned of God, as heretofore, but especially because the church at home seems to be responding to the well-directed efforts to enforce the commands of Christ, and to emphasize the pathetic appeals of perishing mankind, on the part of its Board and other various agencies of our church. It is hoped that a revival of intelligent activity in Missions has begun. A single symptom may be worthy of mention. The Woman's Missionary Society of one of our Presbyteries has asked for a repetition this fall of the Simultaneous Meetings which, in many localities, were so profitable in 1887 and 1889. Other hopeful indications are not wanting.

I. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

The notes under this heading, furnished to the Chairman, at his request, by Elder William Rankin, so long the Treasurer of the Board, and a member of this Committee, are inserted without alteration as a part of the report.

The Annual Report of the Foreign Board of the first of May last presents the gratifying statement of an advance in every department of receipts, with a sum total of \$1,014,500 and a balance in the Treasury of \$1,858 after meeting all obligations, including a deficit of the previous year of \$54,500. These receipts include \$50,000, the estimated aggregate balance in the Mission Treasuries on April 30th, 1892. A week of special prayer and self-denial, recommended by the Board and widely observed, brought into the Treasury \$20,000, which was also further replenished to an extent of over \$16,000 from that new source of supply, "the Christian Endeavorers." This is the first year since 1888 that the Board has reported itself free of debt, and it is made specially memorable for its income of over a million dollars.

We continue our table of average contributions to the Board since the beginning of the second century of our American Presbyterian Church, from our last report to the Synod:

	Gifts of Ch's Wom. B'ds, S. S. and Y. P. Soc.	Av. per Total Member. Av. per M.
1886-7,	. \$608,881	\$0.87 \$1.12
1887-8,	. 660,165	0.91 1.24
1889-9,	. 620,984	0.82 1.13
1889-90,	. 608,068	0.77 1.02
1890-1,	. 721,038	0.89 1.16
1891-2,	. 693,658	0.83 1.12
1892-3,	. 730,884	0.85½ 1.18½

The following table shows that the Board has increased its outgo at an annual rate of about 2 per cent. during the last five years:

1889 -E	xpenditures	, .							\$901,700
1890	4.4								907,900
1891	4.6				٠				972,500
1892	6.6	~	٠						1,002,600
1893							`.		1,008,100

The General Assembly, "in grateful recognition of the outfield opportunity and of the infield sufficiency," recommend as the aim of our churches the supply to the treasury for the current year of \$1,200,000. It is to be hoped that the churches of our Synod will keep this aim in view, and regard their proportionate share of the sum called for as not less than one-tenth of the whole, our contri-

bution heretofore being at that rate. Last year the Treasurer of the Board reported \$85,986 received from our Synod, from sources specified in the following table:

Presbyteries.	Churches.	Sab Sch	Wom. Soc.	Total.
Corisco,	\$32		\$25	\$57
Elizabeth,	6,622	\$1,679	5,319	13,620
Jersey City,	3,616	776	2,797	7,189
Monmouth,	2,178	589	2,707	5,474
Morris and Orange,	14,399	1,787	5,884	22,070
Newark,	10,600	839	5,379	16,818
New Brunswick,	5,234	653	4,440	10,327
Newton,	2,736	529	1,943	5,208
West Jersey,	1,650	906	2,667	5,223
	\$47,067	\$7.758	\$31,161	\$85,986

This is an aggregate advance of \$3,969 on the report of the previous year, which was \$\$2,015. The average per member is \$1.37, as against \$1.32. It is proper to add that the Minutes of the last Assembly credit the Synod with \$108,212, as against \$94,647 in 1892, an advance of \$13,565. (This is more than one-third of the advance of the whole Church for the year.) Some of this extra amount in the statistical tables of the Presbyteries may be found among the miscellaneous and individual contributions acknowledged by the Treasurer of the Board, but doubtless the greater part is for objects outside of the regular work of the Board. In this connection it is proper to call the attention of the Synod to the action of the late General Assembly (Minutes, page 82), deprecating "promiscuous giving to independent and measurably irresponsible missionary efforts, earnestly calling the churches to consider whether there should be encouraging response to these roving appeals."

Your Committee would remind the Synod of the "Mitchell Memorial Laos Fund" of \$25,000, to be spent in the enlargement of the Laos Mission, appropriately recommended by the General Assembly in honor of the work of the sainted Secretary who so recently passed "to his crown and kingdom." Your Committee ask the members of the Synod to read carefully the entire report of the Committee of Foreign Missions of the last General Assembly (Minutes pp. 77-83); and to consider the scheme for an apportionment tentatively proposed by the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

II. ORGANIZATION AND METHODS.

Looking at this department, first, on the home side, your Committee continues to believe that a distinct advantage is gained in the designation of some layman (usually an elder) in each congre-

gation, to be, in conjunction with the pastor, a medium of communication between that congregation and the Board, and the Committees of the Synod and the Presbytery. Your Committee desires to see this method in use throughout our Synod and requests the Presbyteries to co-operate in making it general.

Recognizing the propriety and importance of training our youth to active participation in Missions and its support, while we congratulate our Woman's and Young People's Societies and Mission Bands upon the educational work already accomplished, we urge them to give prominence to instruction in the principles which underlie the work of Missions and especially in Scriptural methods of giving to God for its maintenance.

Properly managed popular services in the interest of missions are a most useful instrumentality. Your Committee commends the plan to be pursued this fall in the New Brunswick Presbytery, of a number of central meetings to be attended by delegations from surrounding churches; also that of the Newton Presbytery, which divides its churches into groups, making the pastors of each group a committee to see to it that a public meeting in this interest is held in each church during the fall or winter.

The Board desires that the week of prayer and self-denial, which yielded the tangible result of \$20,000 to its treasury, shall be re-

peated this year.

On the foreign side we find a deepening conviction that more missionaries must be engaged in the work of evangelization proper. This conviction has found definite expression in Persia during the past year, and has been felt in Africa and India, and probably in all of our fields. It may mark a turning point, and result in modification, if not change of the methods hitherto pursued.

III. HISTORY AND PROGRESS.

Among the significant events of the past year may be mentioned the final transfer to the Home Board of the work among the Indians of North America as being no longer foreign work.

Certain signs now manifest on the foreign field tell of the expansion and power of the work. One of these is growing opposition, as, for example, in Japan, where the fear of the natives is that, under its influence, that which is distinctive in Japanese history and civilization is likely to be merged and lost; as in the Turkish and Persian Empires, where that which was considered of little account and hardly worth notice now appears as a formidable rival of Mohammedanism; as almost everywhere, at the hands of Greek and Roman Catholics, who are fast losing their former supremacy in certain fields and are scheming for its recovery by a Jesuitic and aggressive policy.

Another sign of progress is the growing conviction among the missionaries, already mentioned, that this work must henceforth be pushed upon new lines and with far greater rapidity. Our brethren in India see the necessity of doing not less for the educated classes, but far more for the unevangelized masses, among whom there is promise of abundant harvest. In Persia some of the missionaries, stimulated perhaps by the imprisonment and noble confession of the martyr, Mirza Ibrahim, and by the noble conduct of some of their own number, in the face of the cholera epidemic, have questioned whether the past conservative policy, which aims so largely to avoid collision with native prejudices, is not too time-serving and cowardly; whether the proclamation of the gospel should not be more bold and aggressive even though the blood of missionaries should be made to mingle with that of native martyrs as the seed of the future church.

Famine relief among the starving Laos furnished a noble opportunity which the missionaries and helpers were forward to improve, greatly enlarging the scope of their labors and making necessary an earnest appeal to the church at home for men and means to reap and care for the abundant harvests ready to their hands. Let the "Mitchell Memorial" be raised, in answer

Mosul has been occupied, in spite of unhealthiness and Mohammedan hate, and from it messengers, both men and women, are going forth to the Kurdish mountain fastnesses.

Our sister Presbytery, Corisco, has already sounded the note of advance from the strip of coast so long occupied by way of preparation into the great unknown interior between it and the Congo Free State. Already 180 miles have been traversed, the timber-belt lining the coast penetrated, one or more new stations occupied, while supposed difficulties have vanished before the brave pioneers who send back messages full of courage and cheer-full, too, of pleading with the church at home to give the gospel to these multitudes, so needy and apparently so ready to receive it. Is not this a special call to us, brethren of the Synod, in whose memory the burning words of our late Moderator still linger, to stand by and encourage these dear brethren in their forward movement? Let us think of Corisco, our special care, with its 200 conversions last year and its unlimited prospects eastward, and while we double our prayers and sympathy, let us add a \$5,000 or \$10,000 to our gifts in view of this, our Synod's unexampled opportunity, making the total \$120,000 as Elder Rankin suggests, the tenth of the Assembly's estimate for the year.

RESOLUTIONS.

- I. That we render humble thanks to God for the prosperity which has attended our work of Foreign Missions during the past year, and especially for the grace of giving bestowed upon His people, which enabled the Board to report more than one million dollars and no debt.
- 2. We recognize, as instrumental of these results, both the faithful and self-denying labors of our brethren and sisters on the field, and also the earnest endeavors of the officers and members of the Board, of the committees of the Presbyteries, of pastors and elders, of women's societies, and, not least, of Sabbath-schools and associations of young people, whose growing zeal and gifts we welcome as a goodly omen' for the time to come.
- 3. We ask for more *prayer* for Foreign Missions, in the closet, the pulpit, the social meeting, the monthly concert, and for more *consecration* of personal gifts, children and money.
- 4. With faith in Him who has helped us hitherto, we will undertake our share in the work of raising \$1,200,000 asked for by the General Assembly for the current year; not daunted by "hard times" or stumbled by hindrances of Satan, but triumphing in the conquering grace of Christ, our Lord.
- 5. Believing that "the time is ripe for a forward movement, and that it should now be undertaken, both in outfield and infield work," we commit ourselves to the policy of more rapid and aggressive development at home and abroad.
- 6. We recommend to our churches not to forget the Mitchell Memorial Fund for Laos.
- 7 We send a message of congratulation and cheer to our late Moderator, the Rev. R. H. Nassau, D.D., and to our sister Presbytery of Corisco in her advance into interior Africa. Considering this movement a special call of God to the churches of our Synod, we pledge ourselves to hold our hands up in supplication and to hold them out in sympathy and generous giving while she is waging the battle at the front.

The Synod took a recess until 7:30 P. M.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

The Synod re-assembled and engaged in devotional exercises, and listened to an address by Mr. Robert E. Speer upon Foreign Missions.

There was a collection of offerings for Home Missions and Foreign Missions, amounting to \$109.87.

The Synod adjourned to meet on Thursday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The session closed with prayer and the doxology.

THURSDAY, October 19th.

The Synod met at 9 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment, and a half-hour was spent in devotional services.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read, and the record, as amended, was approved.

The Judicial Committee reported that nothing had been presented requiring its attention, and it was discharged.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported that it had chosen Rev. Robert A. Bryant as Chairman, and at its recommendation the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod directs the attention of all our pastors and elders to the Resolution 3, on page 122, G. A. Minutes, 1893, relative to the subject of a tentative apportionment among the various churches and Presbyteries of the contributions needed by our Church Boards, arranged by the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and set forth and explained on pages 349–355.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Synod appoint a new Permanent Committee, to be called the Committee on Young People's Societies, the object of which shall be, in connection with the Presbyteries and sessions, to aid and direct the Young People's Societies of our churches, to promote unity of aim and harmony of action, to collect all data of these societies and report a summary of the same to Synod, and generally to do all possible to excite a deeper interest in the noble and continued successes of our young people.

Resolved, That the attention of all our Presbyteries be called to the very great advantage of a Presbyterial Committee on Young People's Societies, as a means of furthering Synodical co-operation and Presbyterial oversight of this grand work, and suggest that Presbyteries proceed to form such a Committee as soon as the way be clear.

Resolved, That, in order to secure the objects above mentioned, the Committee be composed of the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Young People's Societies.

Under these resolutions, the Moderator named Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley as the Chairman of the Synod's Committee.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance presented its report. This was accepted, and the recommendations were considered *seriatim*, and adopted as follows:

- r. That we urge ministers to preach more frequently against the awful evils of intemperance.
- 2. That we urge the sessions of those churches that have failed to comply with the Assembly's recommendations, to secure temperance instruction in our Sabbath-schools.
- 3. That we will hail with joy the utter destruction of the liquor traffic.
- 4. That we condemn most heartily the law appointing Excise Commissioners for counties, and thereby taking away the power of cities and communities to effect the prohibition of the liquor traffic in their midst, and we will most earnestly strive to secure the repeal of that law and the enactment of laws in the interest of local option.
- 5. That the following persons be elected members of the Interdenominational Church Commission on Temperance, viz.: Rev. B. S. Everitt, Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., Rev. A. Erdman, D.D., Rev. John Woodbridge, D.D., Rev. W. E. Honeyman, Elders J. Y. Foster, J. R. Bennett and H. E. Simmons

The following were added to the Permanent Committee on Temperance: Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., Rev. Titus E. Davis, Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D.D., Rev. Thomas Carter, Rev. William V. Louderbough.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that it found nothing requiring the action of Synod.

The records of the Presbyteries of Monmouth, Morris and Orange, Newark, New Brunswick, Newton, West Jersey, were approved.

Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., was heard concerning the work of Home Missions.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented and accepted, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows:

A brief survey of the observance of the Sabbath within the bounds of this Synod presents the encouraging fact that in many localities efforts have been made, and with commendable results, to secure an orderly Sabbath, and to prevent a defiant violation of our Sunday laws.

The Barbers' Association of Camden recently discussed the question of Sunday opening. A number of the barbers desired to open, but, by an overwhelming vote, it was decided that should any of the barbers attempt to open for business on Sunday they would be promptly prosecuted, and a committee of three for each ward was appointed to watch, and report any violation of the Sunday law. A number of offenders, on complaint of this association, have been brought before the court.

In our last report reference was made to the Egg Harbor Agricultural Fair, which for several years had continued over Sunday, and turned the day into a scene of disorder and dissipation. This year the fair has been omitted. We believe this has been largely due to the declaration of the county prosecutor made last year, "that he would take measures next season to prevent a recurrence of the scenes of last Sunday and to-day."

In Atlantic City, which has had an unenviable notoriety for Sabbath desecration, the places of amusement are closed on Sunday. The proprietors of some of the largest of these announced that they would open on a certain Sunday. Notice was promptly served upon them that if they did they would be immediately arrested and imprisoned for a hearing put off until Monday. They were informed that the proper officials would be in the Recorder's office on Sunday morning to attend at once to their case on their arrest by special officers detailed for the purpose. This prompt and decided action prevented the opening of those places of amusement. The course of these civil authorities deserves high praise, and they have set an example which should be imitated in all parts of our State. The only yendors who absolutely close their places of business on Sunday along the boardwalk are two Japanese merchants. They are Christian men, and by their example put to shame many who call themselves Christians.

In Elizabeth a real estate agent advertised a sale of land, with free lunch and sacred concert, to take place on Sunday. The Mayor arrested all the parties, and they were fined. A German parade on Sunday was prevented. Several saloon-keepers have been heavily fined for breaking Sunday laws. The churches are united in sustaining the Mayor in this course.

At the September term of the Hudson County Court, Judge Lippincott in vigorous language charged the Grand Jury to indict any one habitually selling intoxicating liquors on Sunday.

In Trenton, Sabbath desecration appears to be on the increase. During the last summer so called "Sacred Concerts" have been held at Broad Street Park. On Morris Island there have been balloon ascensions, theatrical performances, and similar attractions on Sunday. To these large crowds have been drawn. And facilities for reaching the Island have been afforded by a steamer, which was run in connection with the electric railway. It would seem that the religious sentiment of that city ought to prevent these modes of abusing the Lord's day.

In the other cities of the State, the condition of Sabbath observance seems to be no better and no worse.

These facts thus presented furnish encouragement to believe that we may have the day of rest more generally observed if the people and the civil authorities in each locality will do that which lies within their reach. The awakening in the public mind on the side of Sabbath observance should be converted into efficient action, to secure a better observance of the Sunday laws

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

First. Synod urges individuals and churches to maintain a watch over their own neighborhoods, and, by the use of all proper measures, to prevent or remove such modes of Sabbath desecration as may exist.

Second. General Assembly last May adopted the following resolution:

"We call the attention of our churches to the efforts now in progress for the formation of associations, the design of which is to protect the weekly day of rest. We believe that the widespread interest now taken in this question furnishes a favorable opportunity for the affiliation of the friends of the Lord's day into associations that can render most efficient service in protecting the Sabbath against all invasions."

In this State, such an Association has existed for nearly twenty years—"The New Jersey Sabbath Union." The object of this Union has been approved by former Synods. This Synod at this time desires to recognize the importance of this Association, and earnestly to commend it to our churches for their co-operation and pecuniary help.

The minutes of the Presbytery of Jersey City were approved, with the following exceptions:

- r. To the records on pages 232, 267 and 272, which make mention of commissions appointed to ordain; ordination being, in the judgment of Synod, a prerogative of Presbytery itself, which according to our Book of Discipline, cannot be delegated to a committee or a commission.
- 2. To the record on page 241, from which it appears that Presbytery authorized the session of the church at Rutherford to disband the church at Avondale, which can be constitutionally done only by Presbytery itself.
- 3. To the failure of the record on page 277 to state definitely what it was in the action of pastor and people alike which was "irregular," but which, in the judgment of Presbytery, did not preclude a dissolution of the pastoral relation. The minutes of the Presbytery should have been sufficiently full and clear for Synod to judge whether the action of Presbytery was constitutional and wise in the case.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath-school Work was presented and accepted, and the resolutions proposed were adopted. Elder Palmer Campbell, of the Presbytery of Jersey City, was elected a member of the Committee in place of Elder John B. Pudney, and Elder James J. Reeves in place of Elder Franklin Dye. The report is as follows:

The statistical reports show a slight increase in the number of schools in Synod, but they also indicate a considerable falling off in the membership and average attendance. Your Committee believe that this decrease must be due to clerical errors or more careful revision of the rolls. The Committee calls upon Presbyterial chairmen to endeavor to secure more accurate reports.

The benevolent offerings for the year show an increase over any previous year. This, too, was the case last year. According to the reports, the schools gave to the Board of Sabbath-school Work \$4,037; the other Boards received \$16,443; while to other benevolences the contributions were \$15,702; the total amount for benevolence, as above, is \$36,182. The average offering per Sabbath-school member, for the Synod, is 57 cents; the average last year was 53 cents; the preceding year it was 52 cents.

The average offering for benevolence per Sabbath-school member by Presbyteries was as follows:

	1893	1892
Morris and Orange	\$0 S1	\$0 78
Elizabeth	80	71
West Jersey	69	50
Newark	66	60
Monmouth	53	44
Jersey City	43	46
Newton	33	36
New Brunswick	32	32

The Committee last year requested information upon what is being done in the schools of Synod in the matter of systematic giving. Responses came from a number of sources, but the work will have to be continued for another year. It is evident to your Committee that the schools following some system of giving to the Boards, and those that impart information with reference to the objects for which they give, make the best records.

Reference was made last year to a number of schools in which a system was followed with most gratifying results. These Sabbath-schools report another year of success along this line. This year the average offering per member for benevolence in these schools varies from \$1.55 to \$3.00; while the average for the Synod is \$0.57. Many other schools make similarly good showings.

The mission work of the Board has been prospered during the year. The receipts from all sources were \$164,890, including the balance from last year. The churches gave more this year than last by \$10,000, while the schools remained at the \$43,000 mark. The missionaries of the Board organized 866 schools, and one-third as many more were re-organized. The organization and the re-organization of these Sabbath-schools may seem an easy and at the same time an ephemeral work, but when we realize that into these new schools of the Board were gathered last year seventy-five per cent. as many members as are to be found in our Synod, it is no small achievement, be it for a longer or a shorter period.

Your Committee would also call attention to the important phase of Sabbath-school work known as the Home Department Recognizing that large portions of the average congregations are unable to attend the regular services of the Sabbath-school, it is highly important that this inability should not prevent a methodical study of the Word of God in the home. The aged, the infirm, and those burdened with household cares are enabled by the Home Department to unite with the church school in the regular and diligent study of God's Word.

The Committee offers the following recommendations:

Resolved, That the Committee continue their inquiry into the methods of giving employed in the Sabbath-schools and give a summary at the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That Synod call the attention of all our sessions to the very great need of sessional oversight and direction in this matter, to the end that some plan of systematic giving be introduced and operated in the Sabbath-schools.

Resolved, That Synod remind the sessions and Sabbath-schools of the quarterly missionary Sabbaths, suggestive of missionary and benevolent operations, as being most favorable seasons for presenting the needs of the Lord's work and encouragements thereof, and for receiving additional offerings for the support of the same.

The report of the Committee on Work among Foreign Populations was presented and accepted, and its recommendations were adopted.

The report is as follows:

Work among the foreigners who, in such large numbers, are finding homes within our bounds, is of two kinds, viz.: Such as is done in regularly organized churches and such as is done among people as yet in no way connected with the church of our fathers. There are in connection with the Synod eighteen German churches, with a membership of 2,017 and a Sabbath-school membership of 3,520.

Presbytery.	Locality.	Communicants,	S. S. Mem- bership.
	Elizabeth,	180	325
Elizabeth, 3	Rahway,	6.4	So
	Maurer,		41
	(Passaic,		88
Jersey City, 4	Paterson, First,		300
Jersey City, 4	Paterson, Broadway, .	126	235
	Carlstadt,	70	182
Monmouth, I	. Sayreville,	8r	145
	Orange, First,	110	166
Morris and Orange, 4.	¦ Orange Valley,	110	147
Morrisand Orange, 4.	Pleasant Valley,	82	55
	Myersville,	75	65
	Newark, First,	305	796
Newark, 4	Newark, Second,	219	26 8
remark, 4	Newark, Third,	175	249
	Bloomfield,	150	200
	Atlantic City,	58	100
West Jersey, 2	Liberty Park, Camden,	, 64	83
	,	2,017	3,520

The opportunity for successful evangelistic work among the thousands of Germans congregated in our cities is such as should arouse our enthusiasm and stimulate our liberality in an augmenting degree.

Our German Theological School, which has furnished fifteen of our eighteen German churches with pastors, is making steady and encouraging progress. The greater number of her graduates are now drawn to fields outside of our bounds, though, as will scarcely be denied, we have still work for many of them if we only possessed a more aggressive spirit and adequate funds.

The experiment, now in progress, of receiving Bohemian and Italian students and candidates from other foreign nationalities into the German Theological School is cumbered with some embarrassments, especially in the lack of funds for this special purpose. Nevertheless, in the judgment of your Committee, the effort to raise up a ministry suited to these nationalities is worthy of encouragement and support.

There is one Italian church in Newark, having a membership of 114, and 101 pupils in its Sabbath-school

Of mission work among our fellow-citizens of foreign birth the Synod has just reason to be proud. The Presbytery of Monmouth has a very interesting mission work in progress among the Germans at South River. The success among the Italians in Newark, in Orange, in Orange Valley and in Hammonton is quite remarkable, and merits the warm and enthusiastic support of Synod. To the mission in Hammonton, Synod last year appropriated \$200, which has proved, as we think, a judicious investment. An Italian is employed who holds religious services and has charge of two Sabbath-schools, as well as a day and night school. He has also visited the Italians in Vineland and Mays Landing.

Mission work has also been carried on among the Slavs in Passaic with results which encourage its continuance with increased energy.

Last winter an educated Christian Russian Jew was employed to visit his countrymen in Atlantic and Cape May counties, especially at the Barnonde Hirsch settlements in Mizpah and Woodbine. He met a varying reception—sometimes violent opposition, sometimes great kindness. He distributed Gospel tracts and copies of the New Testament in the Hebrew language. A condensed account of his work was published in the New York Evangelist of March 9th, 1893. A Mission Band at Absecon and the ladies of East Orange have made special contributions to the work among Hebrews and Italians.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

- I. That we urge Presbyteries and churches to adopt all honorable and feasible means of enlarging their contributions and multiplying the agencies for effective mission work among our fellow-citizens of foreign birth, securing, if possible, the co-operation of Woman's Home Missionary Societies, Christian Endeavorers and other organizations.
- 2. That Synod warmly commends the Presbyteries which have devised and prosecuted efforts along this line which is so manifestly in accord with the spirit of the Master.
- 3. The Synod warmly commends the German Theological School at Bloomfield and urges its churches to bear in mind that the increased patronage it is receiving calls for and encourages more liberal contributions to its support in order that it may be fully equipped for the most successful work attainable.

Rev. George Swain, D.D., reported that he had borne to the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church the salutations of the Synod, and that these had been received with most cordial courtesy.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches was presented and accepted, and its recommendation was adopted. The report is as follows:

The last report of this Committee called attention to the chaotic condition of this whole matter of vacant churches and unemployed ministers so far as Presbyterial oversight was concerned, and urged the most careful consideration of the scheme of vacancy and supply adjustment which was then in overture to the Presbyteries. We have to report to-day the rejection of the overture by a vote as follows:

Presbyteries voting in the affirmative, 100.

Presbyteries voting in the affirmative with conditions, 4.

Presbyteries voting in the negative, 86.

Presbyteries not voting, 8.

The constitutional majority being one hundred and eleven, the General Assembly declared that the overture was not adopted.

It is interesting to note that six overtures were received by the last Assembly on this subject, but as they were doubtless more or less changes or modifications of the overture that was defeated, the Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended that action at this time was inopportune.

It will be observed that except in the wisdom gathered from the agitation of this important matter for the last five or six years, we

are practically back in the unsatisfactory condition which had prevailed since the adoption of the law of 1881; a law which evidently did not commend itself to the practical acceptance of the church.

While your Committee regard the matter of the relation of the unemployed minister and the vacant church as in a deplorable condition from the standpoint of Presbyterial oversight, still in view of the absorbing interest which attaches to the consideration of revision and other matters, we do not deem the present an opportune time for the presentation of new schemes calculated to remedy the evils. We would advise, however, that in order to the modification of these evils Presbyteries exercise a wise discretion in securing and retaining the closest possible supervision of their vacant churches and unemployed ministers. That in order to this, they select their wisest and most influential brethren for their Committee on Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers and seek in every way to magnify this Committee's work in the estimation of the churches concerned.

Your Committee would recommend to Synod to call the attention of Presbyteries to a matter which has already been proposed in one of them, viz., the appointment of a standing committee which shall be a kind of confidential advisory board, and shall hold, in a sense, a paternal relation to the pastors and churches in the Presbytery; a committee which may be consulted where matters of difference arise in the churches, and who may advise to such courses as will tend to promote peace and harmony. The functions of this committee shall be merely advisory, and its principal and all-absorbing purpose shall be to render stable and permanent that important order of the Church's polity, the pastorate, and thus reduce to a minimum the number of vacant churches and unemployed ministers.

The following statistical tables, showing the status of ministers and churches of the Synod have been compiled from the reports to the last General Assembly:

Whole number of ministers,	
Of which there are—	
Pastors,	
Stated supplies,	
Without charge,	
Evangelists,	
Honorably retired	
Variously employed,*	
	
Whole number of churches	

^{*}Professors, 19; foreign missionaries, 16; pastors elect, 8; chapel missionaries, 7; presidents, secretaries, principals, teachers, &c., 32.

Of which there ar	e ·	wi	th	_								
Pastors,												233
Stated supplies,	, .											36
Vacant,					٠							26
Pastors elect, .												12
												207

There are 23 licentiates and 97 candidates for the ministry.

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The report of the Special Committee on the Endowment of the German Theological Seminary was presented as follows:

Since the Synod's Committee was appointed the following amounts have been contributed or subscribed in valid subscriptions:

Three Presbyteries have contributed more than the amount apportioned, viz :

Presbytery of Newark							\$9,083
Presbytery of Morris and Orange,	٠						3,751
Presbytery of Monmouth,							416

Five Presbyteries have contributed less than the amount apportioned, viz :

Presbytery of Elizabeth,				٠				\$1,165
Presbytery of Jersey City,								480
Presbytery of West Jersey,								
Presbytery of Newton,								67
Presbytery of New Brunswick,*								
,								

\$15,091

The Presbytery of Newark has largely exceeded its amount, but deducting one half from the Newark contribution, the amount originally suggested (\$10,000) has been secured. The Committee therefore report their work accomplished and request to be discharged.

They wish, however, to say that the needs of the institution are greatly increased, and the enormous increase of our foreign immigration creates an enlarged demand for its services. The seminary is therefore now seeking a much larger addition to its endowment than that proposed by this Committee, and commends itself anew to the confidence and large generosity of our Christian benefactors.

The Committee was discharged with thanks.

^{*}Two persons in the Presbytery of New Brunswick contributed specially \$750, desiring the Treasurer to use the gifts for endowment or for current expenses, as might be considered the better. The gifts were placed by the Treasurer in the current accounts.

The report of the Custodians of Historical Material was read* and the Committee on Historial Materials presented its report, which was accepted and is as follows:

Without repeating the report of last year, printed in the Appendix, though not submitted to Synod, your Committee beg leave to call the attention of those who have not read it to the very important statements therein contained concerning the existence and the depositories of the materials for the history of the Synod, and renew their appeal for help to discover and bring forth from their hiding places the first volume of the Minutes of the Presbytery of Morris County prior to 1797, also the histories of the Presbytery of New Brunswick and of the Presbytery of New York, which were submitted to the General Assemblies of 1801 and 1804, respectively

The Custodians have faithfully reported during the last two years valuable additions to Synod's collections, of which it is not expedient to speak minutely except in one instance.

The fifty-five type-written pages of the minutes of the Presbytery of Abington, from 1752 to 1758, give important facts respecting the southern territory of this Synod and of the labors of some of the men of the Log College. In 1751 a number of the Presbytery of New Brunswick petitioned to be erected into a distinct Presbytery. Accordingly, the Synod of New York did erect that part of the said Presbytery that live in Pennsylvania, together with those who live in New Jersey to the southward of Philadelphia, bordering upon Delaware, into a distinct Presbytery, by the name of the Presbytery of Abington. (See Records of Presbyterian Church, 246.)

This Presbytery was organized at the appointed time, May 20th, 1752, and consisted of Gilbert Tennent, Richard Treat, Charles Beatty, Daniel Lawrence, John Campbell and Benjamin Chestnut, and Mr. John Todd, absent on a mission in Virginia. Five ruling elders were present, viz., David Chambers, William Adams, John Wigton, Thomas Armstrong and Hugh Hamilton. This Presbytery diligently appointed supplies for vacancies at Cape May, Pilesgrove, Penns Neck, Woodbury, Timber Creek and frequently to Egg Harbor.

Nehemiah Greenman, a licentiate of New York Presbytery, and educated at the expense of David Brainerd, was ordained and installed pastor of Pilesgrove Church. This Presbytery also installed Rev. Daniel Lawrence over Cape May, and William Ramsey pastor over Fairfield.

At the reunion of the two Synods in 1758 the Presbytery of Abington was merged in that of Philadelphia, which was reconstructed with thirteen ministers, of whom five appear to have labored among

^{*}See Appendix.

the nine churches of West Jersey. On page 75 of the original minutes is the signature of Wm. Tennent, Moderator of the Synod of New York in 1756.

During the present synodical year one highly esteemed member of this Committee, the Rev. William T. Findley, D.D., has been removed from his earthly labors.

It is worthy of consideration whether it may now be expedient to reorganize this Committee and to increase the number, so that each Presbytery in the State shall have a representative on the Committee, and each member of the Committee shall feel his personal responsibility to gather for preservation the historic material of his own Presbytery.

For your historical material, increasing in quantity and in value every year, your Committee have a deep and growing conviction that better provision should be made for its preservation, and would be exceedingly happy if Synod would instruct the custodians to procure a more suitable book-case and authorize your Treasurer to pay for the same.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Custodians be authorized to procure a more suitable book-case for the preservation of Synod's historical materials and that the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized to pay for the same.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Historical Materials be re-organized and enlarged so as to consist of one member from each of the Presbyteries of Synod, as follows:

Rev. Allen H. Brown, Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D., Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., Rev. Charles Herr, D.D., Rev. John C. Clyde, D.D., Rev. William F. Whitaker, Rev. Eben B. Cobb, Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, D.D., Elder James Steen.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented as follows:

The Finance Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod and find them correct. They report the balance on hand September 30th, 1893, to be \$624.55.

Your Committee recommend the following apportionments to Presbyteries for the ensuing year:

Elizabeth,									\$60	00
Jersey City,								٠	50	00
Monmouth,									45	00
Morris and Orange, .									60	00

Newark,													
New Brunswick,				4			•	٠					60 00
Newton,									٠				45 00
West Jersey,	٠	٠										٠	50 00
													 \$430 00

Which is the same as last year, with the exception of Monmouth, which by mistake overpaid its apportionment to the amount of five dollars last year.

The Committee are pleased to state that the recommendation made by the Committee of last year, "that the Presbyteries be requested to pay to the Treasurer of Synod their apportionments before the end of the fiscal year, ending September 30th," has been complied with and we recommend the continuance of this practice.

The accounts and report of the Treasurer for Synodical Home Missions, and of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Synod, have also been examined and found correct.

Your Committee express their high appreciation of the services of these Treasurers, and the careful and efficient manner in which their accounts have been kept.*

The minutes of the Presbytery of Corisco were approved.

Trenton was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

The Synod appropriated twenty dollars for the use of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions in printing and circulating the circular letter reported yesterday.

The following supplementary report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions was presented and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Home Missions beg leave to report—
I. That they have received and examined the recommendations of the Presbytery of Newark concerning the plan for Synodical Home Missions, referred to them by Synod, said recommendations being as follows:

- (1) We recommend that Sec. V, par. 3, of the Plan for Synodical Home Missions, be amended to read:
- "The Presbyterial Committee on Home Missions shall have personal conference with the elders of the aid-receiving churches before recommending them to Presbytery. The Presbytery shall receive from the elders of the aid receiving churches, through the Synodical Home Mission Committee, an annual financial report, stating—

^{*}For the reports see Appendix.

- "(a) The total membership
- "(b) The number of contributing members.
- "(c) The amount paid by the church to the pastor.
- '(d) The fact that a thorough canvass of the congregation has been made within the year.
 - "(e) The method or methods of raising the funds of the church."
- (2) We recommend that each Presbytery in granting aid to weak churches urge (or insist on) the introduction of the weekly envelope system as the most approved method of managing church finances.
- (3) We recommend that a certain amount be appropriated in each Presbytery to send "The Christian Steward" to every family in each aid-receiving church.

The Committee do not deem it expedient to recommend the incorporation of this amendment into the Plan, but would recommend to Presbyteries the adoption of such parts thereof as they may deem expedient.

II. That they have received the reports of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions and recommend action thereon as follows:

We find the report of the Woman's Society for Home Missions in order, and we express our very great satisfaction not only with the work done but with the spirit of devotion so clearly and fully shown in the doing of it.

In a supplementary report the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions recommended the following, which was adopted:

Acknowledging the receipt of the Sixteenth Annual Report, and the Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions, the Synod expresses its continued appreciation of the spirituality, zeal and efficiency of our Woman's Work.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to print seventy-five copies each of the reports on Foreign and Home Missions for the use of the respective Societies

Rule XVI was amended so as to read:

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence shall co-operate with the Stated Clerk and the Committee of Arrangements in selecting topics and securing speakers to address the Synod upon the subjects of Benevolence and Church Work, and the evening session of the second day of the meeting of Synod shall be devoted exclusively to popular addresses, by Secretaries of Boards or others. The Statistical Reports were ordered printed.

The thanks of the Synod were extended to the Pastor, Session and Trustees of the First Church of Bridgeton, for their cordial welcome and for the careful, convenient and efficient arrangements made for the entertainment of Synod; to the people of the churches and the citizens of Bridgeton for their kindly hospitality; to the choir of the First Church for the enjoyable music in our public worship, and to the press for the excellent reports of our sessions.

The bill of the janitor was ordered paid.

The Permanent Clerk reported that 103 Ministers, 60 Ruling Elders and 10 Corresponding Members had been in attendance, and that the following members, having given satisfactory reasons, had been excused for absence

FROM THE PRESENT MEETING:

Elizabeth-Ministers, George Buckle, John T. Kerr, I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., John C Egbert, D.D.

Jersey City—Ministers, Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., Philo F. Leavens, D.D., Charles Herr, D.D.

Monmouth—Ministers, Thaddeus Wilson, D.D., Frank Chandler,
D.D., Rufus Taylor, D.D., S. Edward Young, Thomas Tyack, D.D.,
H. W. Haring, Frank R. Symmes, N. D. Hynson, Joseph K Freed.
Morris and Orange – Minister, Theodore F. White. D.D.

Newark—Ministers, Orville Reed, Julius H. Wolff, William F. Junkin, D.D., Henry C. Vanderbeek.

New Brunswick-Ministers, John T. Duffield, D.D., Amzi L. Armstrong, George S. Mott, D.D., Henry C. Cameron, D.D., Horace D. Sassaman, O Howell Hazard, John B Kugler, Joseph H. Dulles, Daniel R. Foster, Horace G. Hinsdale, D.D., Chalmers Martin.

Newton-Ministers, E. Clarke Cline, Charles D. Nott, D.D.

West Jersey-Ministers, Edward Dillon, J. Baillie Adams, Benjamin P. Johnson; Elders, August Barber, W. H. Dillon.

AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Elizabeth-Minister, J. Garland Hamner, D.D.

Monmouth-Elder, James Hemphill.

Morris and Orange-Minister, Stanley White; Elders, H. H. Ward, Charles A. Lindsley.

Newark—Ministers, Charles T. Haley, D.D., Alex H. Young, D.D. New Brunswick—Elder, Franklin Dye.

West Jersey-Ministers, Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D., William H. Johns, J. C. Russell; Elders, R. B. Stevenson, I. C. Stevenson.

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Monmouth—Ministers, Henry G Smith, Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., N. J. Sproul; Elders, J. C. Magee, Jacob Wilson, J. L. Whitaker, M D., Audrew Perrine, H. S. Simons, Thomas Campbell.

Morris and Orange-Elder, Aaron Carter.

Newark-Minister, A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D.

New Brunswick—Ministers, Frank B. Everitt, James B. Clark, Samuel A. Harlow; Elders, David S Bellis, Manuel Runyon, John B. VanDoren.

Newton-Minister, Isaac H. Condit; Elder, A. C. Smith.

West Jersey-Ministers, J. Howard O'Brien, William Bannard, D.D., A. K. Staiger; Elder, Theophilus Trenchard.

AFTER THURSDAY NOON.

Elizabeth—Ministers, William E. Honeyman, John A. Liggett, D.D., William R Richards. D.D., James G. Mason, D.D., William Hoppaugh, Everard Kempshall, D.D.; Elders, Charles Rommell, Spencer C. Blake.

Jersey City—Minister, Charles D. Shaw, D.D.; Elder, T. W. Randall.

Monmouth—Ministers, Henry R. Hall, William L. Cunningham, D.D., Charles Everett; Elder, W. H. Thomas.

Morris and Orange—Ministers, Henry F. Hickok, D.D., John R. Fisher, Edward P. Gardner, Samuel J. McClenaghan; Elders, Richard Purdue, Hudson Muchmore, Enoch Hammond.

Newark—Ministers, Charles E. Knox, D.D., Hugh B. MacCauley; Elder, A. L. Runyon.

New Brunswick—Ministers, William W. Knox, William H. Filson, William M. Wells, Samuel J. Milliken.

Newton—Ministers, S. Nye Hutchison, William Thomson; Elders, W. W. Shipman, D. W. Ribble.

West Jersey-Minister, David Stevenson, D.D.

The roll was called, and the following members were found absent without excuse:

Elizabeth—Ministers, William A. Alexander, Charles E. Herring; Elder, Joseph Cross.

Jersey City-Minister, George Sluter.

Morris and Orange-Minister, Washington A. Hooper.

New Brunswick—Ministers, Wm. S. Voorhies, David T. Smyth; Elders, Edw. B. Holcombe, George D. Scudder, U. T. Scudder, Pierson B. Hunt.

West Jersey—Ministers, Clearfield Park, E. A. McLaury, John Turner; Elders, B. F. Harding, C. S. Padgett, Andrew Abels, R. F. Bancroft, Eugene Bostwick, Smith Sheppard, J. W. Marcy, Joseph L. Richmond.

The minutes of the day were read, and the record was approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1894, in Trenton, the place of meeting and the hour to be determined and advertised by the Committee of Arrangements.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction.

WILLIAM F. WHITAKER,

Recording Clerk.

WALTER A. BROOKS,

Stated Clerk.

Levelity that the preceding pages contain a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of the Syrod of New Jersey, at its meeting in Bridgeton. New Jersey October 17th to 19th, 1893.

attest:

Walter a. Brooks,

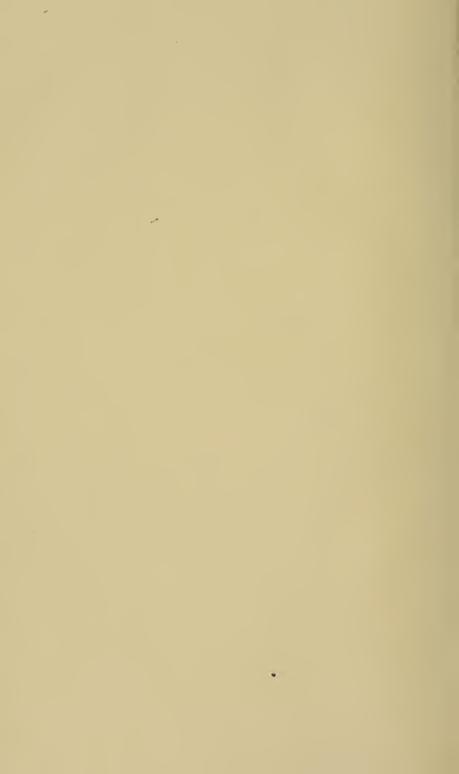
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Approved as for as subnitted in General Observbly at Saratog a Springs A. G. May 2 Fth 1494

S. A. Trulehmon Moderator







APPENDIX.

I.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1ST, 1893.

The records of the Presbyteries and the minutes of the General Assembly furnish material for a very encouraging report.

THE CHURCH SERVICES.

Regular services have been held in all the churches of the Synod throughout the year, the only exceptions being the churches at Sterling, Mine Hill and Berkshire Valley in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

All the Presbyteries make encouraging reports concerning the attendance at Divine service. It is gratifying to note that only one Presbytery indicates a falling off of attendance at the evening service. The percentage of children in the congregation, while not large, is not discouraging.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

In addition to the home schools many of the churches maintain missions, and the most encouraging reports come from all the Presbyteries concerning the Sabbath-school work. It is to be noticed, however, that only one child out of six is in full membership of the church, while only one out of four is recorded as having been baptized. During the year one thousand six hundred and eleven scholars were added to the church; the Presbytery of Newark received three hundred and twenty-eight; the Presbytery of New Brunswick standing next with two hundred and sixty-six, and the Presbytery of Elizabeth being third with two hundred and fifty-three.

About two-thirds of the schools have taught to them the Shorter Catechism, and a somewhat larger percentage use the Westminster Lesson Helps. The Sunday-schools contributed last year to the Sabbath-school work of the Presbyterian Board four thousand and thirty-seven dollars, a decrease of one thousand three hundred and

seven dollars over the previous year. To the other Boards of the church they contributed sixteen thousand four hundred and forty-three dollars, an increase of one thousand three hundred and niue dollars, showing that the amount lost to the Sabbath-school work of the Presbyterian Board was turned to the use of the other church Boards.

PRAYER-MEETING.

The social meetings for worship are numerous, there being reported, in addition to the weekly prayer-meeting, Christian Endeavor meetings, Brotherhood meetings, Mission Bands, Women's Missionary meetings, Cottage prayer-meetings and Pastor's Aids. The interest in all these meetings is well sustained, only two Presbyteries reporting to the contrary.

It would appear from the records that only six churches in the Synod fail to maintain interest in these devotional services.

In all the Presbyteries monthly services are maintained in the interest of missions.

FAMILY WORSHIP.

All the Presbyteries report with diffidence and with more or less discouragement on the subject of family religion. It seems clear to your Committee that most of the families of our churches endeavor to be faithful to the obligation of presenting their children for baptism. We would, however, call attention to the estimate made in the General Assembly tables that only one out of four of the Sabbath-school scholars is baptized, and from the same report we learn that in the whole Synod two thousand and fifty infant baptisms are recorded for the year.

The inference is that the attention of Christian parents should be more earnestly directed to this important obligation.

It is clearly evident to your Committee that in all our Presbyteries family worship has become a matter of history. Various explanations are given to account for this neglect. The maintenance of family worship is so vitally connected with a right spiritual life of the people that we cannot but deplore the unmistakable evidences of laxity in the matter.

It would appear from the narratives that there is a serious and wide departure from this time-honored custom, and that it is doubtful whether the people receive sufficient public and private instruction.

OFFERINGS

The reports indicate that the financial obligations of the churches are very promptly met. It is to be observed that those churches

which contribute by some systematic method show the most favorable returns

The reports show increased contributions to nearly every Board of the church; both Home and Foreign Missions reaching above one hundred thousand dollars, an increase of nearly four thousand dollars to Home Missions, of over six thousand dollars to Foreign Missions, of nearly two thousand dollars to Education, and over five hundred dollars to Sabbath-school Work, fourteen hundred dollars to the Board of Relief, over four hundred dollars for Aid for Colleges. Church Erection suffered a decrease of about twelve hundred dollars, Sustentation over four hundred dollars.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange presented the most satisfactory report concerning the condition of benevolence. It reports the Church of Flanders increasing her gifts one hundred and nine per cent; it speaks of Madison Sabbath school Missionary Society contributing the sum of eleven hundred dollars to missions, an average of four dollars and fifty cents per member

The church at Hanover contributed two thousand and nineteen dollars, being the largest offering made during the one hundred and seventy-four years of her existence.

Some provision is made for the poor of all the churches in our Presbyteries. In some churches there seem to be no poor, and in others they are all poor.

Nearly all the churches make grateful reference to the various organizations for benevolent purposes. In spite of the generous increase to the various objects of benevolence, an urgent call is made upon our Synod for increased giving during the coming year.

Through our Presbytery of Corisco we are vitally linked to heathenism. This Presbytery inform us that last year their estimates were cut down because of insufficiency of funds, and they gravely fear that the situation will be still more distressing the coming year. The narrative concludes with this appeal: "We would therefore urge upon all the members of the Presbyteries forming the Synod that the claims of the work among the heathen be presented frequently in all the churches, not officially, but in as interesting and popular a manner as possible. For we need both men and money to fulfill our Saviour's parting command. We hope that next year the Synod of New Jersey will have doubled its contributions and furnished a double quota of men for the foreign branch of our Master's work."

INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.

Your Committee regret not being able to record any very marked spiritual awakening within the bounds of the Synod. The Presbytery of Morris and Orange especially commends the effective work

done by its Evangelistic Committee, and it is possible that such a committee existing in every Presbytery would serve to quicken the spiritual condition of our churches.

While no general revival has prevailed in any of our Presbyteries, some few of our churches have held series of special services with very encouraging results.

We have been obliged to direct much of our energy during the past year against the iniquity enacted by the Legislature of our State. This and other evils have grown up thickly about us, impelling us to take a position of defence rather than aggression.

In reviewing the year, while it is evident that we have very much to be grateful for, it is yet more evident that we have had much to humble us. May the Lord enable us from our humiliation to arise to great and glorious victories the coming year.

II.—NECROLOGICAL REPORT.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

THE REV. FRANK STILES WOODRUFF

fell asleep in Jesus May 26th, 1893. He was born on the ancestral farm adjoining the city of Elizabeth, January 29th, 1863. His childhood and youth were passed amidst the blessed influences of a devoutly Christian home. At the age of thirteen he united with the Third Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, and from that time his was the path of the just which, as the shining light, shineth more and more unto the perfect day. He graduated with distinction from the College of New Jersey in 1885, and at once accepted an engagement as instructor in English at the Syrian Protestant College, Beirut. At the expiration of three years he returned home and entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, whence he graduated in the spring of 1891. It now became possible for the first time to establish a professorship in English Language and Literature in the Syrian Protestant College, and Mr. Woodruff was immediately and cordially elected to fill the chair. This appointment was according to his heart's desire, as it meant the opportunity for regularly preaching the gospel, as well as for special study along lines for which he had peculiar aptitude. He was ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of Elizabeth, June 29th, 1891, and in September set sail for Syria, and was ready to take up his work at the opening of the college in October. Mr. Woodruff's health, which had never been robust, began now to show signs of failing, and several severe spells of sickness gave better chance for the pulmonary affection to which he finally succumbed. After a brave struggle he was forced to give up his work and return home. which he reached early in May, a little more than two weeks before his death. The end was beautiful, as the life had been. He felt the awful mystery involved in the shattering of his life's plans, but he knew that "better plans were being made for him." Quietly and triumphantly he entered into rest on the 26th of May. His funeral took place from his father's house three days later.

"Loved while on earth, not less beloved, though gone."

Presbytery of Jersey City.

THE REV. ROBERT R. THOMPSON

was a native of the State of Maine. The date of his birth was October 17th, 1824. Early left an orphan, he was subject to the

many privations of poverty, and struggled hard to obtain an education. It is not known that he ever attended a college or theological seminary, but he began to preach when quite young, probably in the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is definitely known that he was ordained to the ministry in 1853. Previous to that he had served as a private soldier in the Mexican War, for which he received a pension during the last years of his life. He is said to have preached at Glen Cove, Long Island, and in Johnstown, Pa. It is certain that on June 21st, 1859, the Sixth Street Presbyterian Church, under the care of the Third Presbytery of New York, having acquired the property in First street, New York, formerly owned and occupied by the Saviour's M. E. Church, invited Mr. Thompson to become its stated supply. This invitation he accepted, and continued to serve this church for several years. The presumption is that he had previously been the pastor of the above-named church while it was connected with the Methodist denomination, and that, with some of his people, he entered the Presbyterian fellowship at the time when the church property was transferred. In 1861 he was appointed chaplain of the Fifth New York Cavalry, and held the position until, for disability incurred in the service, he was honorably discharged, November

For several years he was entirely unable to preach, and was constrained to follow some secular business for a livelihood. He returned to the work, however, in 1871, and became pastor of the church at Weehawken, N. J., under the care of the Presbytery of Jersey City. The date of his installation was October 10th, 1871. In 1874 he was stated supply of the church of Oak Ridge in the same Presbytery. After laboring for several years on this field, he was installed as pastor of the church, which relation continued until July 1st, 1891, when he retired from further active labor. His health was never fully restored after the privations and exposures of army life, and in his later years he suffered greatly from digestive troubles and *paralysis agitans*. In consequence of these infirmities his work as a pastor was much hindered, though his preaching continued earnest and most acceptable to his people to the end.

His natural gifts were of a superior order, but lack of thorough training put him at disadvantage in his profession. A natural diffidence of temperament grew into a morbid sensitiveness in later years, and he shrank from contact with any but a few chosen and trusted friends. Besides his own ill health, he carried the burden of a wife's prolonged illness, and in other respects was a man of scrrows.

The date of his marriage is not known to the writer, nor the number of his children. A married daughter survives him, and, at

her home in Newark, N. J., he died in peace, March 12th, 1893. His Christian character was unblemished and his work and influence were abundantly fruitful. His body was interred in the churchyard at Oak Ridge, where for seventeen years he had faithfully preached the gospel.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

THE REV. FREDERICK T. BROWN, D. D.,

died at Manasquan, N. J., January 11th, 1893, in the seventy-first year of his age. Dr. Brown was the son of William and Eleanor (Lyons) Brown. He was born May 16th, 1822, at West Carlisle, Ohio. He graduated from the College of New Jersey in the class of 1845. After spending one year in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, he went abroad and studied two years (1846-8) in the Reformed Seminary, Geneva, Switzerland. He returned home in 1848 and took another year at Princeton. Upon May 16th, 1848, he was licensed by the Presbytery of Logansport and the same year, June 13th, ordained as an evangelist. In 1849 Dr. Brown was stated supply of the First Church, Dayton, Ohio. In 1850 he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Madison, Indiana, where he labored for three years. A mission station in Cleveland, Ohio, induced him to leave Madison in 1853. Through his labors in this field the Westminster Presbyterian Church was organized in 1854, and in 1857 Dr. Brown was installed as its pastor. In 1861 he was transferred from Cleveland to Georgetown, D. C., where he was installed as pastor of the West Church. Called to Chicago, Central Church, in 1864, he left Georgetown to take that charge. This he retained until 1866. His next pastorate was in St. Paul, Minn., where he labored from 1867 to 1873. He then became agent of the Board of Education, which position he held for two years, from 1873 to 1875. Called to Ann Arbor, Mich., Dr. Brown resigned this agency to return to the pastorate, the work that he loved most of all. His next and last pastoral charge was at Manasquan, N. J., where he was installed June 20th, 1881. Here he labored until the end.

Dr. Brown was an earnest and consecrated minister of the Word. His great interest in foreign missions is indicated in the fact that one of his sons and two of his daughters are foreign missionaries. For many years he was a regular correspondent of the "Presbyterian," and during his pastorate at Manasquan he edited "The Illustrated Christian Weekly." He also published "Letters to a Young Christian," "Inspiration," and many sermons. He received the degree D.D. from Lafayette College.

He was married April 10th, 1848, to Miss Harriet T. Little, of Winchester, Va., who died August 5th, 1849. June 11th 1850,

he married Miss Charlotte A. White, of Carlisle, Pa., who died July 25th. 1872.

March 10th, 1875, he was married to Miss Annie Eliza Bates, of Cherry Valley, N. Y, who survives him, as do four sons and four daughters. One of his sons is the Rev. Paul F. Brown, of the Lutheran Church, and another the Rev. Hubert W. Brown, a graduate of Princeton Seminary and a missionary in Mexico City.

Two of his daughters have had charge of the Sidon Female Semi-

nary, Syria, for several years.

THE REV. WILLIAM T. FINDLEY, D.D.,

was born in West Middletown, Pa., June 2d, 1814. He graduated from Franklin College, New Athens. Ohio, in 1838. He studied theology under his father, the Rev. Samuel Findley, D.D., and afterwards at the Associate Reformed Theological Seminary, Alleghany, Pa. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Associate Reformed Church, Chillicothe, O., in 1843. This pastorate continued until 1855, when he accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church, Springfield, O, where he remained four years. From this church he was called to Xenia, O., in 1859, accepted the call and held the pastorate there for ten years. From Xenia, O., Dr. Findley removed to Newark, N. J., in 1869, and was installed pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, which he faithfully served for twenty years. In 1889 he became stated supply of the Church of Millstone, Perrineville, N. J., at which place he died June 14th, 1893. He was stated clerk of Newark Presbytery for sixteen years.

He was married November 22d, 1843, to Miss A. Joanna Gowdy, of Xenia, O, who with a daughter and son survives him.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

THE REV. ELIAS L. BOING

was born in New York City, October 31st, 1824 He graduated from the University of New York in the Class of 1850. His theological education was received at the Union Seminary, New York, where he took the regular three years' course. In 1853 he was ordained as an evangelist and went as a missionary to the Choctaw Indians. In this work he continued until 1855. He next preached at Almont, Michigan, one year, from which place he was called to Durham, N. Y. Here he was pastor for eight years, from 1856 to 1864. In the interval between 1864 and 1872 Mr. Boing was pastor at Angelica, N. Y., missionary to the Freedmen, and agent of the

Board of Church Erection, with his home at Rochester, N. Y. In 1872 he organized a church in Federalsburg, Md., in the service of which he continued until 1879. He was called to return to Durham, N. Y., in 1879, where he resided until 1885. In that year his work was arrested by a stroke of apoplexy, from which, however, he recovered sufficiently to be removed to Green Village N. J., where he lingered until October 27th, 1892. Had he lived four days longer he would have passed his sixty-eighth birthday.

He was married August 30th, 1853, to Miss Anna M. Stiles, of Newark, N. I.

THE REV. PEARCE ROGERS.

Rev. Pearce Rogers fell asleep in Jesus at Mine Hill, N. J., January 8th, 1893. He was born in Cornwall, England, fifty-five years ago. His father was a laboring man and brought up his son to be a practical miner and assayist. In his early manhood he removed from England to Wales, where he secured a responsible position in a gold mine. From thence he emigrated to America in 1866 with his wife and two children. He first found employment at Scrub Oaks mine as time-keeper. Soon afterwards he took charge of the Mellen Mine, owned by Robert F. Orem, Sr., which position he held with great executive ability for several years. In England and Wales he had been a licensed exhorter connected with the Methodisa Church. When asked to assist in the Sunday-school at Scrub Oaks, his first home in America, he gladly consented, saying "I have found my mission." He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and he became increasingly active and useful in Christian work, and more and more zealous and effective in telling the story of Christ's love to the miners and others who crowded the school-house to hear him. A church was organized largely through his influence, and he was ordained to the ministry and placed in charge of the new church by the same Presbytery that had licensed him. This was in 1874 He preached also at the Welsh Presbyterian Church of the Richard Mine, and the Berkshire Valley Church.

Mr. Rogers was never robust, but he was endowed with an intense will and strong personality. His practical knowledge of mines and miners peculiarly adapted him to the special work to which his ministry was consecrated. He is said to have preached most interesting and impressive sermons, being, however, more earnest than rhetorical or oratorical. He was a man of deeds rather than words. He was universally respected and esteemed. His was a strong, heroic soul. He died with the words "Thank the Lord" upon his lips. A wife and six children survive him.

THE REV. ALBERT WILLIAMS

was born in Orange, N. J., April 29th, 1809. He graduated from the College of New Jersey in the class of 1829. He entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton in 1830, the intervening year being spent in teaching. He did not finish his course at the Seminary, leaving before the close of his third year. He was ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of Newark October 8th, 1834. In the interval after leaving the Seminary until this date he was chaplain at the Home of the Reformed, New York City. From 1834 to 1838 he filled the position of chaplain to the seamen at Mobile, Alabama. In 1830 he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, N. J., where he continued his labors until 1848. But Mr. Williams' heart was in missionary work, and in 1849 he gladly accepted an appointment from the Old School Board of Domestic Missions to enter the Territory of California, the newly-acquired possession of the United States. With him were commissioned two others, kindred spirits, and this noble and brave trio were afterwards familiarly and affectionately known as "the three W's." His companions were the Revs. Sylvester Woodbridge and James Woods. Woodbridge was the first to reach the field, arriving in March, 1849, by the first Pacific Mail steamer, via Panama. Mr. Williams came in April, by the same route, and Mr. Woods, who went around the Cape, did not arrive till January, 1850. Mr. Woodbridge located at Benicia, on the north side of the bay, where it was supposed the great city of the future would find its site. Rev. James Woods selected Stockton, the great thoroughfare to the gold-fields, as his parish. Mr. Williams decided to locate in San Francisco. Here he organized the first Presbyterian church and the first Protestant church on the Pacific coast, on May 20th, 1819. It illustrates the cosmopolitan character of the early population of California when the fact is stated that in the six members of which that church consisted, Massachusetts, Vermont, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Chile and China were represented. The congregation first worshiped in a school-house, in which, also, Mr. Williams had opened the first school in San Francisco When the congregation outgrew that room, they worshiped for a while in the District Court-room, and then bought the "wigwam" of a disbanded mining association and removed it to a lot which Mr. Williams, with wise foresight, had bought for a church. In November, 1850, a church, built for them in New York by members of the Scotch Church, arrived in San Francisco, and, with great rejoicing, was set up on Stockton street, a lot more eligible than that on which their tent had been pitched. Here Mr. Williams preached until 1854, when he returned home, probably owing to failing health. His headquarters were Princeton, N. J., until 1859, when he returned to San Francisco, and be-

came stated supply of St. Paul's Church in that city. Here he labored up to the year 1866, when he retired from his charge, but not from active work. For twenty-three years from this date, till 1889, his home was in San Francisco. These were probably the busiest years of his life. His pen, his voice, his counsel were ever at the command of the Church, and his influence was felt in every movement for the strengthening the stakes and lengthening the cords of Presbyterianism on the Pacific coast. The death of Mrs. Williams in 1888 was a shock from which Mr. Williams never recovered. His heart now went out towards the home of his boyhood, and, leaving San Francisco for the last time, he returned to his native state and town. In West Orange he built a house overlooking his birth-place, where surrounded by his books and the associations of his childhood, he quietly and patiently and busily waited for the end. His head was as clear and his brain as active as ever. and he devoted much time to re-writing some papers relating to the history of California. His contributions to the religious press were also frequent and valuable. His death occurred June 4th, 1803.

Presbytery of Newark.

THE REV. JOSIAH ADDISON PRIEST, D.D.,

was born in Albany, N. Y., April 28th, 1822. He united with the Broadway Tabernacle, New York city, in 1842. He took his bachelor's degree from Hamilton College in 1847. The Junior year, 1847–48, he studied theology in Union Seminary, N. Y.; the Middle and Senior he took at Auburn. He graduated in 1851, and the same year, June 25th, he was ordained and installed at Cooperstown, N. Y., by the Presbytery of Otsego This pastorate continued until 1855. In 1862, seven years after the first pastorate had ended, Dr. Priest was recalled to the church of his first love, and served a second term of two years During the interval, 1855–62, he was pastor at Homer, N. Y., and Montclair, N. J.

From Cooperstown, in 1864, Dr. Priest was called to Gloversville, N. Y., where his pastorate continued until 1868. His next charge was at Quincy, Ill., from 1868 to 1875. From this place he was called to Newton, N. J. Five years later, in 1880, his health gave way, and he was obliged to lay down his work. He traveled abroad for a time, and so far regained his strength that in 1884 he was able to resume work, and accepted an invitation to the Westminister Church Cincinnati, where he remained in active service until 1889. Thus, for forty years Dr. Priest was in the pastorate or in other useful service in the ministry. His preaching is described as "the clear, faithful and powerful proclamation of the truth." As a pastor and friend he was "kind and sympathetic and true, genial in

conversation and in all social life" He made four visits to Europe, gaining vast resources of information and illustration, of which he made the most effective use in his ministry. He was a frequent contributor to the religious press. He wrote with choice diction and fine literary finish. He was made D D. by Hamilton College in 1872.

He entered into rest March 11th, 1893, at his home in Montclair, N. J.

In 1852 he was married to Miss Frances Walker, of Cooperstown, N. Y.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

THE REV. ALBERT WORTHINGTON

was born in Cooperstown, N. Y., September 30th, 1806. He graduated at Hamilton College in 1824, and from the Theological Seminary at Princeton in 1827 Burning with missionary zeal, Mr. Worthington chose his field of labor in what was then the frontier wilderness of western Michigan. He was ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of Detroit in 1832. Throughout the destitute fields of Michigan he labored for ten years and planted many churches, several of which have since become strong and influential. To the semi-centennial of one of these, Milford, he returned two years ago, and was the hero of the occasion. After removing from Michigan he was pastor at Franklin, Pa.; then labored as a missionary in New York and Pennsylvania, and was settled in Vineland, N. J., in 1864. In 1869 his name appears on the roll of the Fourth Presbytery of Philadelphia as stated supply of the church at Cedarville, subsequently known as the Second Presbyterian, and now as the Osborn Memorial.

At the reconstruction of Presbyteries in 1870 he became a member of the West Jersey Presbytery, in which connection he continued until his death, May 16th, 1893, at the Mercer Home near Philadelphia. At different times he served the churches of Vineland, Brainerd and Bass River. From the latter place he wrote in 1885, on his 79th birthday: "I have been here six years living without a salary, feeding on the promises of God. I walk eight miles on the Sabbath and preach three times, and as I walk I sometimes stop and talk and pray with the families."

He was married to Miss Ruth Parker, Ypsilanti, Michigan, July 1st, 1835. They had three children born to them, only one of whom survives, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Harris, of Washington, D. C. He lost a son who was a student of theology in Auburn Theological Seminary.

Mr. Worthington was a man of gentle and loving disposition. His Christian experience was most deep and spiritual. Few men excel him in personal effort for the salvation of individuals, and many rise up to call him blessed.

His body sleeps in Greenland Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

THE REV. JULIUS EDWARD WERNER

was born in Wengelsdorf, Prussia, July 17th, 1849. His parents emigrated to this country in 1852, when he was but three years of age, and settled in Watertown, N. Y. His early education was received in the public schools. At the age of fifteen he entered a dry goods store, in which he was clerk for several years. He united with the Stone Street Presbyterian Church, in Watertown, in April, 1865. He graduated from Williams College in 1874 and Auburn Theological Seminary in 1877. He was ordained pastor of the church at Oaks Corner, N. Y, by the Presbytery of Geneva in 1877, where he was pastor three years. He was installed over the church at Haddonfield, N. J., in 1881, and this happy and fruitful pastorate continued till his death at Colorado Springs, July 10th 1893.

Mr. Werner was universally beloved. He was simple and beautiful in character and his Christly influence was a benediction to all who knew him. As a preacher he was much above the average, his sermous being fresh, thoughtful and vigorous. His last hours were full of peace and joy.

He was married to Miss Mary S. Robinson, of Canandaigua, N. Y, October 6th, 1886, who with three daughters survives him.

THE REV. JOHN O. WELLS,

a member of the Presbytery of West Jersey, died July 22d, 1893, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sylvester W. Strong, Greenville, N. Y. He was born in Riverhead, L. I., May 1st, 1818. He was left fatherless at four years of age and without means for securing an education. He was therefore without the training of academy, college or theological seminary. But he was a close student of books and a careful observer, and rose to respectable scholarship by his thirst for knowledge and persistency of purpose. He studied theology under the superintendence of his pastor, and was licensed to preach by the Long Island Congregational Association in 1844. He was ordained to the ministry in 1846, as pastor of the Congregational Church at Northville, Long Island, not far from the place of his birth. From this church he was called to the Presbyterian Church, Greenville, N. Y., in 1857. From thence he was called to Vineland, N. J., in 1866, where he remained as pastor till 1887, a

period of twenty-one years. He resigned by reason of failing health, which continued to incapacitate him for regular work until his death.

As a preacher, Mr. Wells was orthodox, earnest and impassioned; as a pastor he was sympathetic, kind and prudent; as a Christian gentleman he was universally respected and esteemed.

He married, in August, 1843, Miss Charlotte Glover, of Wading River, Long Island. Two sons and three daughters survive him.

III.—SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

Again we are privileged to assemble as a Synodical society, and for the sixteenth time review another twelve-month of work accomplished for Home Missions in New Jersey. We rejoice that the watch-word has been advance, and that to-day we stand on a higher plane than has ever been reached before.

Our Synodical society at the present time is composed of 186 auxiliaries and 73 bands, representing 7,924 members.

The officers as elected at the annual meeting one year ago have been permitted to perform their duties, with the single exception of Mrs. M. E. Truax, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, who has been compelled to resign on account of removal to another State. We would take this occasion to express our high appreciation of her diligence, fidelity and efficiency in the past and our hope for her prosperity in the future.

The following amounts were paid to the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions during the year ending March 31st, 1893:

Presbyteries.	Value of boxes.	Money.	Total.
Elizabeth,	 \$1,909 0 4	\$4,238 03	\$6,147 07
Jersey City,	1,055 14	1,554 54	2,609 68
Monmouth,		1,559 47	2,636 22
Morris and Orange,		3,813 29	9,575 02
Newark,	 2,544 19	1,789 00	4.333 19
New Brunswick,	2,539 63	2,493 17	5,032 80
Newton,	1,187 52	1,382 77	2,570 29
West Jersey,	1,301 88	1,069 72	2,371 60
Total,	\$17,375 88	\$17,899 99	\$35,275 87

A larger proportion of money has been sent this year through the organized channels. The amount sent directly to the Executive Committee not credited to our Presbyterial societies is \$1,614.97. against \$2,422.80 last year. With this additional amount the sum total contributed has been \$19,514.96, a net gain of \$453.11 over the preceding year. While this gain is encouraging, we dare not make the statement that it denotes increased liberality on the part of old members, but must rather give the credit to the 341 new members who have joined our ranks this year. We can, however, take the credit, in so far as time and energy have been given in obtaining the increased membership, and this is a point which every society

will do well to emphasize during the coming year. Larger forces, well organized, means better work always.

It is with regret that we note a falling off in the number of Bands, though this is offset by the increased number of Sunday-schools contributing. With the prospect of creating in our Synodical Committee the office of Secretary for Young People's Work, we hope to report increased interest in this department next year.

The merits of the Home Mission Monthly are being appreciated more and more each year by the women of New Jersey. Our subscription list now numbers 1,047 names, an advance of 87 over the preceding year. In five of the Presbyteries a secretary of literature has been appointed to attend to this important feature of the work.

The valuation of boxes has fallen \$744 short of last year, and while this branch of the work has always been considered secondary, we must not under-rate the good accomplished through this channel. The cheer brought into the home of the missionary on the frontier through this instrumentality is repeatedly told of in the pages of the missionary magazine. Let those societies who this year have fallen below previous attainments in this direction be reminded of the truth set forth in Hawthorne's Marble Fawn that "A vast deal of human sympathy runs along the electric line of the needle, stretching from the throne to the wicker chair of the humblest, and keeping high and low in a species of communion with their kindred beings."

I will not take time to recapitulate figures reported by the various Presbyteries, but will simply call your attention to a few items of interest which have come to our notice.

Elizabeth Presbyterial Society still retains her place as largest contributor of money in the Synod, though the amount has fallen below last year. The report of 1892 showed an unusual advance, due to special gifts which could not be counted upon a second time, and so the Secretary fittingly writes: "We do not feel discouraged because we have done a little less this year" Roselle reports the success of an all-day work meeting held once a month which proved to be especially profitable in regard to work accomplished. Roselle also deserves particular mention in that her Sunday-school was the banner school of the United States this year in point of money contributed to Home Mission work.

Jersey City has made a commendable advance of \$207 over last year. The valuation of boxes is not so high, though one society reports that "nothing calls out the latent interest in missions in our church more than preparing a box for a Home Missionary," and another tells of sympathies universally aroused in preparing a box for a missionary who had met with loss by fire. One new society has been added to the number of last year

Jersey City reports a much smaller number of subscribers to the "Home Mission Monthly" than any of the eight Presbyteries, only forty-five copies being taken. When we compare this number with the membership of six hundred and seventy-nine it seems a very small proportion. Doubtless the report will be more favorable next year, as a secretary of literature has been appointed.

Monmouth reports a steady, healthful growth, both as to members and money contributed, an advance of \$160 having been gained. A cheering item of Band work comes from this Presbytery. Five young girls interested themselves in preparing a Christmas box for a little orphan girl in one of our Indian Territory schools. While working for others, a reflex blessing came to them, and at the following Communion these young workers dedicated themselves to the Master's service.

Morris and Orange is the largest member of our Synodical body, and we always expect great things of her. Last year she fell somewhat below the standard of the previous year, but we rejoice that the loss reported then has stimulated her to renewed activity, so that a splendid advance of \$900 has been made this year. Her zeal extended so far that in one case, where a new church was being started, the Home Mission Society was formed before the church was fairly organized. The membership is enlarged by two hundred and thirty-nine members, though the number of organizations stands the same as last year.

Newark Presbyterial Society, our youngest member, is still quite an infant as to age, having celebrated only her fifth anniversary last spring; but she gives promise of strong development, and has already surpassed three of her older sisters in point of money contributed. A gain of \$115 has been reported this year. Her liberality to the mountain people of the South is especially commendable, in that considerably more than the apportioned sum was sent to the treasury. A helpful suggestion comes from the young ladies' society of the First Church of Montclair. They have taken orders for sewing and in this way raised quite a goodly sum of money. Though this Presbytery reports two bands and one less society than last year, there is a small increase in membership.

New Brunswick stands second among the Presbyterial Societies who have gone forward this year, having made an advance of \$351. This denotes gratifying liberality on the part of her members, as there has been a falling off of twenty-eight in membership. New Brunswick ranks second also in the number of subscribers to the "Home Mission Monthly," twenty names having been added to their subscription list.

Newton Presbyterial Society, notwithstanding the gain of four societies and one hundred and five members, has not quite reached

the standard of last year in regard to money contributed. We do not forget that an advance of twenty per cent was made in 1892, and with the record of what can be accomplished, we believe that greater things will be reported in the future. Two years ago your Secretary noted the fact that an enviable prominence in the number of bands was found in this Presbyterial Society. This characteristic is still pre-eminent, as the record shows nearly twice the number reported by any other Presbytery.

West Jersey, our far-away sister, deserves great encouragement, because she is composed mostly of small churches and has, therefore, fewer members than any other Presbyterial Society. She has decreased forty-eight in membership, but nevertheless has advanced \$42 in contributions. We regret to record that she reports only five Bands against ten last year.

In addition to the pledged work of the various societies, we have as a Synod made contributions to two special objects this year. When, at the last Synodical meeting, we decided to hold ourselves responsible for one-tenth of the amount required to establish the Boys' Farm School at Asheville, it was not without some forebodings that more had been assumed than could be accomplished. Time has shown that our fears were unfounded, for early in the year, in response to the able and comprehensive leaflet on this subject, prepared by our President and circulated widely through all the Presbyterial Societies, great interest was aroused and \$2,415.98 can now be reported as the contribution to the Boys' Farm School, which is \$415 98 in excess of our pledge. Surely this gladdens our hearts, and we rejoice that the women of New Jersey have proved themselves so loyal to these mountain people. They may be called our heritage, for we are told that the first school for these people was established in 1879 by two women from New Jersey.

The second special object, Washington College, Tennessee, was left in the hands of our Young People's Societies, the small sum of \$25 being all that was asked from each Presbytery. By a misunderstanding some of the Presbyterial Societies did not realize until too late that this money had been pledged and consequently did not contribute, but notwithstanding this fact the institution has received from our Synodical Society \$340.61—\$56.61 of this amount coming from Christian Endeavor Societies.

So much for success from a financial standpoint, but while it must be admitted that the monetary question is the practical feature of all missionary effort, the all-potent factor of prayer must not be forgotten. Who can measure the results attained by the petitions which have gone up to the Father in Heaven as we have met to talk about the affairs of His Kingdom? Some one has emphasized the power of the "prayer-covered dollar," and we will do well to carry

this expression from our meeting to day down into the local societies and to remember that it is only such dollars that will win our land for Christ. Old Tertullian once said "the violence of prayer is pleasing to God," and so as a Synodical Society let us make this offering together with our money.

A report is always interesting if it can note advance, but the "laurels" achieved in the past we trust will wither before those that shall adorn the brow of the future. This is a day of review, but let us not forget that the coming years concern us far more deeply. The past with its mistakes and half-hearted service is irretrievable, but the future with its opportunities, its hopes, its possibilities, is abundantly ours.

CLARA D. MANNING, Corresponding Secretary.

IV.—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYN-ODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey, was held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Rahway, N. J., October 12th, 1893.

After a half-hour spent in devotional exercises the meeting was opened by responsive, reading conducted by the President, Mrs. William E. Honeyman.

Mrs. Liggett addressed a few words of welcome to the ladies and offered prayer.

At the roll-call there was a response from every Presbytery of the Synod.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President proposed as the work of the coming year, agreeably to the recommendation of the Woman's Executive Committee, that \$2,000 be raised for the "Equipment Fund" of the Boys' Farm School at Asheville, N. C.

In the absence of Mrs. Manning, the Corresponding Secretary, her report was read by Miss White, of Roselle. This report was accepted, adopted and ordered to be sent to Synod, together with the minutes of this meeting.

The report of Mrs. Truax, Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, was read by Mrs. Paul, and accepted.

The President stated that the Woman's Executive Committee desire the appointment of a Secretary of Literature, and a Young People's Secretary, and also recommend the appointment of a Secretary for Freedmen in each Presbytery.

In a short address, Miss Wishard, Young People's Secretary, urged the cultivation of the missionary spirit in the societies of Christian Endeavor, of which there are 270 in the State of New Jersey.

A strong, practical and stirring address was made by Miss Stephenson, of the Home Industrial School, Asheville, N. C., emphasizing the need of schools for the education of the mountain people.

At the close of her address it was, on motion, resolved that the sum of \$2,000 be raised for the equipment of the Boys' Farm School at Asheville, N. C.

In the necessary absence of Rev. Dr. John Hall, Dr. Charles L. Thompson, a member of the Board, made an address, confirming the statements of Miss Stephenson, and urging more active efforts to meet the demands upon the treasury, that the work be not stayed.

In response to an appeal for the church at Logan, Utah, the sum of \$264.50 was pledged by individuals and local societies.

The report of the Nominating Committee was now made, recommending that the appointment of the Secretary of Literature and Young People's Secretary be in charge of the Executive Committee, which recommendation was adopted.

The further report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and adopted, as follows:

President-Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, Plainfield.

Vice-Presidents-MRS. J. H. OWENS, Perth Amboy.

MRS. G. W. B. CUSHING. East Orange.

MRS. C. H. LANGDON, Elizabeth.

MRS. J. MARSHALL PAUL, New Brunswick.

MRS. CHARLES BREARLEY, Trenton.

MRS. D. C. BLAIR, Belvidere.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. J. H. MANNING, Plainfield.
Recording Secretary—MRS. J. F. PINGRY, Elizabeth.
Treasurer Contingent Fund—MISS M. K. JONES, Englewood.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES.

ELIZABETH.

Mrs. F. H. Pierson, Elizabeth.

Mrs. E. B. Cobb, Elizabeth.

Mrs. W. P. Stevenson, Roselle.

Mrs. J. M. McNulty, Woodbridge.

Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, Plainfield.

Miss M. J. Peck, Elizabeth.

JERSEY CITY.

Miss L. C. Pudney, Passaic.

Miss C. D. Shaw, Paterson.

Mrs. William Nichols, Hoboken.

Mrs. Alexander Campbell, Jersey City.

MONMOUTH.

Mrs. J. S. Long, Freehold.

Mrs. H. V. Deshler, Hightstown.

Mrs. B. S. Everitt, Jamesburg.

MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Mrs. Robert Aikman, Madison.

Mrs. J. B. Beaumont, Morristown.

Mrs. P. A. Gile, East Orange.

Mrs. Albert Erdman, Morristown.

Mrs. G. W. B. Cushing, East Orange.

NEWARK.

Miss Julia S. Halsey, Roseville. Mrs. Paul Babcock, Montclair. Mrs. A. V. VanFleet, Newark. Mrs. George A. Paull, Bloomfield.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs Charles Brearley, Trenton.
Mrs. Elmer E. Green, Trenton.
Miss Margaret Sloan, Trenton.
Mrs. P. A. Studdiford, Lambertville.
Mrs. P. I. Nevius, Flemington.

NEWTON.

Mrs. A. C. VanFlick, Washington. Mrs. William Morrow, Belvidere. Mrs. William Thomson, Stewartsville. Mrs. McMurtry, Newton.

WEST JERSEY.

Miss Nellie M. Skinner, Woodbury. Mrs. John M. Moore, Clayton. Mrs. A. M. Reeder, Camden.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we desire first to express our gratitude to God for this beautiful day, for the interest in missions as manifested by the large attendance, and for His blessing upon our feeble efforts during the past year.

Resolved, That we extend hearty thanks to the pastor and officers of this church for its use, to those who have led the music, to the speakers who have addressed us and to the ladies of the churches who have entertained us so bountifully and graciously.

Resolved, That we desire to express our appreciation of the untiring efforts and interest of those officers who, after many years of self-denying service, have to-day resigned.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to renewed and more prayerful efforts to spread a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour throughout our own and other lands.

The Society adjourned to meet at Dover, in October, 1894.

SUSAN H. H. PINGRY,

Secretary pro tem.

V.—SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WO-MAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In submitting a report for the year now closed, your new Synodical Secretary feels that the work for so long efficiently discharged by Mrs. A. A. Hodge has fallen into inexperienced hands—hands too, that are filled with many other duties. She can only beg your kind indulgence, in the hope and prayer that each added year may bring a higher measure of fitness for the post to which you have appointed her.

When we come to look back upon the year 1893 we shall remember it for other things than the splendid Columbian Exposition. We shall think of the disasters by land and sea, hurricanes, floods, shipwrecks, railroad horrors, of which our daily papers have seemed so full. We shall recall the great financial crisis which has imperiled our national prosperity. As friends of Missions, we shall remember the disgraceful anti-Chinese legislation that has jeopardized our precious interests in the vast Celestial Empire, and the shameless aggression of France against Siam, which suggests the possibility that our prosperous work in Laos may some time suffer the same sort of hindrance which followed the establishment of French influence on the west coast of Africa.

Nor shall we be able to forget that this year the cause of Missions has lost a friend whose place we cannot hope soon to see filled. On April 24th, after a long struggle for life, our beloved Missionary Secretary, Dr. Arthur Mitchell, was called to join that vast throng from every tribe and nation for whom, through so many years, he had spent himself with such unselfish devotion.

Amid all these and many other stirring events, some sad, some glad, our Presbyterian sisterhood of New Jersey have steadily pursued their blessed work for Foreign Missions. The reports from the Presbyterial Societies show that both those events which have threatened harm and those which have been full of hope have been recognized as alike calling for increased endeavor.

Elizabeth Presbyterial Society reports in this twenty-second year of her history an Auxiliary or a Band in every self-sustaining church in the Presbytery, and that some churches maintain both an Auxiliary and one or more Bands. The Society has been helped to a better understanding of the work by the vivid impressions which its president, Mrs. Gillespie, brought to them from her months of travel in Mission lands and association with our missionaries in their homes. The Society has adopted another missionary in the person of Miss

Emma Morris, of Perth Amboy, who has gone out to India. It has also appropriated money for furnishing a room in the Chinese Home in San Francisco, to be known as the "Mrs. John Gillespie Room." This Society numbers among its missionaries Miss Cornelia McGilvary, of Chieng Mai, Laos. There is all the more reason, therefore, why its Secretary in her last annual report should recapitulate the wonderful progress of the work in Laos, and should add her appeal to that sent by the Mission to the Church at home.

The Woman's Society of the Presbytery of Jersey City, like its sisters of Newark and Monmouth, celebrates this year its twentyfirst anniversary. Jersey City reports a growth in these years from seven Auxiliaries in '72 to twenty Auxiliaries and twelve Bands this vear. One new Band was organized during the year and one—a Bovs' Band—(Jersey City seems to have had unusual success in maintaining Boys'Bands) was disbanded, because a majority of the members have grown up to manhood or entered business or gone away to school or college, but its place has been taken by a junior society of the same name. Nor can we doubt that these young men, though no longer organized as a Band, will show the effect of their training in an intelligent and life-long interest in Foreign Missions. A new bond of personal sympathy has been welded between Jersey City and the work abroad, in the going out to China of Mrs. Thwing, formerly a member both of the First Church of Jersey City and of the Steady Gleaners' Band, now the banner Band of the Presbytery. Society has assumed the support of Mrs. Thwing. Monmouth reports a year of quiet and successful work on the part of its twenty-five Auxiliaries and fourteen Bands. One Auxiliary has been abandoned for a time, and as in Jersey City, one Boys' Band-the David Holbrook Band, of Matawan-has graduated into "the wide, wide world;" but, as there, so here, a band of young boys has been formed to take its place. Monmouth devotes a special report to the work of her Bands, and a very interesting and encouraging report it is. Among other points of interest, it emphasizes the usefulness of "Children's Work," in fostering a zeal for Missions among our young people.

While several Presbyterial Societies have appointed Secretaries of Missionary Literature, only one—New Brunswick—presents a special report on that subject. Certainly, there is a wide field for our excellent Missionary periodicals in this Presbytery—with its thirty Auxiliaries, twenty-two Bands and six co-operating Endeavor Societies, and its twenty-five hundred members. Two new Bands have been formed during the year, and now only two churches in the Presbytery are unconnected with the Presbyterial Society

New Brunswick feels the stimulus of having Princeton within her bounds. Many Missionaries have made their home for a time in the college town, and last year a new tie was formed by the departure of Mrs. Braddock, to Woodstock, to take the place left vacant by the death of Mrs. Scott. The strength of this Band may be guessed from the fact that when a part of Mrs. Braddock's outfit was lost on the journey, the ladies of Princeton contributed an extra \$130 to make good the loss.

Newark sends the good word that this year's work in her Auxiliaries and Bands has been one of the brightest in her history—that there has been more earnest prayer, more consecrated effort, more liberal giving and more diligent study—and especially that one of their number, Miss A. Adelaide Brown, of the Third Church of Newark, has been sent out to India. The printed report of this Presbyterial Society contains individual reports also from nineteen Auxiliaries and fifteen Bands. One new organization of each class was added during the year. The Society record with regret that their Treasurer, Mrs. William Rankin, after eighteen years of service, has felt compelled to give over her work to other hands

Newton reports earnest work and slightly increased contributions on the part of her twenty-four Societies and twenty-five Bands, but a considerable decrease in the number of copies of "Woman's Work" and "Children's Work" taken. New interest has been awakened by the appointment of Miss Emma Morris a teacher in the public school in Newton, to work at Woodstock.

The amounts contributed by the several Societies last year were as follows:

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Jersey City,																			2,929 26
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Total,																			\$32,814 51

The raising of this sum has been one of the ways in which the Presbyterian women of little New Jersey have endeavored to obey the bidding "Go work in my vineyard." But there has been another answer also, *Qui orat laborat*—"Who prays, labors." And is there not special need always for prayer? Can we think of Woodstock bereaved of Mrs. Scott, for fifteen years its efficient principal, who made it the equal as far as possible of the best schools for girls in this country, without a prayer for Mrs. Braddock, who goes to assume this responsible charge?

Or can we hear again the thrilling cry of our brothers and sisters in Laos, and not pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into that harvest? And what an emphasis their appeal gains when we think that they who make it are only planning new privations and hardships for themselves.

"It is the policy of the Laos Mission," wrote Mrs. Peoples to your Secretary a few weeks ago, "to send the older missionaries to open new stations." And so, while they are calling for recruits, these brothers and sisters of ours are eagerly planning to forsake the comfortable houses which they have built for themselves with such difficulties, and the garden they have planted, and the home comforts which little by little they have gathered about them, and above all to leave that company of native Christians, so affectionate and devoted—their own spiritual children—to begin again the work of seed-sowing in some community of half-distrustful heathen. "For," as Mrs. Peoples adds, "it matters little where we live, if only these people can have the Gospel preached to them." Have not such as these a claim upon our loving thoughts, our daily prayers? Shall not each one of us in this way, if in no other, have fellowship with them in their sacrifices for Christ's sake?

VI.—SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

This meeting was held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Rahway, N. J., at 2 P. M., on Thursday, October 12th, 1893. For the second time delegates from every Presbytery were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, the report of the Corresponding Secretary and that of the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, were read and accepted.

The Constitution which has been under consideration for the past three years was adopted and ordered printed.

Miss Charlotte Brown described the city of Sidon, presenting a number of young people in the costumes of Syria, and gave an account of her work in Sidon Seminary. Miss A. Adelaide Brown, who is to sail for India on October 28th, was introduced and asked all present to remember her in their prayers.

Rev. George William Knox, D.D., spoke on the history and growth of the Church in Japan.

The Committee on Resolutions expressed the gratitude felt by all present to the ladies of Rahway for the admirable arrangements of the meeting.

The following named officers were elected:

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President—MRS. W. P. STEVENSON, Roselle.
Ist Vice-President-MRS. JOEL PARKER, Freehold.
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                -MRS. J. D. BEDLE, Jersey City.
                -Mrs. J. DAVIDSON, New Brunswick.
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                -Mrs. J. GILLESPIE, Elizabeth.
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                -MRS. S. E. WARE, Salem.
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                -Mrs. R. H. Young, Newark.
                -Mrs. Robert Aikman, Madison.
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                -MRS. FRANK CHANDLER, Asbury Park.
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                -MRS. JOHN DIXON, Trenton.
                -MISS A. M. CARTER, Newark.
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                -Mrs. S. R Forman, Jersey City.
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                -MRS. WILLIAM GREEN, Elizabeth.
Treasurer-Miss E. M Colton, Elizabeth.
Corresponding Secretary-Mrs. Chalmers Martin, Princeton.
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Recording Secretary—Mrs. PAUL BABCOCK, Montclair.

MARY W. BABCOCK, Secretary.

VII.—CUSTODIANS OF HISTORICAL MATERIALS.

The Custodians of Historical Material respectfully report to the Synod of New Jersey that the following material has been deposited on the shelves in the Historical Room in Princeton, during the past year:

By the Rev. Allen H. Brown:

Minutes of the Presbytery of Abington, 1752–1758, type-written copy

Memorial Discourses:

Mrs. Martha Rice, sister of Rev. Archibald Alexander, D.D., and wife of Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, D.D., pastor of the First Church of Princeton, by Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., 1844.

Rev. John Burtt, Salem, by Rev. Daniel Stratton, 1866.

Rev. Daniel Stratton, Salem, by Rev. Joseph W. Hubbard, 1866

Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., by Rev. William M. Paxton, D.D., 1878.

Rev. Ravaud K. Rodgers, D.D., by Rev. George Sheldon, D.D., 1879

Printed Sermons and Addresses on various occasions:

Education for the Ministry, by Rev. Archibald Alexander, D.D., 1846.

Rev. John Burtt, Blackwoodtown, 1856.

Rev. J. T. English, Moderator's sermon before Synod of New Jersey, 1859

Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D.D., 1862.

Charles Hodge Semi-Centennial, 1872

The Princeton Jubilee, Rev. William B. Sprague, D.D., 1872.

Re-opening of the Chapel of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, by Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., 1874.

Princeton Alumni Association, 1876.

Rev. Henry J Van Dyke, D.D., 1857.

Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D.D., 1893.

Miscellaneous Papers:

Catalogue of Princeton Theological Seminary, 1840, marked to show the proportion of students who were children of godly parents.

Constitution of the Missionary, Bible and Tract Society of the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., 1843.

Sixth Annual Report of the Monmouth County Bible Society, 1843.

Westfield Church case, 1875

Church Manuals:

Westfield 1864; Trenton, First Church, 1867.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, from February 1st, 1848, to October 3d, 1854, prepared by Rev. A. L. Armstrong, giving a history of efforts to establish a Presbyterian Church at Long Branch; also, the complaint of the Classis of New Brunswick to the Synod of New Jersey against the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Steel-plate engravings:

Rev. James W. Alexander, D.D.; Rev. C. Van Rensselaer, D.D.; Rev. Ethan Osborn.

By the Rev. John Ewing, D D .:

History of the Presbyterian Church of Pittsgrove, 1893.

By Mr. Samuel B. Ketcham:

Manuscript notes concerning the formation of churches in Hopewell and Maidenhead townships (origin of the Ewing and Trenton churches), by Rev. Eli F. Cooley, D.D., 1859.

By the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Jersey City: Minutes of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Bergen, N. J., from October 31st, 1856 to March 19th, 1890. 3 vols.

Minutes of the Congregation and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Jersey City, from 1845 to March 19th, 1890.

Sundry copies of the Minutes of the General Assembly, from the library of the Rev. Charles A. Aiken, D.D.

Memorial of Rev. Caspar Wistar Hodge, D.D., by Rev. Francis L. Patton, D.D., 1892

By the Presbytery of Newark:

Sundry copies of the Minutes of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, New School, "for deposit".

WALTER A. BROOKS, JOSEPH H. DULLES, Custodians.

VIII.—SCHEDULES REFERRED TO IN THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS AS THEREUNDER WRITTEN.

SCHEDULE I.

Contributions sought for the work of Synodical Home Missions for the year ending October 1st, 1893:

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	Presbytery										\$2,573	40
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SCHEDULE 2.

Sums allotted for use in the work of Synodical Home Missions for the year ending October 1st, 1893 :

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To the	e Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$3 0 0 00
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6.6	Presbytery of Monmouth,	4,000 00
4.6	Presbytery of Morris and Orange,	1,650 00
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4.6	Presbytery of New Brunswick,	838 o o
6.6	Presbytery of Newton,	800 00
6.6	Presbytery of West Jersey,	4,000 00
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Subdivision 2.

Supplementary allotments for use in the work among foreign populations:

To the	Presbytery of Jersey City,						\$200 00
	Presbytery of West Jersey,						200 00

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SСНЕDULЕ 3.

Contributions to the work of Synodical Home Missions during the year ending October 1st, 1893.

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Unused appropriation returned agreeably to art. V., pl. 5, of the plan

By the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, \$37 50

SCHEDULE 4.

Contributions by Presbyteries, during the sixth and seventh years, compared.

PRESBYTERY.	Number of Churches giving in 1891-2	Number of Churches giving in 1892-3	Increase or Decrease,	Gifts in 1891–2.	Gifts in 1892–3.	Increase or Decrease.
Elizabeth, Jersey City, Monmouth, Morris and Orange, Newark, New Brunswick, New Ustron, New Brunswick, New Ustron,	30 26 46 43 26 34 30 47	31 29 47 44 30 35 29 48	inc. 1 inc. 3 inc. 1 inc. 1 inc. 4 inc. 1 dec. 1 inc. 1	1063 36	*1292 63 21147 41	inc. 1 63 inc. 43 26 inc. 174 30 dec. 125 46 dec. 93 87

†" H. and B.," members of churches within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of

† Of this sum \$200 were privately contributed for the credit of the Presbytery.

 $^{\rm c}$ Three persons, members of churches within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$450.

*One person, pastor of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$5.00.

 $\mbox{\rotate{B}}$ One person, a member of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of $S_{\rm f,oo.}$

 \P Two persons, members of churches within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$550.

**One person, pastor of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$15.00.

SCHEDULE 6.

Payments on account of appropriations for services, made during the sixth and seventh years, compared by Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERY.	etc., wh	Churches, nere aid ceived.	Increase or Decrease.	Payments in 1891-2.	Payments in 1892-3.	Increase or Decrease.	
Elizabeth, Jersey City, Monmouth, Morris and Orange, Newark, New Brunswick, Newton, West Jersey,	1 8 19 7 4 5 7 21	1 †11 18 10 4 5 6	inc. 3 dec. 1 inc. 3 dec. 1 inc. 3	\$300 00 1539 co *3690 60 1193 00 1610 00 885 21 790 00 *3927 96	1458 65 1625 00 781 66 777 92	inc. \$780 00 inc. 244 62 inc. 265 65 inc. 15 00 dec. 103 55 dec 12 08	

- † Besides these there was one mission field or station among the Slavs.
- * Besides this sum \$60 were paid for work among foreign peoples.
- * These sums include the salaries of the Presbyterial Missionaries.
- ‡ Besides these there was one mission field or station among the Italians.
- Besides this sum \$133.33 were paid for work among foreign peoples.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT

For the year ending October 1st, 1893.

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To balance from last year,
From congregations, \$13,658 68
Sabbath-schools,
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"the Presbytery of Monmouth, 84 34
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expenses,
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Examined and found correct.

FRANKLIN DYE, HENRY R. HALL.

IX.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUS-TEES OF SYNOD FOR 1892 AND 1893.

From January 1, 1892, to October 19, 1892.

CASH RECEIVED.

1892.				
January "	I. 2.	Interest on Stuart Manse Fund in 1890, . Of Robert Aikman, Treasurer— Account Woodland Avenue Chapel, \$100 00 Account Holmes Fund, 727 50 Account Wurts Fund, 525 00	\$17	
		Of Benj. F. Holmes, for Holmes Fund (additional),	1,352	00
September	7.	Of Elwood C. Harris, int. on mortgage, .	31	
		•	\$1,405	25
		CASH EXPENDED.		
1892.		CASII GAI GADAD.		
February	25	Paid to Elwood C. Harris, for investment		
1 cordary	-3.	on mortgage,	\$1,250	00
September	10.	Paid to the Brainerd Mission,	–	12
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October	10.	Paid to Forked River Church, additional,		50
		Paid to Manse of New Gretna or Bass River,		50
"	19.	Balance in Bank appropriated to Wood-	-,	J-
		land Avenue Chapel,	100	00
			\$1,405	25
j	Repor	rt from October 19, 1892, to October 18, 1893.		
**************************************		CASH RECEIVED.		
1892. October	19.	Balance on hand,	\$100	00
December	31.	Accrued interest in Camden Safe Deposit	Ψ100	-
1893.	3	and Trust Company,	6	40
April	12.	Of Elwood C. Harris, account Kane mort-		
		gage,	31	25

1893. REPORT	of Treasurer of Trustees.	89
•	wood C. Harris, account Kane mort- e,	31 25
	CASH EXPENDED.	\$168 gc
1893. May 25 and Oct. 17. April 24 and Sept. 21. June 10 and Sept. 21.	To Presbytery West Jersey, account Woodland Ave. Chapel, To Forked River Church, To Brainerd Church's Pastor,	\$106 40 36 25 26 25
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Examined and found correct.

FRANKLIN DYE, H. R. HALL.

X.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

EBEN B. COBB, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of New Jersey.

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DR.						
To balance from previous account,						
" apportionments from nine Presbyteries,						
" receipts for advertising,						
" sale of minutes,			I	55		
		-			\$1,058	25
Cr.						
By janitor's bill, Belvidere,			\$8	00		
" salaries for year ending October 1st, 18	93, .		160	00		
" printing,			237	80		
" envelopes and postage,			13	18		
"Treasurer's book,			6	00		
" binding minutes,			2	50		
" sundry expenses,			6	22		
" balance on hand September 30th, 1893,			624	55		
		-			\$1,058	25
	EB	EN	В.	COI	BB,	
				Tre	asurer.	

Examined and found correct.

FRANKLIN DYE, H. R. HALL,

Committee.

XI.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

- I. PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO—No report received. For ministers and churches, see Minutes of General Assembly.
- II. THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH consists of forty-seven ministers, thirty-three churches, and has under its care four candidates and three other candidates under the care of some of its Sessions.

Ministers received-

October 19, 1892, Rev. Albert E. Wirth, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

November 22, 1892, Rev. Charles E. Herring, from the Presbytery of New York.

February 7, 1893, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington, from the Presbytery of Washington City.

April 18, 1893, Rev. Thomas Heywood, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

October 3, 1893, Rev. Joseph O. McKelvey, from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Ministers dismissed-

April 18, 1893, Rev. George A. Liggett, to the Presbytery of Binghamton

October 3, 1893, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidate licensed—

April 19, 1893, Mr. VanDerveer V. Nicholas.

Ministers installed-

November 1, 1892, Rev. Albert E. Wirth, as pastor of the First German Church of Elizabeth.

November 22, 1892, Rev. Charles E. Herring, as pastor of the First Church of Plainfield.

Pastoral relation dissolved-

October 4, 1893, between Rev. James M. Nourse and the Madison Avenue Church, Elizabeth.

Licentiate dismissed-

April 19, 1893, Mr. VanDerveer V. Nicholas to the Presbytery of Chester.

Church organized-

May 1, 1893, the First Presbyterian Church of Carteret.

Death of minister-

May 26, 1893, Rev. Frank Stiles Woodruff, at Elizabeth, N. J., aged thirty years.

SAMUEL PARRY, Stated Clerk.

III. THE PRESEYTERÝ OF JERSEY CITY consists of forty-six ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and three candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received-

June 6, 1893, Rev. Henry C. Cronin, from the Springfield, Mo. (Cong.), Association.

June 6, 1893, Rev. John W. Waite, from the Primitive Methodist Church of England, on probation.

October 3, 1893, Rev. William Imbrie, D.D., from the Presbytery of Tokyo, Japan.

October 3, 1893, Rev. John Hutchison, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

Candidates received under care of Presbytery—

December 6, 1892, August A. Braasch. April 18, 1893, Franklin E. Taylor.

Licenses conferred—

April 18, 1893, Franklin E. Taylor. April 18, 1893, Joseph O. McKelvey. June 6, 1893, Adolph Pape. June 6, 1893, Felix Steinmann. June 6, 1893, Frederick W. Hock.

Ordinations -

October 23, 1892, Robert H. P. Miles. October 28, 1892, George Coulsen. May 3, 1893, Franklin E. Taylor. June 6, 1893, Joseph O. McKelvey.

Installations-

October 13, 1892, Rev. Hugh R. McClelland, Ph.D, as pastor of Lake View Church.

May 3, 1893, Rev. Franklin E. Taylor, as pastor of Dundee, Passaic, Church.

June 6, 1893, Rev. Henry C. Cronin, as pastor of Second Church, Jersey City.

Dissolution of pastoral relations—

September 12, 1893, between Rev. George Sluter and the Arlington Church.

September 12, 1893, between Rev. August Lange and the Carlstadt Church.

Ministers dismissed-

February 7, 1893, Rev. George Coulsen, to the Presbytery of Newcastle.

March 7, 1893, Rev. Louis Rymarski, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna

October 3, 1893, Rev. Joseph O. McKelvey, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

October 3 1893, Rev. August Lange, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licentiates dismissed—

June 6, 1893, Adolph Pape, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

June 6, 1893, Frederick W. Hock, to the North Classis (Ref'd) of Long Island.

October 3, 1893, Felix Steinmann, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Died-

March 12, 1893, Rev. Robert R. Thompson.

EDWIN A. BULKLEY, Stated Clerk.

IV. THE PRESEYTERY OF MONMOUTH consists of forty-eight ministers and forty-eight churches, and has under its care three licentiates, four candidates and one local evangelist.

Ministers received -

April 11, 1893, Rev. James J. Coale, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

May 11, 1893, Rev. Albert E. Weston, from the Presbytery of Choctaw.

Licentiates received—

April 12, 1893, Harry W. Haring, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

May 16, 1893, Joseph K. Freed, from the Presbytery of New York.

June 7, 1893, Nathan D. Hynson, from the Presbytery of New York.

June 20, 1893, S. Ward Righter, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Candidates received on examination—

April 11, 1893, Walter A. Semple. October 4, 1893, John E. Parmly.

Candidate received by certificate-

April 12, 1893, N. J. Sproul, from the Presbytery of Orangeville, Canada.

Candidate dismissed-

June 12, 1893, Conover S. Osborne, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Licensures-

April 11, 1893, William L. Everitt, Nathaniel J. Sproul, Daniel I. Camp, Harry W. Haring.

Ordinations-

October 27, 1892, George E. Gillespie. May 11, 1893, Nathaniel J. Sproul. May 16, 1893, Harry W. Haring. June 7, 1893, Joseph K. Freed. June 29, 1893, Nathan D. Hynson.

Licentiates dismissed-

April 6, 1893, Walter A. Hitchcock, to Presbytery of Albany. April 12, 1893, Daniel I. Camp, to Presbytery of West Jersey. June 29, 1893, S. Ward Righter, to Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Ministers dismissed—

October 28, 1892, Rev. Charles H. Wisner, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

December 13, 1892, Rev. Charles W. Nevin, to the Presbytery of Chester.

April 12, 1893, Rev. Robert B. Ewing, D.D., to the Presbytery of Utah.

July 17, 1893, Rev. William C. Alexander, D.D., to the Presbytery of Washington City.

Pastoral relations dissolved-

December 13, 1892, Rev. Charles Everett and the church of Englishtown.

July 17, 1893, Rev. William C. Alexander, D.D., and the church of Matawan.

Installations-

October 27, 1892, Rev. George E. Gillespie, as pastor of the churches of Cream Ridge and Plumstead.

February 1, 1893, Rev. Charles Everett, as pastor of the church of Belmar.

May 11, 1893, Rev. Nathaniel J. Sproul, as pastor of the church of Englishtown.

May 16, 1893, Rev. Harry W. Haring, as pastor of the church of Delanco.

June 7, 1893, Rev. Joseph K. Freed, as pastor of the churches of Providence and Jacksonville.

June 29, 1893, Rev. Nathan D. Hynson, as pastor of the church of Manasquan.

Ministers deceased-

January 12, 1893. Rev. Frederick T. Brown, D.D., at Manasquan, N. J., in the seventy-first year of his age.

June 14, 1893, Rev. William T. Findley, D D, at Perrineville, N. J., in the eightieth year of his age.

BENJ. S. EVERITT,

Stated Clerk.

V. THE PRESEVTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE consists of fifty-eight ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care two chapels, three licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received-

January 17, 1893, Rev. Thomas A. Reeves, from the Presbytery of Boston.

September 19, 1893, Rev. John H. Myer, from the Presbytery of St. Paul.

Minister received from another denomination—

June 20, 1893, Rev. Edwin M. Bliss, from the Manhattan Congregational Association.

Licentiates received -

June 9, 1893, Asa Wynkoop, from the Presbytery of New York.September 19, 1893, Stephen W. Righter, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Candidates received-

April 11, 1893, John M. Thomas, from the Presbytery of Champlain.

April 19, 1893, Eugene A. Mitchel, from the Presbytery of Chester.

Licensures-

·January 17, 1893, Stephen W. Righter. April 11, 1893, R. Hilliard Gage, John M. Thomas.

Ordinations-

June 9, 1893, John M. Thomas. June 28, 1893, Asa Wynkoop.

Ministers dismissed-

April 11, 1893, Rev. Arthur C. Dill, to the Presbytery of Albany. September 19, 1893, Rev. Rufus S. Green, D.D., to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Minister dismissed to another denomination—

June 20, 1893, Rev. Lewis B. Paton, to the Middlesex Congregational Association.

Licentiate dismissed-

June 9, 1893, Stephen W. Righter, to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Installations -

April 19, 1893, Rev. Thomas A. Reeves, as pastor at Rockaway. May 10, 1893, Rev. Andrew M. Sherman, as pastor at Whippany. June 9, 1893, Rev. John M. Thomas, as pastor of the Arlington Avenue Church, East Orange.

June 28, 1893, Rev. Asa Wynkoop, as pastor of Trinity Church, South Orange.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

May 7, 1893, between Rev. John R. Fisher and the First Church, South Orange.

September 17, 1893, between Rev. Rufus S. Green, D.D., and the Central Church, Orange.

Church organized

November 10, 1893, Arlington Avenue Church, East Orange.

Deaths-

October 27, 1892, Rev. Elias Levi Boing, at Green Village, N. J., aged sixty-eight years.

January 8, 1893, Rev. Pearce Rogers, at Mine Hill, N. J., aged fifty-five years.

June 4, 1893, Rev. Albert Williams, at West Orange, N. J., aged eighty-five years.

WILLIAM F. WHITAKER, Stated Clerk.

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK consists of fifty-seven ministers and thirty-two churches, and has under its care one licentiate and twelve candidates.

Ministers received-

January 20, 1893, Rev. Paul F. Sutphen, D.D., from the Presbytery of Cleveland.

April 5, 1893, Rev. Howard T. Widdemer from the Northern N. J. Conference of Congregational Ministers.

Minister received on probation—

February 1, 1893, Rev. G. Waldemar Görlitz, ordained minister of the Moravian Church, Germany.

Ordinations-

October 28, 1892, Edwin Fairley.

May 10, 1893, Albert Pfaus.

May 11, 1893, Henry L. P. A. Schwartz.

October 4, 1893, Charles Schneegas.

Licensures-

May 10, 1893, John Becker and Martin Henry Qual.

May 11, 1893, Henry L. P. A. Schwartz.

October 4, 1893, Charles Schneegas.

Pastoral relations constituted—

October 28, 1892, Rev. Edwin Fairley, with Roseland Church.

January 20, 1893, Rev. Paul F. Sutphen, D.D., with Second Church, Newark

Licentiates dismissed—

April 5, 1893, Winthrop Gates to Presbytery of Philadelphia, North.

May 10, 1893, Martin Henry Qual to Classis of Philadelphia, German Reformed Church.

Candidates received on examination—

October 4, 1893, George Brauer, George G. Wacker, William J. Kern, Louis C. Krüger.

Minister deceased—

March 11, 1893, Rev. J. Addison Priest, D.D., at Montclair, N. J., in the seventy-first year of his age.

Julius H. Wolff, Stated Clerk

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK consists of sixty-six ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care three licentiates and fifty-four candidates.

Ministers received from other Presbyteries-

April 11, 1893, Rev. George T. Purves, from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

April 12, 1893, Rev. James B. Clark, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

June 27, 1893, Rev. Varnum D. Collins, from the Presbytery of Canton, China.

Ministers received from other Denominations-

January 31, 1893, Rev. George Warrington, from Beaver Valley Presbytery, United Presbyterian Church.

June 27, 1893, Rev. David T. Smyth, from South Philadelphia Conference, M. E. Church.

September 11, 1893, Rev. William W. Knox, from the South Classis of Bergen.

Ministers dismissed to other Presbyteries—

February 27, 1893, Rev. D. Stuart Moore, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

June 27, 1893, Rev. Varnum D. Collins, to the Presbytery of Washington.

September 11, 1893, Rev. George Warrington, to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

October 18, 1893, Rev. Charles Clinton Meek, to the Presbytery of Furrukhabad.

Minister dismissed to another denomination—

December 5, 1892, Rev. Adrian Westveer, to the Classis of Passaic.

Ordination, sine titulo -

April 26, 1893, Charles Clinton Meek.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

December 5, 1892, Rev. Adrian Westveer, with Amwell Second Church, to take effect December 11, 1892.

February 27, 1893, Rev. D. Stuart Moore, with Hamilton Square Church, to take effect March 5, 1893.

Pastoral relations constituted—

May 4, 1893, Rev. James B. Clark, with Amwell Second Church. July 13, 1893, Rev. David T. Smyth, with Hamilton Square Church.

September 15, 1893, Rev. William W. Knox, with New Brunsw ck First Church.

Candidates received on certificate—

October 4, 1892, James M. Boger, from Presbytery of Catawba.

January 31, 1893, Henry McBride, from Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland.

April 25, 1893, Thomas John Harrison, from Presbytery of Ballybay, Ireland.

April 25, 1893, Neelo Freerichs Janssen, from Presbytery of Freeport.

April 25, 1893, Conover Samuel Osborn, from Presbytery of Monmouth.

Candidates received on examination—

April 25, 1893, John H. Alexander, Ernest C. Arns, Franklin John Barackman, Rufus Luther Barackman, Robinson P. D Bennett, James Boddy, Henry Kreider Denlinger, William Harris, Jr., James Ross Macdouald, David Charles Mackintosh, Charles Spurgeon McKinney, Levi Schade Mogel, Charles Ogden Mudge, Delavan Leonard Pierson.

June 27, 1893, Maurice Alexander Filson.

Licensures-

April 25, 1893, Thomas John Harrison, Henry MacBride, Charles Clinton Meek and George Livingstone Robinson.

Candidates dismissed to other Presbyteries—

November 11, 1892, Gregory Avack Shiragian, to the Presbytery of New York.

November 29, 1892, Henry M. Moore, to the Presbytery of New York.

April 3, 1893, James Robinson, to the Presbytery of New Castle.

April 6, 1893, Alexander Gilmore, to the Presbytery of New Castle. April 22, 1893, Burton H. Woodford, to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Licentiate dismissed—

May 9, 1893, John A. Terhune, to the Presbytery of North River AMZI L. ARMSTRONG,

Stated Clerk.

VIII.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON consists of thirty-seven ministers and has under its care thirty-seven churches, two licentiates and five candidates for the Gospel ministry.

Ministers received -

December 16, 1892, Rev. Alfred N Raven, from the Association of Central New York of the Congregational Church

February 27, 1893, Rev Samuel F. Bacon, from the Presbytery of Kalamazoo.

June 1. 1893, Rev. Edgar A. Hamilton, from the Presbytery of Ozark; Rev. Edwin J. Reinke, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

October 4, 1893, Rev. George B. Crawford, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Candidates received-

June 1, 1893. Courtland P. Butler.

October 3, 1893, Rheuel H. Merrell and James H. Northrop.

License conferred —

April 12, 1893, R. Collins Bryant.

Ministers dismissed-

December 16, 1892, Rev. Eliphalet W. Brown, to the Presbytery of Corning.

April 11, 1893, Rev Albert L. Kelly, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

October 4, 1893, Rev. I Davison Decker, to the Presbytery of Butler.

Pastoral relations constituted-

December 16, 1892, Rev. Alfred N. Raven, with the First Church of Phillipsburgh.

June 25, 1893, Rev. Edwin J. Reinke, with the Church of Greenwich.

June 28, 1893, Rev. Samuel F. Bacon, with the First Church of Wantage.

June 28, 1893, Rev. Edgar A. Hamilton, with the Church of Deckertown.

Pastoral relations dissolved -

December 16, 1892, between the Rev. Eliphalet W. Brown and the Church of Greenwich, to take effect December 18, 1892

February 27 1893, between the Rev. Alexander McA. Thorburn and the Church of Deckertown, to take effect the same day.

April 11, 1893, between the Rev. Albert L. Kelly and the Church of Musconetcong Valley, to take effect April 16, 1893.

April 12, 1893, between the Rev. James M. Huntting and the Church of Andover, to take effect April 30, 1893.

June 1, 1893, between the Rev. I. Davison Decker and the Church of Harmony, to take effect June 25, 1893.

June 13, 1893, between the Rev. Charles D. Nott, D.D., and the Church of Washington, to take effect the same day.

E. CLARKE CLINE,

Stated Clerk.

IX.—The Presbytery of West Jersey consists of forty-six ministers, forty-eight churches, and has under its care two licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received-

April 18, 1893, Arthur W. Spooner, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

April 18, 1893, James M. Cockins, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

May 17, 1893, J. Baillie Adams, from the Presbytery of Baltimore. June 27, 1893, John Turner, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

September 26, 1893, James C. Russell, from the Presbytery of Chemung

September 26, 1893, John E. Wildey, from Sullivau Congregational Association, N. H.

September 27, 1893, George Warrington, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Ministers dismissed-

January 31, 1893, John T. Crumrine, to the Presbytery of Geneva. February 13, 1893, William Boyd, to the Presbytery of Chester. June 27, 1893, Thomas W. Pulham, to the Presbytery of Baltimore.

September 26, 1893, Andrew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., D.D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Licentiate received—

April 18, 1893, Daniel I. Camp, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Licensure-

June 27, 1893, Phineas B. Kennedy.

Ordination-

May 17, 1893, Daniel I. Camp

Installations-

October 31, 1892, Audrew J. Sullivan, Ph.D., D.D., as pastor of Third Camden Church.

May 11, 1893, Arthur W. Spooner, as pastor of First Camden Church.

May 11, 1893, D. I. Camp, as pastor of the Tuckahoe Church.

August 23, 1893, John Turner, as pastor of the Deerfield Church.

October 10, 1893, James C. Russell, as pastor of the Second Camden Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

October 19, 1892, Rev. Wellington E. Loucks, with First Camden Church.

January 31, 1893, Rev. John T. Crumrine, with First Cedarville Church.

February 13, 1893, Rev. William Boyd, with Second Camden Church.

April 18, 1893, Rev. Edward Scofield, with Cold Spring Church.

June 27, 1893, Rev. Thomas W. Pulham, with Fairfield Church.

September 26, 1893, Rev. Andrew J. Sullivan, Ph.D, D.D, with Third Camden Church.

Candidates received on examination-

April 18, 1893, Leonard P. Davidson.

September 26, 1893, Homer C. Snitcher.

Expiration of licensure -

September 26, 1893, the term of licensure of Mr. Robert B Stevens was declared to have expired by limitation of time.

Change of title—

The title of the Cape Island Church has been changed to the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May.

Ministers deceased—

Rev. Julius E. Werner died at Colorado Springs, May 10th, 1893, in the forty-fourth year of his age.

Rev. Albert Worthington died at Ambler, Pa., May 16th, 1893, in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

Rev. John O. Wells died at Greenville, Greene county, N. Y., July 22d, 1893, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

HENRY REEVES,

Stated Clerk.

· STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD.

- I.—The Synod shall meet annually, on the third Tuesday of October, at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered.
- II.—The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator, a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, a Recording Clerk and a Treasurer
- III.—The Moderator shall be elected annually, after calling the roll of the Presbyteries for nominations, when the Presbytery which has been longest without having a representative in the Moderator's chair shall be called first. The Clerks and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, unless otherwise ordered, and shall hold office during the pleasure of Synod.
- IV.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to cause a notice of the time and place of meeting to be published in the religious papers, most current in the Synod, at least three weeks prior to the time of meeting; to lay on the Moderator's table, at the opening of Synod, a printed docket of business; to preserve the proceedings of Synod in printed form; to file and preserve all important papers coming into the possession of Synod; to furnish certified copies of minutes to those properly entitled to them; to conduct the correspondence of Synod; to transmit to the General Assembly the Statistical Report and the duly certified printed Records of Synod: to send a printed copy of the minutes of each annual meeting of Synod to every Minister, to the Session of each vacant courch, and to each Ruling Elder who attended that meeting; and to cause the copies that have been submitted to the General Assembly to be bound in volumes at suitable intervals. The Stated Clerk shall print an Appendix to the Minutes, which shall contain all the papers and reports presented to Synod that are of permanent value. But in preparing such materials for publication he shall be authorized to abridge the same, except where resolutions and recommendations have been adopted by Synod, and when otherwise ordered by Synod.
- V.—The Permanent Clerk shall prepare a roll of Synod before the opening. To enable him to do this, all members shall report themselves to him on arrival at the place of meeting. To him

reasons for absence or late attendance shall be given, and of him permission to leave shall be obtained. He shall be the Reading Clerk. call the roll, and otherwise assist the Stated Clerk as he may require; and he shall act as Stated Clerk in the absence or disability of that officer.

- VI.—The Recording Clerk shall make the minutes of the proceedings of Synod from day to day, and deliver them to the Stated Clerk on the adjournment of Synod; and he shall act as Permanent Clerk in the absence or disability of that officer.
- VII.—The compensation of the Stated Clerk shall be one hundred dollars per annum, that of the Permanent and Recording Clerks, thirty dollars respectively.
- VIII.—The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Synod for contingent expenses, and render an itemized account at each annual meeting.

COMMITTEES.

IX.—The Committees of Synod shall be divided into three classes, viz.: Standing, Permanent and Special.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The STANDING COMMITTEES, to be appointed by the Moderator at each annual meeting, shall be as follows:

- I. ON BILLS AND OVERTURES, seven members—four Ministers, of whom one shall be the retiring Moderator, and three Ruling Elders.
- 2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, seven members—four Ministers and three Ruling Elders.
- 3. ON RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES, three members for each Presbytery—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.
- 4. ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.
- 5. On Narrative, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.
- 6. On Finance, four members—two Ministers and two Ruling Elders, who shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Treasurers of the different funds; and arrange the apportionment of the amount required from each Presbytery for contingent expenses.

X.—The Committee of Arrangements shall consist of all the Presbyterian Pastors and one Ruling Elder from each church in the place where the Synod meets, together with the Stated Clerk of Synod, the Pastor of the church in which Synod meets to be chairman. They shall provide accommodations for the Synod; suggest hours of meeting and adjournment; arrange for public services, and the persons to conduct them, and provide for hearing representatives of the Boards.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

XI.—The Permanent Committees of the Synod shall be as follows:

- 1. ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS, eight members—one for each Home Presbytery.
- 2. ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, eighteen members—one Minister and one Ruling Elder for each Presbytery.
- 3. ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, six members—four Ministers and two Ruling Elders.
- 4. ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK, seven members—four Ministers and three Ruling Elders.
- 5. On Sabbath Observance, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.
- 6. On Temperance, nine members—one from each Home Presbytery, besides the chairman.
- 7 ON UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT CHURCHES, eight members—one from each Home Presbytery.
- 8. On Necrology, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.
- 9. On Systematic Beneficence, eight members—one from each Home Presbytery.
- 10. ON WORK AMONG FOREIGN POPULATIONS, five members—three Ministers and two Ruling Elders.
- XII.—The Permanent Committees shall each report to Synod annually, upon the matters assigned to them, and recommend suitable action to be taken by Synod in relation thereto.

- XIII.—The Necrological Committee shall present, at the annual meeting, brief obituary notices of all Ministers of Synod who have deceased during the Synodical year.
- XIV.—Each Presbytery belonging to the Synod shall send a written Narrative of the State of Religion within its bounds, to the Synod's Committee on Narrative, at least one week previous to the stated meeting of Synod.
- XV.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered at each stated meeting of the Synod, under the superintendence of the retiring Moderator, or the Minister presiding in his place, at such time and place as the Committee of Arrangements shall designate.
- XVI —The Committee on Sytematic Beneficence shall co-operate with the Stated Clerk and the Committee of Arrangements in selecting topics and securing speakers to address the Synod upon the subjects of Benevolence and Church Work, and the evening session of the second day of the meeting of Synod shall be devoted exclusively to popular addresses, by Secretaries of Boards or others.
- XVII.—All notices of, or calls for, meetings of Presbyteries or Committees, and all resolutions, shall be in writing and read by the Clerk.
- XVIII.--The rules for Judicatories adopted by the General Assembly shall be the rules of the Synod, so far as they apply.
- XIX —These rules may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote, but if notice of a proposed change has been given at a previous stated meeting, a majority may amend or repeal; and any one of these rules may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

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REV. JOHN W. TEAL, D.D.,

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MODERATORS SINCE THE REUNION.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	PRESBYTERY.				
June 21, 1870 Oct. 18, 1870 Oct. 17, 1871 Oct. 15, 1872 Oct. 20, 1874 Oct. 19, 1875 Oct. 16, 1877 Oct. 16, 1877 Oct. 15, 1878 Oct. 21, 1879 Oct. 18, 1886 Oct. 17, 1882 Oct. 16, 1883 Oct. 21, 1884 Oct. 20, 1885 Oct. 17, 1886 Oct. 17, 1886 Oct. 17, 1886 Oct. 17, 1887 Oct. 18, 1886 Oct. 21, 1886 Oct. 17, 1887 Oct. 18, 1886 Oct. 21, 1886 Oct. 20, 1890 Oct. 20, 1890	Elizabeth, Morristown, Bloomfield, Trenton, Washington, Camden, Orange, Elizabeth, Newark, Morristown, Trenton, Bridgeton, Asbury Park, Hackettstown Orange, Elizabeth. Atlantic City,	*Rev. Jona. F. Stearns, D.D., Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., Rev. J. M. McDonald, D.D., Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D. Rev. William Bannard, D.D., Rev. William Bannard, D.D., Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, D.D., Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., Rev. Samuel M. Hamill, D.D., Rev. Samuel M. Hamill, D.D., Rev. William Thomson, Rev. William Thomson, Rev. William Thomson, Rev. Frank Chandler, D.D., Rev. K. P. Ketcham, D.D., Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D.D., Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D.D., Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., Rev. David R. Fraze	Newark. Jersey City. Morris & Orange. Monmouth. Newark, New Brunswick. Elizabeth, Newton. Elizabeth. West Jersey. New Brunswick. Newark, Monmouth, Morris & Orange, Jersey City, New Brunswick. West Jersey, New Brunswick. West Jersey, New Brunswick. West Jersey, Newton. Monmouth,				
Oct. 17, 1893	Bridgeton, .	Rev. S. M. Studdiford, D.D.,	New Brunswick.				

^{*} Deceased.



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Fradley, Joseph H., Tuckerton. Mon.
Brewster, James F., Sunmit. M. & O.
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Brooks, Walter, A., D.D., Trenton. N. B.
Brown, Josiah J., Newark. N'rk.
Bruen, James De Hart, Belvidere. Newt.
Bryant, Robert A. Asbury Park. Newt.
Buckle, George, Elizaheth. Fliz.
Bulkley, Edwin A., D. D., Rutherford. J. C.
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Campbell, George H. S., Danville. Newt.
Campbell, Richard S., D.D., Newark. N'rk.
Campbell, Stuart McA., Lyons Farms. N'rk.
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