

Orange gave twenty dollars ; three persons, members of churches in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, gave three hundred and eighty dollars, and several other persons therein gave fifty-three dollars for the credit of the Presbytery ; a member of a church in the Presbytery of Newton gave six dollars ; and a member of the Presbytery of West Jersey gave fifteen dollars. All of the contributions are set forth with particularity in Schedule 3 hereunder written ; and in Schedule 4 hereunder written, the contributions during the eighth and ninth fiscal years are compared by Presbyteries. At this point, it may not be amiss to remark that now, as in time past, the word, "church" is not always used with perfect accuracy. It may sometimes mean mission chapels or stations as well as churches fully organized ; it may sometimes mean not only congregations steadily worshipping at particular places, but also Sabbath-schools, and societies and bands connected with them. For a correct classification of the agents from which the work of Synodical Home Missions has received support, reference should be made to Schedule 3 and the Summary of Account. From the latter, it appears that the contributions in the last year from congregations, amounted to fourteen thousand, five hundred and seventy-four dollars and forty-one cents ; from Sabbath-schools, to seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents ; from societies and bands, to six hundred dollars and ten cents, and from individuals, to four hundred and seventy-nine dollars.

In the further performance of the work, there have been paid out for the services of ministers or missionaries rendered in the first quarter of the year, three thousand, eight hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents ; for like services in the second quarter of the year, three thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-one cents ; for like services in the third quarter of the year, three thousand, six hundred and thirty-one dollars ; and for like services in the fourth quarter of the year, two hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents. There were also paid out for similar services rendered in the preceding year three thousand, two hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixty-four cents. From a different stand-point, your Treasurer may say that during the year there have been paid to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Elizabeth, five hundred and twenty-five dollars ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Jersey City, two thousand, two hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighty-three cents ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Monmouth, three thousand, two hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty-two cents, and to the Presbyterial missionary in the same, three hundred and eighty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, one thousand,

four hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Newark, one thousand, five hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-five cents ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, five hundred and seventy-eight dollars ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Newton, seven hundred and twenty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents ; and to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of West Jersey, three thousand, six hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty-three cents, and to the Presbyterial missionary in the same, three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and eighty cents. For printing and publishing, your Treasurer has paid away seventy-seven dollars and eight cents ; for postage and express charges, forty six dollars and sixty-nine cents ; for interest, sixteen dollars and eleven cents ; and for the necessary expenses of the Permanent Committee, thirty dollars and fifty-two cents. All of the expenditures are set forth in subdivisions 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 hereunder written ; and in Schedule 6 hereunder written, the payments to or for the use of ministers and missionaries during the eighth and ninth fiscal years are compared by Presbyteries. From the Summary of Account, it further appears that the payments during the year for the services of ministers or missionaries amounted to fourteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty-seven dollars and forty-three cents ; and for the expenses of administration to one hundred and seventy dollars and forty cents—these payments leaving in the treasury a balance of five thousand, one hundred and sixty-four dollars and seven cents. Lest a large balance in the treasury should prove a hindrance to contributions, and lest by attempting to guess he should fall into error, your Treasurer has deemed it expedient to inquire what sum will shortly be drawn out in payment for the services of ministers or missionaries, rendered in the fourth quarter of the last year. This sum he is credibly informed will be three thousand, eight hundred and eighty-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents ; so that the balance in the treasury may soon be reduced by sundry payments to twelve hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-nine cents.

In his last report your Treasurer had occasion to record certain "first instances" in the progress of the work ; in this he makes mention of some "greatest occurrences." Three hundred and six churches have contributed to the Synodical Home Mission Fund during the last year—the greatest number giving in any one year since the work was undertaken. Five Presbyteries have in their giving gone beyond the limit of your expectations ; no greater number have ever been found so doing. Sixteen thousand, four hundred and thirteen dollars and four cents have been contributed for the work—the greatest sum raised in any year. The advance in the contributions over those of the preceding year is one thousand

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MINUTES
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SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The Synod of New Jersey met at New Brunswick, in the First Church, on Tuesday, October 15th, 1895, at 3 o'clock P.M.

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

BLACKWOOD, N. J., October 11th, 1895.

Letter from the
Moderator.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY—It was my hope, at the closing of the session of the Synod of New Jersey last year, to be permitted to come to you this year with a rich experience, obtained from an acquaintance with the places where our Lord and Master lived and taught and died and rose again, but He ordered otherwise, frustrating my plans, laying me upon a bed of pain and weakness and retiring me from active work altogether. I went on my trip to the Holy Land, was taken down with pneumonia and pleurisy on the steamship four days after we left New York, was confined to my stateroom three weeks and to the ship forty days. I was not able to put my foot on the land I so earnestly desired to see.

Since my return I have been somewhat of an invalid. The last two months, from a relapse of lung trouble, I have been confined to my home. But the Lord does all things well, and as His servant I humbly submit to His will.

The apostle Paul said, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they may be saved." So, I think I can say, my heart's desire and prayer to God for New Jersey is, that the people of this State may be saved. Within its bounds our Synod has been placed by the Great Head of the Church. This is the vineyard which we are especially to cultivate. To this end let our prayers go up as the prayer of one man, let our

work be an earnest, whole-hearted, united work. Let the strong churches thank God for their strength and then with strong, loving arms reach out to the weak to help them along as they endeavor to reach a condition of strength too.

My brethren, do not forget the weak churches, some of them in these days of drought and destruction of crops and stagnation in many kinds of business struggling for their very life.

May the blessing of the dear Master rest upon you. May all your deliberations be guided by the Infinite Wisdom and result in a great and blessed and successful work by the church for the conversion of sinners and for the building up of the kingdom of God.

Your brother in Christ,

F. R. BRACE.

The Synod then listened to a sermon by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. George Swain, D.D., from I Timothy, 1:12.

At the close of the sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. In this service the Vice Moderator was assisted by Rev. William J. Bridges and Rev. John C. Clyde, D.D., and by the following Ruling Elders: W. W. Willetts, J. S. Biddell, Hugh B. Ely, J. C. Hepburn, M.D., W. S. Ward, James P. Langdon, Theophilus W. Trenchard, David R. Hull, Henry D. Oliphant, James Steen, Robert Blake, H. N. Demorest.

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

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

Roll of Synod.

Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTERS—None.

RULING ELDERS—None.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS—Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., Everard Kempshall, D.D., J. Garland Hamner, D.D., I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., John A. Liggett, D.D., Charles S. Converse, Abram I. Martine, Wm. R. Richards, D.D., Eben B. Cobb, D.D., Samuel J. Row-

land, Geo. H. Payson, Henry A. MacKubbin, John T. Kerr, Newton W. Cadwell, Wm. A. Alexander (2), George Buckle, Wm. Hoppaugh, Albert E. Wirth, Geo. Kennedy Newell, Joseph O. McKelvey (2), George B. Van Dyke (2), David Stevenson, D.D., Jacob A. Frey, Samuel Parry (3), Harle W. Hathaway (3)—25.

RULING ELDERS—N. W. Voorhees, Clinton ; G. L. Headley, Connecticut Farms ; Chas. H. Langdon, Elizabeth, First ; W. W. Willets, Elizabeth, Second ; B. M. Ogden, Elizabeth, Third ; Cornelius H. Clark, Elizabeth, Westminster ; A. C. Sutphen, Lamington ; Arthur W. Marshall, Metuchen ; E. M. Barnes, Perth Amboy ; A. L. Cadmus (2), Plainfield, First ; F. H. Andrews, Plainfield, Crescent Avenue ; Andrew Lindsley, Rahway, Second ; George H. Frech, Roselle ; H. N. Demorest, Woodbridge—14.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS—Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., David Mitchell, Chas. D. Shaw, D.D., Dupuytren Vermilye, J. Thompson Osler, Henry T. Ford, George R. Garretson, Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., Charles Herr, D.D., James H. Owens (2), James S. Young, Henry T. Beatty, C. Rudolph Kuebler, Franklin E. Miller, D.D.—14.

RULING ELDERS—Herbert P. Campbell, Hoboken, First ; J. H. Halsey, Jersey City, First ; J. S. Biddell, Passaic ; W. H. H. Stryker, Paterson, Second—4.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS—Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., Benj. S. Everitt, D.D., Maxwell S. Rowland (2), Joseph S. Van Dyke, D.D., Edward B. Hodge, D.D., Alexander H. Young, D.D., George Swain, D.D., James J. Coale, Charles H. McClellan, D.D., Henry R. Hall, Samuel W. Knipe (2), John P. Dawson, Thomas Tyack, D.D., Oliver A. Kerr, Wm. L. Cunningham, D.D., Chas. Everett, Henry G. Smith, Frank R. Symmes, Wm. P. Finney, Wilmer McNair (2), Jos. E. Curry, Richard R. Stier (2), Maitland Alexander, James E. Grant, Nathaniel J. Sproul, Harry W. Haring, Jos. K. Freed, Nathan D. Hynson, James A. Matheson (2), Frank Lukens, J. Edgar Franklin (2)—31.

RULING ELDERS—Samuel F. Fowler, Allentown ; E. I. Ford, M.D., Asbury Park, First ; Hugh B. Ely, Beverly ; George Thomas, Cranbury, First ; D. C. Lewis, Cranbury, Second ; Thomas Campbell, Englishtown ; Chas. E. Hall, M.D., Freehold ; Wm. T. Smock, Hightstown ; Taylor Mount, Jamesburg ;

E. McKinney, M.D., Keyport ; H. S. Simons, Lakewood ; David Baird (2), Manalapan ; O. A. Curtis, Manasquan ; Wm. L. Terhune, Matawan ; W. W. Davidson, Moorestown ; David Harvey (2), Oceanic ; James Steen, Shrewsbury ; W. H. Reed, Tennent—18.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS—Robert Aikman, D.D., O. H. Perry Deyo. Baker Smith, D.D., Albert Erdman, D.D., John H. Scofield, Edward P. Gardner (2), John R. Fisher (2), Wm. W. Halloway, Jr., D.D., Geo. P. Noble, Herman C. Gruhnert, Chas. B. Bullard, Edwin R. Murgatroyd, Wm. H. Woolverton, David Blumenfeld (2), Stanley White, John F. Kern, Sidney C. Conger, John M. Thomas, Wm. Russell Bennett (2), John F. Patterson, Alex. N. Carson, D.D., Chas. Townsend (2)—22.

RULING ELDERS—Hudson Muchmore (2), Chatham ; J. C. Hepburn, M.D., Brick, East Orange ; Hugh Lamb, Arlington Ave., East Orange ; Aaron Carter, Hillside ; Robert Blake, Madison ; Stephen Babbitt, Mendham, First ; D. F. S. Bradford, Morristown, South Street ; D. L. Morris, New Vernon ; E. H. Williams, Orange, First ; H. B. Auchincloss, Orange, Central ; F. S. Phraner (2), Summit—11.

Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS—V. Le Roy Lockwood, D.D., Charles T. Haley, D.D. (2), Isaiah B. Hopwood, D.D., Chas. E. Knox, D.D., David R. Frazer, D.D., A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., Lewis Lampman, D.D., Wm. A. Nordt, Julius H. Wolff, Davis W. Lusk, Hugh B. MacCauley, Lyman Whitney Allen (2), Ford C. Ottman, J. Garland Hamner, Jr., Henry C. Vanderbeck (2). Geo. H. Bonsall (2), Edward J. Lloyd, Robinson P. D. Bennett, John Hutchison—19.

RULING ELDERS—John C. Woodruff, Newark, First ; Samuel Peloubet (2), Bloomfield ; C. B. Crane (2), Caldwell ; Wm. R. Ward (2), Lyons Farms ; Jos. S. Clark (2), Newark, Calvary ; Henry E. Ogden, Newark, Central ; W. S. Ward, Newark, Second ; Wm. Rankin, M.D., Newark, Third ; Wm. McKenzie (2), Newark, Sixth ; Chas. Holzhauer, Newark, High Street ; Jos. Webber, Newark, Memorial ; Philip Doremus, Montclair, Trinity ; Fred. H. Pierson (2), Newark, Fewsmith Memorial ; G. H. Teller, Woodside—15.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS—John Woodbridge, D.D., John T. Duffield, D.D., Samuel J. Milliken, George S. Mott, D.D., Amzi L. Armstrong, Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., John B. Kugler, Henry C. Cameron, D.D., O. Howell Hazard, Charles P. Glover, Daniel R. Foster, Thomas S. Long, William W. Knox, D.D., James Roberts, D.D., James W. Van Dyke, John Dixon, D.D., Frank B. Everitt, Walter A. Brooks, D.D., Titus E. Davis, Joseph H. Dulles (2), Archibald Murphy, Horace D. Sassaman, George H. Ingram, James B. Clark, David T. Smyth, William S. Voorhies, William Allen, Jr., D. Ruby Warne, James R. Kerr, Samuel H. Potter, Samuel McLanahan—31.

RULING ELDERS—Samuel B. Pickel, Alexandria, First ; Peter Staats, Amwell, First ; D. W. Larison, Amwell, Second ; Uriel B. Titus, Bethany ; P. J. Staats, Bound Brook ; W. P. Hegeman, Dayton ; Joseph H. Grover, Dutch Neck ; W. H. Cadwallader, Ewing ; Augustus Dilts, Flemington ; William R. Van Pelt, Hopewell ; William H. Gulick, Kingston ; Charles A. Skillman, Lambertville ; H. S. Johnson, M.D. (2), Lawrence ; D. C. English, M.D., New Brunswick, First ; James P. Langdon, New Brunswick, Second ; J. V. Terhune, Princeton, First ; Frederick Fisher (2), Princeton, Second ; Maurice Woolverton (2), Stockton ; George H. Phillips, Titusville ; Henry D. Oliphant, Trenton, First ; Abm. V. D. Stryker, Trenton, Third ; Wm. M. Lanning, Trenton, Fourth ; William H. Crisp (2), Trenton, Fifth ; Joseph B. Wright (2), Trenton, Prospect Street—24.

Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS—William Thomson (3), Robert J. Burt, E. Clarke Cline, Samuel Carlile, D.D., Henry S. Butler, D.D., John B. Edmondson, John C. Clyde, D.D., James De Hart Bruen (2), James M. Huntting, Geo. H. S. Campbell, D.D., Elias B. England, D.D. (2), Robert A. Bryant, James B. Umberger, D.D. (2), A. MacShannon Higgins, Irving Maxwell, Wm. E. Faulkner, Francis M. Todd (2)—17.

RULING ELDERS—E. H. Freeman, Blairstown ; A. G. Creveling, Bloomsbury ; Samuel Stewart, Hackettstown ; William Van Horn, Marksboro ; David R. Hull, Newton ; Charles Oberly, Stewartsville ; Charles Gray, Yellow Frame—7.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS—Allen H. Brown, William Bannard, D.D. (2), Henry Reeves, Ph.D., John Ewing, D.D., Alfred P. Botsford,

William J. Bridges, Arthur W. Spooner, Clearfield Park (2), Sylvester W. Beach, James C. Russell (2), Thomas Thompson, W. W. Casselberry, Albert E. Keigwin—13.

RULING ELDERS—Joseph H. Webber, Woodstown; Richard Stevenson, Blackwood; Theophilus Trenchard, Bridgeton, First; Thomas W. Synnott (2), Wenonah—4.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS—Rev. Allan D. Campbell, Rev. Marcus M. Hutton, D.D., Rev. James F. Riggs, D.D., Rev. P. T. Pockman, D.D., and Rev. John B. Thompson, D.D., of Particular Synod of New Brunswick, of the Reformed Church; Rev. Willis Reeves and Rev. W. W. Moffett, D. D., of the New Jersey M. E. Conference; Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., and Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., of the Synod of New York; Rev. Wm. C. Cattell, D.D., and Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Rev. M. T. Lamb, of the New Jersey Baptist Association; Rev. James Le Fevre, D.D., from the Particular Synod of Raritan, of the Reformed Church.

The summary is as follows :

Presbyteries.	PRESENT.	
	Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Elizabeth,	25	14
Jersey City,	14	4
Monmouth,	31	18
Morris and Orange,	22	11
Newark,	19	15
New Brunswick,	31	24
Newton,	17	7
West Jersey,	13	4
	<hr/> 172	<hr/> 97
Ministers,		172
Ruling Elders,		97
Corresponding members,		<hr/> 13
Total,		<hr/> 282

Moderator.

Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., of the Presbytery of Newton, was elected Moderator.

It was announced that the Recording Clerk had removed out of the bounds of the Synod.

Recording Clerk.

A Committee to nominate a Recording Clerk was appointed, as follows :

Rev. William R. Richards, D.D., Rev. Charles Herr, D.D., Rev. William P. Finney, Rev. Theo. F. Chambers, Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., Rev. Frank B. Everitt, Rev. John C. Clyde, D.D., Rev. William J. Bridges.

A memorial was read from the Presbytery of Monmouth, concerning matters affecting the standing of a minister of the Presbytery of Newark living within the bounds of the Presbytery of Monmouth. Memorial,
Presbytery of
Monmouth.

It was resolved that the memorial should be received. Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., and Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., of the Presbytery of Newark, gave notice of protest against this action of the Synod.

It was resolved to appoint a Committee of five ministers and five elders, to whom the above memorial shall be referred. Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., and Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., gave notice of protest against this action of the Synod.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, and the report was accepted and its recommendations adopted, as follows: Arrangements.

The Committee of Arrangements would 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 last half-hour of the morning sessions be given to devotional exercises.

Second. That the following order for business be adopted : The first order for the morning of Wednesday, the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence ; the second order, the report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions ; the first order on Wednesday afternoon, the presentation of the work of the Board of Publication, by Dr. Craven.

Third. That the evening session of Tuesday be devoted to addresses : Upon Home Missions, by Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D. Upon State Evangelization,

1. "The purpose and plan," by Rev. Frank B. Everitt.
 2. "Its possibility and promise," by Rev. John T. Kerr.
 3. "Our preparation and power," by Rev. Ford C. Ottman.
- That the evening of Wednesday be devoted to addresses : On Foreign Missions, by Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., and by Rev. Edward Wilmot Blyden, D.D., on Africa.

Invitation.

The following invitation was read and was accepted with thanks :

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, RUTGERS COLLEGE.

The Faculty of Rutgers College bids the Reverend Fathers and Brethren of the Synod of New Jersey welcome to New Brunswick, and begs to offer for their use any of the facilities of the College which may serve the purpose of Synod or its members during the present session.

For the Faculty,

Oct. 14th, 1895.

AUSTIN SCOTT, *Pres't.*

The time was extended fifteen minutes.

Sabbath
Observance

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

1st. This Synod recognizes the vital importance of honoring the Lord's Day in the family and in social customs, and we hereby admonish Christian parents to so order the affairs of their households as to promote the religious character of the day.

2d. We believe the women of our churches can check, in ways which are under their control, the tendency toward secular recreations on Sunday. And we commend to them the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, recently organized, as an agency through which they can aid in the observance of the Sabbath.

3d. We rejoice over the earnest words our young people have spoken in their conventions in favor of the Sabbath, and we do most earnestly exhort them to abstain from those self-indulgences on that day which contribute to the open violation of holy time.

4th. It is the duty of pastors and churches to invoke the divine blessing to rest upon the Sabbath ; therefore, we recommend them to set apart a prayer-meeting for the purpose. The General Assembly has designated the last Wednesday of October. Also, we urge our pastors to preach upon the subject of the Sabbath in the home, and its observance by our young people.

Rev. George S. Mott, D D., requested leave to resign his membership in the Committee. The request was granted, with the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Mott for his faithful labors as Chairman of the Committee for twelve years.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was made the second order of the day for Wednesday afternoon, and the report of the Committee on Work Among Foreign Populations was made the third order for Wednesday afternoon.

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

TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

The Synod re-assembled and engaged in devotional services, and listened to an address by Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., upon Home Missions, and to addresses upon State Evangelization: "The Purpose and Plan," by Rev. Frank B. Everitt; "Its Possibility and Promise," by Rev. John T. Kerr; "Our Preparation and Power," by Rev. Ford C. Ottman. Addresses.

The Moderator announced Rev. John C. Clyde, D.D., as Vice-Moderator, and the Standing Committees, as follows:

I—BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers—George Swain, D.D., J. Garland Hamner, D.D., John Ewing, D.D., Wm. W. Halloway, Jr., D.D. Standing Committees.

Elders—Richard Stevenson, Philip Doremus, J. H. Halsey.

II—JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers—E. Clarke Cline, Henry A. Reeves, Ph.D., Chas. D. Shaw, D.D., Amzi L. Armstrong.

Elders—Cornelius H. Clark, J. C. Hepburn, D.D., LL.D., Uriel B. Titus.

III—MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ministers—Maitland Alexander, Chas. P. Glover.

Elder—James Steen.

IV—NARRATIVE FOR 1896.

Ministers—Arthur W. Spooner, John C. Clyde, D.D.

Elder—F. H. Andrews.

V—FINANCE.

Elders—Chas. E. Hall, M.D., B. M. Ogden.

Ministers—Thomas Thompson, David T. Smyth.

VI—RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Corisco—Rev. Geo. P. Noble, Rev. George Buckle, Elder Arthur W. Marshall.

Elizabeth—Rev. Daniel R. Foster, Rev. Frank R. Symmes, Elder Herbert P. Campbell.

Jersey City—Rev. Henry R. Hall, Rev. Baker Smith, D.D., Elder Joseph Webber.

Monmouth—Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D., Rev. Newton W. Cadwell, Elder Samuel Stewart.

Morris and Orange—Rev. Isaiah B. Hopwood, D.D., Rev. Jas. W. Van Dyke, Elder Wm. T. Smock.

Newark—Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, Rev. Wm. H. Woolverton, Elder David R. Hull.

New Brunswick—Rev. Alfred P. Botsford, Rev. Lewis Lampman, D.D., Elder E. H. Freeman.

Newton—Rev. John H. Scofield, Rev. Wm. L. Cunningham, D.D., Elder J. S. Biddell.

West Jersey—Rev. James M. Huntting, Rev. Samuel J. Rowland, Elder W. W. Davidson.

Committee on
Monmouth
Memorial.

The Moderator also appointed the following as the Committee to whom should be referred the memorial from the Presbytery of Monmouth :

Ministers—John A. Liggett, D.D., Albert Erdman, D.D., Charles D. Shaw, D.D., Samuel Carlile, D.D., James Roberts, D.D. Elders—Theophilus W. Trenchard, Henry D. Oliphant, Stephen Babbitt, Herbert P. Campbell, Charles H. Langdon.

The Synod adjourned with prayer until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 16th, 9 A.M.

The Synod met and after reading of the Scriptures and prayer, resumed business.

Minutes.

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

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

The Stated Clerk reported that the records of the last meeting of Synod had been approved by the General Assembly. Stated Clerk.

Sundry papers in the hands of the Stated Clerk were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. John T. Kerr, Rev. William J. Bridges, Elder D. C. English, M.D., were appointed a Committee to revise the list of Permanent Committees. Committee to
Revise
Committees.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Recording Clerk presented the name of Rev. John T. Kerr, and he was elected. Recording
Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented by Rev. Thomas S. Long. It was accepted, and the following recommendations were adopted : Systematic
Beneficence.

1. That the Synod expresses its pleasure at the reduction of 130 vacant places in the columns in the benevolent record of our home Presbyteries, and the increase of over \$16,000 in the year's offerings for benevolent purposes ; that the churches of Monmouth Presbytery be congratulated and commended for their faithful loyalty, in every one of them making an offering to every Board, and that every Presbytery be urged to a hearty diligence in the same direction, that in their next statistical reports every benevolent column may be filled.

2. That all our ministers do their utmost to enlighten the people and quicken their conscience on the subject of Christian giving. As a help to this end, let the people be persuaded, so far as possible, to subscribe for and read the *Assembly Herald* and the *Church at Home and Abroad*.

3. That all our churches be urged, through the ministers and elders, to send a still greater proportion of their benevolent gifts directly to our church treasuries.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That as a Synod we inform the Rev. Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D., the late Moderator, of our affectionate sympathy Letter to
Ex-Moderator.

with him in his sickness, and of our earnest desire that God will soon restore him to health, also of our appreciation of the loving message sent by him to Synod and read at the opening of its sessions.

Resolved, That these, or similar words, be sent to him by the Clerk to-day.

Synodical Home
Missions.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions was presented by Rev. John Dixon, D.D., and accepted. The following recommendations were adopted :

1. That the work of the Committee on Young People's Societies be commended by Synod, and that they be encouraged to continue the work of bringing these societies into the fullest sympathy with and support of the work of Synodical Home Missions.

2. That Synod offer its heartiest thanks to Elmer Ewing Green, Esq., for his valuable services as Treasurer, and ask him to serve another year.

3. That Presbyteries be asked to contribute upon the same basis as in former years, so that the following sums may be expected, viz. :

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$2,656 80
“ “ Jersey City,	1,712 50
“ “ Monmouth,	1,416 36
“ “ Morris and Orange,	2,921 70
“ “ Newark,	2,990 52
“ “ New Brunswick,	2,433 51
“ “ Newton,	1,116 60
“ “ West Jersey,	1,502 82
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	\$16,750 81

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

To the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$800 00
“ “ Jersey City,	2,650 00
“ “ Monmouth,	4,000 00
“ “ Morris and Orange,	1,750 00
“ “ Newark,	1,725 00
“ “ New Brunswick,	450 00
“ “ Newton,	1,150 00
“ “ West Jersey,	4,200 00
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	\$16,725 00

It was made the fourth order of the day for this afternoon to hear an address from Rev. W. H. Roberts, D.D., upon the prospects of the Quarter Century Anniversary Reunion Fund.

At the request of the Committee of Arrangements the hour of adjournment for this afternoon was changed to 4:45 o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was presented by Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, and accepted. Necrology.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. Franklin E. Miller, D.D., and accepted. Narrative.

The report of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance. Treasurer,
Synodical Home
Missions.

The report of the Special Committees on Co-operation Against Gambling and Petition to the Legislature Against Gambling, was presented by Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., and accepted. Special
Committee,
Gambling.

The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote :

The Synod of New Jersey, having felt the deepest interest in the effort which has been made through a term of years to remove the evil and the shame which have been brought upon the State by race-track gambling, desires to place upon record—

First. An expression of profound gratitude to Almighty God for the divine guidance which has secured the grand results already accomplished.

Second. An expression of pleasure in witnessing the cordial co-operation of Christians of all denominations, and others, law-abiding, order-loving citizens of New Jersey, in the determined purpose to suppress this fearful evil, which in the persons of its supporters had become so scornfully defiant of public sentiment and indifferent to the good name of the State

Third. Synod expresses its most cordial approval of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, prohibiting all book-making, pool-selling and other forms of gambling, and urges upon all its members unrelaxed vigilance in its support, until it shall have been embodied in the Constitution of our State by the voice of the people as heard at the ballot-box.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. I. Alstyne Blauvelt, was also adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod express its very earnest and hearty thanks to the Rev. Dr. Kempshall for the able and efficient manner in which he has worked as leader in the conflict with race-track gambling.

Address.

Rev. W. C. Cattell, D.D., addressed Synod on the cause of Ministerial Relief.

The Synod engaged in devotional services, led by Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D., and immediately afterward took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

The Synod re-assembled, and proceeded to business.

Sabbath-school
Work.

The Committee on Sabbath-school Work reported, and the report was accepted. Pending further action upon the report, Rev. Dr. E. R. Craven addressed the Synod upon the work of the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. The following recommendations, offered by the Committee, were adopted :

Address.

1. In view of the urgent calls for Sabbath-school missionaries from many Presbyteries where the necessity of this work is being realized, and of the pressing needs of the fields, as yet untouched, which cannot be entered until the resources of the Board are increased, the Synod recommends our churches and schools to contribute our share of the \$200,000 named by the General Assembly.

2. The attention of the church is again directed to the observance of the second Sabbath of June as Children's Day, and our schools are reminded that a blessed part of the services of this day is the presentation of offerings to carry on the work of Sabbath-school missions throughout the land.

3. In view of the many pressing needs at the present time, we recommend that our schools be asked to make an offering to Home Missions at Thanksgiving, the Sabbath before or after, and an offering to Foreign Missions at Christmas.

It was made the fifth order of the day for this afternoon to hear the report of the Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies.

The Committee to which was referred the memorial to Synod from the Presbytery of Monmouth made its report, which was accepted. Its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

Memorial,
Presbytery of
Monmouth.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial to the Synod of New Jersey from the Presbytery of Monmouth, respectfully report that they met this morning at the call of the Chairman, every member being present ; that they conferred with representatives of the Presbyteries of Newark and Monmouth ; and that they reached a conclusion, which is as follows :

The Presbytery of Newark, to which belongs the right of original jurisdiction, having decided to institute proceedings in the case of Mr. Howard T. Widdemer, as appears by the following action taken at a regular meeting of that Presbytery, held October 15th, 1895, to wit :

"WHEREAS, rumors have reached this Presbytery reflecting upon the moral character and ecclesiastical standing of the Rev. Howard T. Widdemer, a member of this body ; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That a Committee, consisting of four ministers and three elders, be appointed to investigate said rumors and report to Presbytery at an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, to be held in the Second Church of Newark, at 7 P.M., November 7th, 1895, what steps are necessary to be taken for the ends of discipline ;"

And that Committee having been appointed as follows : Rev. Drs. Hollifield, Frazer, Lampman and Hopwood ; Elders Rankin, Philip Doremus and D. C. Dodd, Jr. ;

Your Committee do, therefore, recommend that Synod defer any further action in the case ; and they make the further suggestion that Synod recommend to the Presbytery of Newark, in the exercise of its constitutional right (see Digest, edition of 1886, page 477,) and in the interests of peace and harmony, to recall the Rev. Howard T. Widdemer within its own bounds, so that there may be no cause for complaint, and that the difficulties and annoyances of the present situation may be relieved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Bills and
Overtures.

1. In response to a request from the Session of the church at Hightstown, to be excused from complying with certain resolutions in the report of Synod's Committee on Young People's Societies for 1894, reply is made that since the resolutions referred to are not mandatory in character, the Session of this church has freedom to act according to what in its wisdom appears best.

2. The Synod receives with much appreciation the report of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions for 1895, and rejoices with these co-laborers in the Lord's vineyard over their earnest and effective endeavors for the salvation of our country and for God.

3. The Synod receives with great pleasure the report of the Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions for 1895, and congratulates these fellow-workers for Christ on the success attending their efforts in the grand and sacred cause.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to print seventy-five copies of each of the above reports, for the use of the Woman's Societies.

Foreign
Missions.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions made its report, which was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. We recognize "the mighty hand of God" in recent events, beckoning His church to new and larger conquests ; with faith in Him and loyalty to our Board we will undertake to follow.

2. Thankfully acknowledging the grace of giving bestowed upon our churches, which has enabled them to make a decided advance in their offerings through the Board, we hopefully set our mark at \$85 000 for the current year.

3. We urge (1) the Presbyterial Committees to redouble their efforts to educate and stimulate God's people in foreign missions ; (2) the ministers to preach upon it and regularly to observe the Monthly Concert ; (3) the young people to emulate the efficiency of the Women's Societies by informing themselves and by systematic giving.

4. We approve the project of a Missionary Congress at the State Capital, and advise all our churches to be represented therein.

5. We sympathize with several of our missions (and especially with our own Presbytery of Corisco) in their losses through death, promising to the survivors our prayers and our endeavors to keep up the supply of laborers and of means to sustain them.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Work Among Foreign Populations was made by Rev. Albert Erdman, D. D., and accepted.

Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D., addressed Synod upon the interests of the Board of Education. Address.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Newark made a report, which was accepted, and the consideration of the same was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to morrow morning. Records of Newark.

The Committee on the Quarter Century Anniversary Reunion Fund made its report, which was accepted and its recommendation adopted, as follows : Reunion Fund.

Resolved, That Synod urgently requests every church in its bounds to do its utmost at the earliest date possible to raise the money needed to pay the debts of the Boards and to provide an additional amount for the enlargement of the work, as provided in the plan of the General Assembly to raise one million dollars.

The Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies made its report, which was accepted and its consideration postponed. Young People's Societies.

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

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

Synod met and resumed business.

The Permanent Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches made its report, which was accepted. Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of Synod read his report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance. Treasurer of Trustees.

Trustees of
Synod.

The annual report of the Trustees of Synod was also read by Rev. Allen H. Brown and accepted. The action of the Trustees referred to in the report, namely, the appropriation of \$250 for the manse at Tuckahoe, of \$350 for the manse at New Gretna, subject to the Synod's rules, and the resolution to invest the Wurts legacy in the manse at Elwood, was approved.

Addresses.

Synod now engaged in devotional services, led by Rev. John F. Patterson, and listened to addresses by Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., and Rev. William R. Richards, D.D., upon Foreign Missions.

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

The session closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17th.

The Synod re-assembled, and after devotional services, led by the Moderator, resumed business.

Minutes.

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

Young People's
Societies.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies was taken up for consideration, and the recommendations adopted, as follows :

1. That the expenses of the Committee, amounting to \$17.65, be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.
2. That the Young People's Societies be commended for their Thanksgiving offering for Synodical Home Missions, and be requested to make a similar offering this year, and, if possible, to increase their gift.
3. That the attention of our Sessions and Societies be called to the Christian Training Course, approved by the Committee, and established as a new feature in the *Church at Home and Abroad*, as likely to prove helpful to them in their work, and Synod would urge continued attention to the need of youthful training until some satisfactory result is reached.

4. That our Societies be urged to persevere in securing the whole amount for the support of their missionaries, and that the committees in all our Presbyteries be requested to bring the matter before our Societies as early as possible.

5. That our Societies be advised that it is very necessary to the development of their missionary character that they should become interested both in Home Missions (including Synodical Home Missions) and in Foreign Missions; and that they should have a fund within their treasury, to be known definitely as their Mission Fund, except where the members of the Society are already contributing by some systematic plan, and that while we do not wish to exclude any other Boards, yet we think it exceedingly important that our Societies fix their attention at present upon the objects named above.

6. That our Senior Young People's Societies be advised, in their correspondence and contributions, to connect themselves, in the manner approved by Session, with the Boards to which they give, because such arrangement is preferred by the Boards (as we are informed), is less complicated, more easily understood, requires less official machinery, and is more helpful to the operation of your Committee.

7. That in view of the special efforts for the instruction of our young people, being made by *The Church at Home and Abroad* and by *Over Sea and Land* (the Juniors' beautiful magazine), we call attention of our Sessions and Societies to these helps as worthy of a larger circulation among the young in all our churches

8. That it is the opinion of this Synod that no further official organization is at present needed for the operation of our Young People's Societies than what is furnished by Presbyterial and Sessional oversight, and that, therefore, our Presbyteries and Sessions are urged to give all due attention to the young people under their care, and our Societies to seek for information on the needs of our great church and to perform with vigor all those works that properly fall to them.

9. That we commend to the careful consideration of our pastors the present movement among our young people along evangelistic lines. With proper pastoral encouragement and oversight, we think, it offers large possibilities of spiritual growth and State evangelization.

10. That five hundred copies of these resolutions be printed for the use of the Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Newark was taken up for consideration.

Records of
Newark.

Pending the discussion Synod engaged in devotional exercises, led by the Moderator, and immediately afterward took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod re-assembled and resumed business.

Next Place of
Meeting.

Rev. Allen H. Brown and Rev. John T. Kerr were appointed a Committee on the Next Place of Meeting.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance made its report, which was accepted.

Records of
Newark.

Pending the consideration of this report, Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Newark, and a resolution was adopted as follows :

In view of the absence of so many members from Synod,

Resolved, That the minutes of the Presbytery of Newark be approved prior to the record of October 2d, 1895, and that the review of the remaining minutes be postponed till the next meeting of Synod.

Temperance.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken up for consideration and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. We regard the license system as false in principle and a failure in practice, sanctioning rather than restraining, involving in the corrupting influence of the saloon our courts and legislatures, and we remind our Sessions that members of the church engaged in the selling, purchasing or using intoxicating liquor as a beverage and those who sign applications for license are liable to discipline.

2. We believe it is the duty of all good citizens to place loyalty to God and to our country above all personal and party ties, and to unite in supporting for office men who can be trusted to use the power committed to their hands in the interest of temperance and of morality.

3. Our Sessions are urged to look after the enforcement, in the spirit as well as letter, of the law requiring instruction in the effects of alcohol in our public schools.

4. We recommend to our private schools, colleges and theological seminaries the adoption of a course of instruction (in connection with allied subjects) upon the effects of alcohol, and upon the methods of dealing with the liquor evil.

5. We call the attention of our college graduates and faculties to the importance of preventing the use of liquor in connection with class and alumni banquets.

The Permanent Committee on Historical Materials and the Custodians made their reports, which were accepted. Historical Materials.

The Special Committee on Commemoration of Historic Places made a report, which was accepted and its recommendation adopted, as follows : Historic Places.

Resolved, That the Joint Committee be continued, with the addition of one ruling elder from each Presbytery, to solicit funds for the publication of the proceedings of the late commemoration, and for the due preservation of the ancient grave-stones of John Boyd and of John Tennent, and for the erection of a suitable memorial or monument on the site of the Old Scots Meeting House, where the first Presbytery ordained John Boyd, and that the said Committee have discretionary power to execute these objects, provided that they see the way entirely clear financially.

The following elders were added to the Committee on Commemoration of Historic Places: Presbytery of Elizabeth, E. P. Tenney; Jersey City, George Baker; Monmouth, C. E. Hall, M.D.; Morris and Orange, James Baker; Newark, Cyrus Peck; New Brunswick, Franklin Dye; Newton, T. C. Johnston, M.D.; West Jersey, Henry D. Moore.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. George Swain, D.D., was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That as a Synod we express our appreciation of the untiring efforts of Rev. Allen H. Brown in matters pertaining to the history of our church in New Jersey, and that we tender him thanks, especially for his arduous and successful labors in connection with the Boyd-Tennent Memorial Service held June 4th, 1895.

Minutes of
General
Assembly.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made its report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted, as follows :

1. Your Committee begs leave to call the attention of the Synod to the addition of Chapter XIV, "On the Differences Between Judicatories," to the Book of Discipline, or Sections 121, 122, 123, which have, by vote of the Presbyteries, now become a part of the Book. (Pages 107-108.)

2. To the answer to the Overtures Nos. 163-164, on page 79, which recommends that the contribution of the Young People's Society be left to the judgment of the particular churches.

3. To the deliverance of the Assembly on pages 76-77, regarding the relation of the Presbyteries to their students. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby calls the attention of all Presbyteries to the action of the last Assembly, recorded on pages 76-77 of the Minutes of that Assembly, in regard to students who are pursuing, or who purpose to pursue, their studies in theological seminaries, respecting whose teachings the General Assembly disavows responsibility, and the Synod reminds the Presbyteries that it is their duty to see that the directions of the General Assembly, based on Sec. 6, Ch. 24, and Sec. 5, Ch. 1, of the Form of Government, are carefully observed.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D., were adopted :

Bills to be paid.

Resolved, That Synod hereby authorize the Treasurer of Synod hereafter to pay the necessary expenses of the several Committees of Synod, said bills to be forwarded to the Treasurer of Synod on or before October 1st of each year.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be asked to notify the chairmen of the several Committees of Synod of this action.

Permanent
Committees.

The Committee on Revision of the List of Permanent Committees made its report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted. (See list of Committees in Appendix.)

National
Children's
Home Society.

The Committee on the National Children's Home Society made its report, which was accepted, as follows :

The Committee appointed last year to consider resolutions relating to the National Children's Home Society beg leave to report that they have examined into the aim, principles and operations of the above society, and find it is wisely and

effectively accomplishing its object, viz., to provide suitable family homes for homeless and dependent children.

The General Assembly of 1894 commended the good work and methods of this Society in seeking out homeless, neglected and indigent children, and placing them, until they attain their majority, in humane and christian homes.

The New Jersey branch of National Society, Rev. Wm. W. Knox, D.D., President, Rev. Geo. H. Ingram, Secretary, and Rev. M. T. Lamb, Superintendent, with headquarters at 428 Rutherford Ave., Trenton, N. J., is doing this very excellent work successfully, and is every way worthy of the full confidence, co-operation and liberality of our ministers and members.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote : Thanks.

Resolved, That the Synod of New Jersey extends its most hearty thanks to the Presbyterian Churches of New Brunswick, their pastors, elders, trustees and choirs, to the press of the city and to the Faculty of Rutgers College, for their cordial hospitality and courtesy during the meeting of this body.

The Committee appointed to select the next place of meeting named Atlantic City, and it was Next Place,
Atlantic City.

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns it be to meet in the First Church, Atlantic City, on the third Tuesday of October, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Finance Committee presented its report, which was accepted, and its recommendations adopted, as follows : Finance
Committee.

The accounts of three Treasurers came to our notice for examination.

1. The accounts of Synod, Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D., Treasurer.
2. That of Synodical Home Missions, Elmer E. Green, Esq., Treasurer.
3. The account of the Trustees of Synod, Rev. Allen H. Brown, Treasurer.

These accounts have been examined, the vouchers compared with the items of account, and in each case found correct.

The amount of balance reported on hand is as follows :

By the Treasurer of Synod,	\$604 45
By the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions, . .	5,164 07
By the Treasurer of Trustees of Synod,	367 65

These balances are the same as shown to be on hand by the bank-books of the different Treasurers.

The accounts in each case are correctly stated, plainly written and neatly kept, that of the Treasurer of the Synodical Home Missions involving great labor and responsibility, there being hundreds of charges, amounting to many thousands of dollars, yet showing marvelous neatness in every part.

The Committee recommend that the assessments of the several Presbyteries for Synodical expenses for the ensuing year be as follows :

Elizabeth,	\$60 00
Jersey City,	50 00
Monmouth,	45 00
Morris and Orange,	60 00
Newark,	60 00
New Brunswick,	60 00
Newton,	45 00
West Jersey,	50 00
Total,	<u>\$430 00</u>

The Committee also recommend that the deposit of the several balances of the Treasurers in the bank be approved.

For the Committee,

CHARLES E. HALL,

October 17th, 1895.

Chairman.

Protest.

The following protest was presented to Synod, and being found in order was ordered to be placed upon the minutes :

The undersigned beg to enter a respectful protest against the action of the Synod in adopting the last item of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, said action having been taken after most of the members of the Synod had gone home—and being virtually the same action which, in another connection, a fuller house had refused to adopt.

I. A. BLAUVELT,
EBEN B. COBB,
JNO. T. KERR,
SIDNEY S. CONGER,
JAMES S. YOUNG,
HENRY GOODWIN SMITH.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D., and Rev. John H. Scofield were appointed a Committee to prepare an answer to the above protest.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod renews its expressions of cordial sympathy with the work of the American Bible Society, and commends it to the unceasing interest and the liberal contributions of the churches.

American Bible Society.

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

Presbyterial Records Approved.

The Statistical Reports were ordered to be printed.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the usual bills and salaries.

The Permanent Clerk reported that 172 Ministers and 97 Elders and 13 Corresponding Members had been in attendance, and that the following members, having given satisfactory reasons, had been excused for absence :

Attendance.

FROM THE PRESENT MEETING.

Elizabeth—Ministers Ezra F. Mundy, Wm. E. Honeyman.

Jersey City—Ministers John C. Egbert, D.D., Joshua B. Gallaway, Philo F. Leavens, D.D.

Monmouth—Ministers Lewis S. Mudge, John H. Bradley, D.D., George W. Cottrell, John H. Pratt, D.D.

Morris and Orange—Minister Stephen C. Leonard.

Newark—Ministers S. Edward Young, Orville Reed.

New Brunswick—Ministers Lewis W. Mudge, D.D., Wm. H. Filson.

Newton—Minister George B. Crawford.

West Jersey—Minister William H. Belden.

FROM TUESDAY'S MEETING.

West Jersey—Ministers Sylvester W. Beach, Henry Reeves, Ph.D.

AFTER WEDNESDAY NOON.

Elizabeth—Minister John A. Liggett, D.D., Elder A. C. Sutphen.

Morris and Orange—Ministers C. B. Bullard, Wm. W. Hal-
loway, Jr., D.D., Elders Stephen Babbitt, Aaron Carter.

New Brunswick—Elder Augustus Dilts.

Newton—Minister Robert J. Burt, Elders Wm. Van Horn,
David R. Hull, Samuel Stewart.

FROM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Morris and Orange—Minister Stanley White.

FROM TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

Newton—Minister William Thomson.

AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Elizabeth—Ministers David Stevenson, D.D., Henry A. Mac-
Kubbin, N. W. Cadwell.

Jersey City—Ministers Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., Charles D.
Shaw, D.D., Henry C. Vanderbeck, Henry T. Beatty, Elder
Herbert P. Campbell.

Monmouth—Ministers James A. Matheson, Joseph E. Curry,
Charles H. McClellan, D.D., Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., Elders
David Baird, Hugh B. Ely, George Thomas, Wm. H. Reid.

Morris and Orange—Elder Hugh Lamb.

Newark—Minister Isaiah B. Hopwood, D.D.

New Brunswick—Minister Henry C. Cameron, D.D., Elders
Samuel B. Pickel, D. W. Larison.

Newton—Ministers Samuel Carlile, D.D., Elias B. England,
D.D., Jas B. Umberger, D.D.

West Jersey—Ministers John Ewing, D.D., A. Edwin Keigwin.

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Elizabeth—Ministers Albert E. Wirth, J. Garland Hamner,
D.D., Elders W. W. Willets, Geo. L. Headley.

Jersey City—Ministers David Mitchell, Charles Herr, D.D.

Monmouth—Minister N. J. Sproul, Elder Thomas Campbell.

Morris and Orange—Minister Albert Erdman, D.D.

Newark—Minister Ford C. Ottman, Elders Jos. Webber, Wm.
S. Ward.

New Brunswick—Elders P. J. Staats, Charles A. Skillman,
W. P. Hegeman.

Newton—Minister John B. Edmondson.

West Jersey—Ministers W. W. Casselberry, Thomas Thomp-
son, Elder Richard Stevenson.

AFTER THURSDAY NOON.

Elizabeth—Minister George Buckle, Elders Cor. H. Clark, Geo. H. Freck, E. W. Barnes.

Jersey City—Ministers Franklin E. Miller, D.D., J. Thomson Osler.

Morris and Orange—Elder Robert Blake.

New Brunswick—Ministers William Allen, Jr., Daniel R. Foster.

Newton—Ministers Irving Maxwell, James M. Huntting, Francis Todd, Elder Charles Oberly.

West Jersey—Minister Alfred P. Botsford, Elder F. W. Synnot, M.D.

AFTER THURSDAY 4 P. M.

Elizabeth—Ministers William R. Richards, D.D., Samuel Parry, Everard Kempshall, D.D., Harle W. Hathaway, A. J. Martine, Geo. K. Newell, J. M. McNulty, D.D., Elder H. N. Demorest.

Jersey City—Ministers C. R. Keubler, Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., James S. Young, Elders J. H. Halsey, J. S. Biddel.

Monmouth—Ministers N. D. Hynson, R. R. Stier, A. H. Young, D.D., William L. Cunningham, D.D., Thomas Tyack, D.D., George Swain, D.D., John P. Dawson, James E. Grant, Harry W. Haring, James J. Coale, Charles Everett, Henry G. Smith, J. S. Van Dyke, D.D., E. B. Hodge, D.D., Elders O. A. Curtis, Taylor Mount, William T. Smock, Samuel Fowler, E. I. Ford, M.D.

Morris and Orange—Ministers Alex. N. Carson, John M. Thomas, W. R. Bennett, John F. Patterson, E. P. Gardner, E. R. Murgatroyd, Charles Townsend, O. H. Perry Deyo, W. H. Woolverton, John R. Fisher, D.D., Stanley White, Elders J. C. Hepburn, M.D., Henry B. Auchincloss, F. S. Bradford, M.D., E. H. Williams,

Newark—Ministers C. E. Knox, D.D., Davis W. Lusk, Geo. H. Bonsall, Elders William McKenzie, F. H. Pierson.

New Brunswick—Ministers George H. Ingram, Titus E. Davis, Frank B. Everitt, H. D. Sassaman, Elders W. H. Crisp, Joseph H. Grover, Joseph B. Wright.

Newton—Ministers A. MacShannon Higgins, E. Clarke Cline, J. C. Clyde, D.D.

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

Elizabeth—Ministers Charles S. Converse, Samuel J. Rowland, Joseph O. McKelvey, Elders N. W. Voorhees, B. M. Ogden, Arthur W. Marshall, F. H. Andrews.

Jersey City—Minister Henry T. Ford, Elder W. H. H. Stryker.

Morris and Orange—Minister David Blumenfeld, Elders Hudson Muchmore, F. S. Phraner.

Newark—Ministers V. LeRoy Lockwood, D.D., A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., Wm. A. Nordt, Edward J. Lloyd, John Hutchinson, Elders Samuel Peloubet, C. B. Crane, Charles Holzhauer, Joseph S. Clark, Henry E. Ogden, John C. Woodruff.

New Brunswick—Ministers Samuel J. Milliken, George S. Mott, D.D., James Roberts, D.D., Joseph H. Dulles, James B. Clark, James R. Kerr, Samuel H. Potter, Samuel McLanahan, Elders U. B. Titus, W. H. Cadwallader, H. S. Johnson, M.D., James P. Langdon, J. V. Terhune, Fred. Fisher, Maurice Woolverton, George H. Phillips.

Newton—Rev. William E. Faulker, Elders A. G. Creveling, Charles Grey.

West Jersey—Ministers Arthur W. Spooner, Clearfield Park.

Answer to
Protest.

The Committee appointed to answer the protest presented by certain members against the action of Synod in the matter of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented the following answer, which was ordered to be inscribed upon the minutes :

The Committee appointed to prepare a reply to the protest of I. A. Blauvelt and others, would recommend the following answer :

No member of Synod expressed a desire to discuss the report of the Committee when it was presented to the Synod, and there was no vote given in the negative. Further, that the matter complained of came up in the regular order of business in the report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, for which there had been no opportunity offered before, and which was clearly within both their province and duty. The fact that the same matter has been acted upon by the Synod in another connection did not relieve the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly from discharging their duty, or the Synod from adopting their report.

Minutes.

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

The Synod adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday of Adjournment.
October, 1896, at 7:30 P.M., in the First Church, Atlantic
City.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction.

JOHN T. KERR,
Recording Clerk.

WALTER A. BROOKS,
Stated Clerk.

I certify that the preceding
pages contain a complete and
accurate record of the proceedings
of the Synod of New Jersey, meet-
ing in the First Presbyterian Church
of New Brunswick, October 15th - 17th
1895.

Attest: Walter A. Brooks.
Stated Clerk.

Thus far examined and
approved in sessions of the
General Assembly, at Sara-
toga Springs, N. Y. May 30, 1896
J. L. Michrow.
Moderator.

APPENDIX.

I.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15TH, 1895.

Reports have been received with reasonable promptness from all the Presbyteries within the bounds of Synod except the Presbytery of Corisco. These reports are based upon narratives from the various churches furnished in such number and completeness as to make the Presbyterial reports fully representative. From these Presbyterial reports the following facts appear :

PUBLIC WORSHIP

has been maintained in all the churches except in a very few cases, where the numerical and financial weakness of the congregation rendered it possible to secure only occasional or temporary ministration in the Word. The attendance has been uniformly encouraging, and children and youth have been present in the sanctuary in goodly numbers. One of our churches has introduced the use of "Communion Cards," cards on which the church member writes his name, and on Communion Sabbath deposits it on the collection plate, thereby enabling the Session to know with certainty who have attended the ordinance, and promoting a closer and more intelligent supervision on the part of the Session over the membership of the church. We have ground also for gratitude in the increase of gospel work within our borders by the organization of new churches and Sabbath-schools.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL,

one or more, is found in all our churches. The Westminster Helps are generally used in these schools, and there is more or less instruction in the Shorter Catechism. In one school not only is the Shorter Catechism taught, but also the Larger Catechism. The school deserves to be mentioned by name—it is the Berkshire Valley School. In some localities there is a commendable effort for better teaching work through the organization and instruction of teachers' training classes. In this particular the city of Trenton is conspicuous. In some cases the Sabbath-school has been the instrumentality for carrying the gospel with marked success to

certain foreigners among us. In a Chinese Sabbath-school there have been four conversions, and an Italian Sabbath-school has grown into an organized church. From the schools at large many accessions have come to the church, and one union school in a rural neighborhood rejoices in twenty conversions.

Every church has its *prayer meeting*, and generally in addition to the church meeting there are other devotional meetings of a specific character. The Christian Endeavor Society (Senior and Junior) is all-but ubiquitous. There are also men's meetings, mothers' meetings, boys' meetings, men's leagues, Andrew and Philip Societies, and all of these receive uniformly commendatory mention. In some localities the local Christian Endeavor Union has held evangelistic services with excellent results.

Missionary prayer meetings are held in only about one-half of our churches, and are not always well sustained.

Parents have not been neglectful of the *religious instruction* of their families and the *baptism of their children*. It is evident, however, that the intensity and the distractions of our modern life, business and social, interfere greatly with home religion. The prevalence of Baptist and Quaker sentiments in some places hinders the ordinance of infant baptism; and in some quarters our young people have been drawn away from our church by a strong and peculiar activity on the part of Episcopalians and Methodists: a condition which ought to stimulate us to love and good works in behalf of our young people.

The *financial obligations* of the various congregations have been met with fidelity. The poor have been cared for. Three of our churches are so unfortunate as to have no poor.

In distinctly *benevolent work* there has been a generous liberality, and even in those congregations where there has been a financial stringency there has often been a corresponding self-denial in behalf of the Master's work. In contrast with the necessary decrease in some churches it is pleasing to note that the First Church of Jersey City increases its contributions to the amount of more than one thousand dollars. In the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and Monmouth every church contributes to all the Boards. The women of our churches have been conspicuous in the benevolent work and in every good cause, and through their missionary societies and aid societies and similar organizations have done much, both for the local church and the work at large in this and in foreign lands.

Among the indicated *obstructions* to the Gospel there is first and foremost, and everywhere, the saloon. It would seem that some churches have outgrown the foretold conditions of Christian society, and "have no poor," but the saloon is always with us, and is always an obstruction to the Gospel, sometimes a malignant enemy to the Gospel. Other obstructions are, worldly amusements, Sabbath desecration, attempted introduction of a foreign Sabbath, foreign

populations, Jews, Italians, Hungarians, the distractions in family and church life incident to the influx of visitors at summer resorts, the multiplicity of lodges, clubs and social organizations, and in one locality skepticism. Still another obstruction is mentioned which is pathetic in its suggestiveness, to wit, the removal of young people from rural districts to the city. It is the loss of the most vigorous element in the church. It often means the decay of an historic church; of a church which has been a mother of churches; a self-denying and discouraging effort on the part of pastor and people to strengthen the things which remain and which are ready to perish. The ability, zeal and fidelity of the brethren in the ministry and membership who stand to their post, and support and administer a church in this transitional and uncertain stage of its existence, are entitled to distinct recognition and generous honor.

Against these various obstructions the church is commendably active in the *line of moral reforms*. While supreme dependence is always to be placed on the preaching and teaching of the Word, yet it is proper that there should be, and there is, much indirect effort. There are Young Men's Christian Associations, local charitable associations, day nurseries, Good Government clubs, Christian Citizenship clubs, societies for the suppression of vice and lawlessness, the Iron Cross Army, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and other temperance societies—societies which endeavor to secure the enforcement of the Sabbath laws, which oppose the renewal of saloon licenses, which advocate a high license fee, and which try to have the reputable voter in attendance at his party primary.

In the way of *direct spiritual results*, souls have been added unto the various churches in gratifying numbers. At Washington there have been forty-four additions on profession of faith. In the Presbytery of Monmouth there has been a marked growth in the churches, with a special blessing on the churches at Cranbury. Figures, however, are not always obtainable, and neither do they always tell the whole story, and the larger number does not always indicate the larger and the better work. Moreover, the immediate outcome is often far short of the real magnitude of the work. The harvest is not the annual meeting of Synod, but the harvest is the end of the world, and not until the final summation can we measure the work done, and estimate results. Meanwhile it is our privilege to rejoice in a year of activity and prosperity. The church has not been idle, and God has blessed the faithful preaching and teaching of His word, and the consecrated labors of His servants. As we conclude the review of the year's work, we can say with gratitude the churches have had rest and have been edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, have been multiplied.

II.—NECROLOGICAL REPORT.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

REV. HENRY MARTYN STORRS, D.D., LL.D.

Rev. Henry Martyn Storrs, D.D., LL.D., was born in Ravenna, Ohio, January 20th, 1827. His father, Rev. Charles B. Storrs, was President of Western Reserve College. After his death the son was taken into the family of his uncle, Dr. Richard S. Storrs, then living at Braintree, Mass. He graduated from Amherst College in 1836, and five years later from Andover Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was in the Congregational Church at Lawrence, Mass., where he remained three years—long enough to give clear promise of the eminence he was afterward to attain as a preacher. From this field he was called to Cincinnati, Ohio, where by excessive work he broke down his health. He was then thirty-seven years of age, when it seemed, in all human probability, that his life-work was ended. But from the verge of the grave he fought his way back to health and strength. This experience gave him a deep sense of the earnestness of life and new conceptions of spiritual things. For five years he was pastor of South Congregational Church, Brooklyn. In 1872 he was elected Corresponding Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, where his administration for ten years was exceptionally wise and fruitful. His eloquent voice became familiar throughout the land as he made his impassioned appeals for the cause of Home Missions which he loved. From 1882 to his death, December 1st, 1894, he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Orange, N. J. In that pulpit he displayed for twelve years the ripened Bible scholarship, the strong moral purpose and the rich spirituality of one whom God had, in these respects, made great. In the pastoral work he was delicate, tender, patient, sympathetic, faithful. In the community he was foremost in every movement for the general good, but was never misled by the ill-timed ventures of even good people.

Doctor Storrs received the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity from the Western Reserve College in 1864, and Doctor of Laws from Marietta College in 1887.

He married, March 9th, 1852, Catherine Hitchcock, daughter of President Edward Hitchcock, of Amherst College, who, with two sons, Charles Bigelow and Richard Salter, and one daughter, Katherine, survives him.

REV. THOMAS CARTER.

Rev. Thomas Carter was the son of Robert and Jane Thomson Carter. His birthplace was New York city, February 6th, 1839.

He was brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and at the age of sixteen united with the Scotch Presbyterian Church. He often said he did not know the time when he did not love the Lord. He pursued his preparatory studies at the Collegiate School of William Forrest, in New York, and entered the University of the City of New York in the class of 1858, where he graduated as valedictorian. He received his diploma from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1861, after having taken the regular three years course. He was licensed by the 2d Presbytery of New York, April 17th, 1861. He immediately went to Europe, and after taking a course in the United Presbyterian Theological Hall of Edinburgh, he traveled extensively on the Continent and in the East.

Upon his return home, he accepted a call to the Church of Pluckemin, N. J., and was ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Elizabeth, June 22d, 1863. In this field his labors were greatly blessed, especially among the young.

In 1872 he accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Boonton, N. J., where he was installed January 3d, 1873. Here the bulk of his ministry was passed, his pastorate extending over nearly twenty-two years. Four hundred and fifteen persons were gathered into the Boonton Church through his ministry. As a preacher, he was fervent and spiritual; as a pastor, indefatigable and wise; as a presbyter, a hard worker, a good counselor; as a man, he was genial, unselfish, great-hearted, Christly.

He passed away, November 3d, 1894, in the 56th year of his age. He was at his post, faithful unto death, when the summons came.

Mr. Carter was twice married. His first wife was Mary Cochran, of New York, who died in 1870, leaving four children. In 1873 he married Hettie Dodd, daughter of Rev. Edward and Lydia Dodd, missionaries to Turkey. There were four children from this marriage also. Mrs. Carter and the eight children survive him.

Presbytery of Newark.

REV. SAMUEL HUTCHINGS, D.D.,

was the oldest member of the Presbytery of Newark, and one of the patriarchs of the Presbyterian ministry. A full score of years were added to the scriptural limit of three score and ten. He was born in New York city, September 15th, 1806, and died in Newark, N. J., September 1st, 1895. He graduated from Williams College in 1825, and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1828. He was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of Cleveland, November 8th, 1831, and was stated supply in Cleveland for one year. He was stated supply of the Congregational Church of Medfield, Mass., 1832-3, and missionary in Ceylon and Madras, India, from '33 to '43. He was contributor to the American edition of Chambers' Encyclopedia,

nearly one thousand articles being from his versatile pen. He also prepared a large number of biographical sketches for the *Encyclopedia of Missions*. He was also a frequent contributor to the *New York Observer* and other periodicals. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by his alma mater in 1888. Dr. Hutchings was a good man. Deep and courageous in his convictions, he was always amiable and peaceable. He was a fearless advocate of righteousness, a wise and faithful counselor, filled with the hope of the gospel and guided by the mind of the Master. He passed away peacefully September 1st, 1895. A widow, five children, eight grand-children, and two great-grand-children survive him.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

REV. JAMES MCCOSH, D.D., LL.D.

James McCosh, D.D., LL.D., the venerable ex-president of the College of New Jersey, died November 16th, 1894. He had been steadily failing during the summer and autumn, and the end came peacefully, without pain. The death of Dr. McCosh was the close of a great career. He was born April 1st, 1811, at Carskeock Farm, on the left bank of the Bonnie Doon, about twelve miles from Ayr, the county seat of Ayrshire. He received his first education in the parochial school. In 1824, at the age of thirteen, he entered the University of Glasgow, a fit place for the young student who was later to write the history of the Scottish School. Here he remained five years, and in 1829 entered the University of Edinburgh. Here he came under the influence of Thomas Chalmers in theology and Sir William Hamilton in philosophy.

In 1835 he was licensed to preach as a minister of the established Church of Scotland. His first charge was the Abbey Church of Arbroath the Fair-port of Sir Walter Scott's 'Antiquary.'

In 1838 Dr. McCosh was appointed by the Crown to the Church at Brechin. In this arduous charge he labored most assiduously. Besides his regular parish duties, he went abroad everywhere preaching the gospel, in barns, kitchens and taverns or in the open fields. His communion roll gradually grew until it numbered 1,400 souls. Meanwhile the disruption of the Church of Scotland was impending. In 1843, when it had become inevitable, Dr. McCosh joined the immortal 400 who surrendered their living. He at once proceeded to organize in his old field a Free Church, and over 800 of his former parishioners followed him. But beyond this he went out in every direction organizing new congregations, providing preachers, raising money for new churches and mansees and pushing forward the work of the Free Church. The same year he also visited England, by the appointment of the General Assembly, to

solicit funds for the Free Church and explain its mission. In 1844 he removed from the West to the East Free Church, where he labored until 1851. It is here that he wrote that wonderful work, "The Method of the Divine Government." It was through this book that such attention was called to him that in 1851 Earl Clarendon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, appointed him Professor of Logic and Metaphysics in Queens College, Belfast. His pastorate had continued for sixteen years; he was now to be equally successful as a professor for a similar period. While devoted to educational work, he did not forget that he was a minister of the gospel. He preached continually, was one of the organizers of the Ministerial Support Fund, and one of the secretaries of the Bible and Colporteurs Society.

While in Belfast he wrote "Typical Forms and Special Ends in Creation," "The Supernatural in Relation to the Natural," "The Intuitions of the Mind Inductively Investigated," and "An Examination of the John Stuart Mills' Philosophy."

Doctor McCosh paid his first visit to America in 1866. In 1868 he was called to the presidency of Princeton College. The story of the twenty years of his matchless administration in Princeton is too well known to need rehearsal here. Fourteen buildings were added to the college plant. The attendance of students more than doubled; the faculty was built up by importation of professors from other institutions, and afterwards by training Princeton men as well. Twenty-four of Doctor McCosh's pupils are now in the faculty. The course of study was revised and modernized without giving up the essentials of a liberal education. Dr. McCosh left his indelible mark on the students singly, but more than this, "he fused their youthful enthusiasm into one mastering passion for Princeton as a coming university, democratic in its students' life, moved by the idea of discipline and duty, unified in its intellectual culture, open to new knowledge, and Christian to the core."

Dr. McCosh gave up the presidency in June, 1888, and passed the remainder of his days in his own quiet home on Prospect avenue. As Dr. Patton said of him: "He was more than a model president; he was a model ex-president." Without the stroke of disease, clear of mind to the last, in his own home, surrounded by all his family, he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus at ten o'clock Friday night, November 16th.

Dr. McCosh was married, in 1845, to Isabella Guthrie, daughter of James Guthrie, M.D., and niece of Dr. Thomas Guthrie. Mrs. McCosh, with one son and two daughters, survives him.

REV. WILLIAM MORGAN WELLS.

The Rev. William Morgan Wells was the son of Daniel and Mary Sprout Wells. He was born in Cumberland, N. Y., March 29th, 1830.

In 1846 he united with the Presbyterian Church, Lambertville, N. J., under the ministry of the Rev. P. O. Studdiford, D.D.

His heart soon turned toward the gospel ministry, and he began preparatory study under his pastor, and entered the Sophomore class in Princeton College in 1851, graduating in 1854. He then studied theology with Dr. Studdiford, and was fitted to enter the middle class of Princeton Seminary, from which institution he graduated in 1858.

He was licensed by the Presbytery of Raritan, October 6th, 1857, and ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, November 4th, 1858, and at the same time installed as pastor of the church at Jamesburg, N. J. This charge he resigned July 1st, 1869, to become assistant principal of the Freehold Institute. In 1870 he removed to Hightstown, N. J., and took charge of the Ladies' Seminary at that place, which he managed with marked success for fifteen years. In 1887 he opened a school in Lambertville, and in 1889 accepted the pastorate of the First United Church of Amwell, which field he was still serving at the date of his death, January 2d, 1895.

Mr. Wells was a spiritual, evangelical preacher of the Word, and under his ministry there were numerous additions to the church.

He was married December 7th, 1858, at Lambertville, N. J., to Clara M. Courie, who survives him.

His last words were, "My work is finished. Amen."

Presbytery of Newton.

REV. JOHN LOWREY.

Rev. John Lowrey, pastor of the Church at Hackettstown, N. J., died very suddenly, May 22d, 1895.

He was born in Princeton, N. J., March 17th, 1838, graduated at the College of New Jersey in the class of 1856. He taught at the Theological Seminary, at Princeton, for four years, and graduated in 1861. Was ordained by the Presbytery of North River, July 10th, 1861, and at the same time installed as pastor at Wappinger's Falls, N. Y. In 1863 he became pastor at Sag Harbor, L. I., which charge he resigned in 1867 to become pastor of the Throop Avenue Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained until 1873. His next pastorate was at Whitehall, N. Y., which church he served for eleven years. His pastorate at Hackettstown began in 1884, and continued prosperously until the voice of the Master summoned him from labor to reward. Mr. Lowrey was a man of genial temperament and sterling worth, greatly endeared to his people and brethren of the Presbytery. He was distinguished for large knowledge of affairs and great wisdom of judgment. Above all, he was an able preacher of the gospel, a safe spiritual guide, a consecrated

and sympathetic pastor. He was married on August 5th, 1861, to Lydia Clark, daughter of Benjamin M. and Violetta Clark, of Cranbury, N. J., who survives him.

REV. LAWRENCE TILLOU SHULER.

Rev. Lawrence Tillou Shuler was born at Amsterdam, N. Y., September 2d, 1849. He graduated from Union College in 1869, and from Union Theological Seminary in 1873, and ordained by the Presbytery of Newton October 28th of the same year.

His first pastorate was at Wantage N. J., from 1873 to 1875. In 1876 he traveled in Europe and the East, and upon his return the same year became stated supply at West Town, N. Y. His next pastorate was at Paterson, N. J., where he was pastor from 1881 to 1885. After his resignation of this charge in Paterson he removed to Newark, N. J., and became editor of the publications of the Prudential Insurance Company, in which capacity he served with marked ability until the time of his fatal illness.

Mr. Shuler was never married. His widowed mother was his constant companion, and she survives him.

Mr. Shuler was a man of good mind and large heart. He was a faithful and conscientious pastor. His body was frail, but he was indefatigable in the ministries of a servant of God.

He entered into rest on Sunday, January 8th, 1895.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

REV. S. Y. LUM

was born in New Providence, N. J., May 6th, 1821. He was educated at Oberlin College and Union Theological Seminary, and was ordained to the ministry by the Congregational Council of New Jersey at Middletown, N. J., November 19th, 1851. In 1854 he became stated supply at Lawrence, Kansas, preaching the first sermon to whites in both Lawrence and Topeka.

In 1857 he was appointed agent of Home Missions for the American Society, with headquarters at Lawrence. In 1860, feeling the duties of that position too arduous, he retired, and from 1861 to 1864 labored in the State of Massachusetts, as stated supply of the church at Rehoboth. Following this was a year's illness, but recovering, he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Groton, N. Y., where his labors were greatly blessed. In 1867 he was called to Lodi, N. J., where he remained until 1869.

From this date until 1874, he occupied the position of Superintendent of the American Bible Society, with headquarters at Lawrenceville, Kansas.

From 1874 to 1876 he labored at Mannsville, N. Y., and from 1876 to 1878 was pastor at New Fairfield, Conn. The following winter was spent in Georgia, where, although enjoying a much-needed vacation, he spent a portion of his time in Home Missionary work.

He next supplied the Presbyterian Church in Upper Lehigh, Pa., but in September, 1894, became pastor of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, where he remained three years.

His next field was at Long Ridge, Stamford, Conn., from which place he retired in less than two years on account of the severity of the climate. His last charge was at Mays Landing, N. J., from 1889 to 1894. At the time of his death he was living at New Gretna, N. J., and was preparing to enter upon the service of that church, where he believed the work of his ministry would end. The summons came suddenly at Rutherford, N. J., October 7th, 1895.

Mr. Lum was a man of pure and spotless character, and gentle and Christlike spirit. He loved to preach the gospel, and many remember his ministry to bless him. His widow survives him.

III.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

Through the good hand of our God which has been upon us during the past year, your Committee is enabled to present a very encouraging report. The ninth year of Synod's care of the mission work within its bounds, while it presents no new features, yet deepens our gratitude to the God of missions, and prompts us to renewed devotion to our distinctive work.

The first cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing is the amount of money raised for this work. The Treasurer reports the receipt of \$16,413.04. This is \$1,150.89 in excess of the largest sum yet received in any one year. Part of the credit for this advance is due to the Young People's Societies. An appeal was sent by Synod's Committee on Young People's Societies, of which the Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley is Chairman, to all of these organizations within our bounds, asking them to contribute not less than \$2.00 each to the work of Synodical Home Missions. To this appeal 108 societies responded by sending directly to our Treasurer the sum of \$347 89. We would place on record our grateful appreciation of this most welcome aid, and express our earnest hope that the necessary and excellent work done by these societies may be continued and increased.

It may be too much to say that the money sent by the churches has come spontaneously. Doubtless the members of the various Presbyterian Committees would be somewhat relieved of anxiety if the pastors of all our churches were so responsive, prompt and diligent in presenting this cause to the people as to leave nothing for the Committees to do. There has been much for these brethren to do. It is an unwritten story, but the results speak for themselves. It is a special gratification to call the attention of Synod to the fact that the Presbytery of Newton reports for the first time that it has raised the full amount asked from it by Synod. This is a great encouragement, and the good record made last year will doubtless be repeated. While thus we speak so warmly of Newton, we make grateful mention of the fact that Morris and Orange and West Jersey have never failed to send even more than their full quota. Elizabeth, Jersey City and New Brunswick are in the list of those Presbyteries which have raised their apportionment. Monmouth lacks \$90.39 and Newark \$329.30 of meeting the expectation of Synod. Though coming somewhat short of the stated amount, yet it is to be said to the credit of both Presbyteries that they contributed last year a larger sum than in the preceding year.

Some progress has been made in the matter of self-support. The church at Hopewell, Presbytery of New Brunswick, of which the Rev. James R. Kerr is pastor, after many years of working and

waiting, has, by a vigorous effort, reached the point where it no longer asks for aid. The church at Weehawken, Presbytery of Jersey City, will not draw from the fund, and Garfield, of the same Presbytery, asks for less. The church at North Cramer Hill has canceled a mortgage of \$900 upon its building. The church at Elmer has paid the debt upon its manse. Tuckahoe, by the help of Synod, obtains a manse free from debt. North Hardyston has built a manse, and Sparta has enlarged and improved its home for the minister. The Presbytery of Newark has recently organized a church at Verona, which, however, will require no aid from Synod's fund. Another church is soon to be organized near Bloomfield. Synod will be gratified to learn of the organization of an Italian church of eighteen members at Hammonton. This interesting work was first undertaken by the Presbytery of West Jersey, with aid from Synod's fund. As the work increased, the Presbytery, unwilling to ask Synod for a larger appropriation, determined to make a special appeal to its own churches, and especially to the Y. P. S. C. E., to supplement the amount appropriated from Synod's fund. This appeal has year by year met a favorable response, and now the work is put into permanent form by the organization of a church. The Committee on Evangelistic Work of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange have held special services with two or three of the aid-receiving churches, with good results. In some cases the churches have been revived very notably, and in all there have been, comparatively speaking, large additions.

While we note these interesting items, we rejoice also in the quiet, steady progress in all of our missionary churches. During the year, eighty-one churches and mission stations have been supported, in whole or in part, from the treasury of Synodical Home Missions.

The Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Jersey City and Newton ask for an increased allotment, and in the judgment of your Committee these requests should be granted. Elizabeth finds a large number of foreigners pouring into the Presbytery, in the vicinity of Perth Amboy, along the Sound and up the Raritan river. A work for the colored people of Elizabeth may need help. Jersey City finds it necessary to assist the John Knox Church of that city, and also a church for colored people in Paterson. Newton feels most keenly the increased burden resting upon it from the ebbing population of the country. As changes in the pastorate occur, the necessity for helping the country churches becomes more evident.

(For the recommendations adopted by Synod, see page 14.)

III.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of New Jersey :

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

If after a survey of the whole realm of human activity, it could be written, "there is no new thing under the sun," it surely cannot be expected of one who views a single department of your work that he shall find anything novel to record. The one thing that can make his statement interesting is that it rehearses some recent steps in the performance of a work which is more than yours only.

In making ready for this work, your Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions recommended that Synod should ask for and expect the sum of sixteen thousand, five hundred and eight dollars and forty-seven cents, and should allot among the several Presbyteries the sum of sixteen thousand, two hundred and seventy-five dollars. Their recommendations were confirmed by you both in the whole and in the matter of apportionment and allotment. Such apportionment and allotment may be found in detail in the Schedules 1 and 2 hereunder written. The sums allotted to the Presbyteries for their use were subsequently certified to your Treasurer by your Stated Clerk.

In the performance of the work, contributions have been received from thirty four churches in the Presbytery of Elizabeth, amounting to two thousand, six hundred and sixty-four dollars and thirty-six cents ; contributions from thirty-two churches in the Presbytery of Jersey City, amounting to one thousand, seven hundred and nine dollars and eighty-two cents; contributions from forty-nine churches in the Presbytery of Monmouth, amounting to one thousand, two hundred and eighty-six dollars and fifty-nine cents ; contributions from forty-four churches in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, amounting to two thousand, nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and eighty-seven cents ; contributions from twenty-nine churches in the Presbytery of Newark, amounting to two thousand, five hundred and fifty-eight dollars and eight cents ; contributions from thirty-six churches in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, amounting to one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-three dollars and eighty-four cents ; contributions from thirty churches in the Presbytery of Newton, amounting to one thousand, two hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-four cents ; and contributions from fifty-two churches in the Presbytery of West Jersey, amounting to one thousand, five hundred and ninety dollars and fifty-four cents. In addition thereto, a member of the Presbytery of Elizabeth gave five dollars ; a member of a church in the Presbytery of Morris and

Orange gave twenty dollars ; three persons, members of churches in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, gave three hundred and eighty dollars, and several other persons therein gave fifty-three dollars for the credit of the Presbytery ; a member of a church in the Presbytery of Newton gave six dollars ; and a member of the Presbytery of West Jersey gave fifteen dollars. All of the contributions are set forth with particularity in Schedule 3 hereunder written ; and in Schedule 4 hereunder written, the contributions during the eighth and ninth fiscal years are compared by Presbyteries. At this point, it may not be amiss to remark that now, as in time past, the word, "church" is not always used with perfect accuracy. It may sometimes mean mission chapels or stations as well as churches fully organized ; it may sometimes mean not only congregations steadily worshipping at particular places, but also Sabbath-schools, and societies and bands connected with them. For a correct classification of the agents from which the work of Synodical Home Missions has received support, reference should be made to Schedule 3 and the Summary of Account. From the latter, it appears that the contributions in the last year from congregations, amounted to fourteen thousand, five hundred and seventy-four dollars and forty-one cents ; from Sabbath-schools, to seven hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty-three cents ; from societies and bands, to six hundred dollars and ten cents, and from individuals, to four hundred and seventy-nine dollars.

In the further performance of the work, there have been paid out for the services of ministers or missionaries rendered in the first quarter of the year, three thousand, eight hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents ; for like services in the second quarter of the year, three thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-one cents ; for like services in the third quarter of the year, three thousand, six hundred and thirty-one dollars ; and for like services in the fourth quarter of the year, two hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents. There were also paid out for similar services rendered in the preceding year three thousand, two hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixty-four cents. From a different stand-point, your Treasurer may say that during the year there have been paid to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Elizabeth, five hundred and twenty-five dollars ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Jersey City, two thousand, two hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighty-three cents ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Monmouth, three thousand, two hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty-two cents, and to the Presbyterial missionary in the same, three hundred and eighty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, one thousand,

four hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Newark, one thousand, five hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-five cents ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, five hundred and seventy-eight dollars ; to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of Newton, seven hundred and twenty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents ; and to or for the use of ministers or missionaries in the Presbytery of West Jersey, three thousand, six hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty-three cents, and to the Presbyterial missionary in the same, three hundred and sixty-nine dollars and eighty cents. For printing and publishing, your Treasurer has paid away seventy-seven dollars and eight cents ; for postage and express charges, forty six dollars and sixty-nine cents ; for interest, sixteen dollars and eleven cents ; and for the necessary expenses of the Permanent Committee, thirty dollars and fifty-two cents. All of the expenditures are set forth in subdivisions 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 hereunder written ; and in Schedule 6 hereunder written, the payments to or for the use of ministers and missionaries during the eighth and ninth fiscal years are compared by Presbyteries. From the Summary of Account, it further appears that the payments during the year for the services of ministers or missionaries amounted to fourteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty-seven dollars and forty-three cents ; and for the expenses of administration to one hundred and seventy dollars and forty cents—these payments leaving in the treasury a balance of five thousand, one hundred and sixty-four dollars and seven cents. Lest a large balance in the treasury should prove a hindrance to contributions, and lest by attempting to guess he should fall into error, your Treasurer has deemed it expedient to inquire what sum will shortly be drawn out in payment for the services of ministers or missionaries, rendered in the fourth quarter of the last year. This sum he is credibly informed will be three thousand, eight hundred and eighty-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents ; so that the balance in the treasury may soon be reduced by sundry payments to twelve hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-nine cents.

In his last report your Treasurer had occasion to record certain "first instances" in the progress of the work ; in this he makes mention of some "greatest occurrences." Three hundred and six churches have contributed to the Synodical Home Mission Fund during the last year—the greatest number giving in any one year since the work was undertaken. Five Presbyteries have in their giving gone beyond the limit of your expectations ; no greater number have ever been found so doing. Sixteen thousand, four hundred and thirteen dollars and four cents have been contributed for the work—the greatest sum raised in any year. The advance in the contributions over those of the preceding year is one thousand

eight hundred and twenty-six dollars and eighty-eight cents—the greatest seen in any twelve-month. These are occurrences of a cheering nature, and indicate that, notwithstanding “hard times” and pressing calls, the work of Synodical Home Missions lies close to the hearts and conscience of Presbyterians in New Jersey, and that a generous emulation has place in the efforts to meet its demands. The expenses of administration have been the greatest in the history of the work. This does not mark the beginning of extravagance. The increase has been largely through the payment of interest, which was unavoidable, and through the printing and distribution of cards and envelopes, which, it is believed, have brought in more than their cost. The decrease in payments for missionary services has been eight hundred and sixty-two dollars and two cents—the greatest, almost the only, diminution ever marked. The cause of this decrease is not altogether apparent, hence the estimate that we should put upon the fact is not wholly clear. Six thousand and twenty-four dollars and twenty-two cents were received in September last—the greatest sum ever received in any single month. This is not a pleasing incident; it shows that the tendency to defer gathering and giving until the closing hours of the year (a tendency heretofore noticed and disapproved) has become confirmed.

Moved by the necessity of seizing upon an opportunity, and encouraged by the silent permissions of the past, your Treasurer would speak of two matters not especially connected with the work now under review. To those who are or may be entitled to draw from this fund, let him say that, in the early days of October, orders on the Treasurer cannot be honored upon their presentation. The work of the closing year must be finished before that of the opening year can be begun. Nor can letters of inquiry receive immediate answer; it were as easy to respond to an order by writing a cheque as to respond to a question by writing a letter. To the Synod as a body let him say that, should he be again elected, and thereupon serve to the end of the year, a decade will then have elapsed since he became your Treasurer for Synodical Home Missions, a period of no small duration in the life of a man, however short it may be in the history of the church or of the world, and that at its close it is his expectation and purpose to transfer the duties, privileges and pleasures of the office to the man whom you may choose.

All which matters and things are respectfully submitted this sixteenth day of October, A.D. eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

ELMER EWING GREEN,
Treasurer.

SCHEDULE 1.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

Contributions sought for the work of Synodical Home Missions for the year ending October 1st, 1895 :

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$2,610 90
“ Presbytery of Jersey City,	1,693 00
“ Presbytery of Monmouth,	1,376 98
“ Presbytery of Morris and Orange,	2,835 90
“ Presbytery of Newark,	2,887 38
“ Presbytery of New Brunswick,	2,406 51
“ Presbytery of Newton,	1,223 80
“ Presbytery of West Jersey,	1,474 00
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	\$16,508 47

SCHEDULE 2.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

Sums allotted for use in the work of Synodical Home Missions for the year ending October 1st, 1895 :

To the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$600 00
“ Presbytery of Jersey City,	2,450 00
“ Presbytery of Monmouth,	4,000 00
“ Presbytery of Morris and Orange,	1,750 00
“ Presbytery of Newark,	1,750 00
“ Presbytery of New Brunswick,	600 00
“ Presbytery of Newton,	925 00
“ Presbytery of West Jersey,	4,200 00
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	\$16,275 00

	Cong.	S	Soc.		Cong.	S. S.	Soc.
Flanders,	20 00			FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.			
German Valley,	20 00		\$2 00	Bloomfield, 1st,	\$200 00		\$9 31
Hanover, 1st,	80 00		2 00	" German,			
Madison,	160 00			" Westminster,	150 00		
Mendham, 1st,	77 20			Caldwell,	33 70		
" 2d,				East Newark, Knox, (Kearney,			
Mine Hill,	10 00			Lyon's Farms,	6 48		
Morris Plains,	0 00			Montclair, 1st,	74 31		
Morristown, 1st,	275 00			" Grace,	13 00		
" South street,	250 00			" Trinity,	70 00		
Mount Freedom,	7 00			Newark, 1st,	300 00		
Mount Olive,	15 00			" 2d,	255 00		
Myersville, German,	3 00			" 3d,	230 00		
New Providence,	12 00			" 6th,	11 00		
New Vernon,	20 18			" 1st German,	27 00		
" 1st,	260 00		3 50	" 2d "	25 00		
" Central,	275 00		2 00	" 3d "	20 00		
" German,	10 00		2 00	" 1st Italian,			
" Hills de,	97 50	\$5 00	2 00	" Bethany,			
" St. Cloud,	30 00		2 00	" Calvary,	5 00		
Orange Valley, German,	15 00			" Central,	33 00		
Parsippany,	20 45		2 00	" Fewsmith Memorial,	10 00		
Pleasantdale, German,	12 00		2 00	" Fifth Avenue,	40 00		
Pleasant Grove,	21 41		2 00	" High Street,	165 00		3 00
Rockaway,	45 75		2 00	" Memorial,	45 00		2 00
Schooley's Mountain,	31 00		2 00	" North Park,	5 12		
South Orange, 1st,	50 00			" Park,	141 00		73 88
" Trinity,				" Plane Street,			
Stirling,	20 00			" Roseville,	250 00		2 00
Succasunna,	104 83			" South Park,	202 28		
Summit, Central,	15 00			" Wickliffe,	45 00		
Vailsburgh Chapel,	9 16			" Woodside,	61 00		
Whippany,				Roseland,	30 00		3 00
Wyoming,							

FROM AN INDIVIDUAL.

E. J. Rathbun, \$20 00

FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

Andover,	12 00	7 00	2 00
Ashury,		100 00	2 00
Beairstown,		2 89	5 51
Belvidere, 1st,		69 00	2 00
Belvidere, 2d,	5 00	32 00	2 00
Blairtown,		116 05	2 00
Bloomsbury,		22 61	
Branchville,	4 00	28 00	8 95
Danville,		13 00	
Deckertown,		30 00	2 00
Delaware,	3 05	4 00	2 00
Franklin Furnace,		20 75	5 00
Greenwich,		8 00	
Hackettstown,	10 00	125 00	5 00
Hardyston, North, at Hamburg,		20 00	
Harmony,		13 52	
Hope,	2 65		
Johnsonburg, Yellow Frame,	2 00		2 00
Knowlton,			
La Fayette,		5 00	
Mansfield, 2d,	2 00		
Marksboro,			
Montana,	10 00		
Musconetcong Valley, at Junction,			
Newton,	2 00	200 00	10 00
Oxford, 1st,	2 00	20 00	
Oxford, 2d, at Oxford,	1 80		9 67
Papakating,	4 48		
Phillipsburg, 1st,	3 00		9 62
Phillipsburg, Westminister,	2 00	26 23	
Sparta,		15 00	
Stanhope,		35 00	
Stewartsville,		20 00	
Stillwater,		45 20	
Swartswood,		6 00	50
Wantage, 1st,	2 00	14 20	
Wantage, 2d, at Beemerville,		150 00	2 00
Washington,			

FROM AN INDIVIDUAL.

A friend of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey, \$6.00

FROM CONGREGATIONS, SABBATH-SCHOOLS AND SOCIETIES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Alexandria 1st, at Mt. Pleasant,	7 00		
Amwell 1st, at Reaville,	18 00		
Amwell, 2d, at Mount Airy,	4 00		
" " United 1st, at Ringoes,	6 66		
Bound Brook,	35 00		
Dayton,	43 00		
Dutch Neck,	40 00		
Ewing,	40 00		
Flemington,	150 70		
Freelinton,	17 40	4 00	
Hamilton Square,	25 00		
Holland,	15 00		
Hopewell,	25 00		
Kingston,	20 00		
Kingwood,	1 00		
Lambertville,	47 00		
Lawrenceville,	54 75		
Millford,	33 00		
New Brunswick, 1st,	126 62		
New Brunswick, 2d,	1 00		
Pennington,	23 16		
Princeton, 1st,	110 22		
" 2d,	41 23	15 00	
" Witherspoon St.,	5 00		
Ringoes, Kirkpatrick Memorial,	11 00		
Stockton,	15 00		
Titusville,	35 07		
Trenton, 1st,	283 75		
" 2d,	12 00		
" Chapel,	16 53		
" 3d,	110 00	40 00	
" 4th,	150 00		
" 5th,	35 00		
" Bethany,	60 00		
" Prospect St.,	200 92		
" Brookville Mission,		2 08	

FROM INDIVIDUALS.

Donations for the credit of the Presbytery, . . . \$53 00
 A friend, 200 00
 " G. " of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, . . . 175 00
 A friend of the cause, 5 00

SCHEDULE 4.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

Contributions by Presbyteries, during the eighth and ninth years, compared.

PRESBYTERY.	Number of Churches giving in 1893-4.		Increase or Decrease.	Gifts in 1893-4.		Increase or Decrease.
	††	††				
Elizabeth,	33	34	inc. 1	* † \$2591 66	* \$2664 36	inc. \$72 70
Jersey City,	26	32	inc. 6	1366 29	1709 82	inc. 343 53
Monmouth,	48	49	inc. 1	* 1170 90	1286 59	inc. 115 69
Morris and Orange,	44	44		† 2784 30	† 2926 87	inc. 142 57
Newark,	27	29	inc. 2	2282 21	2558 08	inc. 275 87
New Brunswick,	33	36	inc. 3	† ‡ 1850 35	‡ 2026 84	inc. 176 49
Newton,	26	30	inc. 4	887 41	† 1223 94	inc. 342 53
West Jersey,	49	52	inc. 3	** † 1456 04	** 1590 54	inc. 134 50

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

† Of this sum, \$5.00 were privately contributed for the credit of the Presbytery.

‡ One person, a member of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$3.00.

† Of this sum, \$200.00 were privately contributed for the credit of the Presbytery.

‡ Two persons, members of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$175.00.

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

† ‡ One person, a member of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$20.00.

‡ Of this sum, \$53.00 were privately contributed for the credit of the Presbytery.

‡ Three persons, members of churches within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$380.00.

† ‡ One person, a member of a church within this Presbytery, contributed the further sum of \$6.00.

† Mission Stations and Sabbath schools counted as churches.

SCHEDULE 6.

Referred to in the foregoing report as thereunder written.

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

PRESBYTERY.	No. of Churches, etc., where aid was received.		Increase or Decrease.	Payments in 1893-4	Payments in 1894-5.	Increase or Decrease.
	1893-4	1894-5.				
Elizabeth,	2	3	inc. 1	\$337 50	\$525 00	inc. \$187 50
Jersey City,	12	12		* 2469 50	2274 83	dec. 194 67
Monmouth,	19	19		* 4093 32	* 3678 84	dec. 414 48
Morris and Orange,	10	9	dec. 1	1469 74	1412 50	dec. 57 24
Newark,	3	4	inc. 1	1506 25	1556 25	inc. 50 00
New Brunswick,	5	4	dec. 1	630 50	578 00	dec. 52 50
Newton,	5	5		793 75	726 38	dec. 67 37
West Jersey,	25	25		* 24234 89	* 4005 63	dec. 229 26

‡ Besides this sum, \$18.00 were paid for work among foreign peoples.

* These sums include the salaries of the Presbyterian Missionaries.

‡ Besides this sum, \$66.00 were paid for work among foreign peoples.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT.

For the year ending October 1st, 1895.

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To balance from last year,	\$3,678 86
“ contributions during the year—	
From congregations,	\$14,574 41
“ Sabbath-schools,	759 53
“ societies,	600 10
“ individuals,	479 00
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	16,413 04
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	\$20,091 90
To notes and bills payable, issued,	\$1,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	1,000 00
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	2,300 00
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	\$22,391 90

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By payments for—	
Services of ministers or missionaries,	\$14,757 43
Printing, postage, traveling and other expenses,	154 29
Interest,	16 11
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	\$14,927 83
By notes and bills payable redeemed,	\$1,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	1,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	300 00
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	2,300 00
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	\$17,227 83
By balance to next year,	5,164 07
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	\$22,391 90

ELMER EWING GREEN,
Treasurer.

V.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Reunion, which gave a fresh impulse to our Presbyterian Foreign Missions, and added largely to its field of operations by the transfer of Western Africa, Persia and Syria from the American Board, calls attention to the remarkable development during this quarter century. The increase is thus indicated :

Ordained foreign missionaries, from 111 to 213 ; medical missionaries, from 5 to 56 ; woman missionaries, from 119 to 376 ; native ministers and helpers, from 378 to 1,943 ; communicants, from 3,500 to 31,888 ; mission pupils, from 10,000 to 30,000.

The additions to the 391 churches on confession of faith have recently averaged more than ten per cent. of the whole number, or 3,635, last year. In that year these missionary churches gave, for self-support and beneficence, \$65,828.

Do not these figures, with all that they imply, furnish a crushing answer to the recent strictures upon missionaries and their work ? With such a record, ought not the gratitude of the Presbyterian Church to impel a hearty response to the appeal of the General Assembly for a memorial million to wipe out the debt of \$175,000, and provide for necessary enlargement ?

The review of the past year convinces your Committee that while there have been many perplexities, there have been no real grounds for discouragement, but rather for humble thanks and hopeful perseverance. If death has been busy among our workers, and has found many a shining mark, we know that the Lord does not depend upon this man or upon that woman ; and that He loves to promote His tried and trusted servants, and to make way for the development of those whom He has been fitting to take their places. If, in Mohammedan countries, and elsewhere, government interference and local persecution are rife, they but indicate that the former stolid indifference is giving way to a measure of conviction, or, at least, to a degree of alarm, lest the Galilean should be about to conquer the false prophet. If suspicion in Japan, and anti-foreign excitement in China, are creating hindrances and arousing anxiety for the safety of mission premises and of precious lives, are they not necessary incidents of a marvelous transformation which is soon to lay open those teeming countries for general and speedy conquest, and has not the "Jesus religion" proved itself uniformly superior to such tests in the past ? And if, looking at home, the most serious embarrassment appears in the want of means for the proper pursuit and advancement of the work, is it because there is not money in the hands of God's people to invest in His enterprises, or simply

because they have not perceived the need and the blessing of giving it? Is there any insuperable obstacle, or only an invitation to believing prayer and effort at home, that hearts and purses and safes may be unlocked, and their owners convinced that this class of foreign securities is both safe and profitable?

If your Committee reads God's providence aright, He is leading in foreign missions far more rapidly than His people are following. He is manifesting his readiness "to do exceeding abundantly above all that we have been asking or thinking." The church must awake to the measure of her opportunity, or the pillar of cloud and of fire will continue to go onward and leave her at a dangerous distance, exposed to the onsets of selfishness and distrust. Oh, for a fuller sense of what is meant by "I am with you alway"; of what is implied in "the power that worketh in us"; of the import of Paul's declaration, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Examining the General Assembly's record of offerings for this cause, we find that of the \$712,877 reported by the whole church, exclusive of legacies, New Jersey gave \$89,049--almost exactly one-eighth. Also, that while the general result reveals a decrease from last year of \$33,000, our Synod fell back \$373. A remarkable uniformity in the gifts of 1894 and 1895 makes it appear that, in spite of the difficult conditions, our churches have been struggling to "hold the fort." Twenty-four blanks are reported, as against twenty-eight last year, and the two Presbyteries of New Brunswick and Monmouth retain their proud distinction of every column filled.

When we examine the report of moneys received by the Board of Foreign Missions, the showing for the New Jersey Synod is much better. Our gifts through the Board were \$81,008, nearly one-ninth of the whole, as against \$76,033 last year--almost \$5,000 gain--being an average of \$1.22 or five cents per member better than last year. This gain is distributed among all of our Presbyteries, each of them having at least a slight increase, while Elizabeth, Newark and New Brunswick gained more than \$1,000 each, and Morris and Orange and Newton each more than \$500. In the face of a loss to the account of the whole church of \$22,000, this gain in New Jersey of \$5,000 doubtless represents a somewhat general and a faithful effort to sustain this vital department of our church's work. It gives to your Committee no little encouragement, as indicating that the organized efforts of the past few years have borne fruit. Convinced, however, that a multitude of New Jersey Presbyterians are still far short of their ability and their privilege, we feel constrained to push our advantage until the gifts shall correspond, in some measure, to the enlargement indicated in the providence of God. Believing that the present is a critical time, in view of beckoning events and the increased number of candidates who are ready to go

if the church will send them, your Committee is arranging for a "Missionary Congress," to be held (if the Synod shall approve) by invitation of the churches of Trenton, in the Fourth Church of that place, on November 20th and 21st, and of which a partial programme is herewith submitted, and in which some of the burning aspects of the great question of foreign missions will be discussed by those whose wisdom and experience entitle them to be heard.

We had purposed a somewhat detailed account of the educational methods in use in our several Presbyteries under the direction of their Committees on Foreign Missions; but, with a single exception, the data have not been furnished. Your Committee believe, however, that the day has gone by, in the Synod of New Jersey, when the Presbyterian Committees did no more than to make an annual report. We are glad to know that these Committees are, in the main, both active and efficient, giving to your Committee most helpful support. We never fail when we count upon the hearty coöperation of "those women;" and we have a more recent ground of rejoicing in the increasing number of earnest youth who include this cause in their prayers and their systematic offerings.

Hopeful for the future, yet realizing that our efforts must never be relaxed until every member of the Presbyterian church in New Jersey is an active supporter of Foreign Missions, both by prayers and consecrated gifts, we ascribe "the kingdom and the power and the glory" to our ascended Lord whose commission we aim to fulfill, and upon whose favor alone we rely.

(For the recommendations adopted by Synod, see page 18.)

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

In the face of what seemed an insurmountable difficulty, came the command to God's chosen people, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Not less distinctly did the command, "go forward," come to us one year ago, and in the face of what might well be termed a Red Sea difficulty—a debt of \$101,000 resting upon us.

How *were* we to go forward! The forward movement was thus outlined by the President at our Synodical meeting:

Each member was asked to contribute to an Emergency Fund for the payment of the debt—the average gift to be one dollar per member, if possible.

As special objects for work, \$1,000 was asked for the maintenance of the Asheville Farm School, and \$1,000 for the Indian and Alaskan schools—to help make good the deficiency caused by withdrawal from government aid.

It was also resolved to endeavor to raise \$500 to aid in the erection of a building for the Freedmen at Sumter, S. C., with the understanding that gifts to these objects must in no way interfere with the regularly pledged work.

Now, the question naturally arises, have we advanced?

Reviewing the past year, we find the results, as represented by figures, are as follows:

Presbytery.	Value of boxes.	Money.	Total.
Elizabeth,	\$1,723 52	\$4,264 84	\$5,988 36
Jersey City,	1,415 42	1,536 42	2,951 84
Monmouth,	1,055 83	2,030 80	3,086 63
Morris and Orange,	5,827 92	3,898 24	9,726 16
Newark,	2,135 34	2,002 32	4,137 66
New Brunswick,	2,767 63	2,352 81	5,120 44
Newton,	1,446 90	2,168 77	3,615 67
West Jersey,	1,112 02	1,118 79	2,230 81

The whole amount received by the Woman's Executive Committee from Societies, Sunday-Schools, Bands, and C. E. Societies, is \$21,479.25. Of this amount \$3,271.53 was contributed to the Emergency Fund—an average of 52 cents per member—the highest in any Presbytery being \$1.28 per member, this gratifying average having been attained by Monmouth.

For the Asheville Farm School, the Indian and Alaskan Schools, and the building at Sumter, \$2,132.40 have been given, of which \$193.72 was for the Freedmen,—less than the amount asked, though

the whole sum contributed for the work among the Freedmen is \$996.71, a gain of \$400 over the contributions of any previous year.

The number of subscriptions to the "Home Mission Monthly" is 1,408—a gain of more than one hundred over last year.

In reviewing the work of each Presbyterial Society, we note:—

Elizabeth, in contributions, makes a gain of \$244 over the amount raised in '94, yet falls short of the amount asked for special objects. A gain is made in increased subscriptions to the "Home Mission Monthly," and the work among the Freedmen has been more generously taken up than at any time hitherto.

Jersey City has added three new societies during the past year. The Secretary reports an advance in contributions over last year, but adds, "As the amount last year fell far behind the usual gift, there is not so much gain as appears,"—but an increase in subscriptions to the "Home Mission Monthly" guarantees an increase in interest, a probable gain in membership, a corresponding gain in gifts, thus making a cheerful outlook for the coming year.

Monmouth, by its advance in contributions, and its average of \$1.28 per member to the Emergency Fund, shows an increase of 33½ per cent. over last year.

Morris and Orange, although there has been a falling off in receipts from Sabbath-schools and C. E. Societies, more than holds its own in the regular channels of work, and reports an increase.

Newark, reporting contributions much the same, makes a distinct onward movement in the organization of societies among the young, a step taken, not so much to increase the money in the treasury as to make the children of the church intelligent on the subject of Missions.

The secretary of the *New Brunswick* society reports but little gain financially, but increased interest in many of the societies.

Newton heads the list in gifts to the Emergency Fund, the amount given, \$487 95; at the same time an advance is reported in the regular line of work, thus indicating increased membership, or that a deeper sense of responsibility has moved the members to greater effort.

West Jersey, having increased the number of officers and added a Secretary of Literature, also a Secretary of Young People's Work, notes advancement financially and a most encouraging outlook for the future.

While this review may show retrenchment at some points and a weakened treasury in others, yet the general average shows a gain in finances, and although for all practical purposes, for the enlargement and extension of the work, there must be an increase in contributions, yet advance is not to be measured only by dollars and cents. A growth in intelligence on the subject of Missions, an increased interest, a deepened sense of the spiritual needs of our

fellow-men, an awakened personal responsibility—all mark a forward movement.

We record with sorrow the death of a member of one of our Synodical Committees, Mrs. George A. Paull, of Bloomfield; yet she still lives among us in the loving, cheerful and encouraging words which flowed so freely from her pen, and which greet us now from many a printed page.

Enrolled as subjects under the banner of the King whom she served, a King who knows no defeat, and whose watchword is "Go forward and possess the land," let us work and pray, more earnestly than hitherto, for the eternal interests of our own broad, fair land—our heritage.

SUSAN H. PINGRY,
Corresponding Secretary.

VII.—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey, was held in the Crescent Avenue Church, at Plainfield, October 10th, 1895.

After a half hour of devotional exercises, led by Miss May White, of Roselle, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by the President, Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, and opened by responsive reading and prayer.

The delegates and friends, representing every Presbytery in the Synod, were very cordially welcomed to the hospitality of the Crescent Avenue Church by its pastor, Rev. Dr. W. R. Richards, to which our President responded.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Pingry, read the report of the last year's work, and paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of Mrs. Geo. H. Paull.

Committees were then appointed by the President.

Miss M. Katharine Jones' report of Young People's Work was read by Miss Bond, and was followed by the report of the Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Wm. Nelson, both of which were adopted.

Mrs. W. E. Honeyman gave an outline of the prospective work for the coming year.

After a hymn, Mrs. Darwin R. James, President of the Woman's Executive Committee, made an appeal for personal opposition to the evils confronting our country.

The offerings were then collected.

The "Question Box Conference," led by Mrs. D. E. Finks, brought out much hearty and practical, and, we hope, profitable discussion.

Mrs. Langdon, for many years a faithful worker in the Synodical Society, but now "called aside, to rest awhile," was present and gave us greeting.

Mrs. Wm. C. Roberts spoke of the duty to obey the call of the Master to take up the cross, even if the "cross" assumed the form of public prayer.

Mrs. M. C. De Vore spoke of the Alaskan people.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That in addition to our regular pledged work, we not only hopefully assume the special objects recommended by the Woman's Executive Committee, namely, \$1,000 for the support of the Asheville Farm School, and \$1,000 for the Training School at Tucson, Arizona, but we will also put forth self-denying efforts for the purpose of removing the heavy debt resting on the Woman's Executive Committee.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to raise the balance needed to complete the work undertaken at Sumter, S. C., last year for the Freedmen.

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

President—MRS. W. E. HONEYMAN, Plainfield.

Vice-Presidents—MRS. J. H. OWENS, Paterson.

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

MRS. C. H. LANGDON, Elizabeth.

MRS. J. M. PAUL, New Brunswick.

Mrs. CHAS. BREARLEY, Trenton.

MRS. D. C. BLAIR, Belvidere.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. J. F. KELLEY, Elizabeth.

Recording Secretary—MRS. J. R. GIBSON, Newark.

Secretary of Literature—MRS. WM. NELSON, Paterson.

Young People's Secretary—MISS M. K. JONES, Englewood.

Treasurer Contingent Fund—MRS. J. H. MANNING, Plainfield.

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.

Mrs. F. B. Kelley, Elizabeth.

JERSEY CITY.

Miss L. C. Pudney, Passaic.

Miss C. D. Shaw, Paterson.

Mrs. Wm. Nichols, Jersey City.

Mrs. Alex. Campbell, Jersey City.

Mrs. Wm. Nelson, Paterson.

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.

Mrs. E. O. McFarland, Newark.
Mrs. Paul Babcock, Montclair.
Mrs. Jones, Bloomfield.
Mrs. Isaac B. Marshall, Newark.
Mrs. Wm. Meeker, Lyon's Farms.
Mrs. John Maxwell, Montclair.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. Chas. Brearley, Trenton.
Mrs. Elmer E. Green, Trenton.
Miss Margaret Sloan, Trenton.
Mrs. P. A. Studdiford, Lambertville.
Mrs. P. I. Nevius, Flemington.
Mrs. J. B. Hopewell, Flemington.
Mrs. A. V. Van Fleet, Flemington.

NEWTON.

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

WEST JERSEY.

Mrs. M. J. Paulding, Daretown.
Miss Nellie M. Skinner, Woodbury.
Mrs. N. P. Elmer, Bridgeton.
Mrs. John M. Moore, Clayton.

Mrs. Stevenson announced the committees for the afternoon meeting, after which we were led in prayer by special request on behalf of the Woman's Executive Committee. The meeting closed with the hymn, "Our land, our land for Jesus," and benediction by Rev. Baker Smith, D.D.

The Society adjourned to meet in the Second Church, Paterson, in October, 1896.

LILLIE CAIRNS GIBSON,
Recording Secretary.

VIII.—EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR FOR- EIGN MISSIONS.

In reviewing the work of our Presbyterial Societies for the year, we may do well to remember the following words of Rev. J. Hudson Taylor : " We need persons who will consecrate their lives to foreign mission service at home. It is for some to consecrate their lives, their thoughts, their prayers, to just this service. I believe that some of the best missionary work that is done to-day is done by invalids who never leave their bedrooms, or by old people, or by those who are very poor and have not much to give ; but they give the Lord what is most precious—a true, yearning heart, a constant remembrance, a constant prayer."

This is the testimony of one who stands very high on the roll of the world's wise and efficient missionary leaders. And the Apostle Paul, whose words in regard to woman's sphere are construed or misconstrued to suit many opinions, gives to "those women who labored with him in the gospel" an honorable place in the work of apostolic missions. No less than Priscilla, Lydia, Persis and Julia do we labor for the extension and prevalence of the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth.

The return of prosperity to our land has been emphasized by an increase of contributions in most Presbyteries. The amounts are as follows :

Elizabeth,	\$5,034 83
Jersey City,	2,661 76
Monmouth,	2,540 26
Newark,	6,659 94
New Brunswick,	4,001 00
Newton,	2 240 77
West Jersey.	1,464 88
Morris and Orange,	5,132 79
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	\$29,736 23

The large and prosperous towns of Elizabeth and Plainfield have each an association of churches thoroughly organized for efficient work. This seems a kind of church union that might be extended to other towns where there are several Presbyterian churches. The President of the Elizabeth Presbyterial Society dwells especially upon the importance of perfect harmony of feeling and action between the Young People's Societies and the women's auxiliaries. One secretary reports the purchase of a missionary library by the Young People's Society, to which the members of the woman's society have access. With the Newark societies this past year was one of special advance, with considerably increased contributions.

The Newton Society celebrates the twentieth anniversary of its formal organization, but missionary interest was awakened in the Salem church as long ago as 1828, and Pittsgrove church took up the work in 1840.

From the churches of this Presbytery laborers have from time to time gone forth to reap the white fields of heathen lands.

The society at May's Landing have a new but widely known leader in Mrs. Alden, the "Pansy" to whom our Sunday-school libraries are indebted for some of their brightest and most helpful literature.

Some friends who worked and prayed with us here have gone to join the many peoples and nations and tongues that worship about the throne.

Mrs. J. G. Symmes and Mrs. Joseph Van Dyke, of Cranbury, and Miss Kilbourn, of New Brunswick, are among those who have passed from prayer to praise.

It is related of Jonathan Edwards that he was in the habit of reading the weekly "News-letter," which was the only newspaper of his day, in order to observe the progress of the kingdom of God in the world. It ought, therefore, not to be difficult for minds less penetrating than his to get similar information from the far more abundant current literature of our day.

If our subscription to the "Church at Home and Abroad" should have run out, and we should have forgotten to renew that to "Woman's Work," if we could not afford to take the "Missionary Review of the World," and had no children to enjoy the "Over Sea and Land," still one could gather much interesting missionary information from the secular press. International politics and Christian missions have met in more than one distant land. Whether we read in the daily papers the editorials on the Armenian outrages, or Minister Denby's report to his home government; whether we peruse Julian Ralph's well-illustrated articles in the "Harper's Magazine," or enjoy Mr. Percival Lowell's unique papers on unexplored Japan in the "Atlantic Monthly," or even the papers of the unfortunate bicyclist Lenz in "Outing," we find allusions, usually favorable, to the missionaries and their work, and often a deep sense of appreciation and indebtedness for friendly services freely rendered.

From a literary point of view, the antipodes have become interesting, and, alas, politically also.

Our soldiers on the outposts of the church militant have fought the good fight this year amid innumerable difficulties, and some have fallen by the way. The missionary cause in Africa, for example, has suffered a severe blow in the death of Dr. Good, and the North Laos mission mourns the loss of the Rev. S. K. Phraner, who died in Singapore on his way to America. Miss Cornelia Mc-

Gilvary, of the same mission, desires to continue her connection therewith, preferring to sever that with the British Civil Service.

In Curityba Miss Kuhl and Miss Dascomb have been interrupted in their work by the civil war, and difficulties have pressed upon both teachers and pupils.

The girls' school in Kanazawa reports a slight falling off in the number of pupils. Justice requires, however, that it should be said that this decrease is not a thing peculiar to Kanazawa. As the national Japanese schools increase in excellence, it is perhaps inevitable that the mission schools should at least seem to decline in relative importance. At any rate other institutions than that at Kanazawa have of late reported decreased attendance.

Miss Porter writes; "the war has not affected our work as much as we feared."

We can easily believe that in China the trials have been many and peculiar, owing to the war; in Canton the situation was rendered dangerous by the ravages of the plague. However, it drew the attention of the heathen to the true God, for when their own gods failed them their hearts were opened to listen to the gospel message.

Miss Morton continues to give the girls of the Ningpo school a practical training, in addition to a liberal education. Forty-seven pupils tax the boarding school to its utmost capacity, and many applicants have been refused. The Zenana school at Etawah flourishes as in former years, under the superintendence of Miss Belz, assisted by three native women teachers.

The school conducted by Miss Morris, of the Lodiana mission, was closed owing to an access of religions among the heathen parents of the pupils.

The girls' schools in Mexico owe much of their prosperity to the demand for an advanced education, to be obtained for women only from the Protestant Church.

IX.—EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF FOR- EIGN MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

This meeting was held in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, N. J., on Thursday, October 10th, 1895. The church was filled with delegates, every Presbytery being represented. The minutes of the previous meeting and the report of the Corresponding Secretary were read and accepted. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, her report was not presented. A conference was held in consideration of the question laid on the table at the close of the last meeting, "Is the Synodical Society useful and necessary?" The delegates from each Presbytery being called upon for affirmative and negative votes, the result was unanimous in favor of the Society. An interesting discussion was held in regard to the best methods of making the meetings profitable.

Mrs. C. N. Thrope, of the Philadelphia Board, stated that out of 376 missionaries the Women's Societies of New Jersey support twenty, and that one-fifth of the revenues of the Woman's Board come from this State.

Rev. George Pierson, of Japan, dwelt upon the lack of orthodoxy in that country, saying that the religion was apt to be a veneer and the philosophy not deep enough.

Mrs. Pierson described in an interesting manner her own work and experience among the Japanese.

The Committee on Resolutions expressed the sorrow felt by the Society in the loss of Mrs. George A. Paull, who, by her earnest Christian character and energy in her work, endeared herself to all her associates.

The following named officers were elected :

President—MRS. W. P. STEVENSON, Roselle.

MONMOUTH PRESBYTERY.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. Joel Parker, Freehold.
Mrs. R. H. Young, Matawan.

JERSEY CITY PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. S. R. Forman, Jersey City.
Mrs. J. H. Owens, Paterson.

NEW BRUNSWICK PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, New Brunswick.
Miss Mary S. Gummere, Trenton.

NEWTON PRESBYTERY.

Miss S. D. Thompson, Newton.

Miss Isabel Stewart, Washington.

WEST JERSEY PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. S. E. Ware, Salem.

Mrs. John Moore, Clayton.

ELIZABETH PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. Petrie, Plainfield.

Mrs. H. C. Folger, Elizabeth,

NEWARK PRESBYTERY.

Miss A. M. Carter, Newark.

Mrs. Wm. I. Rusling, Newark.

MORRIS AND ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. Robert Aikman, Madison.

Mrs. R. I. S. Paton, East Orange.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. CHALMERS MARTIN, Princeton.*Recording Secretary*—MRS. PAUL BABCOCK, Montclair.*Treasurer*—MISS E. M. COLTON, Elizabeth.

MARY W. BABCOCK,

Recording Secretary.

X.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

For the third time in succession your Committee report an increase in the offerings of Synod to this Board over any previous year. The contributions to the Board of Sabbath-school Work and Publication, according to the report of the Board, were \$7,802.19, of which the schools gave \$3,913. The other Boards received from the Sabbath-schools of Synod, according to the General Assembly Minutes, \$17,295, while there were given to other benevolent causes, according to the same authority, \$15,576. The total benevolent offerings of these three amounts were \$40,673.19. To the support of the schools were contributed last year \$32,413. The average offering per Sabbath-school member for benevolence this year was \$0.56 ; last year it was \$0.558 ; and the year before, \$0.57. The average offering for benevolence per Sabbath-school member for five years has been \$0.545. The total offering of the Sabbath-schools of Synod this year for benevolence and the support of the schools was \$73,046.19, or an average of \$0.995 per member.

Your Committee are of the opinion that radical steps should be taken to set at work in our schools some scheme of systematic giving. One of the first steps, according to the statistics just given, would be the earnest consideration on the part of the Session of the possibility of lifting the burden of the support of the schools from them and placing it upon the church. That there are a great many schools that pay their own expenses is attested by the tens of thousands of dollars in the last column of the statistical report. Some schools will not find it possible to make any change, but where the church is able, an effort along this line would open up blessed results for training the schools in systematic giving. The Standing Committee of the last General Assembly called attention to this matter :

“From various sources it comes to the knowledge of your Committee that many of our Sabbath-schools are not being trained in the matter of systematic giving for the benevolent work of the church. Many of our schools are left by the particular churches to which they belong without any proper provision for their support. The schools are left to provide the funds for their current expenses ; and instead of the intelligent interest and affection of the children being centered upon the need of a perishing world, all is centered in self-care. No more should parents expect their little children to pay for their own bread, clothes and school-books than should the church expect them to bear the expense of their instruction in the Sabbath-school. We plead with our Presbyterian Church to make the Sabbath-school a training school in methods and ob-

jects of Christian benevolence, to the end that our young people may understand the work, and love the great Boards of our Church—not part, but all of them.”

Your Committee also desire again to call the attention of Synod to the Home Department. This feature of Sunday-school work is only ten years of age, yet in this time it has grown to large proportions. It encourages those who are kept at home by necessity or lack of interest to engage in the systematic study of the Word of God; and from the latter class it brings recruits to the Sabbath-school; the home class visitors gather up important information for the pastor; and in many other ways it promotes the kingdom of our Lord.

The Missionary Department of the Board received from all sources last year \$129,989.58, an increase over the previous year of \$5,202.28. During the last year 95 missionaries were employed; 1,084 Sabbath-schools were organized and 254 re-organized, with 44,004 scholars and 5,455 teachers; 87 per cent. of the schools organized the previous year sent in annual reports, thereby attesting their continuation. From these schools organized last year fifty churches were established. This is not all our Sabbath-school missionaries do; house-to-house work is carried on. Last year 82,348 families were visited, millions and millions of pages of tracts were distributed and tens of thousands of books. These visits were not made on families within the sound of half-a-dozen church bells, but upon those very often tens and tens of miles away from church privileges.

(For the recommendations adopted by Synod, see page 16.)

XI.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies would respectfully make its second report.

All the home Presbyteries of Synod have special committees on this work and are actively engaged in prosecuting it.

Your Committee has held three meetings during the year and endeavored to execute your will as directed by the resolutions of the last Synod, in doing which the Committee has contracted bills amounting to \$17.65, all of which have been audited by the Committee and are for reduced amounts.

In order to gather the interesting statistics as directed by Synod (see Minutes, 1893, p. 32), and in a manner worthy of the work, the Committee prepared a statistical blank similar to that used for the Sunday-schools, and circulated the same among all our Sessions, asking them to appoint one of their number to be the special correspondent for this work with the Presbyterial and Synodical Committees, so that the burden need not fall upon pastors already heavily taxed, and also that sessional oversight might be furthered. This plan has worked well, although about one-sixth of our Sessions have not yet been heard from. We believe, also, that our efforts will ultimately simplify the present complication, which is owing, partly, to the distraction of many appeals, by lack of unity in operation, and failure on the part of many Sessions and Societies to see the need of oversight and co-operation.

I.—SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

According to the direction of last Synod asking for a Thanksgiving offering for Synodical Home Missions, the Committee sent an explanatory letter to every Session, in which was enclosed a copy of an appeal for Synodical Home Missions, prepared by the Rev. John Dixon, D.D., Chairman of the Committee on that work. The same Committee informs us that the contributions from the Societies by way of response amounted to \$347.

II.—THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING COURSE.

The Committee has given particular attention to the preparation of a Christian Training Course for Young People's Societies, and circulated copies of the same, as far as Outline A, the first year's work, throughout the Synod, with only the cost of postage to the Synod, as the printing was paid for by a friend interested in the idea. Meanwhile the editors of the *Church at Home and Abroad*, having examined the Course, asked for its insertion in their magazine, and printed the outline of the first year in the October number. They propose to carry on the same, with the Committee, by furnish-

ing every month helpful suggestions. The course is intended to run for three years, and is divided into three departments, Biblical, Historical and Missionary, which are fully treated to allow a choice, are complete each in itself, and yet closely connected. Two leading principles prevail in its operation, (1) the use of a cheap but reliable text-book for each department, (2) the treatment of only elementary parts of the subject.

III. MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES.

It is gratifying to see that much progress has been made by the societies in supporting missionaries of their own by the method of Presbyterian groups, although the whole amount needed has in no case been secured as yet. It is our opinion that this method, so heartily recommended by the General Assembly and by the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, if followed up, will furnish our societies with sufficient work at present to engage them fully. The fields chosen are: Elizabeth, Japan; Monmouth, India; Newark, China; New Brunswick, China; West Jersey, the Italians at Hamonton, N. J.

IV. STATISTICS.

It is a pleasant and important task to present to Synod a summary of statistics, based upon the reports of the Boards of Home Missions and Foreign Missions, and upon those received from Sessions.

There are 250 C. E. Societies in the Synod, numbering 10,000 members, or 37 per cent. of the whole number in all denominations. These gave to Home Missions \$1,540; to Foreign Missions, \$1,860; to other Boards, \$190, or to all our Boards \$3,590; to other benevolent objects, \$2,415, and to the local church and self-support, \$7,255, or a total to all purposes of \$13,260. The Junior C. E. Societies number 126, with 4,800 members, or about 40 per cent. of Juniors in all denominations. These gave to Home Missions \$500; to Foreign Missions, \$565; to other Boards, \$40, or to our own Boards \$1,105; to other benevolent objects, \$210, and to local church and self-support, \$310, or a total of \$1,625, being a grand total of the C. E. Societies, senior and junior, of \$14,885.

Besides this, we report for all the Young People's Societies, senior and junior, of all kinds and names. There are 300 senior and 260 junior societies, numbering 15,000, of whom 10,000 are communicants, 918 having been added to the church by examination. Fifty-six societies have some form of training course. All these gave to Home Missions, \$3,817; to Foreign Missions, \$9,752; to other Boards, \$637, or a total to our own Boards of \$14,206. They also gave to other Benevolent Objects \$3,278, and to the local church and self-support, \$9,524, or a *grand total to all purposes of \$27,008!*

(For the resolutions adopted by Synod, see page 20.)

XII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

No class of persons in our land should be more concerned respecting the observance of the Sabbath than women, for upon its due remembrance depends much of the happiness of the home. The injunctions of the fourth commandment apply especially to home life. They are for parents, children, guests and servants. The Jew made the Sabbath a home-day. Anglo-Saxon legislation, from the time of Alfred the Great, has been designed to prevent amusements and occupations that would entice from home on that day. The spirit of the Puritan Sabbath was a day of rest in the family and a day of worship in the sanctuary. The fact that the Puritan left out too much the joyousness of the day was an omission and not a perversion.

The tendency now is to subvert the Lord's Day into man's day by devoting it to pleasures. This was a secularizing of the Sabbath against which the Prophet Isaiah earnestly warns, "Doing thy pleasure on my holy day." Seeking for recreation in this way interferes with the sanctuary of the Sunday-school. Social visiting is on the increase. The facilities for traveling on the Sabbath foster this. While not claiming that all should remain at home every Sunday, yet those who visit for the day can easily attend divine worship with the family whose guests they are. This was the rule when George Washington was at Mount Vernon. He took it for granted that his guests, often very distinguished men, would attend church. He made arrangements for them accordingly. No Christian family should set aside their observance of the Sabbath because they have company. Another mode of "doing pleasure" on the holy day is through the concert and the semi-theatricals, and the sociable on Sunday evening. These in our cities are becoming increasingly frequent.

Now, Christian women can and ought to resist this tendency, which, if left to itself, will soon become a custom in society. These usages of polite society are under the control of mothers and their daughters, and a large number of these are professing Christians. That sweet constraint, which is woman's power, may be exerted so as to stay the tide of Sabbath desecration, which, having flooded the low lands of public places, is now rising, so that its waves lap the threshold of home.

Alarmed by these dangers and urged on by a sense of duty, over one hundred women, well known in philanthropic and religious work, in New York city, Washington and elsewhere, have banded together in an association named "The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance." This was organized February 7th, 1895. Its object is

“To enlist all women in definite efforts to counteract the perils which threaten the Christian Sabbath, especially in the home and in social life.”

Women have generally been under the impression that it belongs to men to prevent the desecration of the Lord's Day by enforcing the laws, or by securing additional legislation, and, consequently, there was nothing for women to do but to petition. This movement furnishes a field especially adapted to them.

In this work of honoring the Lord's Day “in the home and in social life,” our young people can be valuable coadjutors. To them mainly is entrusted the preservation of those safeguards which now protect the day. They can form the usages of society toward this end, and it should be a serious inquiry with them how far they can make this endeavor a part of their work. It certainly is a duty.

The limit of this report will permit only a reference to the observance of the Sabbath in New Jersey, and this is the less necessary because little can be stated other than has been noticed in recent reports. In those portions of the State where towns are contiguous and cities are large, there is a renewed impetus to Sabbath desecration by means of electric railroads. The “runs” and the “meets” of the bicycle clubs continue on Sunday during the summer and autumn. The fair at Egg Harbor was again held on Sunday, to the shame of all concerned in it. The Mayor of Atlantic City made a praiseworthy effort to enforce the Sunday laws, although he was thwarted because the Grand Jury refused to indict the offenders; yet the cause of the Sabbath has been strengthened in that city. Ordinances are now before both branches of the City Council, and if enacted will greatly aid the officials in securing a better observance of Sunday. In justice to Atlantic City it should be remembered that the Sabbath is well observed there, except during the three summer months.

(For the recommendations adopted by Synod, see page 10.)

XIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they see great cause for encouragement in the world-wide interest now taken in the subject of the alcoholic evil.

Russia has recently established a law forbidding the private sale of intoxicating liquor, for the avowed purpose of saving the people from the evil effects of alcohol. Belgium has appointed a commission with large power for the study of the evil and its remedies. Norway and Sweden have adopted a method of their own that has already decreased the evil one-half, and has in many places in these countries led to successful prohibition. England is trying the Local Veto, a form of Local Option, and although the party that advocated it has suffered temporary defeat in the recent elections, yet the fact of the agitation proved the strength of the cause. In our own country and in Canada a variety of methods of dealing with the evil are being tried and the results carefully studied. Our public schools in almost every State in the Union are teaching the effects of alcohol. Scientific investigation is taking the place of fanatical denunciation. The great reform movement in New York city has proved that a law prohibiting the sale of liquor on Sunday can be enforced. We regard it as the most practical step in the interest of temperance taken in many years. We rejoice in the liberation of New Jersey from the gambling and liquor rings which so long violated her laws with impunity and disgraced and degraded her citizens, and made her the favorite resort of the sporting and criminal classes of adjoining States. It is the first duty of our citizens to hold the ground gained.

(For the recommendations adopted by Synod, see page 22.)

XIV.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Our nine Presbyteries consist of 335 churches, including chapels—an increase over last year of 14. These churches represent a membership of 66,355, a gain of 1,371 communicants; an average gain of 4 members to each church during the year. The total amount of money contributed by the churches for the year, including the General Assembly column, is \$1,231,216, an average per member of \$18 54. The following table shows the distribution of the money, as represented in the Minutes of the Assembly, and the comparison between this and last year's offerings :

	1894.	1895.	Increase.	Decrease.
Home Missions,	\$98,603	\$106,455	\$7,852	. . . .
Foreign Missions,	89,422	89,049	. . . .	\$373
Education,	10,765	13,488	2,723	. . . .
Sabbath-school Work, . .	12,758	12,537	. . . .	221
Church Erection,	17,908	25,524	7,616	. . . .
Ministerial Relief, . . .	13,067	10,302	. . . .	2,765
Freedmen,	9,242	10,040	798	. . . .
Synodical Home Missions,	14,510	14,753	243
Aid for Colleges,	6,372	7,711	1,339
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	\$272,647	\$289,859	\$17,212
Miscellaneous,	49,418	48,498	920
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Total Benevolence, . .	\$322,065	\$338,357	\$16,292
Congregational,	995,453	886,007	109,446
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Total Contributions, .	\$1,317,518	\$1,224,364	\$93,154

The corresponding statement last year showed a loss in our gifts to seven of the causes represented by the Board, with a net decrease of \$25,897. There was also a loss of \$18,414 in our miscellaneous gifts, making a decrease in the amount of our benevolence of \$44,311. This year we have done better. We have enlarged our contributions to six causes, making a net gain of \$17,212. In our miscellaneous gifts we have fallen short \$920, which still leaves us a net gain in benevolence of \$16,292. The table shows a large reduction in congregational expenses. The decrease being \$109,446. This makes our total contributions for the year \$93,154 less than during the former year. New Jersey stands in the middle of the five Synods which contribute to the causes represented by our Boards \$100,000 or over :

New York,	\$638,730
Pennsylvania,	610,774
New Jersey,	289,859
Illinois,	284,006
Ohio,	241,011

Baltimore follows, with \$98,679, which places her in the list of six Synods contributing over \$3.00 per capita.

First stands—Oregon,	\$6.19	per member
Illinois,	4.49	“ “
New Jersey,	4.37	“ “
Baltimore,	4.20	“ “
New York,	3.69	“ “
Pennsylvania,	3.09	“ “

We thus hold *third* place in each list. Last year we held *second* place in per capita gifts, though giving but \$4.19, while this year we give \$4.37 per member. Our young sister, Oregon, has raised the standard from \$4.74 last year to \$6.19 this year.

The table below shows the amounts paid to the treasuries of our several Boards, including our own Synodical Home Missions :

	1894.	1895.	Increase.	Decrease.
Home Missions,	\$47,244	\$48,297	\$1,053	. . .
Foreign Missions,	76,033	80,897	4,864	. . .
Education,	4,935	4,753	. . .	\$182
Sabbath-school Work,	7,073	7,802	729	. . .
Church Erection,	5,568	5,342	. . .	226
Ministerial Relief,	9,294	8,952	. . .	342
Freedmen,	5,930	6,627	697	. . .
Aid for Colleges,	3,779	3,165	. . .	614
	<hr/> \$159,856	<hr/> \$165,835	<hr/> \$5,979	<hr/> . . .
Synodical Home Missions, . .	14,510	14,753	243	. . .
	<hr/> \$174,366	<hr/> \$180,588	<hr/> \$6,222	<hr/> . . .

This table affords cause for gladness. Last year we reported a loss in our offerings to each Board—in all a total of \$16,655. In Home Missions there was a loss of over \$10,000. This year there is a gain in five cases, and we have a net increase of \$6,222. In our gifts to the two great Mission Boards the gain is over \$6,000. It is also a pleasure to report that the largest amount ever given for Synodical Home Missions in any fiscal year was given in the year ending October 1st, namely, \$16,413.47, being nearly \$150 more than was allotted to the Presbyteries a year ago for the aid of mission churches. The foregoing tables reveal the fact that of the \$338,357 which we credit ourselves as contributing to benevolent objects

only \$180,588 (a little over 53 per cent.) finds a place in the direct work of our official agencies. We here discover one great root of the difficulty found in maintaining and advancing the work undertaken by the church. A combination of circumstances turns almost one-half the money which we contribute for benevolent uses aside from the official channels and source of supply from which our organized agencies are expected to sustain our beneficent enterprises. If this Synod represents the church at large in this particular it is very clear that if the money given could be secured to the treasuries of the Boards, all the work which the church has authorized could easily be maintained and greatly enlarged. This difficulty is annually presented. Your Committee two years ago asked your consideration of the plan so vigorously urged by the Assembly's Special Committee, that the churches contribute directly to the Boards at least three per cent. of the valuation of their church property. But the suggestion found no standing in Synod. The last General Assembly endorsed another plan proposed by its Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and "directs" the Committee "to make an apportionment to the different Presbyteries of the various amounts recommended by this Assembly," &c. (Min. G. A., p. 84, Resolution 4). Whether this action will remove the difficulty we do not know. We would ask the Presbyteries to give the apportionment which may be made to them their earnest consideration. The condition of our benevolent finances calls for our wisest thought and our most hearty and generous endeavor. Five of our Boards had a sorry account of debt to report at the last Assembly :

Home Missions,	\$364,850
Foreign Missions.	174,770
Education,	3,539
Ministerial relief,	1,977
Freedmen,	22,351
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Total debt,	\$567,487

Of this bewildering debt, the Home Board reports that \$144,502 "was incurred by the Woman's Executive Committee in conducting school work." Not only do we face this half million of debt, but the Assembly asks the church to give the Board within the current year \$3,388 945. We may hope that the whole debt will be removed by the "Quarter Century Anniversary Reunion Fund" of "One million dollars," which the Assembly requested the church to raise. If this effort shall succeed there will be a handsome balance to apply to the advance work of all the Boards. But the only hope for continued advancement is found in the constant and generous liberality of the churches—wisely applied. Last year Synod requested this Committee "to conduct an educational campaign, with the view of

raising Christian sentiment upon the question of scriptural giving to God, and of recruiting our membership, young and old, in the growing army of proportionate givers."

(See Minutes of Synod, p. 61, Recommendation 5.)

We would report that we at once entered upon the work, striving to effect the result sought, through the agency of the corresponding Committees in the several Presbyteries. We have accomplished something, are in the midst of the campaign, and as you set no limitation of time, if it please the Synod, we would like to work along this line another year. The thing at which we have been especially aiming this year, and for which we mean to continue our effort, is to secure a contribution from every church in the Synod for every one of our Boards. We do not ignore the importance of enlarged gifts, but just now let every church recognize the claim on its benevolence of every Board organized by the General Assembly, and show its recognition by a gift to every treasury. It can be done, and will be if every pastor and the moderators of the sessions of vacant churches and our eldership join hands in the effort

We dare appeal to every session and church in the Synod, cherishing the hope that the statistical reports of the Presbyteries of New Jersey in the Minutes of the next General Assembly will present solid columns, page after page. It will be a duty done. It will also be an example that will awaken emulation in every Presbytery of the church. Your Committee will blush if it cannot report such a result to Synod a year hence.

The following table shows some marks of the campaign, and reveals the work yet to be done.

(Blanks against chapels not counted.)

Presbyteries.	Churches.	Fill Every Column.	Blanks, 1894.	Blanks, 1895.	Increase.	Decrease.
Corisco,	10	4	36	46	10	. .
Elizabeth,	40	24	37	32	. .	5
Jersey City,	38	12	85	75	. .	10
Monmouth,	49	49	39	. .	. .	39
Morris and Orange, .	44	31	52	36	. .	16
Newark,	34	20	56	46	. .	10
New Brunswick, . . .	34	34	. .	. .	. .	. .
Newton,	37	23	66	57	. .	9
West Jersey,	49	28	126	85	. .	41
	335	225	497	337	. .	120

The attention of the brethren is especially called to one particular connected with this table. For a long succession of years New Brunswick Presbytery has presented unbroken columns, except one year (1892), in which two blanks occurred by an oversight of a pastor who had charge of two churches. This year the Fifth Church

of Trenton is reported in the Minutes by mistake with every column empty. But, as your Committee is informed that that church contributed to every Board, and so reported to the Presbytery, we suggest that the brethren, in justice to a most faithful and indefatigable pastor and church, make a memorandum of the error in their copies of the Minutes.

The glory of the table is that every home Presbytery reduced the number of its blanks, as compared with last year, in an aggregate of 130, making in the past two years a total reduction of 225. The chief glory must be divided between Monmouth and West Jersey. They made a combined reduction of 90 blanks—West Jersey 41, Monmouth 39, all she had. Her 49 churches filled 441 columns, and then only stopped because there were no more blanks to conquer. Our adjutant there conducted the campaign wisely and persistently, and won a brilliant and fruitful victory on the field of Monmouth. The Synod of Pennsylvania rejoices over her one (Butler) Presbytery with full columns. We welcome Butler to the roll of honor and give her a place with Monmouth and New Brunswick; and next year, with our other seven—Corisco in the van—all in line, we will number ten, and a spirit of enthusiasm will move every Presbytery in the Assembly to a holy rivalry. Now, if Monmouth and West Jersey, our missionary Presbyteries, on whose mission churches is expended one-half of our Synodical Aid Fund, can make such an advance, what other Presbytery will be content to report a vacant column next year! Rev. W. P. Finney, Chairman of Monmouth's Committee, writes: "I had to work hard for it, and only accomplished it by the regardless expenditure of postage, patience and persistence."

Our Church has a grand, systematic plan by which she seeks to do the Lord's work. It was formed and developed gradually. The best wisdom and experience of the Church have been enlisted in maturing a method of beneficent operations, which is proving itself effective in proportion as the individual churches give it their support. May we not justly say that the first duty of a church relative to Christian giving is to recognize the importance and claim of each one of our several Boards.

No pastor or Session may properly withhold support from any one of the agencies adopted by the church at large. A very small contribution from each church which ignores one and another of these departments of effort would often relieve them from all embarrassment in carrying on their operations. Some of our own churches give by the hundred and some by the thousand dollars to some Boards, and fail to give anything to certain other Boards. This ought not so to be. Let us call your attention to the new apportionment of contributions to the Boards as ordered by the late Assembly, namely, Foreign Missions, 33%, Home Missions, 31% as before, and

6% to each of the other six Boards. The great need of our churches generally, we believe, is a plan or system of gathering, or rather securing, the people's offerings. Some churches will make large contributions by almost any method; but even these strong and wealthy churches would better educate their people in beneficence and add considerably to their gifts if they used a plan which prompted and aided their poorer members to contribute. Every church should adopt a plan that works equally well in stormy weather and in fair, in summer and winter, a plan easy of operation and which cannot fail. The same method may not be equally adapted to every locality, but some form of annual subscription card, accompanied by a weekly or monthly envelope collection, can hardly fail to be effective if the people are willing to try to do as well as God may enable them. Then let the pastor, sustained by the elders, magnify this form of divine service and instruct the whole church, men and women of all ages, and the children also, concerning this grace of Christian beneficence, and so far as possible hold the mass of his people to one grand effort to bring in all the tithes, that God's house may be full.

We would give the people liberty of choice as to the Boards that should receive their gifts, but it were well if the people could be persuaded to trust the wisdom of the church, and give simply as unto the Lord, and then the Session distribute the gifts according to the Assembly's instruction. This is the ideal system. To attain to it is possible and worthy of our best efforts. We know "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth," but we believe it is possible for the church to multiply organized divisions and erect special departments to an extent that may so disintegrate her force as to hinder her most effective operations.

Your Committee desires Synod to discuss and express its views concerning the establishment of a Young People's Department in the beneficent operations of the church. The matter has been formally passed upon by the Assembly, and rather taken for granted by the Synod. But so far as we know, the question has never had, in Assembly or in our Synod, the consideration which its importance demands. Now that the last Assembly appointed a Committee, and one member of it from our Synod, "to consider the whole subject of Young People's Societies and their relations to the church," which action was prompted by overtures from six Presbyteries, some of which related directly to the question of their contributions, and moreover, since the Presbyterian Rally at the Boston International Christian Endeavor Convention in July appointed a large Committee "to co-operate with the Assembly Committee," it seems fitting that this Synod should give the question at this time the consideration which its importance merits. Your Committee feels that it is a question at least open for discussion.

The division of labor in our beneficent operations seems already sufficiently extended. Twenty-five years ago the subject of Zenana work and work for women and children in heathen lands formed a strong argument for the organization of "Woman's Work for Woman." A little later the question of schools for the Indians and the exceptional populations of our own country prompted to the organized effort on the part of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. These organizations developed and gathered Mission Bands by the hundred, composed of boys and girls. They have done a wonderful and blessed work, and are still maintaining grand enterprises of Christian love and labor. The good women who were at the head of this advance in woman's work insisted that the work done through these *special* organizations be a supplemental work; that every woman should first of all make her regular contribution to the church collection, and then, by some holy ingenuity and self-denial, make a special gift to maintain the new and special enterprise. But the movement was yet young when the question arose, Is the money thus received *supplement* or *complement*? And for some years it has looked as if the special work was outstripping the regular and general work of the Mission Boards. The immense debt of over \$144,000 now resting on one of these special departments calls for wise planning for the future. It is interesting to compare the amounts of money reported by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards as received from the churches and the women's societies. In two of our own Presbyteries—Jersey City and Monmouth—the women's societies are credited by both these Boards with larger amounts than the churches are. In the Synod of New York the same is true of eleven Presbyteries in relation to the Home Board, and of thirteen Presbyteries in relation to the Foreign Board. In the Synod of Pennsylvania the same is true of ten Presbyteries in relation to the Home, and of fifteen Presbyteries in relation to the Foreign Board. With this mere reference to existing facts, and remembering that these societies exist in almost every church, and that all our young women and our church boys and girls have full opportunity to share in the work contemplated by these organizations and, in addition, that the Sabbath-schools form another department for mission study and beneficent work, where all the youth and the children of the community are taught and trained in Christian giving, it seems, in the judgment of your Committee, that the grace of *systematic* beneficence will not be promoted by the establishment of a special young people's department for the gathering of money for the Master's use. There are in the Synod considerably over one hundred Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor. These children, with few exceptions, are members of Mission Bands or Sabbath schools. Where can they be better taught and trained relative to Christ and the church? And what better opportunity can be afforded for the exercise of the grace

of giving? There are, besides, two hundred and fifty or more adult Young People's Societies, of which two-thirds, perhaps, are Christian Endeavor Societies. Of these it may be said that thousands of the members are persons of middle life or near it, and the great majority are far removed from childhood. All the active Christian Endeavor members are already members of the church. Perhaps most of the young women are members of Missionary Societies or Bands, and nearly all of both sexes are officers, teachers or scholars in the Sabbath-school.

Every member of the church, however young, should know that the church—his church—is the field for his most devoted and faithful service, and that the place for his offerings to the Lord is the treasury of the church. If a young people's department of church benevolence should become an established institution, we see by the present experience something of the future. Our Societies are now flooded with appeals from all quarters. Our own Boards and our Woman's Societies are appointing special secretaries to look after our young people, and these secretaries are seeking the names and addresses of our Society officers, that they may be in communication and touch with our young people; that they may bring to their notice objects for their gifts and instruct them as to their duty and privilege. Your Committee feels that every pastor and session should be competent to instruct their own young people and are entitled to the privilege of guiding them to a wise exercise of their spirit of beneficence, and that even our own church officials should reach these Societies through the pastor and session. Otherwise, so far as christian giving is concerned, the pastor will shortly find that he has on hand the management of a church within a church.

Your Committee is in full sympathy with the great Christian Endeavor movement, and is in hearty accord with the object prompting the organization. We also recognize, with gratitude, the existence of very many Young People's Societies in our churches, embodying in spirit the same great principle, "For Christ and the Church," whose history runs far back into past years. We also recognize the fact that, because of circumstances beyond their control, a large part of the young people of our churches are not members of any of these societies, and yet many of them work and witness for Christ and the church with great faithfulness.

The idea seems to prevail in some quarters that our benevolent finances will advance in proportion as we organize Young People's Societies. The error in this calculation is manifest when we consider that we form our societies from the members of our churches. And it is a very grave and ungenerous assumption that our young people are unfaithful as church members, and only begin to do their

duty when organized into a Young People's Society, and that our young people who are not so organized are less faithful than those who are. Your Committee sees a difficulty which may arise in case of the erection of a Young People's Department. The Christian Endeavor Societies so far outrank all others in number that it is natural for them to ask for special recognition ; while in justice to other Young People's Societies in existence and doing a blessed work for many years, they also should have recognition. Further, no record of the gifts received from Young People's Societies could possibly do justice to the young people of the church. Very many of the young men and women of our churches who are not members of any Young People's Societies are among our most interested and liberal givers. So that, if we should have such a department, the record should be of the gifts of our young people, without reference to any society, and the pastor and session should ascertain and report to the department all money contributed by the young people of the congregation. This would give a showing that would honor our young people by reason of its magnitude, and the church would be startled to see the balance credited to itself. Our departments of benevolence might then be considered complete : The Mission Societies for the women ; the Bands for the children ; the Sabbath-school benevolence a joint effort for all ; the proposed new department for the young men and women.

By a natural process of elimination we have left, with duty unassigned, only the *venerable* men, to whom should be credited the contributions reported as from "the churches." We consider the question fraught with important issues, and submit it to Synod for your judgment and decision.

(For the recommendations adopted by Synod, see page 13.)

XV.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK AMONG FOREIGN POPULATIONS.

Work among foreign populations within the bounds of the Synod of New Jersey is mainly confined to the German-speaking people. There are in connection with the Synod nineteen German churches, as follows :

In the Presbytery of *Elizabeth*, three churches, with an aggregate roll of communicants of 280, and a Sabbath-school membership of 478.

Presbytery of *Jersey City*, four churches, with 353 communicants ; Sabbath-schools, 781.

Presbytery of *Monmouth*, two churches ; communicants, 119 ; Sabbath-schools, 224.

Presbytery of *Morris and Orange*, four churches, 404 communicants ; Sabbath-schools, 404.

Presbytery of *Newark*, four churches, 801 communicants ; Sabbath-schools, 1,614.

Presbytery of *West Jersey*, two churches, 119 communicants ; Sabbath-schools, 147.

Most of these nineteen churches are served by pastors who were graduated from the German Theological School in Bloomfield, thus indicating not only the great importance of that institution to the church at large, but also its absolute necessity, if our church is to do its bounden duty in providing a pure gospel ministry for the constantly growing German population of our State.

In addition to the work among the Germans, we have also to report one church for Italians, in Newark, with a membership of 91. A very hopeful work is also in progress among the Italians in Hammonton (Presbytery of West Jersey), under the earnest and devoted labors of Mr. Thos. Fragali, a licentiate of the Presbytery, and who is soon to be ordained to the ministry. A church of eighteen members has been organized, and a house of worship, it is hoped, will soon be provided. There are upwards of 1,000 Italians in and around Hammonton, among many of whom—and but for the opposition of the Roman Catholic priest, among most of whom—the labors of Mr. Fragali find acceptance.

The Dundee Church, in Passaic, has for several years been engaged in work among the Slavonian population in that city. A congregation was gathered, and taken under care of Presbytery, but under the leadership of its new pastor, himself a fellow-countryman, has since become connected with the Reformed Synod of New Jersey. Efforts are also being made to reach the Hungarians of Passaic, who are literally as sheep without a shepherd. The Dutch and Swedish populations have their own respective churches.

The First Church of Jersey City carries on a Chinese Sabbath-school, which numbers twenty-two. Eleven Chinamen have been received into that church on confession of faith.

Your Committee have no special recommendations to offer, save to urge upon the several Presbyteries increased efforts to bring the gospel to the foreign peoples whom God in His providence has brought to our doors, being assured by the success which has attended the work thus far, that the blessing of God is in it, for "He loveth the stranger in giving him food and raiment."

XVI.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE
ON UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT
CHURCHES.

There is an "old, old story" that it's blessed to repeat; but the story of the ecclesiastical interest known as *Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches*, while an old one, is not at all a pleasant one. The unsatisfactory condition which has prevailed for a number of years still continues. Presbyterian oversight exists only in name.

The vacant church inaugurates a still hunt, chiefly among the most popular and outwardly-prosperous churches, while the unemployed minister dons the habit of the political office-seeker, and importunes his friends for their influence.

In our Presbyterian policy, the unemployed minister and the vacant church are two factors of a problem, the solution of which is in their being brought together. The one is the supply, of which the other is the demand. Presbytery is the natural and legitimate instrumentality for their wise and successful adjustment.

It has come to pass that in the method that very generally prevails these fundamental principles are largely ignored. It were folly to shut our eyes to circumstances that have led to the present methods. While some of them are greatly to be deplored, others are not such an unmixed evil as at first they might seem.

The decadence of Presbyterian oversight in the careful, judicious, loving oversight of everything that pertains to the life and activity of the churches must awaken profound regret. When the relation of the Presbytery to its churches is simply a matter of form, a mere clerical registering of congregational acts which involve Presbyterian judgment and authority, then Presbyterianism ceases and Congregationalism prevails.

But on the other hand, it must be admitted that great changes have taken place since the days of our fathers. The quiet, leisurely habits, which gave opportunity for careful and mature consideration of all the interests involved, has given place to an intense, complicated and exhaustive haste that injects new and serious difficulties into the problem. It's an age of steam and electricity, instead of the stage coach and tallow dip.

The Presbyter is an exceedingly busy man, with greatly multiplied local responsibilities which necessarily decrease his ability to serve efficiently the larger interests involved in Presbyterian oversight.

Moreover, and as a consequence, the churches have come to feel that, being on the ground, and familiar with all its peculiarities, no one can know so well as they their own particular needs or who

can best satisfy them. Hence the vacant church, without intending to ignore the Presbytery, and possibly with a measure of ignorance of what our Presbyterian polity really requires, proceeds with its own affairs and asks Presbytery to ratify its work.

Another fact contributing also to the present unfortunate condition is the exacting nature of the demands made by the churches, which largely diminishes the available number of the unemployed ministers.

This meager outline will serve to show that the present state of things, however abnormal it may seem, is a growth which has attached itself so closely to the present form of church-life that any attempt at removal is likely to be attended with serious consequences. Hence the fruitlessness of the efforts, of late, to revive, with some modifications, the principle of immediate oversight of the vacant pulpits by the Presbyteries.

The Committee renews the suggestion of former reports that the time has not come for any *heroic* effort to restore our policy of Presbyterian oversight, but we believe that much may be accomplished in the way of education, especially of the churches, as to the polity of the Presbyterian church in this and other matters.

The Committee would also call attention to the recommendation of two years ago respecting the appointment of a Standing Committee in the Presbyteries, to be known as an Advisory Committee, who shall hold a fatherly relation to all the churches, to be consulted confidentially respecting perplexing questions, and to advise with reference to difficulties which may arise.

Appended is the usual tabulation of the ministers and churches of the Synod for the year :

Present number of churches,	331
Last year,	312
Year before,	307
Present number of ministers,	406
Last year,	407
Year before,	399

JOHN R. FISHER,
Chairman.

MINISTERS.

	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Foreign Missionaries.	Chapel Missionaries.	Pastors and Stated Supplies.	Secretaries.	P. M.	Evangelists.	Presidents.	Without Charge.	Professors.	Pastors Emeritus.	Honorably Retired.	Pastors Elect.	Librarian.	Editor.	Superintendent.	Total.
Elizabeth,	27	1	1	3	1	1	.	.	.	7	2	.	3	.	.	.	.	46
Jersey City,	25	2	3	3	.	.	.	1	1	9	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	47
Monmouth,	35	2	1	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	3	.	2	.	.	.	.	46
Morris and Orange,	30	8	1	2	.	1	.	3	.	8	1	2	3	2	.	1	1	63
Newark,	29	4	5	1	.	.	.	2	2	4	2	.	4	.	.	.	1	54
New Brunswick,	28	.	3	1	1	.	.	1	2	6	14	1	2	1	1	.	.	63
Newton,	25	4	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	37
West Jersey,	26	7	.	.	.	.	1	3	.	7	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	50
	225	28	15	10	3	4	2	10	5	46	25	3	17	5	1	1	2	406

CHURCHES.

	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Church Missionaries.	Pastors Elect.	Vacant.	Total.
Elizabeth,	28	3	6	1	1	39
Jersey City,	25	2	8	1	4	40
Monmouth,	41	.	.	2	.	49
Morris and Orange,	31	2	1	.	5	47
Newark,	29	1	.	1	3	34
New Brunswick,	29	2	1	1	1	34
Newton,	25	6	.	1	5	37
West Jersey,	28	18	2	2	1	51
	236	43	18	9	25	331

XVII.—REPORT OF THE CUSTODIANS OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

The Custodians of Historical Material respectfully report that the following material has been deposited in the Synod's collections during the past year :

From the Rev. Allen H. Brown :

Bound Volumes—

Twenty-fifth anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church, Jersey City Heights, 1881.

History of Second Church, Rahway, 1887.

Historical Discourses, &c.—

First Presbyterian Church of Jersey City, Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., 1876, 1888.

First Church, Rahway, Rev. J. Jay Pomeroy, 1877.

Central Church, Orange, Rev. Alfred Yeomans, D.D., 1879.

Crescent Avenue Church, Plainfield, semi-centennial year book, 1894.

Manuals—

Presbytery of Morris and Orange, 1870-1875.

First Church, Rahway, 1834, 1854.

Freehold Church, 1871.

Central Church, Orange, 1876.

Memorial of Rev. Wm. Scribner, by Rev. J. D. Wells, D.D., and Rev. Wm. C. Stitt, 1884.

Inauguration of Rev. Wm. H. Hornblower, D.D., 1871.

The Record, First Church, Morristown, January, 1881, to January, 1883.

Picture, Grace Church, near Camden.

Glass frame for original letter of Indian woman concerning "Brainerd conch-shell," prepared for Boyd-Tennent Pilgrimage, 1895.

From the Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D. :

Bound Books—

City of Elizabeth illustrated.

Inscriptions on tombstones in burying-grounds of First Presbyterian and St. John's Churches, Elizabeth.

History of St. John's Church, Elizabeth.

Jubilee of First Church, Rahway, 1891.

Church Manuals—

Second Church, Elizabeth, 1835 ; Westminster Church, Elizabeth (with tenth anniversary sermon by Rev. Wm. C. Roberts), 1876,

1877, 1894 ; Marshall Street Church, Elizabeth, 1890 : Connecticut Farms, 1860.

Church Histories—

First Church, Rahway, 1877 ; Clinton, 1880 ; Amwell United First, Ringoes, 1881.

Printed Sermons, Addresses, &c.—

By Rev. David Magie, "Debts," 1830 ; Installation of Rev. C. Hoover, 1837 ; Burial of Rev. Aaron Condit. 1852. By Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., Thanksgiving, 1863. By David Magie, Nicholas Murray and James M. Huntting, "Claims of the Gospel Ministry to Adequate Support," 1838.

Manual of Presbytery of Elizabeth, 1887.

Methodism in Elizabeth, 1885.

From the Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt, D.D. :

Twenty-fifth anniversary of pastorate, Jamesburg, 1895.

From the Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D. :

Memorial of Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D.D., by Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., 1839.

Address before Washington Association of New Jersey, by Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., 1892.

Forty years retrospect, Central Church, Newark, by Rev. William T. Findley, D.D., 1877.

From F Wolcott Jackson, Esq., through Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D. :

Bound volume, twenty-fifth anniversary of South Park Church, Newark, 1879.

From the Rev. Charles Herr, D.D. :

Historical Sketches of Churches, &c.—

South Bergen, First, 1864 ; Jersey City Heights, First, 1881 ; Jersey City, First, 1888 ; Englewood, Twenty-fifth Anniversary, 1885 ; Rutherford, Twenty-fifth Anniversary, 1888 ; Scotch Church, Jersey City, 1885 ; Jersey City, Personnel of Presbytery, 1870-1880.

From the Rev. Thomas S. Long :

Twenty-fifth anniversary of Dayton Church, 1894.

From the Rev. George S. Mott, D.D. :

Memorial Sermons and Addresses—

Rev. Joseph L. Shafer, D.D., by Rev. James C. Edwards, 1854.

Rev. D. M. Miller, by Rev. Nicholas Murray, D.D., 1855.

Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D.D., by Rev. Samuel B. How, D.D., 1859.

Rev. Charles F. Hedges, by Rev. James F. Brewster, 1860.

Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick, D.D., by Rev. P. O. Studdiford, D.D., and Rev. W. J. Wright, 1866.

Rev. Peter O. Studdiford, D.D., by Rev. George Hale, D.D., Rev. Chas. W. Hodge, D.D., and Rev. Wm. H. Kirk, 1866.

Rev. James M. MacDonald, D.D., by Rev. Lyman H. Atwater, D.D., 1878.

Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., by Rev. Lyman H. Atwater, D.D., 1878.

Rev. John Maclean, D.D., by Rev. John T. Duffield, D.D., and Rev. James M. Ludlow, D.D., 1887.

President Lincoln, by Rev. Samuel M. Hamill, D.D., 1865.

President Lincoln, by Rev. James M. Macdonald, D.D., 1865.

Chief Justice Whelpley, by Rev. Chas. E. Knox, D.D., and Rev. J. M. Sherwood, 1864.

L. Q. C. Elmer, LL.D., by William E. Potter, Esq., 1884.

Inaugural Discourses—

Rev. William Henry Green, D.D., with charge by Rev. Samuel Beach Jones, 1851.

Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D.D., address by Rev. Nicholas Murray, D.D., 1854.

Rev. Charles E. Knox and Rev. George C. Seibert, Ph.D., address by Rev. J. Fewsmith, D.D., 1874.

Rev. Archibald Alexander Hodge, D.D., charge by Rev. William M. Paxton, D.D., 1877.

Historical Discourses—

Twenty Years in Princeton, Rev. James M. Macdonald, D.D., 1873; Bound Brook, Rev. A. E. Baldwin, 1876; First Princeton, Rev. Dr. Macdonald, 1876; Second Princeton, Rev. Dr. Duffield, 1876; Semi-Centenary, Clinton, Rev. I. Alstyne Blauvelt, 1880.

Printed Sermons and Addresses—

Rev. C. F. Worrell, D.D., Millstone, 1864; Rev. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer, D.D., 1853; Rev. Edward D. Yeomans, 1859; Rev. M. J. Hickok, Synod at Morristown, 1860; Rev. James C. Moffat, D.D., 1864; Prof. Stephen Alexander, LL.D., 1865; Rev. Nicholas Murray, D.D., 1854; President James McCosh, D.D., LL.D., 1876; Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D.D., 1889; Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., 1869; Rev. David Magie, D.D., 1861; Ashbel Welch, Hunterdon County Bible Society, 1880; Rev. George S. Mott, Seven Weeks of Prayer, 1865. "Perplexity amidst Peace," Thanksgiving discourse, Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, 1856.

Miscellaneous—

Messenger U. S. Sanitary Commission for New Jersey, 1864.

Second Report German Theological School, 1871.

Sundry duplicates of sermons, addresses, etc.

File of printed Minutes of Synod, 1868-1883.

Sunday-schools in Somerset County, 1873.

From the Rev. Lewis W. Mudge, D.D.:

Historical Sermon, Second Princeton, 1895.

From the Rev. Henry Goodwin Smith :

The Old Scots Church, &c., 1895.

From the Rev. Franklin E. Miller, D.D.:

Centennial of Sabbath-school, First Church, Paterson, 1894.

From the Rev. James Beveridge Lee :

Bloomfield, First Church, Re-dedication, by Rev. James M. Sherwood.

Historical Memoranda, by Rev. Stephen Dodd, 1854.

From the Rev. Frank R. Symmes :

Historical Sketch of the First Church, Cranbury, by Joseph G. Symmes.

Historical Sketch of Monmouth Presbytery, by Rev. Joseph G. Symmes.

Life Sketch of Joseph Gaston Symmes, D.D., by Rev. Frank R. Symmes.

From the Rev. E. A. Bulkley, D.D.:

"Road-Making ;" a Sermon.

"The Axe-Man" (Sermon).

Yearly Hand-Book of the First Church, Rutherford, 1863-1895.

Manual of the First Church of Rutherford, 1863-91.

The First Church of Rutherford, 1863-1888. An Historical Discourse, by the Rev. E. A. Bulkley, D.D.

WALTER A. BROOKS,

JOSEPH H. DULLES,

Custodians.

XVIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE
ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
COMMEMORATION OF HISTORIC PLACES.

Your Permanent Historical Committee report to the Synod of New Jersey that decided progress has been made during the year 1894-95.

The distribution of labor among the several members of the Committee has secured important additional historical material, as the report of the Custodians abundantly proves.

The unusual and memorable event of the year, as authorized by Synod, and under the supervision of your Joint Committee, was the commemoration of the establishment of the Old Scots and the Tennent Churches, in Monmouth county, and the commemoration of the first recorded meeting of the First Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in this country, and of the first ordination of a minister by the Presbytery. It is not here asserted that this was the first meeting of that body, but only that it was the first meeting of which any minutes now exist. Neither is it asserted that the Church of Freehold was the first, or is the oldest Presbyterian Church in the country (as some carelessly affirm that we say), but merely as Doctor Hodge wrote in his history* and the printed Records of the Presbyterian Church prove, that it was the *first* Church in *New Jersey* to be connected with the Presbytery.

On the eleventh of March your Joint Committee of fourteen met in Newark, and (a majority being present) organized by the election of officers and the appointment of an Executive Committee of eight of their number, to superintend the work which had been entrusted to them by the Synod.

On May 25th, upon the recommendation of its Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, the General Assembly, meeting in Pittsburgh, in reply to Overture No. 196, from the Presbytery of Monmouth, in regard to the Commemoration of the Ordination of John Boyd, which took place at the church on Free Hill, Monmouth county, N. J., adopted the following resolution :

“That the General Assembly regard with profound satisfaction the celebration of the first ordination by Presbytery of a Presbyterian minister within the present bounds of the United States, and that we do hereby extend our sympathy and congratulations to both the Synod of New Jersey and the Presbytery of Monmouth, on the occasion of the great gathering in commemoration of this event, on June 4, 1895. We also request the Moderator and other officers of this Assembly to grace the occasion by their presence and co-

* Hist., Part I, p. 87.

operation ; and request the Commissioners to accept, so far as possible, the kind invitation of the Presbytery of Monmouth to be present." (Min. G. A., pp. 74 and 105.)

The celebration was held on the fourth day of June, and was known as the *Boyd-Tennent Pilgrimage*, in memory of the first and third pastors of the Old Scots Church of Freehold, where the ancient tombstones now mark their graves.

Providentially, after several excessively hot days, the weather upon the appointed day was favorable ; the people of the vicinity cordially assisted ; the special trains between Wickatunk and Freehold and Tennent stations were admirably conducted, and the programme was executed to the letter, with the one exception that Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., ex-Moderator of Synod, presided at the morning session, in the absence of Doctor Robert Russell Booth, the Moderator of the General Assembly.

Hundreds of representative men and women, from different States and various ecclesiastical and historic societies, assembled in the morning at the Old Scots Burial Ground, in the open air, and after devotional exercises, in which ancient psalms and hymns had an important place, the audience listened to eloquent addresses, to wit :

On the Beginnings of Monmouth—by Rev. George Swain. D.D.

On Walter Ker and His Posterity—by Rev. Frank Melville Kerr, a lineal descendant of Walter Ker, who was the first elder and the founder of the Old Scots Church.

On Makemie, Our First Father and His Monument—by Rev. John S. MacIntosh, D.D.

On Rev. John Boyd—by Rev. Henry Goodwin Smith.

At this point Rev. James G. Bolton, D.D., Moderator, with others of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, presented the greetings of that body and exhibited the *original* book and *oldest* record of the Presbyterian church in this country, containing the original minutes of the Presbytery when Makemie, Andrews and Hampton, on this very spot, ordained to the gospel ministry John Boyd, in 1706.

The Pilgrims then adjourned to Freehold for refreshment. In the afternoon they took the train for Tennent, where, being reinforced by new arrivals, they filled to overflowing the ancient edifice which was erected in 1730 and enlarged in 1753 as it now stands.

Here the Moderator of Synod, Doctor F. R. Brace, presided and was assisted by the Chairman of your Historical Committee. The pastor of the church, Rev. Frank R. Symmes, extended a cordial welcome and exhibited interesting relics of historic Presbyterianism.

Rev. Howard Duffield, D.D., delivered an address on *The Pioneer Guard of New Jersey Presbyterianism*.

Rev. J. Henry Sharpe, D.D., an address on *The Presbyterian Historical Society*.

Col. James S. Yard, an address on *The Battle of Monmouth*.

James Steen, Esq., an address on *Prominent Scotch, Irish and Huguenot Settlers of Monmouth County*.

In addition to the programme, Elder David W. Glass presented the greetings of the Presbytery of Baltimore.

The Treasurer made an appeal for funds, and a collection was taken, which, with subsequent individual gifts, sufficed to meet the actual expenses of the celebration without any remuneration for the speakers other than their expenses.

One gratifying evidence of the success of the celebration appeared in the numerous, extended and favorable notices by the religious papers, and by the secular press of this State and the metropolitan journals.

At the close of the celebration, in the words of a writer to the *Herald and Presbyter* (of June 12th) :

"A large committee was appointed to secure, if possible, the removal of the crumbling tombstone of John Boyd to some appropriate place of shelter, where it may remain in safety, a perpetual memorial of the first days of American Presbyterianism, and the erection of a suitable monument in the Old Scots ground, to commemorate for all future time the first Presbyterial ordination upon American soil; the meeting of the first Presbytery on that historic spot, as well as the virtues and faith of the pioneers 'who have left unchanged what there they found—freedom to worship God.' "

In concluding this report we cannot better find appropriate words to describe the historic celebration than by quoting a few brief sentences from the many columns which were published immediately after the celebration.

Said the New York *Tribune* (June 5th) :

"After lying neglected and unnoticed for perhaps a century, forgotten by all except a few historians (fond of tracing from its source the course of Presbyterianism), public attention has been called to the spot upon which the 'Old Scots' Church, of Freehold, was erected by the exiles of 1685."

And the *True American* said (June 5th) :

"The air was cool and pleasant and the haze obscured the sun, so that the pilgrimage was a real pleasure. * * * The pilgrimage was replete with interest, and instruction, and will not soon be forgotten by those who participated in it."

A correspondent of the *Herald and Presbyter* (June 12th) wrote :

"On June 4th a large company of Presbyterians, not only from New Jersey, but from New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, * * * assembled at the Old Scots Burial Ground. There, under the old trees and among the ancient tombstones, the people sang once more the psalms and hymns that their ancestors loved, and listened to addresses commemorating the lives and struggles and

achievements of those early toilers who made American Presbyterianism what it is.

Rev. Doctor John S. MacIntosh, of Philadelphia, delivered the principal address of the morning, a brilliant setting forth of the life and services of Francis Makemie, under whose powerful influence, and by whose clear insight and practical judgment, the scattered elements of our early Presbyterianism were fused and welded into the first Presbytery."

A well-informed writer in the *New York Evangelist* (June 13th), after describing the little "God's Acre," the site of the Old Scots Church, added: "Yet of the large, intelligent and representative assemblage on the day of the pilgrimage. but very few had heard of its existence until the pilgrimage was planned, and only two or three had ever visited the sacred spot before."

Another in the same paper said:

"It is easy to see the value of this revival of the heroic past, out of which the present of our church has come. * * * Dr. Duffield fulfilled the office of one who on such a day stood in the pulpit of William Tennent, and swayed the sceptre of magnetic speech over a captive audience. * * * And when he ceased to speak, there fell a musical silence, and we went forth feeling that the day had ended well, going, like a hymn or prayer, upward to the gates of heaven."

It remains for the Synod to decide what more shall be done to preserve and perpetuate the memory of events, thus intimately connected with the beginnings of the Presbyterian church in this country, especially as they were enacted within the territory of this our own Synod. Therefore, and in accordance with the unanimous expression of opinion at the close of the recent celebration, your Committee offer for the consideration of the Synod this resolution:

Resolved, That the Joint Committee be continued, with the addition of one ruling elder from each Presbytery, to solicit funds for the publication of the proceedings of the late commemoration, and for the due preservation of the ancient grave-stones of John Boyd and of John Tennent, and for the erection of a suitable memorial or monument on the site of the Old Scots Meeting House, where the first Presbytery ordained John Boyd, and that the said Committee have discretionary power to execute these objects, provided that they see the way entirely clear financially.

ALLEN H. BROWN,	JAMES STEEN,
DAVID R. FRAZER,	GEORGE SWAIN,
JOHN C. CLYDE,	FRANK R. SYMMES,
EBEN B. COBB,	HENRY G. SMITH,
HENRY C. CAMERON,	R. PERRINE CRAIG,
CHARLES HERR,	ANDREW PERRINE,

Joint Committee.

XIX.—REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

Your Trustees respectfully report to the Synod of New Jersey that besides the disbursement and custody of the funds, as more fully appears in the Treasurer's report, they have given special attention to the erection of manse for the missionary churches.

As it was intimated and anticipated one year ago, the Trustees have received for the Manse Fund the residuary gift of five hundred dollars of Mrs. Robert L. Stuart, with the addition of forty-eight dollars and eight cents interest on the same.

By the payment of two hundred and fifty dollars from this fund to the church of Tuckahoe, in Cape May county, that little church has been enabled to provide for its pastor a manse free of debt, at the modest valuation of one thousand dollars. Proportionately, this is to them as important as a ten-thousand-dollar manse would be to some large and rich congregation. The usual mortgage, without interest, to protect the grant, is herewith submitted for examination.

The unusually large balance in the treasury will be almost exhausted by a pending application from the church of New Gretna (formerly called Bass River), in Burlington county, for a grant of three hundred and fifty dollars to liquidate the debt on a manse valued at eighteen hundred and fifty dollars, so soon as the said church shall fulfill the usual conditions.

Your Trustees have approved this application from New Gretna for three hundred and fifty dollars and appropriated the same, subject to Synod's Standing Rules.

Application comes from the Brainerd Church at Elwood, with the endorsement of the Presbytery of West Jersey, that the Wurts legacy, amounting to five hundred and twenty-five dollars, which is now invested in the city of Newark, at five per cent., be invested permanently in a manse at Elwood.

Your Trustees approve the request of the Brainerd Church at Elwood and have

Resolved, That upon the erection of a manse by the said church, the Wurts legacy be transferred and invested in a manse, to be secured by a first mortgage on the church and by a mortgage on the manse subsequent to a mortgage of six hundred dollars to the Board of Church Erection.

Respectfully submitted by

ROBERT AIKMAN,	CHARLES D SHAW,
ALFRED H. DASHIELL,	ALLEN H. BROWN,
ABRAHAM GOSMAN,	JOSEPH ALWARD,
WILLIAM THOMSON,	ELWOOD C. HARRIS,
HUGH SMYTHE,	

Trustees.

XX.—REPORT OF ALLEN H. BROWN, TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

FROM OCTOBER 16, 1894, TO OCTOBER 16, 1895.

DR.

1894.

Oct. 16. To balance on hand, \$69 40

1895.

Jan. 1. To accrued interest in trust company, 18

Jan. 1. To residuary gift from Mrs. Robert L.

Stuart for Manse Fund, \$500 00

And interest on the same, 48 c8

548 08

Mar. 18. To E. C. Harris, interest on Kane mortgage, . . 31 25

Sept. 14. To E. C. Harris, interest on Kane mortgage, . . 31 25

\$680 16

CR.

1894.

Dec. 19. By payment to Tuckahoe Manse, \$250 00

1895.

Mar. 18 and Sept. 14. By payments to Forked River
Church, 36 25

Mar. 18 and Sept. 14. By payments to Brainerd
Church's pastor, 26 25

Oct. 16. By balance, 367 66

\$680 16

1895.

Oct. 16. Balance in Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Co., \$367 66

NEW BRUNSWICK, October 17th, 1895.

We have examined the above account, and compared the vouchers
with the payments, and find them correct.

CHAS. E. HALL,
BENJ. M. OGDEN,
THOMAS THOMPSON,
Finance Committee.

XXI.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

DR.

To balance from previous account,	\$604 26	
“ apportionments from eight Presbyteries, . .	435 00	
“ advertising,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,054 26

Cr.

By janitor's bill, Trenton,	\$10 00	
“ expenses of Trustees,	8 40	
“ salaries for year ending October 1st, 1895, . .	160 00	
“ printing,	258 05	
“ binding minutes,	2 00	
“ sundry expenses of Stated Clerk,	9 50	
“ envelopes,	1 86	
“ balance on hand,	604 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,054 26

EBEN B. COBB,
Treasurer.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 1st, 1895.

XXII.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I.—THE PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO consists of thirteen ministers, ten churches, and has under its care two licentiates and six candidates.

Of these ministers, four are native African negroes.

1. One new church, Lokâ, organized March 17th, 1894.
2. Three new ministers received January 8th, 1895, viz., Rev. Robert H. Milligan, Rev. Melvin Fraser and Rev. Herman Schnatz, of respectively the Presbyteries of Chicago, Mankato and Newark.
3. One new licentiate George Smith Ngânde, January 10th, 1895.
4. Two ministers deceased: Rev. Adolphus Clemens Good, Ph.D., December 13th, 1894, aged thirty-nine; Rev. Ntākâ Truman (native), November 19th, 1894, aged sixty years.

ROBERT HAMILL, NASSAU,
Stated Clerk.

II.—THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH consists of forty-seven ministers and thirty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates and five candidates, with five other candidates under the care of some of its Sessions.

Ministers received—

- April 16, 1895, Rev. Henry A. MacKubbin, from the Presbytery of Chester.
- October 1, 1895, Rev. David Stevenson, D.D., from the Presbytery of West Jersey.
- October 1, 1895, Rev. John S. Whitman, from the Presbytery of Erie.
- October 1, 1895, Rev. Edgar C. Mason, from the Presbytery of Kingston.

Ministers dismissed to another Presbytery—

- June 17, 1895, Rev. Corydon C. Tyler, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.
- October 1, 1895, Rev. William C. Stinson, to the Presbytery of Chillicothe.

Minister dismissed to another denomination—

- October 1, 1895, Rev. Charles F. A. Klein, D.D., to the Classis of Plaisant Prairie, Reformed Church in America.

Ordained—

- June 17, 1895, Licentiate Corydon C. Tyler (*sine titulo*).
- June 25, 1895, Licentiate Jacob A. Frey.

Installed—

April 30, 1895, Rev. Henry A. MacKubbin, as pastor of the Westminster Church, Elizabeth.

June 25, 1895, Rev. Jacob A. Frey, as pastor of the First German Church, Rahway.

October 9, 1895, Rev. Edgar C. Mason, as pastor of the church at Basking Ridge.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

October 22, 1894, between Rev. Charles F. A. Klein, D.D., and the First German Church, Rahway.

April 17, 1895, between Rev. John C. Rankin, D.D., and the church at Basking Ridge.

Licensed as local evangelist—

April 17, 1895, Elder William B. Hamilton.

Licentiates received—

June 17, 1895, Jacob A. Frey, from the Presbytery of Newark.

October 1, 1895, James Boddy, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Candidates taken under care—

October 1, 1895, Robert D. Schoomaker.

October 1, 1895, Robert M. Honeyman.

October 1, 1895, J. Herbert McConnell.

Died—

October 12, 1895, Rev. Emile Victor Hoelsche, at Atlanta, Georgia, aged forty years.

SAMUEL PARRY,
Stated Clerk.

III.—THE PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY consists of forty-eight ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care two candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received—

November 6, 1894, Rev. J. Gilmore Smith, from the Minnesota Valley (Cong.) Conference.

February 5, 1895, Rev. Powhatan Bagnall, from the Presbytery of Chester.

March 5, 1895, Rev. Bryce K. Douglass, from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidate received under care of Presbytery—

September 10, 1895, John A. MacIntosh, from New York Presbytery.

Licensure—

September 10, 1895, John A. MacIntosh.

Ordinations—

November 15, 1894, John Kamm.

September 16, 1895, John A. MacIntosh.

Installation—

September 16, 1895, Rev. John A. MacIntosh, as pastor of John Knox Church, of Jersey City.

Ministers dismissed—

December 4, 1894, Rev. Wm. A. George, to Presbytery of Binghamton, and Rev. John Kamm to Presbytery of Hudson.

September 10th, 1895, Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., to Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

February 5, 1895, between Rev. Thomas Houston and John Knox Church, Jersey City.

March 5, 1895, between the Rev. David Mitchell and the Scotch Church, of Jersey City.

Minister's name erased from roll—

September 10, 1895, Rev. F. B. Hanle, at his own request and for reasons stated.

New Church organized—

May 28, 1895, St. Augustine Church, of Paterson (colored).

Church transferred—

November 6, 1894, Church at Arlington, to the Presbytery of Newark.

Death—

July 6, 1895, Rev. Laurens T. Shuler.

GEORGE R. GARRETSON,
Stated Clerk.

IV.—THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH consists of forty-seven ministers and forty-nine churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates.

Ministers received—

December 26, 1894, Rev. James E. Grant, from the New Jersey Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

October 2, 1895, Rev. Samuel H. Wallace, D.D., from the Presbytery of Wooster, Ohio.

Candidates received on examination—

April 9, 1895, Benjamin H. Everitt, Joseph G. Symmes, Eugene M. Van Note.

Licentiates received—

October 1, 1895, Lewis S. Mudge, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

October 16, 1895, William Moore, from Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Licensure—

April 10, 1895, Mark G. Clayton.

Ordination—

October 9, 1895, Lewis S. Mudge.

Ministers dismissed—

March 8, 1895, Rev. George T. Eddy, to the Presbytery of St. Louis.

April 9, 1895, Rev. James C. Elliott, to the Manhattan Association of Congregational Ministers.

April 9, 1895, Rev. Frank H. Decker, to the Rhode Island Association of Orthodox Congregational Ministers.

April 10, 1895, Rev. Bentley S. Foster, to Presbytery of Rochester.

August 5, 1895, Rev. S. Harper Leeper, to Presbytery of Chester.

Installations—

October 22, 1894, Rev. Richard M. Hodge, as pastor of Calvary Church, Riverton, N. J.

October 30, 1894, Rev. Joseph E. Curry, as pastor of First Church, Cranbury, N. J.

November 13, 1894, Rev. J. Edgar Franklin, as pastor of Church of South Amboy, N. J.

December 26, 1894, Rev. James E. Grant, as pastor of Church, Keyport, N. J.

April 24, 1895, Rev. R. R. Stier, as pastor of German Church, South River, N. J.

October 9, 1895, Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, as pastor Church of Beverly, N. J.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

March 8, 1895, Rev. George T. Eddy and the Church of Beverly, N. J.

April 29, 1895, Rev. Richard M. Hodge and the Church of Riverton, N. J.

August 5, 1895, Rev. S. Harper Leeper and the Church of Mount Holly, N. J.

October 16, 1895, Rev. M. S. Rowland and the Churches of Holmanville and Hope.

BENJAMIN S. EVERITT,

Stated Clerk.

V.—THE PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE consists of sixty-five ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care two chapels and one licentiate.

Ministers received—

- January 15, 1895, Rev. Francis M. Todd, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.
January 15, 1895, Rev. Wm. Russell Bennett, from the Presbytery of New York.
April 9, 1895, Rev. William H. Woolverton, from the Presbytery of Huntington.
June 18, 1895, Rev. Chas. O. Gill, from the Orleans Congregational Society.
June 18, 1895, Rev. Chas. Townsend, from the Presbytery of Cleveland.
September 17th, 1895, Rev. Alexander N. Carson, D.D., from the Presbytery of St. Paul.
October 3, 1895, Rev. Chauncey W. Goodrich, from Presbytery of New York.

Ordinations—

- October 22, 1894, Conover Samuel Osborn.
June 18, 1895, Eugene A. Mitchell.

Licensure—

- June 18, 1895, Eugene A. Mitchell.

Ministers Dismissed—

- December 6, 1894, Rev. W. F. Whitaker, to Presbytery of Albany.
April 9, 1895, Rev. H. A. Harlow, to Presbytery of Hudson.
October 3, 1895, Rev. E. A. Mitchell, to Presbytery of Baltimore.

Minister dismissed to another denomination—

- Rev. Jas. V. Johnston, to the Presbytery of his choice in England.

Installations—

- October 22, 1895, Rev. Conover Samuel Osborn, at Chester.
January 24, 1895, Rev. William Russell Bennett, at Madison.
May 14, 1895, Rev. Wm. H. Woolverton, at Boonton.
May 2, 1895, Rev. Geo. L. Spining, D.D., at South Orange, First.
June 20, 1895, Rev. Chas. Townsend, at Orange, First.
October 3, 1895, Rev. Alexander N. Carson, D.D., East Orange Brick.
October 15, 1895, Rev. Chauncey W. Goodrich, St. Cloud.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

- December 6, 1894, Rev. Wm. F. Whitaker and St. Cloud Church.
January 15, 1895, Rev. Henry F. Hickok, D.D., and Brick Church, East Orange.

Deaths—

- November 3, 1894, Rev. Thos. Carter, of Boonton.
December 1, 1894, Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D.D., LL.D.

STANLEY WHITE,
Stated Clerk.

VI.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK consists of fifty-three ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care five licentiates, one local evangelist and nineteen candidates.

Ministers received—

November 26, 1894, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, from the Presbytery of New York ; Rev. John Hutchison, from the Presbytery of Jersey City (transferred by Synod).

July 1, 1895, Rev. Jos. F. Folsom, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

October 2, 1895, Rev. Thomas R. Bridges, from the Manhattan Congregational Association.

Ministers dismissed—

January 14, 1895, Rev. Isaac H. Polhemus, to the Presbytery of Holston.

May 8, 1895, Rev. Louis C. Krueger, to Michigan District, German Evangelical Synod of North America.

June 5, 1895, Rev. G. W. Goerlitz, to Nebraska District, German Evangelical Synod of North America.

September 23, 1895, Rev. Geo. T. Berry, to Presbytery of Troy.

Minister deposed and excommunicated—

July 3, 1895, Rev. Frederick E. Hausser, Ph.D.

Licentiates received—

May 8, 1895, Messrs. Henry K. Denlinger and Robinson P. D. Bennett, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Licenses—

February 6, 1895, Mr. William Evans.

April 3, 1895, Messrs. Jacob Schmitt, Jacob A. Frey, Carl C. G. T. Hock.

Local evangelist licensed—

February 6, 1895, Mr. William C. Johnson.

Church received—

November 26, 1894, Church at Arlington, transferred by Synod.

Church organized—

December 11, 1894, Church at Verona.

Candidates received on examination—

October 22, 1894, Mr. Louis Nixe.

February 6, 1895, Mr. William Evans.

October 2, 1895, Messrs. Lewis H. Holden, Norman B. Harrison, G. Phillips Payson, Richard Lange, Julius Symanski, Theodore Hahn, John F. Meyer, Herman Blaschke.

Licentiate dismissed—

May 8, 1895, Jacob A. Frey, to Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Ordinations—

May 16, 1895, H. K. Denlinger.

May 29, 1895, Robinson P. D. Bennett.

Installations—

October 18, 1894, Rev. George H. Bonsall, as pastor of the Fewsmith Memorial Church, Newark.

October 22, 1894, Rev. James B. Lee, as pastor of the First Church, Bloomfield.

October 23, 1894, Rev. Edward P. Payson, as pastor of Grace Church, Montclair.

February 27, 1895, Rev. Edward J. Lloyd, as pastor of Verona Church.

May 16, 1895, Rev. H. K. Denlinger, as pastor of Caldwell Church.

May 29, 1895, Rev. Robinson P. D. Bennett, as pastor of Lyons Farms Church.

July 8, 1895, Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, as pastor of Knox Church, Kearney.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

January 14, 1895, between Rev. D. Charles Preyer and the Knox Church, Kearney.

June 5, 1895, between Rev. J. Garland Hamner, Jr., and the Wickliffe Church, Newark.

September 23, 1895, between the Rev. Jacob Freshman, D.D., and the North Park Church, Newark.

Minister deceased—

September 1, 1895, Rev. Samuel Hutchings, D.D., at Orange, N. J.
JULIUS H. WOLFF,
Stated Clerk.

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

Ministers received from other Presbyteries—

April 9, 1895, Rev. Archibald A. Murphy, from Presbytery of Dayton.

May 6, 1895, Rev. James Roberts, D.D., from Presbytery of Chester.

September 17th, 1895, Rev. Dr. John DeWitt, from Presbytery of Chicago.

October 16th, 1895, Rev. Samuel H. Potter, from Genesee Conference of the M. E. Church.

October 17, 1895, Rev. Samuel McLanahan, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Ministers dismissed to other Presbyteries—

- January 29, 1895, Rev. William Swan, to the Presbytery of Newcastle.
April 9, 1895, Rev. Minot S. Morgan, to the Presbytery of Long Island.
September 17, 1895, Rev. Lowndes W. Curtis, to the Presbytery of Laos.
October 16, 1895, Rev. William Harris, Jr., to the Presbytery of North Laos.

Minister dismissed to another denomination—

- June 25, 1895, Rev. Samuel A. Harlow, to Worcester Central Association of Congregational Churches, Massachusetts.

Ordinations, sine titulo—

- January 25, 1895, Lowndes Waldeheur Curtis.
April 23, 1895, William Harris, Jr.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

- April 9, 1895, Rev. Dr. Abraham Gosman, with Lawrenceville Church, to take effect May 1, 1895.
April 9, 1895, Rev. Dr. Lewis W. Mudge, with Princeton Second Church, to take effect May 19.
September 17, 1895, Rev. Dr. Horace G. Hinsdale, with Princeton First Church, to take effect November 1st.

Pastoral relations constituted—

- October 25, 1894, Rev. William Allen, Jr., installed pastor of the Pennington Church.
May 8, 1895, Rev. Archibald A. Murphy, installed pastor of New Brunswick Second Church.
May 14, 1895, Rev. Dr. James Roberts, installed pastor of Lambertville Church.

Licentiate received on certificate—

- January 29, 1895, Lowndes W. Curtis, from Presbytery of Chickasaw.

Candidates received on certificate—

- April 23, 1895, Albert E. Stuart, from Presbytery of New York.
April 23, 1895, Earnest E. Townley, from Presbytery of Wooster.
April 23, 1895, Nathaniel Stephenson, from Presbytery of Ahoyhill, Ireland.

Candidates received on examination—

- October 17, 1894, J. Harry Dunham, Frank P. R. Van Syckel.
April 23, 1895, James Martin Broadnax, Thomas Cowden Laughlin, William H. Davis, William Henry Dodd, Samuel Melkon Melkonyan, Edward Reed Laughlin, John Tathem Dunn, Allen Woodend McCurdy.

Licensures—

April 23, 1895, Nathan S. Aller, Franklin J. Barackman, Maitland V. Bartlett, Robinson P. D. Bennett, Cassius E. Bixler, James Boddy, William H. Davis, Henry K. Denlinger, J. Harry Dunham, William Harris, Jr., Neelo F. Janssen, James R. McDonald, Charles S. McKinney, Thomas H. Medd, Levi S. Mogel, Lewis Seymour Mudge, Edward L. Renick, John Van Ness.

Licentiates dismissed to other Presbyteries—

October 20, 1894, Francis Palmer, to Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

November 22, 1894, Samuel Gillespie, to Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland.

February 11, 1895, George A. McKwan to Presbytery of St. Louis.

April 23, 1895, Robinson P. D. Benne t, to Presbytery of Newark.

April 23, 1895, Henry K. Denlinger, to Presbytery of Newark.

May 2, 1895, Edward L. Renick, to Presbytery of Ozark.

May 6, 1895, Webster E. Browning, to Presbytery of Larned.

May 16, 1895, William H. Davis, to Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

May 22, 1895, Levi S. Mogel, to Presbytery of Cedar Rapids.

June 19, 1895, John Van Ness, to Presbytery of Washington City.

August 6, 1895, Rufus L. Barackman, to Presbytery of Winona.

August 30, 1895, Cassius E. Bixler, to Presbytery of Fort Dodge.

September 10, 1895, Lewis S. Mudge, to Presbytery of Monmouth.

September 11, 1895, James Boddy, to Presbytery of Elizabeth.

September 21, 1895, Franklin J. Barackman, to Presbytery of Duluth.

Licentiates dismissed to other religious bodies—

July 27, 1895, Neelo F. Janssen, to the Atlantic District of the German Evangelical Synod.

August 21, 1895, Nathan S. Aller, to Chenango, Oneida and Delaware Congregational Association of New York.

Candidates dismissed to other Presbyteries—

November 28, 1894, Otis Harter, to Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

July 4, 1895, John B. Appel, to Presbytery of Westchester.

Ministers deceased—

November 16, 1894, James McCosh, D.D., LL.D., at Princeton, N. J., aged eighty years.

January 2, 1895, William M. Wells, at Ringoes, N. J., aged sixty-four years.

A. L. ARMSTRONG,
Stated Clerk.

VIII.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON consists of thirty-seven ministers and thirty-eight churches, and has under its care one licentiate and ten candidates.

Ministers received—

January 15, 1895, Rev. Edward Kirk Donaldson, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

October 1, 1895, Rev. Albert L. Kelly, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North.

October 1, 1895, Rev. William E. Faulkner, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidates received—

June 18, 1895, Herbert Kingsbury England, Frank Philip Hiner and Harry L. Bowlby, on examination.

Ministers dismissed—

January 15, 1895, Rev. Francis R. S. Hunsicker, D.D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North.

April 9, 1895, Rev. William N. Todd, D.D., to the Presbytery of Erie.

October 1, 1895, Rev. Samuel F. Bacon, to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Licentiate dismissed—

June 18, 1895, R. Collins Bryant, to the care of the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licensure—

June 18th, 1895, Courtlandt Patterson Butler.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

April 9th, 1895, Rev. George H. S. Campbell, D.D., with the Church of Danville, to take effect the same day.

April 9th, 1895, Rev. William N. Todd, D.D., with the Church of Yellow Frame, to take effect April 30.

April 9, 1895, Rev. Irving Maxwell, with the Second Church of Oxford, to take effect May 1.

April 9th, 1895, Rev. Charles E. Van Allen, D.D., with the Churches of Delaware and Knowlton, to take effect April 28.

October 1, 1895, Rev. Robert J. Burt, with the Church of Marksboro, to take effect October 13.

October 1, 1895, Rev. Samuel F. Bacon, with the First Church of Wantage, to take effect the same day.

October 25, 1895, Rev. Alfred N. Raven, with the First Church of Phillipsburg, to take effect October 31.

Minister deceased—

May 22, 1895, Rev. John Lowrey, at Hackettstown, N. J., aged fifty-seven years.

E. CLARKE CLINE,
Stated Clerk.

IX.—THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY consists of forty-eight ministers, and fifty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received—

January 29, 1895, Frank J. Mundy, from the Presbytery of Spokane.

March 14, 1895, Albert Edwin Keigwin, from the Presbytery of New Castle.

April 16, 1895, Charles Schneegass, from the Presbytery of Newark.

Ministers dismissed—

November 13, 1894, Remi J. Buttinghausen, to the Presbytery of Nassau.

July 5 1895, Francis S. Hort, to the Presbytery of Lehigh.

September 24, 1895, Edward Bells, Jr., to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

September 24, 1895, David Stevenson, D.D., to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Licentiate dismissed—

September 24, 1895, Howard M. Wright, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licensure—

January 29, 1895, Thomas Fragale.

Ordinations—

June 27, 1895, Francis S. Hort (*sine titulo*).

October 3, 1895, Horace P. Hill.

Installations—

February 6, 1895, J. Charles Levengood, as pastor of Greenwich Church.

February 28, 1895, Albert Reid, as pastor of Irving Avenue Church, Bridgeton.

March 14, 1895, Albert Edwin Keigwin, as pastor of Millville Church.

June 12, 1895, Arthur W. Spooner, as pastor of Calvary Church, Camden.

June 24, 1895, Charles Schneegass, as pastor of Liberty Park Church, Camden.

October 3, 1895, Horace P. Hill, as pastor of Grace Church, Cramer Hill, Camden.

Pastoral relation dissolved—

October 17, 1894, Clearfield Park, with Millville Church.

November 13, 1894, Remi J. Buttinghausen, with Liberty Park Church, Camden.

January 29, 1895, Albert Reid, with Glassboro Church.

June 6, 1895, Arthur W. Spooner, with First Camden Church.

June 25, 1895, David Stevenson, D.D., with Gloucester City Church.

Churches organized—

May 21, 1895, the "Italian Evangelical," Hammonton.

June 6, 1895, "Calvary," Camden.

Church dissolved—

January 29, 1895, Camden Third.

Candidate received on examination—

January 29, 1895, Thomas Fragale.

Candidate dismissed—

September 25, 1895, Nelson B. Kline, to the Presbytery of Westminster.

Death of candidate—

August 11, 1895, A. W. Blizzard.

Death of minister—

October 1, 1895, Samuel Y. Lum, aged seventy-four years.

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 church, 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 :

1. ON BILLS AND OVERTURES, seven members—four Ministers, of whom one shall be the retiring Moderator, and three Ruling Elders.

2. ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS, 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, one member from the Presbytery of Corisco ; the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee on Foreign Missions and one Ruling Elder, from each Home Presbytery.

3. ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, nine members—one for each Presbytery.

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.

11. ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES, the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Young People's Societies.

- 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 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.
- 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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MODERATORS SINCE THE REUNION.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	PRESBYTERY.
June 21, 1870	Elizabeth, .	*Rev. Jona. F. Stearns, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1870	Morristown, .	*Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 17, 1871	Bloomfield, .	Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., .	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 15, 1872	Trenton, . .	*Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., . .	Monmouth.
Oct. 21, 1873	Washington,	Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1874	Camden, . .	*Rev. J. M. McDonald, D.D., .	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1875	Orange, . .	Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D.,	Elizabeth.
Oct. 17, 1876	Elizabeth, .	Rev. Thomas McCauley, . . .	Newton.
Oct. 16, 1877	Newark, . .	Rev. E. Kempshall, D.D., . .	Elizabeth.
Oct. 15, 1878	Morristown, .	Rev. William Bannard, D.D., .	West Jersey.
Oct. 21, 1879	Trenton, . .	Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D.,	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1880	Bridgeton, .	Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1881	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, D.D.,	Monmouth.
Oct. 17, 1882	Hackettstown	*Rev. Alfred Yeomans, D.D., .	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 16, 1883	Orange, . .	Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 21, 1884	Elizabeth, .	*Rev. Samuel M. Hamill, D.D.,	New Brunswick.
Oct. 20, 1885	Atlantic City,	Rev. Allen H. Brown,	West Jersey.
Oct. 18, 1886	Camden, . .	Rev. William Thomson, . . .	Newton.
Oct. 17, 1887	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Frank Chandler, D.D., .	Monmouth.
Oct. 15, 1888	Asbury Park,	Rev. K. P. Ketcham, D.D., .	Elizabeth.
Oct. 21, 1889	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D.D., .	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 20, 1890	Atlantic City,	Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1891	Long Branch,	Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D.D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 18, 1892	Belvidere, .	Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, D.D.,	Corisco.
Oct. 17, 1893	Bridgeton, .	Rev. S. M. Studdiford, D.D., .	New Brunswick.
Oct. 16, 1894	Trenton, . .	Rev. Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D.,	West Jersey.
Oct. 15, 1895	N. Brunswick,	Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., .	Newton.

* Deceased.

MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

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 Aikman, Robert, D.D., Madison. M. & O.
 Aikman, William, D.D., Atlantic City. W. J.
 Ainslee, John A., Mosul, Turkey. N. B.
 Alexander, Maitland, Long Branch. Mon.
 Alexander, William A., Plainfield. Eliz.
 Allen, Lyman W., Newark. N'rk.
 Allen, William, Jr., Pennington. N. B.
 Anderson, Charles T., Somerville. M. & O.
 Armstrong, Amzi L., Dutch Neck. N. B.
- Bacon, Samuel F., Deckertown. Newt.
 Bagnall, Powhatan, Paterson. J. C.
 Baldwin, Theodore A., Broussa, Turkey. N'rk.
 Bannard, William, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa. W. J.
 Bannerman, William S., Gaboon River, W. Africa. Cor.
 Bardwell, David M., Perth Amboy. M. & O.
 Barnes, George G., Hamburgh. Newt.
 Beach, Sylvester W., Bridgeton. W. J.
 Beadle, Heber H., Bridgeton. W. J.
 Beatty, Henry T., Hoboken. J. C.
 Beaumont, James B., Morristown. M. & O.
 Belden, William H., Clifton Springs, N. Y. W. J.
 Bennett, Robinson, P.D., Lyons Farms. N'rk.
 Bennett, William Russell, Madison. M. & O.
 Bentley, Richard, Tenaflly. J. C.
 Berry, Charles T., Brooklyn, N. Y. N'rk.
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 Bliss, Edwin M., East Orange. M. & O.
 Blumenfeld, David, Pleasantdale. M. & O.
 Bonsall, George H., Newark. N'rk.
 Botsford, Alfred P., Wenonah. W. J.
 Brace, Frederic R., Ph.D., Blackwood. W. J.
 Bradley, Joseph H., D.D., Tuckerton. Mon.
 Brewster, James F., Summit. M. & O.
 Bridges, Thomas R., Newark. N'rk.
 Bridges, William J., Bridgeton. W. J.
 Bridgman, Chester, Woodstown. W. J.
 Brooks, Walter A., D.D., Trenton. N. B.
 Brown, Allen H., Camden. W. J.
 Brown, Josiah J., Newark. N'rk.
 Bruen, James DeHart, Belvidere. Newt.
 Bryant, Robert A., Asbury. Newt.
 Buckle, George, Elizabeth. Eliz.
 Bulkley, Edwin A., D.D., Rutherford. J. C.
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