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Seventy-fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Synod of New Jersey

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MINUTES

OF THE

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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The Synod of New Jersey met in Plainfield, in the Crescent Avenue Church, on Tuesday, October 19th, 1897, at 3 o'clock P.M.

After devotional services, owing to the inability of the Moderator, Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt, D.D., the sermon opening Synod was delivered by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, from Matthew xiv : 19. Moderator's Sermon.

At the close of the sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. In this service the Moderator was assisted by Rev. Albert Erdman, D.D., and Rev. George Swain, D.D., and by the following Ruling Elders : William P. Thompson, F. H. Andrews, G. W. DeMott, Horace Churchman, William T. Smock, Levi Farrow, M.D., George T. Baldwin, Caleb F. Quick, Cornelius Shepherd, M.D., Josiah Ketcham, David R. Hull, Richard Stevenson.

The Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following members were found present : Roll of Synod.

Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTERS—None.

ELDERS—None.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS—Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., J. Garland Hamner, D.D. (2), Benjamin Labaree, D.D. (2), I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., John A. Liggett, D.D., Wm. E. Honeyman, James G. Mason, D.D., Thomas Heywood (2), Edward Love, Samuel Parry, Abram I. Martine (2), Wm. R. Richards, D.D., Eben B. Cobb, D.D., Samuel J. Rowland, George H. Payson, Henry A. MacKubbin, John T. Kerr, Newton W. Cadwell, George Buckle, Wm. Hop-paugh (2), Chas. E. Herring, Albert E. Wirth (2), George K. Newell, George B. VanDyke, Frederic D. Tildon (2), Joseph O. McKelvey, Jacob A. Frey (2), John H. Aughey (3)—28.

ELDERS—J. H. Exton, Clinton ; S. Clark Lum, Connecticut Farms ; F. H. Valentine, Cranford ; Ira B. Wheeler, Elizabeth, First ; W. W. Willett, Elizabeth, Second ; William P. Thompson, Elizabeth, Westminster ; Elias D. Smith (2), Elizabeth, Greystone ; V. D. Field, Lamington ; R. B. Crowell, Metuchen ; E. W. Barnes (2), Perth Amboy ; R. H. Radford, Plainfield, First ; L. J. Lovell, Plainfield, Crescent Avenue ; J. C. Waters, Rahway, First ; Jas. T. Barnes, Rahway, Second ; E. P. Tenney, Roselle ; Chas. G. Endicott, Westfield ; H. N. Demarest, Wood-bridge—17.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS—David Mitchell, Philo F. Leavens, D.D., Vernon B. Carroll, George R. Garretson (2), Joshua B. Gallaway, Hugh R. McClelland, James S. Young, Fred'k W. Jackson, Jr., Robert H. Sharpe, Henry W. Bainton—10.

ELDERS—Walter Clinn, Hoboken, First ; Charles A. DeWitt, Jersey City, First ; H. H. Hollister, M.D., Rutherford, First ; G. W. DeMott, Tenafly—4.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS—A. H. Dashiell, D.D., Benj. S. Everitt, D.D., Jos. S. VanDyke, D.D., Alex. H. Young, D.D., George Swain, D.D., Charles H. McClellan, D.D., Henry R. Hall, Samuel W. Knipe, Thomas Tyack, D.D., Oliver A. Kerr, Charles Everett, D.D., Hugh B. MacCauley, Frank R. Symmes, William P. Finney (2), Wilmer McNair, Joseph E. Curry, Albert E. Weston, J. Edward Grant, N. J. Sproul (2), Harry W. Haring, Nathan D. Hynson, Frank Lukens, Cortland P. Butler, Charles F. Taylor, James Henry Dunham, Robert M. Blackburn (2)—26.

ELDERS—H. R. Taylor, Allentown ; C. Van Mater, Atlan-tic Highlands ; Hugh B. Ely, Beverly ; Horace Churchman, Burlington ; A. J. Duncan, Cranbury, First ; J. S. Silvers,

Cranbury, Second ; G. B. Conover, Englishtown ; Wm. T. Smock, Hightstown ; Joseph C. Magee, Janiesburg ; H. S. Simons, Lakewood ; F. S. Stiner, Manasquan ; Wm. L. Terhune, Matawan ; David Harvey, Sr., Oceanic ; Julius Foster, Point Pleasant—14.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS—O. H. Perry Deyo, Baker Smith, D.D., James B. Beaumont, Albert Erdman, D.D., John H. Scofield, Edward P. Gardner (2), John R. Fisher (2), William W. Holloway, Jr., D.D., George P. Noble, George L. Spining, D.D., Theo. F. Chambers, John F. Patterson, Charles B. Bullard (2), Franklin B. Dwight, Arthur J. Brown, D.D., Charles Townsend (2), Stanley White, Samuel J. McClenaghan, William Fryling, Sydney S. Conger, Wm. R. Bennett, Asa Wynkoop, Robert M. Ramsey—23.

ELDERS—John L. Brown, Boonton ; E. C. Harris (2), Chatham ; H. F. Pierson, East Orange, Brick ; Wm. Bartley, Flanders ; Levi Farrow, M.D., German Valley ; Jeremiah Baker, Madison ; Fred. Babbitt, Mendham, First ; Charles Lindsley, Orange, First ; F. H. Kingsbury, Orange, Central ; Thorwald Stallknecht, Orange, Hillside ; J. Langstroth, South Orange, First—11.

Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS—George S. Mott, D.D. (2), V. LeRoy Lockwood, D.D., Charles T. Haley, D.D. (2), Isaiah B. Hopwood, D.D. (2), Charles E. Knox, D.D. (2), A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., Julius H. Wolff, Orville Reed, Lyman W. Allen, D.D. (2), J. Garland Haunier, Jr., S. Ed. Young, John Hutchison, H. C. Vanderbeck (2), George H. Bonsall, Thomas R. Bridges (2), Henry K. Denlinger (2), R. P. D. Bennett (2), Samuel D. Price, Edwin Fairley—19.

ELDERS—James P. Jones, Bloomfield, First ; Cyrus B. Crane, Caldwell ; James A. Law (2), Newark, Calvary ; George T. Baldwin, Newark, First ; Horace Alling, Newark, Third ; Wm. C. Johnson (2), Newark, Fifth Avenue ; William Rankin, Newark, High Street ; Cyrus Peck, Roseville ; E. A. Smith (2), Montclair, Trinity ; H. O. Price, Roseland ; E. B. Denny (2), Newark, Forest Hill—11.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS—Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., John B. Kugler (2), Charles P. Glover, Daniel R. Foster, Thomas S. Long, William W. Knox, D.D., James W. VanDyke, John Dixon,

D.D., Frank B. Everitt, Walter A. Brooks, D.D., James W. Rogan, D.D. (2), Titus E. Davis, Samuel McLanahan, Archibald A. Murphy (3), Geo. W. S. Wenrick, Horace D. Sassaman, George H. Ingrams, James B. Clark, Samuel H. Potter (2), D. Ruby Warne (2), Wm. S. Voorhies (2), William Allen, Jr., James R. Kerr, Robert I. Gamon, Lewis B. Crane, Joseph Howell, Benj. H. Everitt—27.

ELDERS—Caleb F. Quick, Amwell, First; D. W. Larison, Amwell, Second; Wm. H. Brewer (2), Amwell, United, First; A. S. Coriell, Bound Brook; George E. Snedeker, Dutch Neck; John V. Green, Ewing; George Williamson, Flemington; Wm. H. Hughes, Hamilton Square; Wm. B. VanPelt, Hopewell; A. F. Stout, Kingston; D. C. English, M.D., New Brunswick, First; Frank L. Janeway (2), New Brunswick, Second; John E. Burd, Pennington; J. B. VanDoren, Princeton, First; Henry D. Oliphant, Trenton, First; Cornelius Shepherd, M.D., Trenton, Third; Wm. M. Lanning, Trenton, Fourth—17.

Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS—Jos. C. Cromack, William Thomson, Robert J. Burt, E. Clarke Cline (2), Henry S. Butler, D.D., John C. Clyde, D.D., J. DeHart Bruen, G. H. S. Campbell, D.D., Wm. Hollinshed, Isaac H. Condit, Percy Y. Schelly, A. MacShannon Higgins, Edwin J. Reinke (2)—13.

ELDERS—Josiah Ketcham, Belvidere, First; A. G. Creveling, Bloomsbury; Jacob Gould (2), Deckertown; David R. Hull, Newton; John H. Young, Oxford, First; L. Marshall Teel, Phillipsburg, First; J. W. Cline, Stewartsville; Lewis Roy, Stillwater—8.

Presbtery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS—William Bannard, D.D. (2), Henry Reeves, D.D., A. P. Botsford, D.D., F. R. Brace, D.D., John Ewing, D.D., Wm. J. Bridges, Edward Dillon, Wm. V. Louderbough, Sylvester W. Beach, J. C. Levengood (2), Allen H. Brown, Daniel I. Camp, W. W. Casselberry, Raymond H. Gage (2), Richard N. Toms, J. A. Higgons (2)—16.

ELDERS—Richard Stevenson, Blackwood; P. Kennedy Reeves, Bridgeton, First; Phœbus W. Lyon, Bridgeton, West; Randal E. Morgan, Camden, First; B. O. Titus, Camden, Second; A. R. Rossell (2), Camden, Calvary; F. O. Ware, Deerfield; John S. Jessup, Woodbury—8.

The following were invited to sit as

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. Benj. L. Agnew, D.D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania ; Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D.D., of the Syn d of Illinois ; Rev. Geo. J. Mingsins, D.D., of the Synod of New York ; Rev. Chas. L. Thompson, D.D., of the Synod of New York ; Rev. John H. Aughey, of the Synod of Indian Territory ; Rev. F. J. Collier, D.D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania ; Rev. W. W. Moffett, D.D., of the New Jersey M. E. Conference ; Rev. D. Crosby Green, D.D., of the American Board of Commissioners at Tokio, Japan.

The summary is as follows :

<i>Presbytery.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Corisco. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Elizabeth,	28	17	45
Jersey City	10	4	14
Monmouth,	26	14	40
Morris and Orange,	23	11	34
Newark,	19	11	30
New Brunswick,	27	17	44
Newton,	13	8	21
West Jersey,	16	8	24
Totals,	162	90	252
Corresponding members,			8
Whole number in attendance,			260

Rev. John A. Liggett, D.D., of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, was elected Moderator. Moderator.

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

I. That the sessions of Synod begin at 9 A.M. and recess be taken from 12:30 to 2 P.M. and from 5 to 7:45 P.M.; and that the last half hour of the morning sessions be given to devotional exercises.

II. That the following order for business be adopted : The first order for Wednesday morning, a report from the Board of Education, by Mr. Horace Churchman ; at 10:30, the report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions ; Wednesday afternoon to be largely devoted to reports from the Boards ; at 9:30 Thursday morning, the presentation of reports by Rev. Allen H. Brown, on Historical Materials, Commemoration of Historic Places, and the relation of the (Old) Synod of New York to the College of New Jersey.

III. That the evening session of Tuesday be devoted to addresses on Home Missions, by Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., and on Foreign Missions, by Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., the Moderator of Synod presiding ; and that the evening session of Wednesday be devoted to addresses on Systematic Beneficence, by Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley and Rev. George T. Purves, D.D., Rev. Thomas S. Long presiding.

Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk made a report, which was accepted and its recommendation adopted, as follows :

The Stated Clerk respectfully reports to the Synod of New Jersey :

Minutes
Approved.

First, that the Minutes of the Synod for the session of 1896 were approved by the General Assembly.

Second, that the Committee appointed at the last session to gather information as to religious instruction in the secular educational institutions within this State, and to report to the General Assembly, fulfilled that duty and did forward to the General Assembly a report concerning such institutions, a copy of which is herewith submitted to the Synod.

Third, that the Stated Clerk receives more or less numerous requests, during the year, for copies of the Minutes of the Synod, from ministers and others without the bounds of the Synod, as well as from some within the Synod, elders and others, to whom the Minutes are not regularly supplied, according to the Standing Rules. The Clerk ventures to recommend that he be directed to supply the Minutes, when asked for, to the extent of any reasonable demand.

Orders.

The following was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon :

1. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.
2. The report of the Committee on Work Among Foreign Populations.
3. The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.
4. The report of the Committee on Sabbath-school Work.
5. The report of the Committee on Temperance.

It was made the order of the day to hear the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence following the report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions to-morrow morning, also to read the Necrological Report in connection with the devotional services to-morrow morning.

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

Synod took recess until 7:45 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 7:45 P.M.

The Synod re-assembled and engaged in devotional services and listened to addresses by Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D., upon Home Missions, and by Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., upon Foreign Missions. Addresses.

The Moderator appointed as Vice-Moderator, Rev. William R. Richards, D.D., and the following Standing Committees: Vice-Moderator.

I—BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers—Benjamin S. Everitt, D.D., Sylvester W. Beach, A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D. Standing Committees.

Elders—Randal E. Morgan, James T. Barnes, H. H. Hollister M.D.

II—JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers—George H. Payson, John C. Clyde, D.D., Wm. W. Knox, D.D., John Ewing, D.D.

Elders—Edward P. Tenney, G. W. DeMott, F. H. Kingsbury.

III—MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ministers—Theodore F. Chambers, James S. Young.

Elder—Josiah Ketcham.

IV—NARRATIVE FOR 1898.

Ministers—Henry A. Mackubbin, Samuel J. McClenaghan.

Elder—John S. Jessup.

V—FINANCE.

Ministers—Baker Smith, D.D., Julius H. Wolff.

Elders—D. C. English, M. D., Phœbus W. Lyon.

VI—RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Corisco—Rev. Hugh R. McClelland, Ph.D., Rev. Daniel R. Foster, Elder L. Marshall Teel.

Elizabeth—Rev. Alexander H. Young, D.D., Rev. A. McShannon Higgins, Elder B. O. Titus.

Jersey City—Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., Rev. Orville Reed, Elder Fred Babbitt.

Monmouth—Rev. I. Alstynne Blauvelt, D.D., Rev. Wm. V. Louderbough, Elder Henry D. Oliphant.

Morris and Orange—Rev. Joshua B. Gallaway, Rev. Frank Lukens, Elder James C. Waters.

Newark—Rev. Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D., D.D., Rev. Frederic W. Jackson, Jr., Elder John E. Burd.

New Brunswick—Rev. Stanley White, Rev. Oliver A. Kerr, Elder P. Kennedy Reeves.

Newton—Rev. Charles P. Glover, Rev. Vernon B. Carroll, Elder Julius Foster.

West Jersey—Rev. Isaac H. Condit, Rev. George B. Van Dyke, Elder John L. Brown.

After singing, prayer and the benediction, the Synod adjourned until to-morrow at 9.00 o'clock A.M.

WEDNESDAY, October 20th, 9.00 A.M.

The Synod met and, after prayer, resumed business.

Minutes.

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

Treasurer of Trustees.

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

Dr. Brace present.

Rev. Frederic R. Brace, D.D., announced that he was erroneously recorded as an absentee at the close of the session of Synod in 1896 and it was resolved to record this correction.

Education.

Mr. Horace Churchman, a member of Synod from the Presbytery of Monmouth, addressed Synod upon the interests of the Board of Education.

Narrative.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. Thomas Tyack, D.D., and accepted and approved.

The annual report of the Trustees of Synod was read by Trustees.
Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D. It was accepted and approved.

The resignation of Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., of the Trustee elected.
Presbytery of New Brunswick, as a trustee of Synod, was
accepted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to cast the
ballot for Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., of the same
Presbytery, as trustee in the place of Dr. Gosman, and he
was so elected.

The report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions Synodical Home
was presented and accepted. Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions Treasurer.
was presented, and was accepted and referred to the Com-
mittee on Finance. The thanks of Synod to the Treasurer
for his efficient services were conveyed by a rising vote.

The recommendations of the Committee on Synodical
Home Missions were adopted, as follows :

1. That the Presbyteries be asked to contribute as in former
years, so that there may be expected

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$2,729 10
“ “ Jersey City,	1,788 00
“ “ Monmouth,	1,449 58
“ “ Morris and Orange,	3,015 00
“ “ Newark,	3,180 87
“ “ New Brunswick,	2,453 22
“ “ Newton,	1,156 00
“ “ West Jersey,	1,643 62
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	\$17,415 39

2. That allotments be made as follows :

To the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$1,075 00
“ “ Jersey City,	2,650 00
“ “ Monmouth,	3,900 00
“ “ Morris and Orange,	1,800 00
“ “ Newark,	2,000 00
“ “ New Brunswick,	475 00
“ “ Newton,	1,200 00
“ “ West Jersey,	4,200 00
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	\$17,300 00

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Allen H. Brown, was adopted :

"The Synod."

Resolved, That the Committee on Synodical Home Missions be authorized to continue the publication of "The Synod" for another year, provided that they see the way clear financially.

It was made the first order of the day for this evening to hear the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. It was also made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear the report of the Committee on Young People's Societies.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Thomas Tyack, D.D., was adopted :

Corisco.

Resolved, That the Synod sends greetings to our brethren of the Presbytery of Corisco, as well as to others from our home land who are associated with them in their delightful though arduous work. We assure them that we shall consider it a pleasure to pray for them that they may be kept in bodily health, and that their labors may be crowned with abundant success, in the conversion of souls and the upbuilding of the professed Christians of our Missions in that land in the graces of the Holy Spirit.

Minutes of General Assembly.

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

First. That the resolution of the General Assembly, with respect to forms of incorporation for religious bodies, found on page 82 of the Minutes, be referred to the trustees of Synod.

Second. That the recommendation with respect to the observance in 1898 of the anniversary of the adoption of our denominational standards, found on page 86, be referred to the Committee on Historical Materials.

Necrology.

The Synod engaged in devotional services, led by Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., and in connection with this service the Necrological Report was read by Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, and was accepted.

Synod took recess until two o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

The Synod re-assembled and proceeded to business.

It was resolved to postpone the hearing of the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance from the third order this afternoon until to-morrow, and to hear in its place a representative from the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented its report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted, as follows :

Bills and
Overtures.

First, That in response to a request from the Synod of Utah, concerning the propagation of Mormon doctrines, the Stated Clerk be appointed to act as superintendent of a "Bureau of Information," for the distribution of documents and other information as occasion may require.

Second That the annual report of the Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Third, That upon review of the report of the Woman's Synodical Society for Home Missions the Synod commends the good work of the women in Home Missions and rejoices in their progress and urges them to continuance in well-doing ; also, that the Stated Clerk be authorized to print one hundred copies each of the reports of these societies for their use.

Woman's Home
Missions.

Rev. Benjamin L. Agnew, D.D., addressed the Synod upon the interests of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Relief.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D. It was accepted, and its recommendations adopted, as follows :

Foreign
Missions

1. The Synod expresses sympathy with our brethren of Corisco Presbytery, in view of their arduous labors and losses by death, and congratulate them upon their excellent reports and their full columns in the Minutes.

2. Seeing the wide doors which God has opened before our church, and considering the devotion and sacrifices of our missionaries and many of their converts, we express our conviction that any further retrenchment on the field would be both a disgrace and a sin.

3. We express our admiration for the generous devotion of our foreign missionaries, in their endeavor to remove the debt and avoid further retrenchment, and promise to co-operate with them, in the same spirit, in the hope that this \$100,000 incubus may be lifted before 1898.

4. We call the attention of our churches to two recommendations of the General Assembly: (1) that, if possible, at least two offerings be taken each year for this work; and (2) that Sabbath-schools make it a part of their regular instruction and observe the Sabbath preceding or following Christmas with special missionary services and a Christmas offering.

5. In view of the undeveloped giving ability of so large a proportion of our ministers, members and adherents, pastors and sessions are urged to adopt some method involving *personal solicitation*, so far as it is practicable, for securing larger gifts for Foreign Missions.

6. The cordial thanks of the Synod are given to Rev. Dr. Hunter Corbett, of China, for his stirring advocacy of missions in our churches last fall. Approving the plan of the Synod's Committee, we welcome to our State and our pulpits the Rev. Dr. J. C. R. Ewing, of India, for a similar educational campaign.

7. We acknowledge with satisfaction the report of the Woman's Synodical Society, and express our hearty approval of the faithfulness and consecration of our sisters and of their admirable and successful methods. We also bid God-speed to the efforts of our young people to develop foreign missionary zeal and the habit of proportional giving.

8. The thanks of the Synod are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown for his moving address of last evening, and our sympathy to the Board in their abounding labors and trials.

Foreign
Populations.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Work Among Foreign Populations was presented by Rev. Albert Erdman, D.D. It was accepted. In connection with this report Synod was addressed by Mr. Philip Sidersky.

Aid for Colleges.

Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D.D., addressed Synod upon the interests of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of New Jersey extends its thanks to Dr. Johnston, who has presented the cause of the Board of Aid for Colleges so eloquently, and that we hereby express our con-

tinued confidence in this Board and our renewed sympathy for the great cause of College and Academy Aid.

Synod also resolved to make a contribution to the Board, in view of the loss sustained by the unfaithfulness of its late treasurer. The amount thus raised in money and pledges was \$734.44.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work was presented by Rev. George H. Ingram, and was accepted. The following recommendations were adopted :

First, That inasmuch as the last General Assembly sent out an urgent appeal for larger offerings for Sabbath-school missions, in order to meet the pressing calls from many Presbyteries in the West, we recommend our churches and Sabbath-schools to raise this next year, at least, \$8,000 for this work.

Second, That we again call the attention of our Sabbath-schools to the importance of making their benevolent contributions through the boards of the church, rather than through independent agencies.

Third, That we commend to the attention of the churches of Synod the new hymnal, which, since its publication, has won its way into the favor of our churches, and bids fair to become the generally accepted book of praise of the Presbyterian church.

Fourth, That "The Twentieth Century Movement," which has for its object the gathering in of 500,000 scholars to our Presbyterian schools throughout the country during the next four years, be heartily approved, and all our pastors, elders and workers be urged to enter upon this crusade with all possible diligence.

Fifth, That we recommend the general observance of Children's Day, the second Sabbath of June, and Rallying Day, the last Sabbath of September, and that liberal offerings be made on those days for Sabbath-school mission work.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance was presented by Rev. J. DeHart Bruen, and was accepted.

Pending the discussion of the recommendations, Synod took recess, after prayer, until 7:45 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:45 o'clock P. M.

The Synod re-assembled and engaged in devotional services.

Systematic
Beneficence.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented by Rev. Thomas S. Long, and action thereon deferred until to-morrow morning.

Synod listened to addresses upon Systematic Beneficence by Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley and Rev. A. N. Hollifield, D.D., and after prayer, a hymn and the benediction, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 21st, 9:00 A. M.

The Synod met and, after prayer, resumed business.

Minutes.

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

Finance.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented and was accepted and its recommendations adopted, as follows :

The Finance Committee respectfully report that they have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Synod and the Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Fund ; have compared the payments with the vouchers and have found all correct, and they recommend :

1. That the apportionments be the same as last year, to wit :

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$60 00
“ “ Jersey City,	50 00
“ “ Monmouth,	45 00
“ “ Morris & Orange, .	60 00
“ “ Newark,	60 00
“ “ New Brunswick, . .	60 00
“ “ Newton,	45 00
“ “ West Jersey, . . .	50 00

2. That hereafter the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Fund be audited quarterly by Synod's Committee on Synodical Home Missions.

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

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod hereby expresses its continued confidence in the work of the American Bible Society and its high estimate of the value and importance of that work. In view of the present needs of the Society, the Synod urges our churches to make, if possible, still larger contributions for its missionary work. American Bible
Society.

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

Paterson was chosen as the place of the next meeting of Synod. The selection of the church was referred to the Stated Clerk, who was directed to confer with the pastors of the city. Next Place of
Meeting.

The report of the Custodians of Historical Material was presented by the Stated Clerk, and was accepted. Historical
Material.

The report of the Committee on Historical Materials and of a joint committee on the erection of a memorial monument in the Old Scots Burial-ground, was read by Rev. Allen H. Brown and was accepted and its recommendations adopted, as follows :

Your Committee asks of the Synod permission to go forward in the lines and within the limitations already designated, in the endeavor to erect The Scotch Presbyterian Monument, to commemorate the men and the events mentioned in the earliest official records of our beloved church in this country.

The Committee asks to be continued, and that Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley be added to the Joint Committee.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. E. B. Cobb, D D., was adopted :

That the matter of raising the money required for the erection of the Memorial Monument in the Old Scots Burial ground be committed to the care of Rev. Allen H. Brown, who is hereby commended for this purpose to our churches and members.

The Committee on Historical Materials also made its report upon the relation of the (Old) Synod of New York to the College of New Jersey. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod thankfully recognizes the overruling hand of God in the history of the College of New Jersey and congratulates Princeton University upon its phenomenal growth from the little seed which was planted at Elizabethtown and was soon transplanted to Newark and thence to Princeton, where it has celebrated, most auspiciously, its sesquicentennial.

2. WHEREAS, With the exception of Corisco in Africa, the present Presbyterial territory of the Synod of New Jersey was included in the Synod of New York, one hundred and fifty years ago, when Nassau Hall was erected as a result in part of the action of the said Synod of New York ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special Committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees and faculty of Princeton University upon the expediency of erecting a suitable tablet to commemorate the fact of the co-operation of the old Synod of New York with the Trustees, and also the fact that thereby the erection of Nassau Hall was assured through generous contributions of friends in Great Britain, obtained by the agency of Gilbert Tennent and Samuel Davies under Synod's appointment, and that at the same time they secured the foundation of the fund to aid candidates for the sacred ministry.

3. *Resolved*, That the said Committee be authorized to take such action as may be approved by the united wisdom of both the parties in conference.

Young People's
Societies.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Societies was presented by Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley and was accepted and its recommendations adopted, as follows :

1. That the Young People's Societies be commended for their offerings to Synodical Home Missions, and that they be requested to make a Thanksgiving offering, if possible, of at least three dollars for each society for this work.

2. That our societies be urged to make an earnest effort this year to show to what extent they may be expected to support their assigned missionaries, so that in cases where this cannot be done, contiguous Presbyteries may unite.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented by Rev. George Swain, D.D. It was accepted, and its recommendations adopted, as follows:

Sabbath
Observance.

I. That in full accord with the action of the last General Assembly this Synod "re-affirms its belief that the law of the Sabbath is a law of perpetual binding obligation upon all men."

II. "That we call upon all members of our Churches, members of Young People Societies and Sabbath-schools together with all friends of God's law, to use their personal influence for the Biblical observance of the day by abstaining from all riding of the bicycle for pleasure or recreation on the Lord's day, from all forms of amusement, from unnecessary visiting and from all things that are unproductive of holiness in men, and to be faithful to religious duty and life on this holy day."

III. That the American Sabbath Union and the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, societies organized for the purpose of quickening the public conscience and for the enlisting of all Christian men and women in the work of conserving the American Sabbath, receive our cordial endorsement and approval. We also commend them to those who are stewards of the Lord's gold and silver as well worthy of a portion of these to enable them to carry on their important work.

IV. That we earnestly and respectfully urge it upon our leaders, in the political life of the State and Nation, to resist the temptation to infringe on the Lord's day with public business, and to aid in securing for all our people, as far as possible, the Sabbath as a day of rest.

V. That we respectfully ask the Bible, Sunday-school and other religious societies of our State to give notable place in their conventions and discussions to the subject of Sabbath Observance.

VI. That this Synod will be pleased to have our Board of Publication give prominence to the cause of Sabbath Observance in the Sunday-school lessons, and especially in the lesson prepared for the annual Rallying Day.

VII. That the chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Observance in each of the Presbyteries of this Synod be directed to send an abstract of his latest report to the chairman of Synod's Committee on Sabbath Observance, at least ten days before the meeting of Synod.

VIII. That these resolutions, especially Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, be read by pastors from their pulpits at an early date.

Rev. George S. Mott, D.D., addressed Synod upon the interests of the American Sabbath Union.

Records of
West Jersey.

The Records of the Presbytery of West Jersey were approved, with the following exceptions :

1st. On page 24, we find that the pastoral relation existing between the church of Tuckahoe and the Rev. Daniel I. Camp was dissolved, but the record does not show that "both parties" (as required by the Form of Govt., Chap. XVI, § II) were heard from. A similar record appears on page 45 in regard to the church of Fairfield.

2d. On page 58, action is had under date of May 27th, 1897, declaring that the pastoral relation existing between a specified church and its pastor was dissolved 26 days previously. The records seem to be defective in that they do not show said dissolution. If the intention of the action under date of May 27th was to effect the dissolution, and date it back 26 days, then it seems to be an irregularity to which the attention of the Presbytery of West Jersey should be called.

3d. On page 63, a resolution of the Presbytery "*Enjoins* all its churches that have not taken up their contribution to Synodical Home Missions, . . . to send . . . twenty-two cents per member to the treasurer of Synodical Home Missions before Sept. 30th, 1897."

Systematic
Beneficence.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was now taken up, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. We commend our churches that they have increased their direct offerings to the treasuries of the boards \$12,979 over last year. That they have reached a total of \$341,083 in benevolent contributions, and a total of \$1,251,158 to all purposes. That in the list of thirty two Synods, New Jersey stands *third* in the amount of contributions, and *first* in her per capita gifts (\$4.08) to our benevolent causes.

2. Encouraged by our success, and prompted by gratitude to our Redeemer, and the joy of sharing in His work, we urge the churches to go forward, with still greater zeal, to a higher endeavor, until we shall know more fully what the Lord Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

3. We counsel our pastors and stated supplies to exert their wisest and most faithful efforts to educate their people, by instruction and example in the grace of Christian liberality, and to secure for each of our boards the largest amount possible. In this, as in every good work, the minister must lead the people. We beg our elders to encourage the ministers and to their

utmost ability stimulate in this work those over whom God has made them overseers.

4. We congratulate the brethren in charge of the "Assembly Herald" on its greatly improved character, as to form, paper and presswork. We express our high commendation of our admirable church magazine, "The Church at Home and Abroad." With the same favor we mention the excellent periodicals published by our Women's Societies: "Woman's Work for Woman," "Home Mission Monthly," and "Over Sea and Land," all which stand in the front rank of similar magazines. Let all our ministers, elders and people avail themselves of the benefits of these several publications.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken up. Pending the discussion of the recommendations, the hour having arrived, Synod engaged in devotional services for half an hour, led by Rev. George H. Payson, and immediately thereafter took recess until two o'clock P. M.

Temperance.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The Synod re-assembled and proceeded to business.

Discussion upon the recommendations of the report of the Committee on Temperance was resumed, and the following resolution adopted:

Temperance.

The Synod finds occasion to reiterate the judgment often expressed by the General Assembly and this Synod, that the renting of property for the sale of intoxicants and the signing of applications for license to sell intoxicating beverages is inconsistent with Christian character and harmful to the cause of religion, and calls the attention of all its Presbyteries and sessions, its ministers, teachers and church members to this matter.

The Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches made its report, which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted and the Committee discontinued.

Unemployed
Ministers and
Vacant
Churches.

The Committee on Historical Materials made a report, which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted, as follows:

Historical
Materials.

In view of the fact that General Assembly (see Minutes 1897, p. 86) recommended to the Synods, Presbyteries and churches under its care, to observe during the year 1898 the 250th anniversary of our Standards, and in view of the fact that the last recorded meeting of the Westminster Assembly occurred on February 22d, 1648 ;

Resolved, That the attention of all our pastors and churches be called to Sunday, February 20th, 1898, as being a suitable and significant time for the celebration of these great events by various exercises of a Scriptural and historical character.

If February 20th is not convenient, the 27th is recommended.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Vernon B. Carroll, was adopted :

Social Questions. The Synod of New Jersey desires to place upon record its keen appreciation of the fact that the questions connected with the stability of the institutions of modern society find their solution only through the application of the ethical principles and the humanitarian ideas inculcated by the Divine Man of Nazareth, and that it becomes the ministry of the Word to inform themselves concerning these pressing questions, to the end that they may become competent guides and sympathetic counselors in the application of the social teachings of Christ.

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

Unemployed Ministers. *Resolved*, That as the Committee on Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers has been dropped from the list, we, as a Synod, recommend the churches desiring supply and ministers desiring a hearing or temporary supply, to make use of the Synodical Home Missions Committee of each Presbytery.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted :

Thanks. *Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod are hereby tendered to the Committee of Arrangements for the very ample and generous provision made by them for our entertainment ; to the Session and Trustees of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, for the use of their buildings ; to the Presbyterian people of this beautiful city for their generous hospitality ; to the choir for its delightful service in worship ; to the newspaper press for the interest displayed in our meetings and the space devoted to the reports of our proceedings ; to the

Public Ledger for its excellent reports and for free copies distributed, and to other newspapers for similar services.

The committee to confer with the Trustees and Faculty of the Princeton University on the erection of a historical tablet at Princeton was announced by the Moderator, as follows :

Committee on
Princeton
Tablet.

Rev. John DeWitt, D.D., Rev. George S. Mott, D.D., Rev. Allen H. Brown, Elder Hugh H. Hamill, Elder Wm. P. Stevenson.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to secure the holding of municipal elections on Tuesday instead of Monday, reported that they had urged the measure before the Legislature and that the election laws had been so modified. The report was accepted and approved, and the Committee was discharged with the thanks of the Synod.

Committee on
Election Laws.

The Statistical Reports were ordered to be printed.

The Permanent Clerk reported that 162 ministers, 90 elders and 8 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—Minister Ezra F. Mundy.

Jersey City—Ministers Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D., Chas. Herr, D.D.

Monmouth—Ministers Edward B. Hodge, D.D., Thaddeus Wilson, D.D., John H. Pratt, D.D., Lewis S. Mudge, Samuel G. Webb, F. Reck Harbaugh, Ormond W. Wright.

New Brunswick—Ministers James Roberts, D.D., Horace G. Hinsdale, D.D., Amzi L. Armstrong, Lewis W. Mudge, D.D., Abraham Gosman, D.D., Joseph H. Dulles, *Henry C. Cameron, D.D.*

Newark—Ministers David R. Frazer, D.D., Jos. F. Folsom.

West Jersey—Ministers William D. Roberts, Arthur W. Spooner, D.D.

AFTER TUESDAY EVENING.

Jersey City—Elder H. Hollister, M.D.

Monmouth—Elder John S. Silvers.

New Brunswick—Minister John Dixon, D.D.

Newark—Elder Cyrus Peck.

AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Morris and Orange—Ministers Jas. B. Beaumont, S. J. McClenaghan.

AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Elizabeth—Ministers William E. Honeyman, Elders W. V. D. Field, Edward P. Tenney.

Jersey City—Ministers H. R. McClelland, Jas. S. Young, P. F. Leavens, D.D.

Monmouth—Ministers Oliver A. Kerr, Joseph E. Curry, Nathan D. Hynson, Chas. H. McClellan, D.D., Elders A. J. Duncan, F. S. Stines, H. R. Taylor, H. S. Simons, Horace Churchman.

Morris and Orange—Ministers Chas. Townsend, F. B. Dwight, Arthur J. Brown, D.D., Elders T. Stallknecht, Levi Farrow, M. D., Chas. Lindsley, Jer. Baker, F. H. Kingsbury.

Newark—Ministers R. P. D. Bennett, Edward Frailey, George H. Bonsall, Elders Geo. T. Baldwin, Wm. Rankin, Jas. P. Jones.

New Brunswick—Minister John B. Kugler, Elders Caleb F. Quick, Henry D. Oliphant.

Newton—Ministers John C. Clyde, D.D., Percy Y. Shelly, Robert J. Burt, Elders Lewis Roy, L. Marshall Teel.

West Jersey—Minister Rev. Raymond H. Gage.

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Elizabeth—Minister Thos. Heywood, Elders Ira B. Wheeler, E. D. Smith.

Monmouth—Ministers J. Edward Grant, Jos. S. VanDyke, D.D., Chas. Everett, D.D., Elders Wm. L. Terhune, W. T. Smock.

Morris and Orange—Ministers John R. Fisher, Chas. B. Bulard, Wm. Fryling, Albert Erdman, D.D., Elder H. F. Pierson.

Newark—Minister Chas. T. Haley, D.D.

New Brunswick—Ministers Jas. W. VanDyke, D. Ruby Warne, Elders D. C. English, M.D., D. W. Larison.

Newton—Elders John H. Young, Josiah Ketcham.

West Jersey—Minister Edward Dillon, Elders Richard Stevenson, John S. Jessup, P. Kennedy Reeves.

AFTER THURSDAY MORNING.

Elizabeth—I. Alstynne Blauvelt, D.D., Albert E. Wirth, J. Garland Hamner, D.D., Elders L. N. Lovell, E. W. Barnes, J. C. Waters.

Jersey City—Ministers Henry W. Bainton, Geo. R. Garretson.

Monmouth—Ministers James H. Dunham, Frank Lukens, C. F. Taylor, Wm. P. Finney, Thos. Tyack, D.D.

Morris and Orange—Ministers Edward P. Gardner, Wm. W. Halloway Jr., D.D., O. H. Perry Deyo, W. R. Bennett, Elders E. C. Harris, John L. Brown, Fred. Babbitt.

Newark—Minister J. G. Hamner, Jr., S. Ed. Young.

New Brunswick—Ministers D. R. Foster, Wm. Allen Jr., R. I. Gamon, Geo. W. S. Wenrick, Elders Geo. E. Snedeker, Geo. Williamson.

Newton—Ministers Henry S. Butler, D.D., Isaac H. Condit, Elder J. W. Cline.

West Jersey—Ministers John Ewing, D.D., W. W. Casselberry, Alfred P. Botsford, D.D., J. Charles Levegood, Elders B. O. Titus, R. E. Morgan.

THURSDAY AFTER 3:45 P.M.

Elizabeth—Ministers Eben B. Cobb, D.D., John H. Aughey, Geo. K. Newell, Elder H. W. Demarest.

Monmouth—Ministers A. H. Dashiell, D.D., Frank R. Symmes, Hugh B. MacCauley, A. E. Weston, N. J. Sproul, Elder G. B. Conover.

Morris and Orange—Minister George L. Spining, D.D.

New Brunswick—Ministers Lewis B. Crane, Frank B. Everitt.

Newton—Elder A. G. Creveling.

West Jersey—Minister Frederic R. Brace, D.D., Elder P. W. Lyon.

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

Elizabeth—Ministers Benj. Labaree, D.D., Edward Love, Fred'k D. Tildon, Elders S. Clark Lum, W. W. Willets, Wm. P. Thompson, R. H. Radford.

Jersey City—Ministers David Mitchell, Robert H. Sharpe, Elders Walter Clinn, Geo. W. DeMott.

Monmouth—Ministers Samuel W. Knipe, Wilmer McNair, Robert M. Blackburn, Elder C. Van Mater, Hugh B. Ely, David Harvey, Sr.

Morris and Orange—Minister Asa Wynkoop.

Newark—Ministers V. LeRoy Lockwood, D.D., Charles E. Knox, D.D., Orville Reed, Lyman W. Allen, D.D., John Hutchison, H. C. Vanderbeck, Thos. R. Bridges, Henry K. Denlinger, Elders Cyrus B. Crane, James A. Law, Horace Alling, Wm. C. Johnson, H. O. Price, E. B. Denny.

New Brunswick—Ministers Archibald A. Murphy, Wm. S. Voorhies, James R. Kerr, Elders Wm. H. Brewer, Wm. B. Van Pelt, A. F. Stout, Frank L. Janeway, J. B. Van Doren.

Newton—Ministers, Jos. C. Cromack, A. M. Higgins, Edwin J. Reinke, Elders Jacob Gould, David R. Hull, J. W. Cline.

West Jersey—Ministers Wm. Bannard, D.D., W. V. Louderbough, Elders A. R. Rossell, F. O. Ware.

Judicial
Committee.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been placed in its hands.

Minutes

The minutes of to-day's session were read and the record was approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1898, in Paterson, at the church to be selected by the Stated Clerk.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction.

JNO. T. KERR,
Recording Clerk.

WALTER A. BROOKS,
Stated Clerk.

The preceding pages contain a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of the Synod of New Jersey, at its annual meeting, held in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, October nineteenth to October twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Attest: Walter A. Brooks,
 Stated Clerk.

Thus far examined and Approved
in General Assembly at Uniona
Lake, Ind. May 27th 1898.

Ullian Radcliffe
Moderator

These minutes have been examined
and found in order.

On the behalf of the Assembly's Committee

W. H. Hudson
Chairman.

APPENDIX.

I.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 16TH, 1897.

Reports have been received from all the Presbyteries with the exception of Corisco.

From pages 21 to 32 of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions a most interesting account is found of the work performed by our representatives in Africa.

Their conflict with a debilitating climate, the pangs of homesickness which must often come to them, the degradation, wretchedness and superstition of the native tribes, and the oft-repeated failures of the professed Christians, combine to tax the patience and prove the faith of our brothers and sisters who labor in that benighted land.

The reports of the home Presbyteries show :

I. The importance of maintaining a high state of religious life in the membership of our church.

Some of the reports mourn that in too many instances but little public attention is paid to the law of spiritual nurture and Christian growth in the services which are used for this purpose. Mention is made in only a few cases of really satisfactory attendance at the mid-week services. One of the reports says: "It is evident that the prayer-meeting offers a serious problem to many pastors. Of a majority it is intimated that they fall below the standard of the other church services. Either, while they are interesting and profitable to those who attend, they reach too small a circle, or the interest is languid and the attendance rather perfunctory." And this, for substance, is what most of the Presbyteries declare. However this condition of things may be accounted for, one thing is true, the ideal life of the church has not yet been reached.

In much the same tone we find mention made of family religion. The narrative of one Presbytery fears "that family worship is neglected." In another, questions concerning family religion are so briefly answered as to indicate that the writers declined discussion. The deep concern of so many pastors and sessions for an awakening

to our privileges as believers is a good omen. The great need, above everything else, is a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost.

In marked contrast to the foregoing are those quite jubilant accounts of the increasing and incalculable value of the several societies of young people. Declarations are made of faithfulness in pledge-keeping and of a cheerful support of our many forms of benevolence. In much the same tone reference is made to our Sunday-school work.

Of the 3,475 persons who were admitted to the privileges of full membership in our churches last year 2,330 had been baptized in infancy. These are showing that the obligations made by their parents have not been forgotten, and there is also in the fact a further proof that God has not forgotten the covenant in which He promises to bless religious households. Let us lay emphasis upon the fact that the main growth of our Church is from within the Church, and that as the children are nurtured so the Church itself will be likely to prosper.

II. The importance of maintaining the well-known Scriptural methods of Evangelism.

Foremost among these methods is the preached Word. With but few exceptions God's Word has been preached twice every Sunday in all our churches during the past year. The Presbytery of New Brunswick has not a single church unsupplied with preaching. Newton reports all the churches supplied with regular Sabbath services throughout the entire year. West Jersey says: "The churches of the Presbytery have been, on the whole, well supplied with preaching during the year, and the attendance on these services has been encouraging." Morris and Orange has a remarkable record: "Services have been held every Sunday in the year in every church with the exception of two, in each of which they were omitted for a single Sunday, and what is more gratifying, there appears to be little ground for the complaint heard in some quarters of a diminishing attendance upon these services." There is, perhaps, more unanimity on the part of our churches in their maintenance of the services of public divine worship on Sunday than in any other department of church life and work. This condition has been brought about largely by the successful operation for a period of eleven years of our plan of Synodical Home Missions.

The reports from the Presbyteries confirm the belief that we are, as not before in many years, beginning properly to estimate the sacred privilege of our own pastors serving their own congregations as Christ's best evangelists.

Our business, our chief business, is to shape those efforts which, with God's blessing thereupon, a revival shall surely follow, and this seems to have been the result recently. Surer and

richer fruitage has been gathered from these labors of earnest pastors than from other and more spasmodic efforts.

The Holy Spirit owned and blessed those efforts which were made, and last year 3,475 persons were added by the confession of their faith to the membership of the churches of this Synod.

These additions to our membership have, in almost every instance, been made with only such help as our pastors have secured from their brethren assisting them in special services. In a large number of cases our mission churches have excelled the self-supporting organizations in the number of conversions they report. In Monmouth seven aid-receiving churches added on profession 161, an average of twenty three, and one of these, Farmingdale, had a revival, when sixty united with the church. West Jersey reports, "To the six mission churches organized in the past six years there were added on examination 130, or an average of twenty-two each." Special mention is made of the "phenomenal growth" of Calvary Church, Camden; the school, although only two years old, has a membership of 650, and 142 persons were added to the membership of that church in the past year.

The temporalities of our churches are managed by boards of trustees, who take great interest in their work. Their fidelity and zeal are such that all financial obligations seem to be met promptly. This, of course, is because they are heartily supported by our congregations.

The Hammonton church, West Jersey, has furnished a young lady who has gone as a missionary to India, and the West Church, Bridgeton, is honored in supplying our African Mission with an additional worker, in the person of Rev. Leonard P. Davison.

III. The importance of maintaining a bold front against the incoming tides of worldliness.

These evils are the same as in past years. Sometimes a new form of sin is noticed, but, after all, it is the same old antagonism to Christ's cause. Intemperance is as aggressive as ever. Its alliance with political ruling parties is such as to make almost futile any local attempt to suppress it. Sabbath desecration is lamented within our bounds. Century bicycle runs on the Lord's Day are deplored and deprecated, and all our people are urged to feel the importance of obeying in more than word the Scriptural injunction of a clear separation from worldly and sinful ways, and to showing in their daily lives the transforming power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

THOMAS TYACK,
Chairman.

II.—NECROLOGICAL REPORT.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

REV. HENRY VANDERVEER VOORHEES.

Mr. Voorhees was the son of Abraham Oakey and Margaret P. (Harris) Voorhees. He was born at New Brunswick, N. J., December 19th, 1826. He was prepared for college at the Preparatory School, Princeton, and graduated from Rutgers College in 1847, and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1850. The same year he was licensed to preach by the Classis of New Brunswick. His pastoral charges in the Reformed Church were as follows: Geneva, N. Y., 1851-4; Broome Street, New York City, 1855-6; Bound Brook, N. J., 1858-62; Washington Heights, New York City, 1862-5; South Bushwick, Brooklyn, 1867-9; Nyack, N. Y., 1871-8. The latter part of his ministry was spent in the Presbyterian Church, serving the Church at Princess Anne, Md., 1881-9; and Delaware Water Gap, Pa., 1891-4. He was twice a member of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, April 14th, 1890, to April 21st, 1891; and April 21st, 1896, to October 10th, 1897, the date of his death. During this latter period he resided on his farm at North Branch Depot, N. J., and supplied churches as opportunity offered.

Mr. Voorhees was a thoughtful and scholarly man, a fluent and impressive speaker, a courteous and sympathetic friend and pastor. He was, above all, a faithful preacher of the gospel of Christ. He was a brother of Robert Voorhees, of Rocky Hill, N. J., whose nervous and brilliant oratory thrilled the older generation of Princeton students.

Mr. Voorhees married, on November 3d, 1859, Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Hon. Thomas F. Talmage, once Mayor of Brooklyn, and afterward a State Senator and judge. His widow and a son and two daughters survive him.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

REV. WILLIAM LUKE CUNNINGHAM, D.D.

The subject of this sketch was born in Alnwick, Northumberland, England, March 4th, 1847. At sixteen years of age he confessed Christ and united with the Wesleyan Methodist Church in his native place. His early education was received in the academy at Alnwick and the Fairchild Language School, London. For a time he engaged in business in London. About 1870 he removed to Nova Scotia, and, his purpose being fully formed to preach the

gospel, he connected himself with the Methodist Conference and began the course of study prescribed by that body. Before completing the course, however, he transferred his relations to the Presbytery of Sydney. In 1877 he entered Princeton Seminary, middle year. He was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick April 14th, 1880. On July 8th of the same year he was ordained and installed at Hamilton Square, N. J. This pastorate continued till August 26th, 1888. He next pursued a course of study in Yale Seminary for one year, graduating with honor and receiving the degree of B.D. Soon after he was made a Doctor of Philosophy by the Western University. In 1891 he received the title of D.D. from Wooster University. He became pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Point Pleasant, N. J., December 4th, 1889. He was a delegate to the General Assembly in 1884 and Moderator of the Presbytery of New Brunswick in 1885. He traveled extensively in Europe and the East in 1891. He was a great sufferer for many months. He manifested a sweet submission to God and beautiful trust in the Savior. He fell asleep in Jesus, October 5th, 1897.

He was married September 9th, 1880, to Miss Frances Amelia Jordan, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who, with a son, survives him.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

REV. SAMUEL H. WALLACE, D.D.

Dr. Wallace was born near Moorfield, Ohio, September 16th, 1833. He was the son of Christian parents, and he breathed an atmosphere charged with spiritual life from earliest childhood. As he grew in years he grew in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, and in boyhood united with the Presbyterian Church in his native place. He graduated from Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio, in 1857. He pursued his theological course in the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, graduating in 1860. He was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, April 22d, 1862, and on the same day installed pastor of the Concord Church. This pastorate continued for nineteen years. His other pastorates were at Barnesville, O., 1880-85; and Sharpsville, Penna., 1885-87. In 1887 he removed to Wooster, O., for the education of his children. Here he continued his ministerial duties as he had opportunity, for some time supplying the churches of Hayesville, Congress and West Salem, in the Presbytery of Wooster. In the summer of 1895 he went to New Egypt, N. J., and took up the management of New Egypt Seminary, a work for which he was well qualified by experience as a teacher. He transferred his relations to the Presbytery of Monmouth, October 2d, 1895. His death occurred February 2d, 1897, at his home in New Egypt.

He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from his Alma Mater in 1879. He was married May 15th, 1862, to Minerva C., eldest daughter of John and Edna Laughlin, Love City, O., who, with four children, survives him.

REV. OLIVER CRANE, D.D., L.L.D.

His native place was West Bloomfield, now Montclair, N. J., his birthday being July 12th, 1822. He graduated from Yale College in the Class of 1845, and Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., in 1848. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel by the Presbytery of Newark, June 18th, 1848. The same year he was commissioned by the American Board a missionary to Turkey. He spent the five subsequent years in Broosa, Aintab, Aleppo and Trezibond. In 1853 he returned to America, on account of impaired health, and in 1854 became pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Huron, N. Y., and in 1857, of the church in Waverly, N. Y. In 1860 he returned to Turkey, where his heart had ever been, but was obliged to give up the work again in 1863. From 1864 to 1870 he was pastor in Carbondale, Pa., after which he was constrained to withdraw from pastoral work. He continued to supply churches as his strength permitted. The latter years of his life were mainly devoted to literary pursuits. He died in Boston, Mass., November 29th, 1896, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. For more than forty-eight years he was a devoted minister of the gospel. Dr. Crane was a man of genial nature and ripe Christian experience. He was a fully-consecrated man, and laid his all on the altar, a willing sacrifice. He was wise in counsel, charitable in judgment, a man loving and beloved. He was a good scholar in Oriental languages, and a corporate member of the American Oriental Society. He was both a doctor of medicine and of theology, receiving the latter degree from Wooster University in 1880. He was married, in 1848, to Miss Marian Dunn Turnbull, who died in 1890. Their children were four, three surviving him, one having died in Turkey. In 1891 Dr. Crane was married to Miss Sibylla Baily, of Boston, Mass. His widow survives him.

REV. STEPHEN C. LEONARD.

Mr. Leonard was born at Whitneyville, Connecticut, November 11th, 1810. He studied at Oberlin, Ohio, and graduated from the theological seminary there in 1844. His first pastorate was over a Congregational church, Charlestown, Ohio. His subsequent charges were Hudson, Richfield and Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Andover, Mass. These pastorates extended to 1865. He then became instructor in Homiletics at Oberlin Seminary. Ill-health

in his family required a change of climate, and he removed to New Haven, Conn., where he ministered for some years to the churches at Seymour and Naugatuck.

In 1887 he took up his residence in Orange, N. J., where he spent the remainder of his life. Shortly after his removal to Orange he connected himself with the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and became stated supply of the church of Wyoming, N. J. Failing health forced him to abandon this work in 1894. He died at his home February 10th, 1897. "During Mr. Leonard's connection with this his only Presbyterian parish, his scholarship, ability and upright Christian life were honored by all who knew him, while his genuine kindness and wide sympathies won their sincere love." He married, in 1844, Miss Sarah Jane Kilbourne.

REV. DAVID BLUMENFELD.

Mr. Blumenfeld first saw the light in Roumania, on the 24th of December, 1859. His parents were Jews of the strictest sect. He was thoroughly educated. During the persecution of the Jews in 1881 he fled to Constantinople. Here he became acquainted with evangelical Christianity through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews. But he was not yet ready to become a follower of Jesus of Nazareth. He soon left Constantinople and settled in Alexandria, Egypt, where he supported himself by teaching the Hebrew language. Here attending the services of the United Presbyterian Church he was led to search the Scriptures diligently. He finally became fully persuaded that Jesus is the Messiah. In 1883 he went to Jerusalem, received instruction in Christian doctrine by Missionary Friedlaender, and was baptized by him in 1884. His parents hearing of this step renounced him and refused to see his face again. His heart was well nigh broken, but he was sustained by the words of His Savior—"He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me." Like Paul, David Blumenfeld asked, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" He was sent by Mr. Friedlaender, who recognized his sincerity and zeal, to London that he might prepare himself for the ministry of the gospel. But he was unable to go forward in his work on account of want of means. A friend assisted him in making his way to America, and, in the spring of 1885, we find him associated with Rev. Jacob Freshman, in New York. While in this work he made the acquaintance of Rev. P. Werber, of Baltimore, who recommended him to the German Theological Seminary at Bloomfield, N. J. This institution he entered in 1885, and from it he graduated with high honors in 1887. After preaching for a short time in Canada, and Nyack, N. Y., he received a call to the Pleasantdale Church, and was ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Morris

and Orange December 13th, 1887. Here he remained until his death, February 16th, 1897. In his work in this church Mr. Blumenfeld proved himself a faithful steward. Although of delicate body and feeble strength, he was diligent in season and out of season. Under his ministry the church became self-supporting, the membership greatly increased, English services were introduced for the American population in the vicinity, a spacious Sunday-school building was erected and the parsonage enlarged. Mr. Blumenfeld was married December 28th, 1887, to Miss Johanna Goerken, of Nyack, N. Y., who, with five little children, survives him.

REV. JAMES F. BREWSTER.

Mr. Brewster was the son of James Meeker and Sarah Codington Brewster, and was born at Woodbridge, N. J., May 23d, 1831. His ancestry were prominent in Colonial and Revolutionary times. He was prepared for college in Rahway, N. J., in the school of Rev. Jonathan T. Ely. In 1853 he graduated from Rutgers College with the highest honors of his class. He engaged in teaching for two years, and entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1855, where he graduated in 1858. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Passaic at Westfield, N. J. On October 1st, 1858, he was installed pastor of the church of Chester, N. J. Here he labored faithfully and laboriously for thirty two years, failing health compelling him to resign in August, 1890.

Mr. Brewster was greatly beloved by his people, and exerted a wide influence in the neighborhood where he lived. He attracted children and all young people to him with peculiar power. He helped many young men and women to secure a college or business training. For many years he taught a school in the church chapel, adding these duties to his arduous pastoral labors.

He died in Summit, N. J., August 10th, 1897. The members of his church bore him tenderly to his quiet resting-place in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

In 1862 he was married to Miss Huldah E. Haines, daughter of Stephen R. and Harriet Baldwin Haines, of Newark, N. J. Mrs. Brewster and three children survive him.

Presbytery of Newark.

REV. JOHN LESTER WELLS.

Mr. Wells was born at Pomeroy, O., January 13th, 1846. He joined the Presbyterian Church at the age of thirteen. He graduated from Marietta College in 1868, and Union Theological Seminary in 1872. From 1872 to 1891 he was pastor of the Bethany

Church, Newark, which was undertaken as a mission, but developed into a church through his labors.

In 1891 he became assistant pastor to Dr. Scudder, in the Jersey City Tabernacle. During this ministry he retained his connection with Presbytery.

Mr. Wells was active in international Christian Endeavor work, and was especially zealous in promoting the department of that work that has to do with life-saving crews. He has left a fragrant memory. A widow and two children survive him.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

REV. JOSHUA HALL MCILVAINE, D.D.

On January 30th, 1897, Dr. McIlvaine died of heart failure, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was born in Lewes, Delaware, March 4th, 1815, was graduated at Princeton College in the Class of 1837, and at the Theological Seminary in 1840. His first pastorates were at Little Falls, Utica and Rochester, N. Y. From 1860 to 1870 he was professor of Belles Lettres in Princeton, and from 1870 to 1874 he was pastor of the High Street Church, Newark. He introduced the name "Westminster" for churches in founding the church of that title in Utica. In 1859 he delivered a course of lectures before the Smithsonian Institution, on Comparative Philology in Relation to Ethnology, including analysis of the structure of the Sanskrit language and process of deciphering cuneiform inscriptions. In 1869 he delivered a similar course on Social Science, in Philadelphia, for the University of Pennsylvania. For many years he was a member of the American Oriental Society, and in 1854 he received the degree of D.D. from the University of Rochester, N. Y. In 1887 he founded, at Princeton, the Evelyn College for girls. His publications include, "The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil"; "Elocution, the Sources and Elements of its Powers"; "The Wisdom of Holy Scriptures, with References to Sceptical Objections"; "The Wisdom of the Apocalypse," and a number of religious and scientific articles.

He married Miss Sarah Dwight Dutton, daughter of George Dutton, Esq., of Utica, N. Y., January 12th, 1846. Five children were born to Dr. and Mrs. McIlvaine, three of whom, a son and two daughters, survive him.

Presbytery of Newton.

REV. WILLIAM E. FAULKNER.

Mr. Faulkner, pastor of the Yellow Frame Church, died suddenly on the 9th day of June, 1897. He was born at Pittstown, Rens-

selaer County, N. Y., May 15th, 1848. His father died when he was a mere boy, and the support of his mother and sisters fell largely upon him. His attendance upon school was necessarily irregular; but he finally succeeded in working his way through an academy at West Milton, Saratoga county, N. Y., where he was prepared for college. He entered Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1870, and graduated with honor in 1873. Having already consecrated himself to the gospel ministry, he entered Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., where he graduated in 1877. He was ordained to the ministry and became stated supply at Brainard, N. Y. From here he received a call to the church at Bethlehem in the same State, and became pastor. His other charges were: Chesterville, Napanoch, Wyckoff, Mountain Top and Sugar Notch, and finally Yellow Frame. His ministry covered a period of twenty years. His health was often frail, yet he always labored on, consumed by a great desire to win souls to Christ.

He died in the hospital in Paterson, N. J., after a short but painful illness. His end was peace.

SYLVESTER W. BEACH,

Chairman.

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

The God of missions has been favorable to us and to our work during the past year, and by His blessing your Committee are enabled to present a good account of the mission work of Synod. In presenting our eleventh annual report we offer our most humble thanks to the Head of the Church for the privilege of laboring in His name and for His blessing upon our labors.

The Treasurer reports the receipt during the past fiscal year of \$16,613.89. Of this sum the Presbytery of Corisco, in Africa, contributed \$8.00. There is something both pathetic and painful in the gift of these Christians in far-away Africa for the work of missions in New Jersey. Surely those churches in our State which have given nothing, or only a nominal sum, to the work are rebuked by the Presbytery of Corisco. It is gratifying to note that the amount received is not only larger than last year by \$1,456.49, but \$200.85 in excess of the largest sum received in any one year. Thus we advance in the matter of receipts, but have not reached the measure of our needs. Every Presbytery except Newark has contributed the full amount asked for by Synod. This Presbytery has the large deficiency of \$856.48. Surely Newark, the very center of Presbyterianism in our State and the "mother of us all," even though called upon to do difficult work within her own bounds cannot long allow herself to be the only Presbytery in the Synod not meeting her quota.

As in former years, so during the past year, there has been a quiet and steady progress in our mission churches. Very few of them fail to report accessions, while the total number received on confession of faith is 608. This is nearly one-fifth of the total number received by the entire Synod. Thus it is evident that our weaker churches do a large as well as necessary and blessed work, without which our city churches would be poorer in every way. Interesting and stimulating as numbers and success are yet, after all, we should give most heed to where the need is greatest, and, therefore, the Committee would call the attention of Synod especially to the spiritual needs of our large cities and the foreign populations. The following statement, prepared by the Rev. Dr. P. F. Leavens, of Passaic, a member of this Committee, is made a part of our report :

"The census of New Jersey for the year 1895 reports the population of the five counties nearest to New York City, as follows : Bergen, 62,251 ; Essex, 312,000 ; Hudson, 328,000 ; Passaic, 133,227 ; Union, 85,404 ; making a total of 923 882, out of an enumeration of 1,672,942 for the entire State. Take New York for a center, and with a radius, say thirty five miles, describe a circle so as to include

not only these counties but also Long Branch, New Brunswick, Plainfield and Morristown (for they are all tributary to the metropolis), and it would be no stretch of the census to say that the segment thus formed would embrace one million souls, or five-eighths of the people of the State. Until recently, the cities and towns, though so close to each other, had little in common, because they were situated on different lines of railway diverging from New York. Now, however, macadamized roads and 'trolleys' are putting them in such neighborly contact that they are fast becoming practically a single community.

"In what sense is it an American community? In the sense, of course, that there is a rock bottom of American people. The Dutch face cannot be wiped off Bergen county, and the marks of the English Puritan are indelible in Essex county, but both are American types. It is an American community, again, in the sense that its municipal governments, its school system, its charitable institutions and its historic churches are after the American model. The Reformed (Dutch) Church is inflexible, and the Presbyterian Church from such ancient seats as Newark, New Brunswick, Elizabeth and Morristown, is a figure to count largely in the present, and more largely still, we trust, in the future of this matchless field.

"But the American character is violently modified by alien elements. Streets in Hoboken are almost as German as Hamburg. Newark is a composite city of Germans and Americans. The Hollanders are a striking feature of Paterson and its neighborhood. The quiet Swede and Dane make themselves felt in important industries. The Italians crowd into the alleys of all our towns. The Slavs and Poles burrow like animals in certain localities. The greatest thing of all, however is not the mere presence of these elements in suburban New Jersey; a greater thing by far is the fusion and Americanization of them. Thirty years ago there was a high degree of zeal for organizing churches in their languages, as if we thought conditions were to be permanent. There are fifteen or more congregations of Hollanders in Passaic and Bergen counties, and they began as if they would reproduce exactly the Church behind the dykes. German speaking churches are familiar in our calculations. And we have been glad to encourage worship in still other tongues. But the watchful observer will have concluded that the process is not to go on indefinitely. We have reached a point already where we have to deal not so much with the German and Hollander who came over in the ship, as with his son and daughter who have grown up here. And the child with his American education is a very different person from the father, who imported a foreign breeding. The second generation of Germans, Hollanders and Swedes are among the most vigorous young men of our cities.

They are the carpenters, the masons, the retail merchants, the active politicians competing for offices, and the accumulators of snug wealth. They have quit the language of their ancestors and the old country is nothing to them. Let the aged father and mother be buried and what is left is American substantially.

“There are certain forces that silently wear away the alien qualities poured in upon us by immigration. Most powerful is the public school. Foreigners of all nationalities alike testify that they cannot persuade their children to speak the old-country languages ‘We talk to them in our languages,’ they say, ‘and they answer us in English.’ Of course, business and politics bring the adult immigrant to an English ‘patois,’ but that does not amount to much compared with the schooling of the young in English lessons and books. Then the social life of the young and their plans for marriage utterly disregard the distinctions of nationality and obliterate those lines. Pastors will have observed, we are sure, how much they are recruiting their church rolls from this healthful stock of the second generation of foreign people. If the two or three better-known races of western Europe have advanced far in the Americanizing process, can we not believe that the Italian, the Bohemian and the Hungarian will follow in due time?

“The Presbyterian Church of this hour in the suburban field faces that fusion of peoples. A generation ago, say thirty or thirty-five years ago, it was a different situation. A new church could be formed then by an act of colonizing. Thus Westminster Elizabeth, Central Orange, Westminster Bloomfield and (much later) Redeemer Paterson were constituted by a body of thoroughbred Presbyterians going out from an older fold to organize a new flock. The materials were homogeneous. Or, when an entirely new plant was started on new ground, there would be at hand a nucleus of trained Presbyterians to shape and control the fresh institution. Thus Bergen, Englewood, Rutherford, Passaic, Summit and Arlington were born with barely a score, more or less, of constituent members. Once formed, those Churches have been able to incorporate and assimilate whatever came to them.

“But the terms of the problem have changed. Now the question is, how to go into a community of mixed ingredients and pull together a Scotch family or two, a handful of Germans, a bunch of Hollanders, some English born folks, a spice of Irish, with here and there an American or anything you happen to find, and knead them into a Presbyterian church.

“One method is the parochial, so well illustrated by the Crescent Avenue Church, of Plainfield, cherishing three missions, and illustrated in other circumstances by the Church of Rutherford with three filials. Another method is the development of a mission up to the point where it may be set apart into an independent

church, like a birdling pushed over the edge of the nest. Examples are: Calvary and Fewsmith Memorial, Newark; Bethel and Arlington Avenue, Orange; Westminster and Claremont, Jersey City; Madison Avenue, Elizabeth; Westminster and Madison Avenue, Paterson, and Dundee, Passaic. Another method is to enter a chaotic community and organize with whatever comes to hand and then nourish the new born church by the aid of Synod's fund and the watchful tendance of a Presbyterial Committee. So have been founded or nourished Garfield, Lake View, Carteret, Manhattan Park, and other demands are at the door.

"Whatever method be pursued certain it is that the one million souls in that limited area on the verge of New York constitute an unique field. The precedents of yesterday do not altogether apply to the hour in which we are living. The fathers did grandly and we revere their memory, but we may well turn the leaf and try to suit our own occasion. Is it not time for Newark to salute Paterson and the two confer about their methods of Presbyterian Church extension? Is it not time for Elizabeth to "call up" Orange and ask for an exchange of ideas concerning Home Missions at home? Is it not time for Jersey City and all Hudson county to come into touch with the environing cities in respect to enthusiasm, aggression and conquest?

"It is not sufficient to trust in unaccelerated momentum of Presbyterianism to make headway in that buzzing hive of eager people. It wants force and foresight in the pulpits of commanding influence; it wants laymen of tact and faith to go into localities where the real estate agent and the 'Building and Loan Association' have marked out a town and rightly plan a church in anticipation of the families that will arrive and fill the well-drawn outlines. It seems to want precisely Synod's scheme, which has done so much for the sparsely-settled portions of South Jersey, now to be applied with re-doubled vigor to the region of dense and multiplying population in the great suburb of the Greater New York."

Under the editorial care of the Rev. George H. Ingram and the business management of Mr. Joseph H. Wright, your Committee have published the little paper called "The Synod." The work upon it was well done, and we are sure it was helpful in securing the excellent result reported by the Treasurer. We are confident that there is a place for the paper, and that it would be of increasing interest and value to the Presbyterians of New Jersey. It has received so little practical encouragement from the pastors that your Committee are unwilling to longer assume the financial risk, and unless specially directed by Synod to continue its publication, the issue of the paper will cease with the present number.

It is fitting that grateful mention should be made of the most efficient and acceptable services of the Hon. W. M. Lanning, as

Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions. The duties of the office were transferred by our former Treasurer to Judge Lanning without the slightest inconvenience or hindrance to the work, and your Committee and all the churches contributing and receiving have only words of praise for the way he has done his work during the past year. We are glad that, out of a high sense of duty as well as deep interest in this important work, he continues to serve us in that capacity.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz. :

1. That the Presbyteries be asked to contribute as in former years, so that there may be expected

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$2,729 10
“ “ Jersey City,	1,788 00
“ “ Monmouth,	1,449 58
“ “ Morris and Orange,	3,015 00
“ “ Newark,	3,180 87
“ “ New Brunswick,	2,453 22
“ “ Newton,	1,156 00
“ “ West Jersey,	1,643 62
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	\$17,415 39

2. That allotments be made as follows :

To the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$1,075 00
“ “ Jersey City,	2,650 00
“ “ Monmouth,	3,900 00
“ “ Morris and Orange,	1,800 00
“ “ Newark,	2,000 00
“ “ New Brunswick,	475 00
“ “ Newton,	1,200 00
“ “ West Jersey,	4,200 00
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	\$17,300 00

JOHN DIXON, *Chairman.*

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

To the Synod of New Jersey:

As Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Fund, I respectfully present the following report for the eleventh fiscal year, beginning October 1st, 1896, and ending September 30th, 1897:

The contributions asked for by Synod for the year were—

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$2,726 70
“ “ Jersey City,	1,720 50
“ “ Monmouth,	1,401 62
“ “ Morris and Orange,	2,931 30
“ “ Newark,	3,087 99
“ “ New Brunswick,	2,438 64
“ “ Newton,	1,160 20
“ “ West Jersey,	1,549 24
Total,	<u>\$17,016 19</u>

The sums actually received from congregations, Sabbath schools, societies and individuals within the respective Presbyteries were—

Within the Presbytery of Corisco,	\$8 00
“ “ Elizabeth,	2,733 70
“ “ Jersey City,	1,912 06
“ “ Monmouth,	1,402 28
“ “ Morris and Orange,	2,933 92
“ “ Newark,	2,231 51
“ “ New Brunswick,	2,467 47
“ “ Newton,	1,160 20
“ “ West Jersey,	1,578 58
“ “ Elizabeth, to cover its deficiency for last year,	186 17
Total,	<u>\$16,613 89</u>

Of this amount (\$16,613.89) there were received:

From congregations (including the aforesaid sum of \$186.17 received from the Presbytery of Elizabeth and from two churches therein to cover the deficiency for that Presbytery for last year),	\$15,068 17
From Sabbath schools,	717 52
From societies	423 20
From individuals,	405 00
Total,	<u>\$16,613 89</u>

Counting mission chapels and mission stations as churches, and also counting Sabbath-schools and societies as churches in the cases where contributions have been received from them and none from the churches to which they belong, it appears that contributions have been received during the year from seven churches in the Presbytery of Corisco, from every church (thirty-six in number) in the Presbytery of Elizabeth, from twenty seven of the forty churches in the Presbytery of Jersey City, from forty-nine of the fifty churches in the Presbytery of Monmouth, from forty-three of the forty-six churches in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, from thirty of the thirty seven churches in the Presbytery of Newark, from every church (thirty six in number) in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, from thirty-one of the thirty-four churches in the Presbytery of Newton and from fifty-five of the sixty churches in the Presbytery of West Jersey.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the beginning of the eleventh fiscal year—October 1st, 1896—as shown by the Treasurer's last report, was the sum of \$4,288.60.

Out of the above balance were paid during the eleventh fiscal year to ministers and missionaries for services performed in the tenth fiscal year the following sums :

Within the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$175 00
“ “ Jersey City,	626 00
“ “ Monmouth,	935 00
“ “ Morris and Orange,	408 34
“ “ Newark,	431 25
“ “ New Brunswick,	109 50
“ “ Newton,	312 50
“ “ West Jersey,	1,007 85
And for expenses incurred in the tenth fiscal year, for printing, postage, committees' expenses, &c., . . .	102 74
Total payments out of balance of \$4,288.60,	\$4,108 18
Balance in hand at the beginning of the year,	\$4,288 60
Payments out of same, as above stated,	4,108 18
Available balance October 1st, 1896,	\$180 42

The appropriations made by the Synod to the respective Presbyteries for the support of the Synodical Home Mission work during the eleventh fiscal year, beginning October 1st, 1896, and ending September 30th, 1897, were as follows :

To the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$900 00
“ “ Jersey City,	2,650 00
“ “ Monmouth,	4,000 00
“ “ Morris and Orange,	1 800 00
“ “ Newark,	1,775 00
“ “ New Brunswick,	450 00
“ “ Newton,	1,150 00
“ “ West Jersey,	4,200 00
Total,	<u>\$16,925 00</u>

At the close of September 30th, 1897, there had been paid out of the above appropriations to ministers and missionaries, for services performed in the eleventh fiscal year, the following sums :

Within the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$725 00
“ “ Jersey City,	1,865 50
“ “ Monmouth,	3,025 95
“ “ Morris and Orange,	1,179 84
“ “ Newark,	1,331 25
“ “ New Brunswick,	303 50
“ “ Newton,	712 50
“ “ West Jersey,	3,146 71
Total,	<u>\$12,290 25</u>

Counting mission chapels and mission stations as churches, the number of aid-receiving churches during the eleventh fiscal year in each of the Presbyteries was as follows :

In the Presbytery of Elizabeth,	3
“ “ Jersey City,	11
“ “ Monmouth,	18
“ “ Morris and Orange,	12
“ “ Newark,	3
“ “ New Brunswick,	3
“ “ Newton,	9
“ “ West Jersey,	22
Total,	<u>81</u>

In order to meet the payments demanded of the Treasurer during the year, various sums have been borrowed from bank on promissory notes amounting in the aggregate to \$5,600, all of which notes, with \$63.61 for interest thereon, have been redeemed and paid. Expenses incurred during the year for printing, postage, traveling,

&c., have been paid, amounting to the sum of \$90.73. The Treasurer also received during the year the sum of \$5, sent by mistake by a member of the West Jersey Presbytery for the credit of that Presbytery, which sum has been refunded.

The following schedules are annexed to this report : Schedule No. 1, containing a detailed statement of the contributions to the work of Synodical Home Missions by congregations, Sabbath schools, societies and individuals during the eleventh fiscal year in each of the Presbyteries of the Synod ; Schedule No. 2, containing a summary of Schedule No. 1 ; Schedule No. 3, containing a summarized statement of payments made during the eleventh fiscal year for the support of Synodical Home Mission work in each of the Presbyteries of the Synod, and also an account of the expenses incurred for printing, postage, traveling expenses of Permanent Committee, and for interest on moneys borrowed from bank, and Schedule No. 4, containing a comparative statement of the number of aid receiving churches and of the amounts paid to them in the tenth and eleventh fiscal years.

The Treasurer had on hand at the close of the eleventh fiscal year on September 30th, 1897, a balance of \$4,349.72. With this balance the accounts for the twelfth fiscal year will be opened. Out of this balance, however, must be paid all orders for services performed in the last quarter of the eleventh fiscal year. These orders will probably amount to about \$4,000, leaving only a little over \$300 as the available balance on October 1st, 1897.

A summary of the Treasurer's account, for the year beginning October 1st, 1896, and ending September 30th, 1897, taken from the Treasurer's books, is as follows :

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To balance from last year,	\$4,288 60
“ contributions during the year (see Schedules 1 and 2)—	
From congregations,	\$15,068 17
Sabbath-schools,	717 52
societies,	423 20
individuals,	405 00
	16,613 89
	\$20,902 49
To notes payable issued,	5,600 00
“ cash erroneously paid for credit of West Jersey Presby- tery and subsequently refunded,	5 00
	\$26,507 49

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By payments for services of ministers and missionaries for tenth year (see Schedule 3),	\$4,005 44	
“ expenses paid for tenth year (see Schedule 3),	102 74	
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“ payments for services of ministers and missionaries for eleventh year (see Schedule 3),		12,290 25
“ expenses paid for printing, postage, traveling, &c., for eleventh year (see Schedule 3),		90 73
“ interest on notes (see Schedule 3),		63 61
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		\$16,552 77
“ notes payable redeemed (see Schedule 3),		5,600 00
“ cash erroneously paid for credit of West Jersey Presbytery and subsequently refunded,		5 00
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		\$22,157 77
“ balance to next year,		4,349 72
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		\$26,507 49

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. LANNING,

Treasurer.

SCHEDULE I.

Referred to in the foregoing report.

Contributions to the work of Synodical Home Missions by congregations, Sabbath-schools, societies and individuals during the eleventh fiscal year, beginning October 1st, 1896, and ending September 30th, 1897.

NAME OF DONOR.		Congregations.	Sabbath Schools.	Societies.	NAME OF DONOR.	Congregations.	Sabbath Schools.	Societies.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF CORESCO.								
Bata,					Elizabeth, Westminster,	\$180 00		
Batang,		\$1 00			Lamington,	55 00		
Benito,		2 00			Liberty Corner,	15 00		
Cortico,		1 00			Lower Valley (Califon),	80 00		
Evune,		1 00			Maurer, German,	14 00		
Myuna,		1 00			Metuchen,	70 00	\$12 00	
Ubenje,		1 00			Perth Amboy,	95 82	4 64	
Total,		\$8 00			Plainfield, 1st,	134 23		\$3 00
					" "	288 69		5 00
					" "	16 20		
					" "	74 20		
					Hope Chapel,	23 70		
					Warren Chapel,	50 00		
					Pluckemin,	125 00		
					Rahway, 1st,	150 00		
					" "	10 00		
					" 2d,	75 40		
					1st German,	54 00		
					Roselle,	200 00		
					Springfield,	43 12		
					Westfield,			2 00
					Woodbridge,			15 00
					Totals,	\$2412 33	\$216 64	\$104 73
					The following contributions were also made to cover the deficiency of the Presbytery of Elizabeth for the year 1895-6:			
					Dunellen,	\$7 17		
					Lower Valley (Califon),	50 00		
					The Presbytery of Elizabeth,	129 00		
					Total,	\$186 17		
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH								
Basking Ridge,		\$113 00						
Bayonne City, 1st,		1 00						
Bethlehem,		7 50						
Carteret,		5 00						
Clarksville (Glen Gardner),		5 00						
Clinton,		72 00						
Connecticut Farms,		44 00						
Granford,		88 80						
Dunellen,		17 00						
Elizabeth, 1st,		130 00		\$30 13				
" 2d,			\$200 00					
" 3d,		67 03		47 00				
" 1st German,		25 00						
Greystone,		54 44						
Madison Avenue,		22 20						
Siloam,		6 00						

NAME OF DONOR.	Congre- gations.	Sabbath Schools.	Socie- ties.	NAME OF DONOR.	Congre- gations.	Sabbath Schools.	Socie- ties.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.				NAME OF DONOR.			
Avondale,				West Hoboken Chapel,	\$35 00		
Carlstadt, German,	\$18 00			West Milford,	\$1762 20	\$125 86	\$24 00
Claremont,	19 56	\$7 52		Totals,			
Dundee (Passaic),	414 04			WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.			
Englewood,	10 77	8 56	\$2 00	Allentown,	\$61 60		
Garfield,	20 00			Asbury Park, 1st,	22 00		
Hackensack,				" Westminster,	32 70		
Hoboken,				Atlantic Highlands,	17 54		
Jersey City, 1st,	7 75			Barnegat,	10 50		
" 2d,	218 33			Beverly,	50 50		
" " John Knox,	54 00		15 00	Bordentown,	9 68		
" " Scott,	40 00			Burlington,	51 36		
" " Westminster,	36 90			Bustleton,	11 00		
Kingsland Mission Chapel,	5 05			Columbus,	9 00		
Lake View (Paterson),	10 60			Cranbury, 1st,	99 00		
Newfoundland (Oak Ridge),	12 00			" 2d,	61 60	\$15 62	
Norwood,				Cream Ridge,	5 45		
Passaic, 1st,	67 04	44 98		Delanco,	17 60		
" German,	5 00			Englishtown,	29 40		
Paterson, 1st,	92 00			Farmingdale,	17 60		
" 2d,	172 65			Forked River,	5 28		
" 3d,	20 00			Freehold,	68 24	10 81	3 00
" 1st German,	11 70		5 00	Hightstown,	26 51	31 79	
" Broadway German,	15 00			Holmanville,	10 62		
" Church of Redeemer,	148 78	5 00		Hope,	1 16		
" East Side,	34 00			Jacksonville,	7 48		
" Madison Avenue,	10 00			Jamesburg,	80 36		5 00
" St. Augustine,				Keypoint,	14 00		
" Westminster,				Lakewood,	33 00		
Rutherford, 1st,	114 23	60 00		Long Branch,	53 68		
" Lyndhurst Chapel,				Manalapan,	17 22	18 42	3 00
" West End Chapel,				Manaquan,	25 00		3 00
Tenafly,	22 00		2 00	Manchester,	14 30		
Weehawken,				Matawan,	43 13		
West Hoboken,	147 80			Moorestown,	30 00	4 58	3 00
				Mount Holly,	31 24		3 93

New Gretna,	13 00				7 00
Ocean Beach (Belmar),	12 76				24 30
Oceanic,	20 02				4 00
Perrineville,	16 36	3 00			10 00
Plattsburg,	4 84				13 17
Plumstead (New Egypt),	15 66				240 00
Point Pleasant,	15 62				275 00
Providence,					6 00
Red Bank,	50 00				10 00
Riverton, Calvary,	24 00				105 30
Sayreville, German,	17 60				31 41
Shamong (Chatsworth),	1 10				11 00
Shrewsbury,	31 46				12 90
South Amboy,	17 00				10 00
South River, German,	8 80				10 00
Tennent,	53 44	2 00			47 90
Toms River,	16 00	5 00			20 00
Tuckerton,	3 50				86 70
Totals,	\$1279 13	\$81 22	\$41 93		50 00
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.					
Perkshire Valley,	\$11 44				
Boonton,	60 83				
Chatham,	79 44				
Chester,	10 00				
Dover, 1st,	135 00				
" Welsh, at Richard Mine,	12 00				
East Orange, 1st,	225 00				
" " Elmwood Chapel,	75 00				
" " Arlington Avenue,	32 89				
" " Bethel,	135 00				
" " Brick,	15 00				
Fairmont,	25 00				
Flanders,	20 00				
German Valley,	80 00				
Hanover,	135 00				
Madison,	80 70				
Mendham, 1st,	9 00				
" 2d,	12 50				
Mine Hill,	275 00				
Morris Plains,	25 00				
Morristown, 1st,	250 00				
" South Street,					
Mount Freedom,					7 00
Mount Olive,					24 30
Myersville, German,					4 00
New Providence,					10 00
New Vernon,					13 17
Orange, 1st,					240 00
" Central,					275 00
" Germant,					6 00
" Hillside,					10 00
" St. Cloud,					105 30
Orange Valley, German,					31 41
Parsippany,					11 00
Pleasantdale, German,					12 90
Pleasant Grove,					10 00
Rockaway,					10 00
Schooley's Mountain,					47 90
South Orange, 1st,					20 00
" Trinity,					86 70
" Vailsburgh Chapel,					50 00
Stirling,					
Successama,					28 00
Summit, Central,					114 54
Whippany,					11 86
Wyoming,					5 00
Totals,	\$2806 42	\$6 00	\$121 50		5 00
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.					
Arlington,					\$225 00
Bloomfield, 1st,					150 00
" German,					23 30
" Westminster,					18 00
Caldwell,					18 85
East Newark, Knox (Kearney),					8 75
Lyons Farms,					70 00
Montclair, 1st,					325 00
" Grace,					275 00
" Trinity,					235 00
Newark, 1st,					7 40
" 2d,					25 00
" 3d,					
" 4th,					
" 1st German,					
" 2d German,					

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Newark, 3d German,	\$15 00			Hamilton Square,	\$25 00		
" 1st Italian,	11 20			Holland,	14 00		\$2 00
" Bethany,	5 00			Hopewell,	22 00		3 00
" Calvary,	37 00	\$8 00		Kingson,	16 00	\$5 00	2 00
" Central,	10 00			Kingwood,	2 00		
" Fewsmith Memorial,	19 23			Lambertville,	75 25		25 00
" Forest Hill,	71 82	10 55	\$3 00	Lawrenceville,	55 00		
" High Street,	125 00			Milford,	43 00		3 00
" House of Hope,	5 00			New Brunswick, 1st,	136 96		
" Inmanuel, German,	37 00			" 2d,	30 00		
" Manhattan Park Chapel,				Princeton, 1st,	28 53		
" Memorial,	31 96			" 2d,	163 57	10 00	5 00
" Park,	15 00			" Witherspoon Street,	5 00		
" Roseville,	250 00		3 00	Ringoes, Kirkpatrick Memorial,	15 00		
" South Park,	150 00			Stockton,	30 00		
" Wickliffe,	11 08			Titusville,	308 59	8 38	
" Woodside,	13 00			Trenton, 1st,	20 00	10 00	6 48
Roseland,	12 35			" 2d,	9 40		
Verona,	2168 98	\$50 53	\$12 00	" 3d,	100 00	50 00	
Totals,				" 4th,	100 00		
				" 5th,	35 00		
				" Bethany,	75 00		3 00
				" Prospect Street,	227 00	6 51	
				" " " Brookville Mission,			
				A friend, for credit of New Brunswick Presby- tery,	\$200 00		
				" G., in Presbytery of New Brunswick,	150 00		
				Rev. Thomas S. Long,	5 00		
				Totals,	\$1962 10	\$94 89	\$55 48
				WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.			
				Andover,	\$3 85		
				Asbury,	75 00		

* This church mailed to the Treasurer \$4.25 on August 9th, 1897, which, by reason of misdirection, failed to reach the Treasurer until after the opening of Synod, October 19th, 1897.

Beatyestown,	5 00	Billingstport,	12 00
Belvidere, 1st,	70 00	Blackwoodtown,	34 00
" 2d,	25 00	Bridgeton, 1st,	82 00
Blairstown,	116 34	" 2d,	38 00
Bloomsbury,	20 50	" 4th,	91 49
Branchville,	16 00	" Irving Avenue,	16 00
Danville,	22 00	" West,	19 25
Deckertow,	35 00	Bunker Hill,	70 00
Delaware,	7 00	" Central Mission,	5 00
Franklin Furnace,	11 00	" 2d,	99 88
Greenwich,	13 00	" Calvary,	78 10
Hackettstown,	125 00	" Liberty Park, German,	23 00
Hardyston, North, at Hamburgh,	28 00	Cape Island (Cape May City),	11 00
Harmony,	25 00	" Cedarville, 1st,	25 00
Johnsonburgh, Yellow Frame,	9 00	" Osborne Memorial,	23 00
Knowlton,	200 00	Clayton,	5 00
La Fayette,	14 34	Cold Spring,	62 36
Mansfield, 2d,	1 50	" Doverfield,	33 00
Marksboro,	13 00	" Elmer,	40 00
Musconetcong Valley, at Junction,	2 00	" Elwood, Brainerd,	11 00
Newton,	200 00	" Fairfield, at Fairton,	20 00
Oxford, 1st,	2 00	" Glassboro,	10 00
" 2d, at Oxford,	5 47	" Gloucester City,	4 95
Phillipsburg, 1st,	10 23	" Green Creek,	6 00
" Westminster,	13 00	" Haddonfield,	33 50
Sparta,	18 00	" Hammondon,	61 20
Stanhope,	20 00	" Italian Evangelical,	20 00
Stewartville,	46 90	" Holly Beach Mission Chapel,	2 00
Stillwater,	18 00	" Jersey,	6 60
Wantage, 1st,	18 00	" Jericho,	3 00
" 2d, at Beemerville,	125 00	" Leeds Point,	7 00
Washington,	19 70	" Mays Landing,	1 00
Presbytery of Newton,	19 70	" Merchantville,	31 00
Totals,	\$14383	" Millville,	8 50
	\$19 81	" North Cramer Hill, Grace,	10 00
	\$6 56	" Ocean City, 1st,	20 00
		" Pittsgrove, at Daretown,	9 00
		" Pittsgrove Hall Mission,	47 16
		" Shirley Mission,	1 00
		" Whig Lane Mission,	1 25
Absecon,	\$8 00	Pleasantville,	10 00
Atco,	5 00	Salern, 1st,	50 00
Atlantic City, 1st,	40 00	" Swedesboro,	13 80
" German,	20 00	" Tuckahoe,	5 00
" Olivet,			
Audubon Mission Chapel,	2 00		
Berlin,			

WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

NAME OF DONOR.	Congre- gations.	Sabbath Schools.	Socie- ties.	NAME OF DONOR.	Congre- gations.	Sabbath Schools.	Socie- ties.
Vineland,				John Jessup,			\$5 00
Waterford,	\$20 00			Mr. Belz,			2 00
Wenonah,	5 00			Rev. Thomas Thompson,			2 00
Weymouth Mission Chapel,	25 00	\$5 00		Rev. F. J. Collier, D.D.,			2 00
Williamstown,	25 00		\$15 00	Rev. E. P. Shields, D.D.,			5 00
Woodbury,	41 60			"Cash,"			2 00
Woodstown,	14 00	3 00		Rev. H. R. Rundall,			5 00
Rev. A. H. Brown,	\$5 00			Rev. W. Dayton Roberts,			5 00
Rev. William Bannard, D.D.,	5 00			Rev. A. W. Spooner, D.D.,			2 00
Phoebus W. Lyon,	5 00			Totals,	\$1349 01	\$122 57	\$57 00
Rev. John H. Peters,	5 00						

SCHEDULE 2.

Referred to in the foregoing report, and being a summary of Schedule 1.

PRESBYTERIES.	Congregations.	Sabbath Schools.	Societies.	Individuals.	Totals.
Corisco,	\$8 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	\$8 00
Elizabeth,	2,412 33	\$216 64	\$104 73	. . . . .	2,733 70
Jersey City,	1,762 20	125 86	24 00	. . . . .	1,912 06
Monmouth,	1,279 13	81 22	41 93	. . . . .	1,402 28
Morris and Orange,	2,806 42	6 00	121 50	. . . . .	2,933 92
Newark,	2,168 98	50 53	12 00	. . . . .	2,231 51
New Brunswick,	1,962 10	94 89	55 48	\$355 00	2,467 47
Newton,	1,133 83	19 81	6 56	. . . . .	1,160 20
West Jersey,	1,349 01	122 57	57 00	50 00	1,578 58
	\$14,882 00	\$717 52	\$423 20	\$405 00	\$16,427 72
Elizabeth (to cover deficiency of last year),	186 17	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	186 17
Totals,	\$15,068 17	\$717 52	\$423 20	\$405 00	\$16,613 89

SCHEDULE 3.

A summarized statement of payments made during the eleventh fiscal year to ministers and missionaries and for business purposes.

PRESBYTERIES.	For services in tenth fiscal year.	For services in eleventh fiscal year.
Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$175 00	\$725 00
“ “ Jersey City,	626 00	1,865 50
“ “ Monmouth,	935 00	3,025 95
“ “ Morris and Orange,	408 34	1,179 84
“ “ Newark,	431 25	1,331 25
“ “ New Brunswick,	109 50	303 50
“ “ Newton,	312 50	712 50
“ “ West Jersey,	1,007 85	3,146 71
	\$4,005 44	\$12,290 25
EXPENSE ACCOUNT.		
Members of Permanent Committee, traveling, etc,	31 32	29 81
Treasurer, for postage,	18 17	15 42
Naar, Day & Naar, for printing cards, etc.,	49 75	41 50
John L. Murphy Publishing Company, for printing, . . . . .	. . . . .	4 00
Presbyterian Board Publication, publishing Financial Report,	3 50	. . . . .
Mechanics National Bank, for notes payable redeemed, . . . . .	. . . . .	5,600 00
“ “ “ “ interest on notes, . . . . .	. . . . .	63 61
	\$4,108 18	\$18,044 59

SCHEDULE 4.

Referred to in the foregoing report.

Number of aid-receiving churches, and the amounts paid toward their support, during the tenth and eleventh years, compared by Presbyteries.

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches, &c., where Aid was Received.		Increase or Decrease	Payments in 1895-6	Payments in 1896-7.	Increase or Decrease.
	1895-6.	1896-7.				
Elizabeth,	4	3	dec. 1	\$725 00.	\$900 00	inc. \$175 00
Jersey City,	11	11	. . . . .	2,454 00	2,491 50	inc. 37 50
Monmouth,	18	18	. . . . .	4,069 98	3,960 95	dec. 109 03
Morris and Orange,	11	12	inc. 1	1,591 66	1,588 18	dec. 3 48
Newark,	4	3	dec. 1	1,731 25	1,762 50	inc. 31 25
New Brunswick,	4	3	dec. 1	473 00	413 00	dec. 60 00
Newton,	9	9	. . . . .	881 25	1,025 00	inc. 143 75
West Jersey,	25	22	dec. 3	4,122 49	4,154 56	inc. 32 07
Totals.	86	81	dec. 5	\$16,048 63	\$16,295 69	inc. \$247 06

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

Whatever else is true of Foreign Missions to day it must be said that it presents an abounding and an unexampled opportunity. Korea is, perhaps, the strategic point. Mrs. Bird Bishop's appeal for a large influx of laborers was not too strong; the fields are "white unto the harvest." The conditions are even more favorable than those in Japan twenty years ago. Shall the church repeat the mistake of tardy and inadequate action, and allow Korea, like Japan, to substitute for eager desire a self-satisfied indifference? Laos is almost as encouraging, reporting constant successes and calling loudly for a larger force. The fruits of the Mitchell Memorial are beginning to distil a lasting fragrance about that honored name. China, true to her nature, is advancing more slowly, but upon a scale astoundingly greater. As she gropes ponderously after God, her look of sad perplexity is perhaps as touching as the animated interest of her Lilliputian neighbors. India is learning, by ocular and material demonstration, the spirit and value of Christ's gospel of love; thousands of lives saved by unselfish gifts and labors will not be able to forget their debt of gratitude. West Africa, identified with our own Synod, is still calling for the services of sanctified pioneers and explorers, while intrusting largely to devoted women of long experience the training of ministers, the translation of literature, even the care of stations. The frequent deaths of white missionaries have seemed to render imperative the training of colored men to do a larger part of the work. An experiment of much interest is the sending out of the older schoolboys, two and two, to tell the Story in their native villages. Venezuela has been entered during the year, a country hitherto unoccupied by Presbyterian missions.

The whole field, with greater or less emphasis, is beckoning God's host to intenser enterprise and broader accomplishment. As never before, the world lies at our feet and we are messengers and soldiers of the all-conquering King. O, for ten thousand Calebs to say: "Let us go up and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

Here a sorrowful wail interrupts: Have you forgotten the debt? Are you oblivious of the straitness of the times? Making it necessary to turn from busy harvest fields, with their undaunted reapers and rejoicing converts and their many steadfast and self-denying believers, to contemplate a less cheerful situation at home. Were there no obstacles in the path when Caleb uttered the brave words just quoted? Yes; there were giants, and walled cities, and chariots of iron. God's largest occasions are often conjoined with man's deepest poverty of resources. "We walk by faith, not by

sight." Christ's mighty arm must win the victory after all. Alas! if our faith is in material resources. Is not God, by furnishing the vast opportunity, saying, Go up and possess? Is not the Christ sending down the message, "All power is given unto me," "Lo, I am with you alway"? God can work without material resources; yet, if He chooses to use them, the faith of His people will be able to find them. If they will, they can rise to any occasion He furnishes, no matter what its requirements.

Perhaps the most practical question for us at present is, where shall we seek the necessary means for carrying on and enlarging this work of God? The answer is pray to the Spirit of God to open hearts. Our mine of treasure is the undeveloped giving ability of Christians. In this we include the undeveloped giving ability of Christian ministers. It is almost an axiom that a missionary pastor makes a missionary church; yet, judging from the reports, how few pastors can answer to this description. A study of the columns in the Minutes seems to warrant the inference that the number of our pastors who give to the Lord a stated proportion of all they get is not large. Many may well be ashamed if the amount given by themselves is not more than that set opposite their churches; and twenty-one churches having pastors or stated supplies gave nothing. Is it not a fair question whether any pastor or supply, unless in very exceptional circumstances, should not feel humiliated if his church has not given at least one cent a week, or fifty cents a year, per member, to each of Home and Foreign Missions? Yet that standard, attained by the churches which fell below it, would have increased the contribution of last year \$6,241, and made our balance on the right side. There were 161 churches in the Synod which gave less than fifty cents a member to Foreign Missions, against 157 which gave more; and there were 30 which gave nothing. It is noticeable that the delinquency of the year is, in great measure, owing to some of the larger churches; a few of our large city churches do scarcely anything. Enough is apparent to warrant a special admonition to pastors not to neglect their duty to this great cause, and to let no home interest, however important, overshadow it.

The Assembly's Minutes credit the Synod with \$85,386 last year, a falling off of \$5,176. The report of the Board shows a smaller difference, \$1,139. Gains and losses are as follows:

Presbytery.	Gain.	Loss.	Blanks.	Total.
1. Corisco, . . . . .	. .	\$36	0	\$27
2. Elizabeth,	\$349	. . .	2	14,356
3. Jersey City, . . . . .	. .	3,633	6	5,768
4. Monmouth, . . . . .	. .	354	0	5,131
5. Morris and Orange, . . . . .	. .	579	4	21,897
6. Newark,	644	. . .	5	17,849
7. New Brunswick,	779	0	11,799
8. Newton,	677	1	4,749
9. West Jersey,	111	12	3,810
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	\$993	\$6,169	30	\$85,386
Net loss, . . .		\$5,176		

The contribution per member is reduced from \$1.35 to \$1.25. The most of the Presbyteries show a reaction from the Memorial effort of last year, and perhaps the unusual effort for Home Missions has somewhat affected the result. The substantial gain of Elizabeth and Newark, under these conditions, is very encouraging.

How shall we pastors and elders co-operate with the Divine Spirit in opening the hearts of the members of our churches who have not yet learned to give according as they are able? Until we imitate the methods and consecration of our noble women, and, in addition to public teaching and appeal, bring the obligation to bear personally upon our church members and adherents, we shall not succeed in developing their latent power. Therefore, we must resort to plans involving personal solicitation for this great object. Dr. Marshall's is endorsed by the Board, and furnished without cost to the churches.

That this is a vital question appears from the fact that, in the face of a rapidly expanding work and in spite of the special efforts of recent years, we are compelled to contemplate a falling treasury. Notwithstanding unusual measures of economy in administration, and an actual retrenchment of \$100,000 upon the field, the debt of about \$50,000, of last year, became nearly \$100,000. Unless relief comes, this means further retrenchment this year; a prospect so disheartening to the missionaries and so portentous to the Board that most active means for its removal have been taken. Instead of at once appealing to the churches, the Board determined to begin the extinguishment of this debt at headquarters: its members and officers, and the helpers at the missions house, subscribing first, and then inviting the workers abroad to give their mite. Of the result at headquarters we are not informed; but the gifts from the missions fields have filled the home workers with wonder and joy. When 319 missionaries had been heard from, their gifts averaged \$25.47 apiece. With this fact in hand, an appeal is sent to the churches which ought to be well-nigh irresistible. If those who

have already sacrificed so much, in the service of the Lord and the church, have responded so handsomely, must not the members of the home church be ashamed not to meet them half way? The Board desire that an effort shall be made in every church, if possible before the year 1897 closes, to roll away this threatening incubus. Let us show these missionaries that we appreciate their self-denial and emulate their generosity.

We must not lose sight of the fact that difficult financial conditions, while they impose heavy burdens, are not without their advantages. They furnish opportunity for re-organization on a basis of greater economy; they make necessary the careful comparison of methods and the rejection of those which are ineffective; best of all, they stimulate to liberality, while emphasizing the need of more faith and prayer. No time like the present for bringing people upon new standards of giving and praying, which will yield constantly enlarging fruitage as affairs improve. No time like this for urging God's principles of giving and "provoking unto love and to good works."

We call the attention of the Synod to the new program for the monthly concert, the regular observance of which we have so often urged and would emphasize again; and to an individual contribution-box, provided without cost in any desired number by the Board, for church and other offerings.

Your Committee are so well satisfied with the results which are apparent from the itineration of well known missionaries throughout our bounds that they propose to repeat it, with the permission of this body, during the coming winter. We know of no educating force superior to the campaign of such a zealous and successful foreign worker as Hunter Corbett. It gives us great pleasure to announce that the Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, of India, is willing to undertake the work this year, and is ready to begin about November 10th. The conduct of his campaign in the several Presbyteries will be in charge of their Presbyterial Chairmen and conducted upon the same lines as that of last year.

We submit, for consideration and adoption, the following resolutions:

1. The Synod expresses sympathy with our brethren of Corisco Presbytery, in view of their arduous labors and losses by death, and congratulate them upon their excellent reports and their full columns in the Minutes.

2. Seeing the wide doors which God has opened before our church, and considering the devotion and sacrifices of our missionaries and many of their converts, we express our conviction that any further retrenchment on the field would be both a disgrace and a sin.

3. We express our admiration for the generous devotion of our foreign missionaries, in their endeavor to remove the debt and avoid further retrenchment, and promise to co-operate with them, in the same spirit, in the hope that this \$100,000 incubus may be lifted before 1898.

4. We call the attention of our churches to two recommendations of the General Assembly: (1) that, if possible, at least two offerings be taken each year for this work; and (2) that Sabbath-schools make it a part of their regular instruction and observe the Sabbath preceding or following Christmas with special missionary services and a Christmas offering.

5. In view of the undeveloped giving ability of so large a proportion of our ministers, members and adherents, pastors and sessions are urged to adopt some method involving *personal solicitation*, so far as it is practicable, for securing larger gifts for Foreign Missions.

6. The cordial thanks of the Synod are given to Rev. Dr. Hunter Corbett, of China, for his stirring advocacy of missions in our churches last fall. Approving the plan of the Synod's Committee, we welcome to our State and our pulpits the Rev. Dr. J. C. R. Ewing, of India, for a similar educational campaign.

7. We acknowledge with satisfaction the report of the Woman's Synodical Society, and express our hearty approval of the faithfulness and consecration of our sisters and of their admirable and successful methods. We also bid God-speed to the efforts of our young people to develop foreign missionary zeal and the habit of proportional giving.

8. The thanks of the Synod are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown for his moving address of last evening, and our sympathy to the Board in their abounding labors and trials.

HENRY S. BUTLER,

Chairman.

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

In presenting this, our twentieth annual report, we have reason for rejoicing that, during a year of great financial depression throughout the land, we can report steady growth in membership and a gain of over \$700 in money for Home Missions in this our State of New Jersey. The contributions from our eight Presbyteries to the Woman's Board are as follows :

Presbytery.	Value of Boxes.	Money.
Elizabeth,	\$2,219 76	\$4,443 29
Jersey City,	1,107 76	1,810 40
Newark,	2,590 95	2,227 52
Newton,	1,156 47	1,519 04
Monmouth,	624 75	1,836 61
Morris and Orange,	6,084 48	4,769 38
New Brunswick,	1,808 30	2,215 46
West Jersey,	1,163 20	1,033 91

Twenty years ago the new Synodical Society reported money received to the amount of \$1,083.00. To-day we can multiply these figures by our number of years and report the largest sum yet received, \$21,938.13. Of this amount \$1,738.43 was designed for the special objects recommended by the Board and voted upon at our last meeting. Asheville Farm School received \$726.17; Good Will Mission, \$616.10, and Sumpter, S. C., \$396.16. The figures here given are for the fiscal year ending March 31st, but, thanks to the faithful Presbyterian Treasurers and their quarterly reports, we are quite confident of raising this year the entire amounts suggested at the meeting held in Paterson. An advance of \$57.96 is also made in the amount sent to the Freedmen.

This report forms itself quite naturally into a hymn of praise. There are eight stanzas, written in double metre, and the first is sung in unison by the twenty-eight societies of Elizabeth. They tell us of a larger gain in moneys and greater zeal in the cause of missions than ever before. The New Year letter from the president to the auxiliary societies was an inspiration, and a closer relation has been established through the efficient visiting committee, who have done much toward strengthening the weaker churches by their personal presence.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another," begins our second stanza from Jersey City. Here we find further testimony to the valuable services rendered by the visiting committee. They also report increasing membership, quickened mis-

sionary zeal, more interest in the cause of Freedmen, and make special mention of the work done by the young people.

Monmouth, with her eighteen societies, begins in quiet strains because the amount for the special objects is not quite as large as usual. But before the second line is reached the tones change, and we hear of an advance of \$90 in contributions. They tell us they are stronger in faith and hope, and are expecting great things in the future because they are "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

And now New Brunswick takes her place in line and gives a suggestion for practical work, while demonstrating the fact that "in unity there is strength." This active Presbyterian society has held two meetings during the year, and has prepared a valuable box for their representatives on the field. Several of the auxiliary societies joined forces and prepared a box of medicines and delicacies.

"He who aids another
Strengthens more than one."

Our fifth stanza is rung out in most harmonious chords by Morris and Orange. They tell of earnest study of the various fields of work, of large additions to their membership and of the largest gains in money. Surely "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The keynote of our next stanza is "Increase," and is heard from Newark. Listen, as they swell the chant: Increase in membership, increased interest in Freedmen, increased demand for literature, and, of course, increase in contributions. All this gives assurance of most healthy growth.

Next in order comes Newton, always full of good works. Her song is one of hope, for the interest is more general than in any previous year, prayers are more frequent and more earnest, and the outlook brighter than ever before.

Our eighth stanza comes from West Jersey, and is loud enough to be heard all over the State. They are up to the mark in contributions, and report a deeper spiritual interest manifested. More than one hundred new members have been added, and the subscriptions to the "Home Mission Monthly" are nearly doubled. Here, also, the S. S. and Y. P. S. C. E. have rendered valuable service.

And now the eight are heard together in a refrain which swells louder and louder in gratitude for the spiritual and financial growth, for the interest in Freedmen's work, for the help of the young people, and for the efficient literature department.

The secretaries of literature realize that we must meet the Lord's work fully prepared, and are doing their utmost towards making furnished workmen of us. The increased demand for missionary information has been fully illustrated by the calls for the leaflet setting forth the "special objects" of our society for the year just closing. Requests for this leaflet have come from Presbyterian and

Synodical officers in all parts of our country, and we have sent it forth with a prayer that God's blessing would follow.

But, after all, there is a minor strain. Our Synod, with her 330 churches, has but 193 Home Missionary Societies. "Where are the nine"? Here are great possibilities and splendid opportunities for missionary seed sowing. If ever the church needed willing and consecrated men and women, it is now. Many noble workers have been called to their reward during the year, reminding us that our time is limited. But the work is not limited. There is room in the schools, under the care of the Woman's Board, for many more pupils who clamor for admission, and teachers are eager to enter the ranks of those substitutes of ours who are already doing such valiant service. Home Mission work needs our prayers and our dollars, and with such definite work before us, let us not rest satisfied until the women of every church in our Synod are aroused and all shall join in one grand chorus which will be heard and felt from South Carolina to far-away Alaska, and the influence of the prayers of New Jersey's loyal Presbyterian women shall reach all nations.

God speed the day!

M. JOSEPHINE PETRIE,
Corresponding Secretary.

VII.—TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey was held in the First Presbyterian Church, New Brunswick, N. J., October 14th, 1897.

Meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, after an half hour of devotional exercises, by the responsive service Jehovah Nissi.

Mrs. E. M. Hunt led us in prayer, and after singing a hymn the roll was called, bringing responses from every Presbytery.

The welcome received from the Reception Committee was supplemented by a very cordial greeting from Rev. Wm. W. Knox, D.D., pastor of the church, to which our president responded with thanks.

The report of the Treasurer of Contingent Fund, Mrs. Manning, showed expenses met and a surplus in the treasury. The report was accepted.

Miss M. Josephine Petrie's report of the year's work was very encouraging, but her minor strains bid us "go forward" to meet increased needs. Accepted.

Our Young People's Secretary, Mrs. Frank B. Kelley, reported the work among the young people. It rang with enthusiasm and zeal for the training of our young people for loyal Presbyterian work.

Mrs. Wm. Nelson, the Secretary of Literature, urged in her report the mighty force of intelligent work in our societies and churches; and gave us proof that they who are hearers of the word are also doers of the work.

After another hymn, Miss V. May White told of Utah, with its blasting cloud of Mormonism and its tiny specks of Christian influences.

We were then favored with a duet, while the offering was received.

Miss Anna Coe gave personal recollections of her work among the Indians.

The President then stated the work recommended for the coming year, and each special object was presented to the society, Mrs. Finks speaking of the Asheville Farm School, Mrs. Owens of Good Will Mission, Miss L. F. Pond of the Repair Fund, and Mrs. G. W. B. Cushing of the Abbeville School. Upon motion the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That as a Synodical society we endeavor to raise \$1,000 for the Asheville Farm School, \$500 for Good Will Mission, \$500 for the Repair Fund, and as much as possible for the Abbeville School

among the Freedmen, and that this money be apportioned to the Presbyteries and be raised as an extra over and above all present pledges.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report, Mrs. James Roberts, of Lambertville, having taken the chair.

The report was accepted and the officers elected 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. D. C. BLAIR, Belvidere.

MRS. JAMES ROBERTS, Lambertville.

MRS. H. V. DESHLER, Hightstown.

MRS. M. J. PAULDING, Daretown.

Corresponding Secretary—MISS M. JOSEPHINE PETRIE, Plainfield.

Recording Secretary—MRS. JAS. RICHARD GIBSON, Newark.

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

Secretary of Young People's Work—MRS. FRANK B. KELLEY, Elizabeth.

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

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES.

ELIZABETH.

Mrs. F. H. Pierson, Elizabeth.

Mrs. W. P. Stevenson, Roselle.

Mrs. E. B. Cobb, Elizabeth.

Mrs. J. M. McNulty, Woodbridge.

Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, Plainfield.

Mrs. F. B. Kelley, Elizabeth.

Miss M. J. Peck, 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. J. Currie, Cranbury.

MORRIS AND ORANGE.

- Mrs. Robert Aikman, Madison.
 Mrs. J. B. Beaumont, Morristown.
 Miss Sarah Littel, Morristown.
 Mrs. Albert Erdman, Morristown.
 Mrs. G. W. B. Cushing, East Orange.

NEWARK.

- Mrs. E. O. McFarland, Newark.
 Mrs. Paul Babcock, Montclair.
 Mrs. W. Jones, Bloomfield.
 Mrs. Isaac Marshall, Newark.
 Mrs. ——— ———, Lyon's Farms.
 Mrs. John Maxwell, Montclair.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

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

NEWTON.

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

WEST JERSEY.

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

The following resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father has called home to their mansions on high, Mrs. B. S. Everett, Jamesburg, Monmouth Presbytery, and Mrs. P. A. Studdiford, Lambertville, New Brunswick Presbytery ;

Resolved, That we recall their untiring consecration to the work which they were instrumental in organizing in their own Presbyteries, their zeal and unremitting effort to further the cause of the Master, whose they were and whom they served.

Resolved, That we follow in the steps which they trod, and give ourselves a willing sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

The minutes were read and approved.

After singing a hymn and receiving the benediction, Society adjourned to meet in Princeton, N. J., October, 1898.

LILLIE CAIRNS-GIBSON,

Recording Secretary.

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

In many parts of the State of New Jersey, especially in the rural districts, it is customary in the late summer or early fall to have a festival called a Harvest Home. In some neighborhoods it furnishes an excuse for a dance and not too decorous merrymaking. In most communities, however, the entertainments are under the auspices of the churches, and are in some degree of a religious nature. After the laborious work of sowing and reaping, the farmer and his family rest awhile before beginning their preparations for the winter, families exchange with each other the hospitalities of the farm and picnic grove, they recount the success of past work and gather refreshment and courage for that which is to come.

In like manner we women of the various missionary societies meet during this month of October to look in each other's faces, to hear of the harvests garnered during the year just gone and to pray to the Lord of the harvest for a blessing upon the work which we are about to take up. "For the harvest of the earth is ripe" and "the field is the world."

As our friends from the Presbyteries of Newark, Jersey City, Monmouth, New Brunswick and Newton come to us at this season, they desire not only to recall the mercies of the past year, but also to bring to remembrance the gathered sheaves of a quarter of a century, "to thank God for the era done, and trust Him for the opening one."

It is the boast of our great Northwest that the young people grow up with the towns. Some lovely Christian women have grown up and grown old with their missionary societies. What better way to grow old gracefully? for "the hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness." Mrs. Joel Parker, of Freehold, whose term of office as President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Monmouth extends over the entire twenty-five years of the existence of the society, has resigned her official connection with it, but hopes to continue in the work so long as she carries here.

Mrs. James P. Wilson, of Newark, was not permitted to round out her quarter of a century of loving service as President of the Society of the Presbytery of Newark, but on November 4th, 1896, she passed "beyond the smiling and the weeping."

Each of us will recall some dear face beautiful with the serene peace of age or flushed with the hue of youth that will no more be seen at our meetings, and we will press forward with renewed courage "If we but remember only, Such as these have lived and died!"

Mrs. Wm. Scribner, Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterian Society of Elizabeth, after twenty-three years of active, loving service, desires to confide to other hands the work she has so patiently and successfully carried on.

Miss Carrie S. Pudney has found it necessary to resign the office of Secretary of the Presbyterian Society of Jersey City, which position she has ably filled for nine years.

At Ewing, on November 7th, 1872, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of New Brunswick was started, it being the third Presbytery to form such a society. This society has been fortunate in coming into frequent touch with missionaries from the field. Mrs. Gulick, the newly appointed secretary of missionary literature, is connected by birth and marriage with two of our best-known missionary families. I commend her excellent report to the attention of the auxiliaries; it contains valuable suggestions.

We can all appreciate the persistent effort and unwavering zeal which enables the auxiliary of Grace Church, Montclair, to report that every lady in the church is an active member. This is a goal to be attained by every society. Why not?

The following sums have been contributed by the various Presbyterian societies:

Elizabeth,	\$5,839 22
Morris and Orange,	5,591 42
Newark,	5,286 39
New Brunswick,	4,276 05
Jersey City,	2,441 87
Monmouth,	2,386 97
Newton,	1,893 52
West Jersey,	1,275 80
Total,	<hr/> \$28,991 24

Let us now refresh ourselves with a glance toward the white harvest-fields of the heathen world and the sheaves garnered by our fellow-laborers there. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Our representatives in Africa have sowed the precious seed, weeping, for death, illness and furloughs made necessary by ill-health and affliction have sadly hindered their work. A gleam of sunlight through the clouds is discerned in the attainment of self-support by the Liberia Mission. Mrs. Nurse, of Liberia, will cease to be under the care of the Society of the Presbytery of Newton, and they will be free to choose a new special object.

Among the people who walked in darkness and have seen a great light there has sprung up a desire that that light might shine upon *all* who dwell in the land of the shadow of death. With this purpose Missionary interest has been awakened in many hearts.

The Missionary Society in Canton, China, has held monthly meetings and supports three Bible women, at a cost of \$72.80.

In Mainpurie, India, there is a Foreign Missionary Society managed largely by the native Christian women themselves, where a collection is taken every Sunday. Besides supporting the Bible schools, they sent fifteen rupees to the Armenians. In Sidon, Syria, there is a Missionary Society in which the girls are so interested that they are willing to do extra work that they may contribute to it. The women of the Chieng Mai church Laos, sent the first fruits of their Foreign Missionary Society to the Board in New York. The Christian Association and the Missionary Society of the Boys' High School in Hang Chow, China, have held regular meetings. This reaching out to give the gospel to others is a great step in the education of the native Christians for the heathen religions are all for self. The Chinese are coming to realize that "their rock is not as our Rock, themselves being judges." The outcome of the war with Japan has been to make the people less bigoted and opinionated, and more ready to receive the Christian religion. From Chinanfu comes word of a petition, signed by a hundred and thirty names, begging for instruction in Christianity. At San Ning, near Canton, a handsome new church edifice has been erected at a cost of \$7,000. The money for this building came mainly from Chinese Christians in America.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry returned to Canton last December, accompanied by their eldest daughter, Julia, a graduate of Wilson College. They received a hearty welcome from their many friends, native and foreign. More persons received baptism during the past year than at any previous twelve months in the history of the Canton Mission.

Miss Brown, of the Panhala Girls' School, in the Western India Mission, writes of great encouragement in her itinerating. In the midst of famine and plague she has been marvelously kept. From many fields comes the good news of the joy of the missionaries as they are privileged to have in the schools and to receive into the church the children of the native Christian, children consecrated to Christ in baptism and reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Miss Bartlett, of the Eastern Persia Mission, most aptly describes the responsibility in the care of ignorant, heathen children when she writes :

"Sometimes it seems to me that the word school gives a false, or at least a one-sided, view of our work. To say that we adopt these children for nine months of the year, train, feed, clothe them, look

after their minds, souls and bodies, is maybe a better way of showing the facts. Remember, too, that most of them are entirely without home training, knowing nothing of obedience and truth. It would be as utterly hopeless as filling a sieve with water, were not God's grace sufficient for all things." These words would certainly be heartily echoed by Miss Dascomb, Miss Kuhl, Miss Noyes, Miss Nassau, Miss Butler, Miss Morton, Miss Cunningham and all who have not only to sow the seed but also to prepare the soil. Dr. McGilvary, the veteran missionary of Chieng Mai, Laos, has made extensive tours in the North, on the border land of the French possessions. He has been successful in gaining the good will of the French officials. There has been the usual ingathering of converts into the churches of Chieng Mai and the vicinity, ninety two in three Sabbaths. Of these, twenty-four were girls belonging to Miss McGilvary's school, and twenty-two pupils of the boys' school. Miss McGilvary spent her furlough with her brothers in California, and did not come east as she had intended.

She is now returning to Siam. In Hong Kong she expects to be married to the Rev. William Harris, a former member of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, who went to Laos about two years ago; he will come to China to meet her.

The secretary reports the interest in special objects on the increase. Let us guard ourselves against allowing our special interests to have a narrowing influence upon us. We till our own small fields of home and family, of church and Sunday-school work. From these we cast our eyes farther afield—"Wider the soul's horizon hourly grows."

We may not ourselves cultivate a garden spot in isles beyond the sea, but we can help to send forth laborers, for the harvest, truly, is plenteous, but the laborers are few. God has promised to multiply the seed sown. Much will be scattered of which no man can see the fruits until the first heaven and the first earth are passed away.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified
In Thy presence to abide;
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

LILIAN ALLEN MARTIN,
Corresponding Secretary.

IX.—TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions was held in the First Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, N. J., October 14th, 1897.

The meeting opened by singing the hymn, "O worship the King."

After Scripture reading and prayer, the following Committee on Nominations was appointed :

Presbytery.

Mrs. Miles,	Roselle,	Elizabeth.
Mrs. Cobb,	Elizabeth,	Elizabeth.
Miss L. C. Pudney,	Passaic,	Jersey City.
Mrs. S. S. Tallman,	Orange,	Morris and Orange.
Mrs. A. V. Van Fleet,	Flemington,	New Brunswick.
Mrs. Hollifield,	Newark,	Newark.
Mrs. A. C. Van Flick,	Newton,	Newton.
Mrs. Mary Walker,	Freehold,	Monmouth.
Mrs. Van Meter,	Salem,	West Jersey.

The roll-call of Presbyteries showed 121 delegates present.

The Corresponding Secretary gave a report of the year's work. Loving mention was made of some of our dear workers who have this year laid down the work, some having joined the General Assembly of the saints above.

The report was accepted with thanks.

The Treasurer reported \$143.91 received during the year. Disbursements, \$87.76. Balance in treasury, October 14th, 1897, \$56.15. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Stryker, of Bound Brook, gave the report for the Secretary of Literature, which was accepted.

Mrs. Gillespie made a very earnest appeal for a large collection. Mrs. Hepburn, a returned missionary, read a letter from a sister in Tokio, urging that the churches do not oblige the Boards to retrench. The collection was taken and amounted to \$59.60.

A workers' conference, with three minute reports from each Presbytery, was full of suggestions for work.

Mrs. Turner, President of the parent Society, in a heart-to heart talk, told us of the great needs of the Foreign Board.

Mrs. Wilder, who has spent fifty years in India, made a very earnest address. She was followed by her daughter, Miss Grace Wilder, just returned from India.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was as follows :

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

MONMOUTH PRESBYTERY.

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

JERSEY CITY PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. S. R. Forman, Jersey City.
Mrs. P. F. Leavens, Passaic.

NEW BRUNSWICK PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, New Brunswick.
Miss M. S. Gunmere, Trenton.

NEWTON PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. 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. J. T. Kerr, Elizabeth.

NEWARK PRESBYTERY.

Miss A. M. Carter, Newark.
Mrs. Wm. I. Rusling, Newark.

MORRIS AND ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. R. Aikman, Madison.
Mrs. R. Paton, East Orange.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. C. MARTIN, Princeton.

Recording Secretary—MRS. J. H. OWENS, Paterson.

Treasurer—MISS E. M. COLTON, Elizabeth.

Secretary of Literature—MISS V. M. WHITE, Roselle.

Secretary for Young People's Work—MRS. P. STRYKER, Bound Brook.

This report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place reported an invitation from Princeton, which was accepted.

After the benediction by Dr. Murphy, the Society adjourned, to meet in October, 1898, at Princeton.

MRS. J. H. OWENS,
Recording Secretary.

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

STATISTICS.

A comparison of the statistical reports of the Sabbath-schools of Synod from year to year does not show any decided advances. But when a comparison is instituted between the tables of 1897 and those of 1892, for example, there are marked encouragements, as follows : Increase in the number of schools, 14 per cent. ; increase in the total membership, 17 per cent. ; for five years, ending 1892, the average annual accession to full membership of the church from the Sabbath-school was 1,604 ; for five years, ending 1897, the average annual accession to full membership of the church from the Sabbath-school was 2,048, an average gain per year of more than 27 per cent.

A similar comparison of the average annual benevolent offerings of the Sabbath-schools for the five years ending 1897, with the average for the five years ending 1892, shows the following gains : Sabbath school work, 28 per cent. ; other benevolent Boards of the church, 24 per cent. ; other benevolent objects, 15 per cent. ; gain in total benevolent contributions, as above, 21 per cent.

There are two conclusions that may be drawn from these comparisons, as follows : First, that our Sabbath schools are making progress in their benevolent offerings, as compared with the gain in membership. The average annual contribution per Sabbath-school member for the five years ending 1892 was 48.5 cents, while in 1897 it has increased to 52.6 cents ; second, that the Sabbath schools are making a gain in the amount given to the benevolent objects of the church, as compared with their contributions to outside objects.

The report of the Board shows that there were received during the year \$3,116.34 from 190 Sabbath schools of Synod and \$4,085.87 from the 199 churches of Synod ; in all, \$7,202.21 from 295 churches and Sabbath schools, a number of churches and Sabbath-schools both giving. Last year the number of churches and Sabbath-schools contributing was 290, and the total amount contributed was \$7,517.02.

INGATHERING.

The Committee calls attention to and commends the efforts being put forth by the Superintendent of the Department, Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., in canvassing for new scholars, and the various agencies employed to this end. They also call the attention of Synod to his project for making a united effort throughout the Church for a large ingathering of those who are out of the schools between this and the opening of the twentieth century.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The Committee likewise emphasizes the work of the Home Department. For the first time the statistical reports cover this Department, giving the membership in the Synod at 1,758, distributed in five Presbyteries, the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and West Jersey each being credited with over 500 Home Department members.

Your Committee also notes with satisfaction the various movements in the schools for better work, in the qualification and preparation of teachers, providing of graded supplementary lessons, the memorizing of the Scriptures, the study of the Shorter Catechism, and the holding up of the first great object of the school—the conversion of the scholars.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The work was prosecuted last year with the usual energy; 938 Sabbath schools were organized, with a total membership of 50,503. During the past six years 416 churches have been organized from Sabbath schools of this Department. The missionaries of this Board work especially among the young, and, therefore, the results of their labors will tell mightily upon the Church in years to come.

Your Committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

First, That inasmuch as the last General Assembly sent out an urgent appeal for larger offerings for Sabbath-school missions, in order to meet the pressing calls from many Presbyteries in the West, we recommend our churches and Sabbath schools to raise this next year, at least, \$8,000 for this work.

Second, That we again call the attention of our Sabbath-schools to the importance of making their benevolent contributions through the Boards of the church, rather than through independent agencies.

Third, That we commend to the attention of the churches of Synod the new hymnal, which, since its publication, has won its way into the favor of our churches, and bids fair to become the generally accepted book of praise of the Presbyterian church.

Fourth, That "The Twentieth Century Movement," which has for its object the gathering in of 500,000 scholars to our Presbyterian schools throughout the country during the next four years, be heartily approved, and all our pastors, elders and workers be urged to enter upon this crusade with all possible diligence.

Fifth, That we recommend the general observance of Children's Day, the second Sabbath of June, and Rallying Day, the last Sabbath of September, and that liberal offerings be made on those days for Sabbath school mission work.

GEORGE H. INGRAM,
Chairman.

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

A great deal of attention during the year seems to have been given by pastors and sessions to these young workers. Not a little criticism also has appeared in the religious papers bearing upon their methods and results. Whether the blame rests wholly upon them is indeed a question. Is it not true that all spiritual interests are suffering just now from laxity of parental control, increasing irreverence and lack of consecration? Would it be surprising if some of our societies were hindered in their progress by these things? How could these evils be avoided merely by a change of name or a firmer Presbyterial control? The chief responsibility must ever rest upon pastor and session, upon parent and church. Presbytery and Synod can exercise only a general control.

We have several times expressed the hope that greater simplicity in administration as pertaining to the relations of Sessions, Societies and Boards might be attained. In this connection we call the attention of Synod to a new arrangement of Young People's Societies proposed by the Board of Foreign Missions to all the Women's Boards and by them accepted. The printed circular of the Board reads, in part, as follows :

“The Board now proposes that, so far as agreeable to the Women's Societies and Boards of Foreign Missions, all the Young People's Societies become auxiliary to them, and that the Assembly's Board take direct charge of all Foreign Missionary work among the Sabbath-schools.”

We think that this arrangement is well worth trying, and we hope that all our Pastors and Sessions will co-operate with it most cordially, until the results show that some change is desirable.

I.—SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

The total amount sent by Young People's Societies to the Committee on Synodical Home Missions was \$235.22. Of this amount \$141.32 may fairly be traced to Synod's request for a Thanksgiving Offering of at least three dollars. It seems to us to be clearer every year that we should expect our young people to take an important part in Synodical Home Missions. It would be interesting to know to what extent they are instructed and interested in this work. Judging by their contributions, they are not so well off in this respect as last year.

II.—MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES.

By these we specially mean the Foreign Missionaries assigned by the Board to the various Presbyterian groups. The full list of these was given in our last report, together with some of the means used to excite interest. In providing for their support the New Brunswick Presbytery's Societies have again reached the full amount needed. Newark has made a strong advance, and could, without doubt, reach the maximum. The others, with one exception, have about held their own. One chairman says, "Facts in our possession show that three fourths of this money would not have been raised at all but for this special effort." The others could probably say the same.

III.—CHRISTIAN TRAINING COURSE.

The Christian Training Course has reached its third year, which covers these subjects for study: (1) BIBLICAL—Bible Writers and Contents, based upon Rev. Dr. E. W. Rice's *Our Sixty-six Sacred Books*, at 40 cents; (2) HISTORICAL—Presbyterian History, based upon Rev. J. N. Ogilvie's *The Presbyterian Churches*, with enlarged chapter on the Presbyterian Churches in the U. S. A., by Prof. A. C. Zenos, D.D., at 25 cents; (3) MISSIONARY—the second series of *Modern Missionary Heroes*, together with *Missionary Methods*, printed monthly in THE CHURCH AT HOME AND ABROAD, at \$1.00 per year. In addition to these aids, two full programmes, containing suggestions as to how the topics may be handled, are given every month in the magazine. We call special attention to this study of Presbyterian History, which furnishes topics of thrilling interest for private study or for a course of sermons. Notably the topics of February should be mentioned, viz., "The Westminster Assembly," and "The Westminster Standards." These are placed in February as a reminder of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster Standards and the close of the Westminster Assembly, whose last recorded meeting occurred on February 22d, 1648.

IV.—STATISTICS.

The summary of statistics is based upon figures obtained from the Treasurers of the Boards, together with those of Sessions received through the Presbyterian chairmen.

There are 269 Christian Endeavor Societies in Synod, numbering 11,000 active members. These gave to Home Missions, \$2,172; to Foreign Missions, \$2,665; to other Boards, \$425, or to all our Boards, \$5,262; to other benevolent objects, \$2,010; to local church and self-support, \$7,815, or to all purposes, \$15,087. This is a gain of only \$749, although in the amount given to our Boards there is a gain of

\$901. The Junior Christian Endeavor Societies number 144, with 3,847 members. These gave to Home Missions, \$405; to Foreign Missions, \$358, or to the two Boards, \$763; being a total for the Christian Endeavor Societies, senior and junior, of \$15,850.

Besides this, we report for all our Young People's Societies, senior and junior, numbering about 560, with 15,808 active members not included above, of whom 11,802 are communicants. Seventy societies have some form of Christian training course. Other societies, not Christian Endeavorers, gave to Home Missions, \$1,432; to Foreign Missions, \$1,003. Other children's societies, not Junior Christian Endeavorers, gave to Home Missions, \$50; to Foreign Missions, \$3,108. Summarizing, we find that all Young People's Societies gave to Home Missions, \$4,059; to Foreign Missions, \$7,134; to other Boards, \$1,205, or to our own Boards, \$12,398, being \$1,325 less than last year. They gave to other benevolent objects, \$4,107, and to local church and self-support, \$11,516, being a grand total for all purposes of \$28,021, or a decrease of \$2,731 on last year.

V.—RESOLUTIONS.

We advise that the following resolutions be adopted by Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That the Young People's Societies be commended for their offerings to Synodical Home Missions, and that they be requested to make a Thanksgiving offering, if possible, of at least three dollars for each Society for this work.

2. *Resolved*, That our Societies be urged to make an earnest effort this year to show to what extent they may be expected to support their assigned missionaries, so that in cases where this cannot be done contiguous Presbyteries may unite.

HUGH B. MACCAULEY,

Chairman.

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

During the past year the cause of Sabbath Observance has not been without cheering evidence of advance. Especially has there been progress at the famous summer resort, Atlantic City. There, by God's blessing on the combined efforts of the Woman's Sabbath Union, the pulpit of the city, representatives of the American Sabbath Union and the City Council, whose action deserves all praise, the more noisy forms, at least, of Sabbath desecration were made to cease, and the quietest Sabbaths that place has known for years followed as the happy result. We record this change with gladness. It inspires with new courage and larger hope as we engage in other battles for the holy cause. Further, it must also be said that over our State the Christian people are becoming aroused to the necessities of the case; are being impressed with the demand for decided, persistent endeavor to stem the tide of Sabbath desecration that has been rising powerfully of late. They are coming in growing number, we believe, to a realizing sense of the seriousness of the situation. And verily the call to rise and in the might of God to battle the foes of the Sabbath is loud and clear, for the Sunday newspaper, that insidious and deadly enemy of all care for spiritual things, displays tremendous energy and has a vast patronage.

The Sunday bicycle, too, has become an instrument with tens of thousands—women, alas! as well as men—for the profanation of the sacred day. Through human weakness it has grown to be a power second, perhaps, to none in the land for the emptying of our churches and Sabbath schools, that Sunday "runs," often pictorially described in the Sunday newspaper, may be engaged in by old and young. And while with these are Sunday excursions and trolley parties, and Sunday evening entertainments and labor, sore, oppressive, on railways, in factories, and in shops kept open to buy and sell; in addition there has sprung up an ominous indifference to the claims of the day on the part of many of our legislators and political leaders, who should, in all matters of public morals, be worthy examples to the people. They, by carrying legislative business into the Sabbath hours, in holding caucuses and by making out programs for political action on the Lord's day, have furnished cause for most vigorous protest from all who hold ours to be a Christian nation; since such action is widely demoralizing, and must go far to bring upon the people not the blessing of God, but the curse that inevitably follows where those in high places are sold to do evil.

Somewhat thus, then, is it with us as to the observance of God's holy day. And while there is no ground for dismal forebodings

yet there is a great trumpet call to every member of our churches and to all lovers of righteousness to take an open, uncompromising stand against all phases of Sabbath desecration, and to identify themselves with whatever aims to foster that observance of the day which God's Word and an enlightened conscience approve.

We offer the following recommendations :

I. That in full accord with the action of the last General Assembly this Synod " re-affirms its belief that the law of the Sabbath is a law of perpetual binding obligation upon all men."

II. " That we call upon all members of our Churches, members of Young People Societies and Sabbath-schools together with all friends of God's law, to use their personal influence for the Biblical observance of the day by abstaining from all riding of the bicycle for pleasure or recreation on the Lord's day, from all forms of amusement, from unnecessary visiting and from all things that are unproductive of holiness in men, and to be faithful to religious duty and life on this holy day."

III. That the American Sabbath Union and the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, societies organized for the purpose of quickening the public conscience and for the enlisting of all Christian men and women in the work of conserving the American Sabbath, receive our cordial endorsement and approval. We also commend them to those who are stewards of the Lord's gold and silver as well worthy of a portion of these to enable them to carry on their important work.

IV. That we earnestly and respectfully urge it upon our leaders, in the political life of the State and Nation, to resist the temptation to infringe on the Lord's day with public business, and to aid in securing for all our people, as far as possible, the Sabbath as a day of rest.

V. That we respectfully ask the Bible, Sunday-school and other religious societies of our State to give notable place in their conventions and discussions to the subject of Sabbath Observance.

VI. That this Synod will be pleased to have our Board of Publication give prominence to the cause of Sabbath Observance in the Sunday school lessons, and especially in the lesson prepared for the annual Rallying Day.

VII. That the chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Observance in each of the Presbyteries of this Synod be directed to send an abstract of his latest report to the chairman of Synod's Committee on Sabbath Observance, at least ten days before the meeting of Synod.

VIII. That these resolutions, especially Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, be read by pastors from their pulpits at an early date.

GEO. SWAIN,

Chairman.

XIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Permanent Committee on Temperance respectfully reports that it finds reason to rejoice in the progress of the temperance cause.

The evil of intemperance is everywhere recognized. All sorts of measures dealing with the evil are being tried. The results are slowly developing and the facts are gradually coming to light. The day is not far distant when the methods of dealing with this evil will no longer be matters of mere opinion. History is better than theory, and we are fast making history about the results of many different methods. We have faith in the common sense and morality of the people of our State, and we believe that if the people could be convinced that any one method would decrease drunkenness they would adopt it by an overwhelming majority. They will not have many years to wait. Meanwhile, the duty of the hour is the gathering of the facts—not so much as to the extent of the evil (that is already acknowledged), but as to the best practical means of dealing with it.

To that end the last General Assembly of our Church memorialized "the Congress of the United States to appoint a committee for the thorough and impartial investigation of the liquor traffic, and for the purpose of obtaining the facts which will indicate the best method of dealing with the great evils connected therewith."

We rejoice to know that there has been a decrease of one third in the amount of distilled liquors used in the United States within the past three years. There has been a decrease also in the amount of wine used, and no increase (indeed, a slight decrease) in the (per capita) use of beer.

In 1893 over one hundred and one millions of gallons of distilled liquors were consumed. In '96 the United States Bureau of Statistics reported only seventy one millions. This means a decrease of thirty millions in three years.

Hard times may have in part caused the decrease; if so, then it follows that poverty does not produce intemperance.

We rejoice that liquor has been discredited as a medicine, and that it is administered with less frequency and with more caution than in the days gone by.

Your Committee does not think it necessary to ask this Synod to repeat the resolutions often adopted in the past commending total abstinence and expressing its desire for the abolition of the liquor traffic. It is time to assume these first principles and to discuss the means by which they may be best carried into effect. One of these

means indicated by the General Assembly is the observance of the Temperance Sabbath, the third Sabbath in November. We would remind the pastors of our churches of this appointed day.

New Jersey, in common with all the other States (except three), has a law requiring temperance instruction in our public schools. But laws will not enforce themselves. It is a matter of grave importance that the enforcement of this law should be looked after by the friends of the cause. We need, all along the line, better enforcement of liquor laws. The officers whose duty it is to attend to this work in each county and town should be made to feel that they have the support of the Christian public in enforcing these laws, and that they will receive general condemnation if, in violation of their oaths of office, they neglect this duty.

The church herself should set the example, by loyalty to her own courts and the enforcement of her own discipline. Our highest court, the General Assembly, has commended to us the Temperance Committee. Let us be loyal and liberal in giving financial support to the Committee and in supplying the information for which it asks. The filling in of its reports is not a matter of option, but is a duty demanded by courtesy and loyalty. No business house would tolerate the neglect of reports common in the church.

The Committee's literature is of great value. Our churches should be supplied with it, and every Presbyterian should know the deliverances of the General Assembly on this subject which the Committee publishes in tract form.

One of these deliverances, that of the Assembly of 1871, reads: "The manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic stimulants as a beverage, in the belief of the General Assembly, is contrary to the spirit of God's Word and wholly inconsistent with the claims of Christian duty," and that "those who knowingly rent their premises for the traffic or endorse licenses which legalize it are reprehensible as accomplices in the guilt of the same."

The following resolution, a substitute for the recommendations of the Committee, was adopted by the Synod:

The Synod finds occasion to reiterate the judgment often expressed by the General Assembly and this Synod, that the renting of property for the sale of intoxicants and the signing of applications for license to sell intoxicating beverages is inconsistent with Christian character and harmful to the cause of religion, and calls the attention of all its Presbyteries and sessions, its ministers, teachers and church members to this matter.

J. DE HART BRUEN,
Chairman.

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

The figures in our report are based on information given in the Minutes of the General Assembly and in the volume of reports of the Boards for the past year.

The Synod numbers, as one year ago, 330 churches. Our membership is 68,773, a gain of 1,698, a net average gain of only five members to each church. In our offerings to the causes represented by the Boards, we have made a net gain of \$5,073. We have advanced \$14,271 in our gifts to miscellaneous objects. We have given \$106 less to the American Bible Society. Counting last year's Anniversary Reunion Fund of \$30,382, which we have nothing in this year's work to offset, our total benevolent gifts suffer a decrease of \$11,144.

There is also a decrease in our congregational expenses of \$38,801. Our total benevolent contributions are \$341,083. Our total gifts for all purposes are \$1,251,158, a net decrease of \$50,509. These statements may be verified and are made clear by a glance at the following table :

	1896.	1897.	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions,	\$101,880	\$114,327	\$12,447	. . .
Foreign Missions,	90,562	85,386	. . .	\$5,176
Education,	16,861	13,878	. . .	2,983
Sabbath-School Work,	10,726	10,839	113	. . .
Church Erection,	13,669	12,428	. . .	1,241
Relief Fund,	9,990	10,360	370	. . .
Freedmen,	9,332	9,942	610	. . .
Synodical Home Missions,	15,069	15,461	392	. . .
Aid for Colleges,	7,438	7,979	541	. . .
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	\$275,527	\$280,600	\$5,073	. . .
Miscellaneous,	43,491	57,762	14,271	. . .
Bible Society,	2,827	2,721	. . .	106
Anniversary Reunion Fund,	30,382	30,382
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Total Benevolence,	\$352,227	\$341,083	. . .	\$11,144
Congregational,	942,433	903,632	. . .	38,801
General Assembly,	7,007	6,443	. . .	564
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	\$1,301,667	\$1,251,158	. . .	\$50,509

New Jersey has no cause to blush, standing in company with her sister Synods. Only the great Synods of New York and Pennsylvania are in advance of her in the amount contributed to the causes represented by the Boards, and she leads the sisterhood in her per capita gifts to these causes :

New York,	\$637,405
Pennsylvania,	597,000
New Jersey,	280,600
Illinois,	184,675
Ohio,	175,712

New Jersey,	\$4 08 per member.
New York,	3 54 " "
Baltimore,	3 52 " "
Pennsylvania,	2 90 " "
Oregon,	2 90 " "

The Synod of New Jersey represents about $7\frac{1}{7}$ per cent. of the entire membership of the Church, and her total contributions are about $9\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the whole amount of money contributed for all purposes. The following summary shows the relative gifts for the past two years which reached the treasuries. Last year we had a loss in this direction of almost \$8,000, while this year we gain \$12,979. This is a most gratifying fact. But the regretful truth remains that only $54\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of all our benevolent offerings are placed under the direct control of our official agencies. This proportion scarcely varies from year to year, and all counsel and every plea fail to effect a change.

	1896.	1897.	Gain.	Loss
Home Missions,	\$47,073	\$62,410	\$15,337	. . .
Foreign Missions,	74,826	73,715	. . .	1,111
Education,	5,050	4,638	. . .	412
Sabbath School Work,	7,517	7,202	. . .	315
Church Erection,	5,022	4,909	. . .	113
Relief Fund,	8,986	7,926	. . .	1,060
Freedmen,	6,434	6,336	. . .	98
Synodical Home Missions,	15,069	15,461	392	. . .
Aid for Colleges,	3,028	3,387	359	. . .
	<u>\$173,005</u>	<u>\$185,984</u>	<u>\$12,979</u>	. . .

For the fiscal year ending October 1st our gifts for Synodical Home Missions were \$16,613.89, a gain over last year of \$1,456.89, yet falling short of the amount asked by the Synod \$402.30.

The brethren know that this Committee has one notable ambition. We believe they approve it and are gradually coming into sympathy with us, and we expect to see the day, and that soon, when no church in this Synod shall have a blank in its benevolent report. We gained 10 churches last year; we gain 8 this year; but we have only reduced the blanks by 25.

A year ago we read you a line from our brother Nassau, Stated Clerk of our foreign Presbytery. It was: "I will not cease to

make effort * * * to send a *clean* report next year." He has succeeded. Corisco, our little African sister, bears the colors, leads the list, with every column filled! She sends \$50 to our Foreign Mission treasury and \$114 for benevolent work in the United States—of this, \$11 for Home Missions in New Jersey. Monmouth and New Brunswick, as usual, stand abreast without a blank. We again welcome Butler and Westminster, of our sister Synod of Pennsylvania, to a place on the roll of honor.

(Blanks against chapels not counted.)

Presbyteries.	Churches.	Fill Every Column.	Blanks 1896.	Blanks 1897.	Increase.	Decrease.
Corisco,	11	11	45	. .	. .	45
Elizabeth,	33	28	25	30	5	. .
Jersey City,	33	16	84	94	10	. .
Monmouth,	49	49	. .	. .	. .	. .
Morris and Orange, .	46	31	55	53	. .	2
Newark,	35	18	57	64	7	. .
New Brunswick, . .	34	34	. .	. .	. .	. .
Newton,	34	28	38	21	. .	17
West Jersey,	55	28	132	149	17	. .
	<u>330</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>64</u>

Thus we find that 87 of our churches omitted one and another of our Boards to the extent of 411 collections. We find that, of these 87 churches of incomplete record, only 10 are vacant. The minutes show but 23 vacant churches in the Synod, and of these, 13 fill every column. Monmouth's five vacant churches are without a blank. One of them, little Chatsworth, with no pastor, and but one elder and three other members, fills the columns at the rate of \$3 per member. Corisco makes her noble record with two churches vacant and eight others manned by stated supplies. So that in respect to vacant churches we find small relief in the deficiency under consideration. Of the 77 remaining churches with blanks, it appears that 46 have pastors and 31 have stated supplies. This reveals what we all might have known before, that the defect is not accounted for because the minister in charge of the church is called a stated supply. The name of a thing does not alter its quality. So, whether a minister be pastor or stated supply, the matter of benevolence and all other work of the church will be affected by the spirit and efficiency of the man. Here is a church of more than 200 members and with a pastor of long and excellent standing, yet it omits four of the causes. Here is another, of almost 500 members, giving nearly \$3,000 to the rest of the Boards, yet giving nothing to the Board of Missions for Freedmen. It is fair to assume that ministers usually include their own offerings in reporting the

benevolent work of their churches. Hence it is manifest that if all our pastors and stated supplies could see their way clear to distribute their benevolent offerings among the various Boards in the proportion recommended by the Assembly, the number of our blanks would at once be reduced to a minimum.

Let us take courage from the fact that the total debt of the Boards is \$71,610 less than last year. This year they stand as follows :

Home Missions,	\$147,276 96
Foreign Missions,	97,454 47
Education,	9,220 75
Ministerial Relief,	20,911 00
Freedmen,	51,275 00
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	\$326,138 18

The most aggravating feature of the condition facing us is its chronic nature. Twenty of the last 23 years have found the Board of Home Missions in debt. The past 16 consecutive years have recorded an annual average deficit of \$98,854. The Foreign Board, for 17 years out of the last 23, has had an annual average debt of \$56,847. In only one of these 23 years (1881) did we "wipe out the debt" and leave a small balance in the treasuries of both these Mission Boards. There can be no objection to a change of terms, and the Committee would ask the churches of the Synod to pick up courage and lead the great Presbyterian host in one mighty and conquering effort and *pay* the debt !

In seeking to secure increase in the gifts of the people, how to convert those who are "leaners" into "lifters" is the problem on our hands for solution. In recent years the Assembly, following the lead of a persistently zealous committee, has labored to solve it. Last year the Assembly adopted an apportionment plan, which its Committee on Systematic Beneficence endeavored, at great cost of time and labor, to make efficient, but with small success. This year, in response to overtures from four Presbyteries and one Synod, the Assembly, at the suggestion of its Committee, lays this plan aside and recommends still another. The substitute is called the "Redstone Presbytery Plan" (Minutes, 1897, page 98). Loyal to the Assembly, we have brought its latest plan to your attention.

We offer the following recommendations :

1. We commend our churches that they have increased their direct offerings to the treasuries of the Boards \$12,979 over last year. That they have reached a total of \$341,083 in benevolent contributions, and a total of \$1,251,158 to all purposes. That in the list of thirty-two Synods, New Jersey stands *third* in the amount of contributions, and *first* in her per capita gifts (\$4.08) to our benevolent causes.

2. Encouraged by our success, and prompted by gratitude to our Redeemer, and the joy of sharing in His work, we urge the churches to go forward, with still greater zeal, to a higher endeavor, until we shall know more fully what the Lord Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

3. We counsel our pastors and stated supplies to exert their wisest and most faithful efforts to educate their people, by *instruction* and *example* in the grace of Christian liberality, and to secure for each of our Boards the largest amount possible. In this, as in every good work, the minister must lead the people. We beg our elders to encourage the ministers and to their utmost ability stimulate in this work those over whom God has made them overseers.

4. We congratulate the brethren in charge of the "Assembly Herald" on its greatly improved character, as to form, paper and presswork. We express our high commendation of our admirable church magazine, "The Church at Home and Abroad." With the same favor we mention the excellent periodicals published by our Women's Societies: "Woman's Work for Woman," "Home Mission Monthly," and "Over Sea and Land," all which stand in the front rank of similar magazines. Let all our ministers, elders and people avail themselves of the benefits of these several publications

THOMAS S. LONG,

Chairman.

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

Your Committee on Work among the Foreign Populations would report as follows :

The *Presbytery of Elizabeth* has under its care 3 German churches, with a total membership of 350, an increase of 55 over last report ; 41 were received on confession of faith. The Sunday school membership of these churches is 505. The Presbytery also assists a mission among Germans and other nationalities under care of the church at Perth Amboy.

Jersey City Presbytery reports 3 German churches, with a total of 240 members ; 18 were added on confession of faith. Sunday-school membership, 445. In Passaic some work is done among the Slavs. The First Church of Jersey City has a large number of Chinese under its care.

Presbytery of Monmouth reports 2 German churches, with a membership of 130, an increase of 62, of whom 22 were added on confession of faith. Sunday-school membership is 253. At its recent fall meeting this Presbytery appointed a German brother to visit South Amboy and contiguous points with a view to work among the Germans of that section. Perhaps it will give Synod a better idea of this whole work among the German speaking people to quote from a report made to the Presbytery of Monmouth at its spring meeting by the pastor of the Sayersville church.

After speaking of the limited means of his people, their daily earnings averaging from \$1.00 to \$1.25 and mentioning the gratifying fact that they have completed their church edifice of brick and also built a parsonage, he adds : "This land is, however, to the Germans a strange land—strange are the manners and customs, strange the language and strange the church life. One of the most important duties, next to the preaching of the gospel, is to make the Germans acquainted with our church life ; that is, to make them understand that in this land we have a free church in a free state to help them to overcome foreign customs and ideas—in a word, to make Americans of them. No one can do this, except a minister who has been trained and educated in American ideas and American ways."

The church at South River, which installed its first pastor about a year ago, has received since then fifteen new members, all heads of families. The congregation has raised this year \$800 to liquidate a debt and make necessary improvements on the church property.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange has 4 German churches under its care, with a total membership of 403, and a Sabbath-school membership of 436. Missions among the Italians are carried on in Orange, Madison and Morristown with gratifying success.

Newark Presbytery reports 5 German churches, one being added to the roll this last year. Total membership is 821, and a Sabbath-school enrollment of 1,288 (one church not reporting). 70 were added on confession of faith. At the fall meeting of this Presbytery a petition was received, signed by 50 persons, for the organization of a German church at Manhattan Park, Newark, and a commission was appointed with power in the case. This Presbytery has also under its care one Italian church, with 106 members, 22 added on examination last year. Sabbath-school membership of 160, an increase of 70 during the year.

Presbytery of West Jersey reports two German churches, with 120 members, and a Sabbath-school of 186. Added this year on confession of faith, 18. The church in Atlantic City is prospering, and expects soon to be self-sustaining. The Italian church at Hammon-ton, with 30 members and a Sabbath-school of 68, is moving on with gratifying success. Its chapel, large and commodious, is paid for, and additions to the church are encouraging.

Within the bounds of this Presbytery are three colonies of Jews, about 2,000 in number, at Rosenheyn, Carmel and Woodbine. These have been recently visited by a converted Jewish missionary. Dr. Reeves, of the Gloucester City Church, writes that in visits to this people he meets with the utmost kindness and attention. Presbytery at its last meeting referred the advisability of work among these Jews to the pastors of the Bridgeton churches. Steps have been taken towards employing a missionary among this people.

The *Presbyteries of New Brunswick and Newton* report no special work among the foreign populations, though doubtless some is carried on by individual churches, as, for example, in Trenton, where a very hopeful work has been begun among Italians.

Your Committee would respectfully suggest that with cities and towns like Trenton, New Brunswick, Phillipsburg, Newton, etc., within their bounds, the example of the other Presbyteries might profitably be considered by the brethren of New Brunswick and Newton Presbyteries.

In conclusion, your Committee would express Synod's appreciation of the commendable zeal shown by many of its churches in their efforts to reach the foreign peoples who have come to make their homes among us, and who so much need a pure gospel to make those homes Christian homes and the people themselves Christian members of this free republic.

We desire also to renew our profound appreciation of the work done by the German Theological School at Bloomfield, without

which much if not most of the great work among the Germans of our State and elsewhere would be largely left undone. The Seminary has fully vindicated the necessity of its formation and its claims upon the churches of our Synod.

ALBERT ERDMAN,
Chairman.

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

It has doubtless often been a query in the minds of members of Synod as to what the practical value is of this Committee bearing the longest name and composed of the most sober-minded and clear-sighted members of this body. There is an unctuousness about the title which commends it to a large number of the ministerial brethren, but the most diligent search fails to reveal much that has a practical bearing upon one of the most vexing problems of our ecclesiastical order, and which suggests the very name of the Committee, viz., the relation between our unemployed ministers and our vacant churches.

The Committee has no desire here to discuss the question as to whether the present methods of caring for the vacant churches and unemployed ministers are better than those which prevailed when the agency of the Committee was a real necessity. Among the *ministers* the change seems to have occasioned very general regret, while the laity, especially those most active in securing pastors for their vacant churches, quite as generally approve it. The want of any direct or official responsibility on the part of Presbytery, through its Committee, for the vacant church, has deprived the unemployed ministers, or those desiring to change their field of labor, of legitimate and natural access to such vacant church, rendering appeals to personal friends for their influence a positive necessity.

And thus have arisen influences that are doing great harm. Importuned by brethren whose necessities have made them somewhat desperate, or, possibly, moved by kindly personal relations, recommendations have been made without one consideration of the fitness of the candidate for the place, and this was followed, as might have been expected, with a loss of confidence in the judgment or integrity of the brethren so recommending. And so there has grown up a real distrust of Presbyterial oversight, and the churches seem more than ever determined to trust their own judgment.

The Committee are happy to report that the recommendations of the last two or three years respecting the enlargement of the powers of the Presbyterial Committees, so as to include such fraternal counsel and advice as would tend to prevent trouble and promote harmony in the churches, where adopted, have been productive of good, and the recommendation is here renewed.

And now, brethren, the burden of this report is that in the judgment of your Committee there is no sufficient reason, in the present

state of affairs for the continuance of the Committee on Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers, and we would recommend that it be dropped from the list of the permanent committees of the Synod.

The usual statistics of the ministers and churches will be found appended.

JOHN R. FISHER,
Chairman.

MINISTERS.

	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Foreign Missionaries.	Chapel Missionaries.	Secretaries.	Presbyterial Missionaries.	Evangelists.	Presidents.	Professors.	Pastors Emeritus.	Without Charge.	Honorably Retired.	Pastors Elect.	Librarian.	Editors.	Teachers.	Miscellaneous.	
Elizabeth,	28	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jersey City,	27	4	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monmouth,	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Morris and Orange,	31	6	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Newark,	29	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
New Brunswick,	31	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	13	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	4	1
Newton,	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
West Jersey,	33	6	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	237	24	15	10	7	2	18	4	18	7	51	16	5	1	1	6	11	11

CHURCHES.

	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Vacant.	Pastors Elect.	Total.	Mission Chapels.
Elizabeth,	29	3	1	1	33	5
Jersey City,	28	3	1	1	33	8
Monmouth,	39	1	7	1	48	1
Morris and Orange,	31	9	1	5	46	2
Newark,	29	3	3	1	35	1
New Brunswick,	30	4	1	1	35	1
Newton,	25	4	4	1	34	1
West Jersey,	33	16	6	1	55	1
	235	43	23	9	320	16

XVII.—ADDRESS OF ELDER HORACE CHURCHMAN FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

It seems to me that in presenting the cause of the Board of Education this morning, I need to consider but two questions.

I. *Is our system of aiding candidates for the ministry to secure a thorough education a wise and desirable one?*

And in discussing this question, let us see, first, what aid has been given.

From papers furnished me by Dr. Hodge, I learn that in the seventy-eight years of the Board's history it has received \$3,777,328. With this sum it has encouraged and enabled 8,613 young men to take the training which the church requires of her ministers. These 8,613 men have taken, under the Board's care, approximately 45,000 years' tuition; that is, the equivalent of one year each for 45,000 men. The aid given has averaged about \$80 for each year of tuition taken. The maximum allowance under the Board's rules is \$150 per year. I find from a statement furnished me that during the ten years preceding last year, the aid allowed varied from \$110, in the years 1886-7, to \$80, in the years 1892-3, 1894-5, and 1895-6. I have not the figures for last year, but feel sure they did not exceed \$80. They were probably less.

Now let us next inquire, What have been the results? I am advised that of the men aided, more than 100 are now at work in foreign mission fields; between 500 and 600 are engaged in home mission work; 30 of the aided men have been college presidents; 40, college professors; 20, secretaries, and 12, editors. Now it is manifest that the services of a considerable proportion of these, as well as of those who have faithfully filled and are filling pastorates, were secured to the church by the Board's aid, and would have been lost to the church without such aid.

Let us next consider what objections are made to the system of aiding candidates. It is said, there are already too many ministers. To this I reply:

Not so, while the church imports from other denominations an annual average of 96 ministers. Not so, while every year there are 1,000 to 1,200 churches reported vacant. It cannot be so, considering that in the period 1835-40 there was one candidate to every 387 communicants and every 24,800 of our population; while in 1894 there was but one for every 625 of communicants and 47,000 of population. It cannot be true that there are too many ministers, for the need of faithful preachers is constantly growing, and upon all hands is heard the cry, How shall we reach the people?

No! there are not too many of the right kind of ministers.

Another objection, sometimes made, is that it injures the character of candidates to receive aid from the Board. Now, if this objection is sound, it lies with equal force against every public school, free institution, or training school; it lies against West Point and Annapolis. It lies also in great measure against every university and college in the land. For every endowed educational institution (and where do they thrive without endowment?) gives a large amount of free aid to those seeking education.

And here is a new point in this connection. Some of my clerical brethren may not agree with me, but, as I see it, the same objection, if sound, lies with some force, at least, against the supporting of ministers in pastorates. A pastor is always a student if he amounts to anything and is faithful to his duty. The proportion of his time given to study, to preparation for work among his people, is by far the largest proportion of it. He is simply continuing in another school the study he began in the college and seminary. Why should it injure his character to aid him while in the seminary preparing for work, and not likewise injure it to aid him while in his pastorate similarly preparing for his work?

Those who claim that aiding a student injures his character claim too much; they thus disparage nearly the whole ministry of our own and of other churches.

If a candidate for the ministry is injured, if he becomes fat and saucy, pampered and pauperized on the princely allowance of \$80 per year, what debased and flabby creatures our West Point cadets must be with their stipend of \$540 per year in cash, and no dread of a cent because of a depleted treasury hanging over their heads!

If it is injurious to character to aid faithful and devoted students for the ministry to the extent of \$80 per annum, what demoralization must result from the scholarships, fellowships and prizes founded in all colleges, which enable men to take post graduate courses at home and abroad!

But the best answer to this objection is furnished by experience. This shows that such aid has not injured the character of those aided. I refer you, in the first place, to the facts and figures already quoted as to the career of a large number of aided men. In the next place, the general record of the ministry of our own and other churches entirely refutes the statements of these objectors. We should also remember that there are fewer failures among graduates in the ministry than among those in medicine, dentistry, or the law. Of our merchants, 95 per cent. do not succeed. Do ten per cent. of our ministers, aided or unaided, fail to do good work for Christ?

II. *Is our Board of Education a satisfactory executive of that system?*

In order to get a clear understanding of the matter, let us first inquire, What is the Board's work?

First, there is the receiving from churches, Sunday-schools, &c.,

and distributing to worthy candidates, money contributed for their aid, and keeping accounts with about 1,000 such students.

Then there is the extensive correspondence with Presbyteries, sessions and individuals, concerning the receiving of and caring for recommended candidates.

Next we have the watching over and advising about 1,000 young men in many parts of the land, partly by correspondence and partly by personal visitation—a most important work of the Board, and especially of the Corresponding Secretary, and one which is often overlooked, if it is even understood, by many of the pastors and members of our churches. Upon the faithful performance of this essential supervision to a great extent depend the character and efficiency of a large proportion of the church's ministry. It is indeed the church's safeguard against unfit and unworthy men from among those aided. In the words of another, "The Board should, therefore, more than ever, in the present crisis, have the encouragement and assistance of the church. It is evident that the work abroad is likely to demand in the immediate future a great accession of laborers, and there never was a time when the command of Christ concerning the largeness of the harvest and the need of an increase in the number of laborers more imperatively lay upon the conscience of the church."

The duties of the Board next to be mentioned are advertising ; that is, keeping the church informed and stirred up concerning this branch of her great work ; the editorial work ; the care of investments and funds.

Now let us inquire, How has the Board done its work ?

First, as to receipts and disbursements.

From a table furnished me I find that in the ten years preceding the last fiscal year the Board paid to candidates the sum of \$751,392. Of this amount \$553,183 was received from churches, Sabbath-schools and young people's societies, the whole of which went direct to the students for whose benefit it was given, and the Board supplied, from other sources, \$198,208.

I find that last year the Board received from

Churches, Sabbath-schools, etc.,	\$44,661
Every penny of which it paid over to students, adding thereto from other funds the sum of	4,046
Making a total paid to students,	\$48,707

I find also that last year the Board's income from sources entirely outside of amounts contributed by churches, Sabbath-schools and young people's societies, besides yielding the aforesaid \$4,046 to aid students, also paid all cost of administration, and \$5,198.61 in partial liquidation of the Board's debt.

It seems to be thought in some quarters that the Board's main work is to receive and distribute the funds contributed by churches

and their Sabbath-schools and young people's societies, and that the expenses of the Board are an unnecessary tax upon these contributions. By the facts just given it will be seen that the receipt and distribution of these contributions is but a small part of the Board's work, and further, that these contributions are not taxed in the least for the expense of handling or for any other expense whatever, but instead are paid over *in toto* to the students.

Second, as to the necessary extensive correspondence of the Board. This is conducted entirely by the Corresponding Secretary personally and one clerk, except, of course, such as relates to the acknowledgment of contributions and the remittance of moneys, which are attended to by the Treasurer.

In the next place is the supervision of candidates, which is conducted by the Corresponding Secretary personally. For example, last year, besides visiting the Synods of New Jersey, Indiana, and Wisconsin, he met and advised with students in many seminaries and schools. Bearing in mind the amount of traveling last year, involved in the work just described, let us look at the expense account in the last annual report of the Board. What charge do we find there for traveling expenses? But \$57.05! How is this inconsiderable sum explained? Let these words, quoted from a recent circular of the Board, answer: "The whole work of visiting students in academies, colleges, and theological seminaries, in all parts of the country, and of addressing congregations, Presbyteries, Synods and Assemblies, in behalf of the Board, has been accomplished *without any cost to the treasury for a number of years*, the small charge for traveling being incurred when the Board has found it necessary to dispatch a trusted agent to look after some investment or other financial matter requiring personal attention."

The next feature of the Board's work, the advertising, involves a good deal of thought and labor in devising forms of circulars, etc., and superintending their preparation and issue. Last year's annual report shows charges for postage and miscellaneous printing, \$1,463.46, a large proportion of which I have no doubt was due to this advertising feature. Did it pay? The report states that last year there was an increase of 222 in the number of contributing churches, an increase in great measure, doubtless, due to this advertising work. But even yet there remained 4,149 churches, out of a total of 7,573, which gave nothing. How necessary, therefore, it is to keep up this advertising! I am glad, however, to note, and to call attention to the fact, that the Synod of New Jersey has done well in this respect. Out of a total of 330 churches, only 81, or less than one-quarter, gave nothing. No other Synod has done so well, though Baltimore very nearly equals it.

Of the editorial work of the Board I need not speak, as it speaks every month for itself in the "Church at Home and Abroad," and in the "Assembly Herald."

XVIII.—REPORT OF THE CUSTODIANS OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

The Custodians of Historical Material respectfully report to the Synod of New Jersey, that the following material has been deposited on the Synod's shelves within the past year :

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

Annual Statement, Second Church, Elizabeth, 1897.

From the Session of the First Church, Elizabeth :

Copy of the charter of the First Church of Elizabeth, 1753.

From the Family of the Late Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer :

The Old Man Beloved, Rev. Ethan Osborn, by Rev. James Boggs, 1859.

Discourses, and History of the College of New Jersey, Rev. Ashbel Green, D.D., LL.D., 1822.

Memorial Sermons, Reformed Church of Raritan, Rev. Abraham Messler, D.D., 1873.

Webster's History of the Presbyterian Church.

Whitehead's Contributions to the History of Perth Amboy, 1856.

From the Rev. Frank R. Symmes :

History of the Old Tennent Church, 1897.

From the Rev. John DeWitt, D.D. :

Princeton College Administration in the Eighteenth Century.

Planting of Princeton College.

Philip Melancthon.

WALTER A. BROOKS,

JOSEPH H. DULLES,

Custodians.

XIX.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE
ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING
THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE
CHARGED WITH THE WORK OF ERECTING
A MONUMENT.

Your Historical Committee and Joint Committee report progress. Appointed by the Synod of New Jersey to erect a suitable monument to commemorate the events and men mentioned in the earliest official *Records* of the Presbyterian Church of this country, they have secured legal title to the site in the Old Scots Burial Ground by deeds of conveyance to the Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey. They have accepted the accompanying design. The names of Rev. John Hampton and Elder Walter Ker will also appear on the base of the monument.

Since the three ministers who constituted the Presbytery at the meeting when John Boyd was ordained, in 1706, in the Old Scots Meeting House, were from Scotland and Ireland and New England, the monument will be constructed of granite from those three countries, surmounted by the Scotch Thistle and having on its gables four bronze historic seals :

1. The seal of the Presbyterian Church of Monmouth county, the oldest known Presbyterian corporate seal in this country, with the motto, "Religious Liberty."
2. The seal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.
3. The seal of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.
4. The seal of the Scotch-Irish Society.

Also a bronze tablet, containing the Latin inscription which is found on the tombstone of John Boyd, who died in 1708. It is also proposed to transfer that old tombstone to the care of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

The pilgrimage of June 4th, 1895, to the site of the Old Scots Meeting House and to its successor, the Old Tennent Church, in Monmouth county, and the eloquent addresses made on that occasion by Doctor John S. McIntosh and Doctor Howard Duffield and others cannot be forgotten. A report of the proceedings was published in religious and secular papers from New York to New Orleans and from Baltimore to St. Louis.

That commemoration and pilgrimage received the endorsement of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, as well as of our own General Assembly, and resulted in a loud call for a memorial monument. In obedience to that call your Committee have made slow but careful progress. The times are more

propitious than they were. If the voice of God's Providence bids us go forward, we cannot doubt of ultimate success, depending upon the Divine blessing.

The site having been secured and the design having been adopted, it remains for your Committee to issue an appeal for funds. It is estimated that for all purposes about fifteen hundred dollars will be required. It is the purpose of your Committee not to make any contract until sufficient subscriptions shall have been secured to complete the work without serious indebtedness. Cash subscriptions paid to the Treasurer and acknowledged by him will be deposited in a reliable Trust Company and draw monthly interest until actually required to pay the contractor.

A very interesting history of Old Tennent Church, going back to the Old Scots Meeting House, has just been published by Rev. Frank R. Symmes, pastor of Tennent.

Your Committee now ask of the Synod permission to go forward in the lines and within the limitations already designated in the endeavor to erect the Scotch Presbyterian Monument to commemorate the men and the events mentioned in the earliest official records of our beloved Church in this country.

Your Committee ask to be continued and that Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley be added to the Joint Committee.

ALLEN H. BROWN,	ANDREW PERRINE,
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JAMES STEEN,	CYRUS PECK,
GEORGE SWAIN,	FRANKLIN DYE,
FRANK R. SYMMES,	J. C. JOHNSTON, M.D.,
R. PERRINE CRAIG,	HENRY D. MOORE,

Joint Committee.

HUGH B. MACCAULEY.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, IN REPLY TO A COM-
MUNICATION WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE
SYNOD OF 1896, AND WAS REFERRED TO THIS
COMMITTEE.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., October 27th, 1896.

Rev. W. A. Brooks, D.D., Stated Clerk of the Synod of New Jersey.

DEAR DR. BROOKS—Permit me, in view of the sesquicentennial of Princeton University, to draw your attention to the action taken by that branch of the General Synod of the Presbyterian Church which was known as the Synod of New York, upon petitions sent to it by the Trustees of the College of New Jersey in 1752 and 1753. I enclose attested copies of the action taken by the Synod. The Synod of New York at that time included the whole of the then colony of New Jersey, and a large portion of its churches were within the bounds of the colony. The College at the time the petitions were sent up was located at Newark, and you will remember that it was first established at Elizabeth. It would appear to me proper that some action should be had by the Synod of New Jersey upon this matter, in view of the fact that as a result of the action of the Synod of New York Nassau Hall was built, the first building connected with the University, and the fund now in the hands of the Trustees of the University for the support of candidates for the ministry was founded.

Yours very truly,

WM. HENRY ROBERTS.

Your Historical Committee, to whom the above communication was referred, has endeavored to study carefully the relation of the Synod of New York to the College of New Jersey, and especially its co-operation with the Trustees of the College in the erection of Nassau Hall.

The Rev. Aaron Burr was President of the College for nine years, from 1748 (November 9th) until his death in 1757 (September 24th). His entire term was included within the separate existence of the Synod of New York and within the period of the division of the Presbyterian Church into the Old Side and the New Side, the one adhering to the Synod of Philadelphia and the other to the Synod of New York. (See Maclean's History of the College of New Jersey, Vol. 1, p. 153.)

The administration of Mr. Burr, the second President of the College of New Jersey, is memorable for the important events which occurred therein. Upon the death of his predecessor, the Rev. Jonathan Dickinson, the students were removed from Elizabethtown to Newark, where Mr. Burr resided. He was unanimously chosen

President of the College when it was re-organized under the second charter, which was secured by the favoring influence of Governor Belcher. Upon the day of his election to the presidency (November 9th, 1748,) Mr. Burr was inaugurated, and upon the same day the first class, of six young men, who had been trained under President Dickinson and under the first charter, were admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, "the day being celebrated with circumstances of great pomp and ceremony, equally novel and interesting." (Maclean 1, 129.)

The need of a building for the students, and of another for the President, was keenly felt, and to this object the friends of the College devoted their energies. As early as 1751 a petition was sent by the Trustees of the College to the Synod, desiring that the Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton might be appointed to make a voyage to Europe to solicit benefactions for said College, and Synod appointed a strong committee to go immediately to New York and treat with Mr. Pemberton's congregation upon said affair; but they were not successful. (Records Pres. Ch., 243.)

The Trustees of the College made application to the Synod of New York, at Newark, again in the next year (September 29th, 1752), and the Synod unanimously recommended that the Presbyteries should see that all their congregations should have opportunity to contribute for the College, and it was ordered that all other collections previously appointed should be suspended on this account. (Records, p. 247.) These orders were reiterated in subsequent years.*

In 1753 the Synod of New York met in Philadelphia, where application was made in behalf of the Trustees of the College of New Jersey, requesting the Synod to appoint two of their members, Messrs. Gilbert Tennent and Samuel Davies, to take a voyage to Europe on the important affairs of said College, and the Synod unanimously consented. (Records, p. 251.) The printed Records of the Synod preserve a copy of its Address to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, as well as the certificate or commission to Messrs. Tennent and Davies. (Records, p. 255-257.) The Address describes, in most pathetic language, the religious destitution of the country and the need of ministers.

The mission of these gentlemen was successful beyond all expectation, and they obtained an amount of funds which enabled the Trustees to proceed without further delay in the erection of the College Hall, and also a house for the President. The precise sum

* Records, 1753, p. 250. 1754, p. 258.
 1754, p. 260. Supplies for Gilbert Tennent's pulpit.
 1755, p. 264. A/c 296℄ for candidates for ministry.
 1756, p. 270-271-276.
 1757, p. 278.
 1758, p. 281-282.

of the College Fund is not known—probably more than two thousand pounds sterling. In addition to which they received over three hundred and fifty pounds sterling, of which the interest should be used to assist worthy students for the Gospel ministry.*

In 1753 it was decided to locate the College in Princeton, and during the next two or three years the College hall was erected. In 1756 the President and students removed from Newark to Princeton. (Maclean 1, 129.) Of the one hundred and fourteen young gentlemen who had pursued their studies under the guidance of President Burr, sixty-two, almost one-half, entered the ministry. Thus early did the College fulfill one great design of its founders.

The College building is said to have been at the time of its erection the largest edifice of its kind in the British Provinces of North America, and upon the unselfish request of Governor Belcher it was called not by his own name, but Nassau Hall, in honor of King William the Third, who was a branch of the illustrious house of Nassau. (Maclean 1, 146, 147.)

The address of the Trustees to Governor Belcher, proposing to call the new building by the name of Belcher Hall, and his letter declining the honor, have been recently published in the nineteenth volume of the New Jersey Colonial Archives, pages 542-547.

The paper, which was presented to Synod at its last meeting and was referred to your Historical Committee, raised the question whether, in view of the Sesquicentennial and of the fact that as the result of the action of the Synod of New York Nassau Hall was built and the fund in the hands of the Trustees of the University for the support of candidates for the ministry was founded, any action should be taken by the Synod of New Jersey, and, if any, what action?

It cannot be claimed that the Synod of New Jersey is identical in all respects with the Synod of New York of a century and a half ago; and amid many changes of ecclesiastical names and boundaries it might seem, at the first glance, impossible to prove that the Synod of New Jersey has the true Presbyterian succession from the Old Synod of New York. Upon closer study this task is not so difficult. A man may suffer amputation of both hands, or of both feet and may obtain artificial limbs and may change his name, but so long as the heart and the head and vital organs remain, his identity is not destroyed.

Even so, follow the history of our own ecclesiastical body. The Synod of New York, including the Presbyteries of Suffolk, on Long Island; of New York, chiefly in New Jersey; of New Brunswick, the mother Presbytery; of Abington, mainly in West Jersey, and of New Castle, on the south, was, soon after the historical

* Log College, p. 56; Maclean, 1, 152.
Records Pres. Ch., p. 264.

events already recited, re-united, in 1758, with the Synod of Philadelphia, under the name of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia. The same Presbyteries, except Abington, pursued their work until the General Assembly was constituted in 1788, and after that time the Presbyteries of Dutchess county, Suffolk, New York and New Brunswick constituted the Synod of New York and New Jersey until 1823. In 1823 the Synod of New Jersey was constituted, containing the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, Jersey, Newton (all in New Jersey), and Susquehanna, in Pennsylvania. Susquehanna (constituted in 1821) was cut off from the Synod of New Jersey in 1869-70, but the heart, the head, the vital parts of the ecclesiastical body, remained as of old. Even Abington Presbytery, which existed only from 1751 to 1758, was restored in fact, if not in name, when its territory in West Jersey was grafted again into the Synod of New Jersey by the act of the General Assembly of 1843. Reunion and reconstruction consolidated and bound together these Presbyteries in our own Synod in 1869-70, and hedged it round within State boundaries.

Therefore, between the Hudson river and the Delaware bay this Synod now has jurisdiction over the same territory and many of the identical churches and the same Presbyteries as had the Synod of New York alone, a century and a half ago, *less* little Suffolk, on Long Island, and New Castle, on the extreme south. Thus may the Synod of New Jersey claim to be the successor of the old Synod of New York.

During six years, from 1751 to 1756, the period in which successful efforts were made to erect the college building, the Synod of New York met twice in Philadelphia, and four times in Newark, N. J. The average attendance of ministers was thirty-two. Naturally, the attendance varied with the distance to be traveled, and this affected especially the extremes of Suffolk and New Castle. At all meetings, however, the ministers of the three Presbyteries of New York (including East Jersey), New Brunswick and Abington together were in the majority, and sometimes three fourths of the whole.*

The preponderating influence of East Jersey in the Synod of New York (and the Presbytery as well) is emphasized by Dr. Maclean's declaration on the first page of his History of the College, where he says, "The credit given to the Synod of New York (in relation to the College) belongs almost exclusively to certain leading members of that body, one of whom (Ebenezer Pemberton) was the pastor of

* Thus in 1751 they had in Newark 25 out of 32.

In 1752, at Newark, the 29 enrolled ministers were not classified by Presbyteries.

In 1753, at Philadelphia, the three Presbyteries had 19 out of 33.

In 1754, at Newark, they had 28 out of 34.

In 1755, at Philadelphia, they had 18 out of 29.

In 1756, at Newark, they had 26 out of 36.

the *only* Presbyterian Church in the city of New York, and the *others* pastors of Presbyterian Churches in East Jersey."

Again, it is significant that in regard to the distribution of the fund for candidates the official printed records say, "The fund is to be applied to such youth as shall be examined and approved by the Synod of New York, or by what name soever that body of men may be hereafter called." (Records, p. 265; A. A.'s Log College, p. 56.) The same proviso is attached to the fund for educating Indian youth, "The Synod of New York, or by whatsoever name that body shall in time coming be called." (Records, p. 269.) Apply the same words to the other part of the work of Gilbert Tennent and Samuel Davies for the erection of Nassau Hall and the problem is solved. Again, we have proof that the Synod of New Jersey is virtually the *same body*, though called by another name, and is the successor of the old Synod of New York, inasmuch as it now exercises jurisdiction over the same territory in New Jersey as did the aforesaid Presbyteries of the Synod of New York.

In conclusion, your Committee submits to the consideration of the Synod these resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod thankfully recognizes the overruling hand of God in the history of the College of New Jersey, and congratulates Princeton University upon its phenomenal growth from the little seed which was planted at Elizabethtown and was soon transplanted to Newark and thence to Princeton, where it has celebrated, most auspiciously, its sesquicentennial.

2. WHEREAS, With the exception of Corisco in Africa, the present Presbyterial territory of the Synod of New Jersey was included in the Synod of New York, one hundred and fifty years ago, when Nassau Hall was erected as a result in part of the action of the said Synod of New York; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special Committee be appointed to confer with the Trustees and Faculty of Princeton University upon the expediency of erecting a suitable tablet to commemorate the fact of the co-operation of the old Synod of New York with the Trustees, and that thereby the erection of Nassau Hall was assured through generous contributions of friends in Great Britain, obtained by the agency of Gilbert Tennent and Samuel Davies under Synod's appointment, and that at the same time they secured the foundation of the fund to aid candidates for the sacred ministry.

3. *Resolved*, That the said Committee be authorized to take such action as may be approved by the united wisdom of both the parties in conference.

ALLEN H. BROWN,
Chairman.

XX.—REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey respectfully report the following items of business and information :

They have accepted, approved and do now hold the bond for \$5,000 given by the Hon. Wm. M. Lanning, the new Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions, in which bond Elmer Ewing Green, Esq., joins.

They have received and do now hold—

(a) A deed from the Presbytery of Monmouth for all its right and title to the "Old Scots Burial Ground," and also

(b) A deed from the First Presbyterian Church of the county of Monmouth for a circular plot in the "Old Scots Burial Ground," in the township of Marlboro and county of Monmouth, the said plot being thirty feet in diameter, on which plot it is the hope of Synod to erect a memorial monument.

They have administered the Wurts Legacy and the Holmes Fund as usual, the detailed financial account of which they have already submitted to Synod.

Information having come to them that one of their number, Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., has felt constrained to present to Synod his resignation as Trustee, in view of his increasing age and infirmities, they desire to put on record their high appreciation of his long and valuable services, and to recommend that, if Synod shall see fit to accept Dr. Gosman's resignation, Dr. Samuel M. Studdiford, of New Brunswick Presbytery, the Presbytery to which Dr. Gosman belongs, be appointed as his successor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EBEN B. COBB,
President.

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

FROM OCTOBER 17TH, 1896, TO OCTOBER 11TH, 1897.

DR.

1896.		
Oct. 12.	To balance in Trust Company,	\$27 93
1897.		
Jan. 1.	To accrued interest in Trust Company,	7 81
March 17.	To E. C. Harris, interest on Kane mortgage,	31 25
Sept. 2.	To E. C. Harris, interest on Kane mortgage,	31 25
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		\$98 24

CR.

1897.		
March 12th and September 14th.	By payments to the Church at Forked River,	\$36 25
March 12th and September 14th.	By payments to Brainerd Church's stated supply,	26 25
October 11.	By balance,	35 74
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		\$98 24
1897.		
October 11.	By balance in Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Co.,	\$35 74

We have examined the above accounts, compared the payments with the vouchers and found them to be correct.

D. C. ENGLISH,
BAKER SMITH,
PHŒBUS W. LYON,
JUL. H. WOLFF.

XXII.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

DR.

To balance from previous account,	\$591 01	
To apportionments from eight Presbyteries,	430 00	
To advertising,	25 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,046 01

CR.

By janitor's bill, Atlantic City,	\$10 00	
By salaries for year ending October 1st, 1897,	160 00	
By expenses of officers of Synod,	9 83	
By expenses of Trustees of Synod,	6 20	
By expenses of Committee on Foreign Missions,	7 85	
By expenses of Committee on Young People's Societies,	9 62	
By printing of Minutes of 1896,	240 70	
By binding Minutes,	2 00	
By envelopes,	2 06	
By balance on hand October 1st, 1897,	597 75	
	<u> </u>	\$1,046 01

EBEN B. COBB,
Treasurer.

ELIZABETH, N. J., October 1st, 1897.

We have examined the above accounts, compared the payments with the vouchers, and found them to be correct.

D. C. ENGLISH,
BAKER SMITH,
PHÆBUS W. LYON,
JULIUS H. WOLFF.

XXIII.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I.—THE PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO consists of thirteen ministers and eleven churches, and has under its care three licentiates and eight candidates.

Licensure—

December 11, 1896, Eduma, renewed for one year.

Candidates received—

December 11, 1896, two candidates.

Minister dismissed—

December 11, 1896, the Rev. George Albert Godduhn to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Name of church changed—

From Loka to Kribi, December 11, 1896.

Church organized—

January 28, 1896, Second Benita.

Died—

October 12, 1896, the Rev. Arthur Wodehouse Marling, at Angom Station, Gaboon, aged forty-one years.

ROBERT HAMILL, NASSAU,
Stated Clerk.

II.—THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH consists of fifty ministers and thirty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate, two local evangelists and three candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received—

April 20, 1897, Rev. Benjamin Labaree, D.D., from the Synod of Persia.

October 5, 1897, Rev. Eugene A. Mitchell, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

October 5, 1897, Rev. Frederick D. Tildon, from the Presbytery of Chester.

October 21, 1897, Rev. John H. Aughey, from Presbytery of Oklahoma.

Dismissed—

February 1, 1897, Rev. James Boddy, to the Presbytery of Troy.

Ordained—

October 6, 1897, Ernest L. Walz, *sine titulo*.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

April 20, 1897, between Rev. J. Garland Hamner, D.D., and the Church at Lamington.

October 5, 1897, between Rev. John A. Wells, and the church at Liberty Corner.

Licensed—

April 21, 1897, Ernest L. Walz.

April 21, 1897, Victor H. Lukens.

Licensed as local evangelist—

October 6, 1897, Robert M. Honeyman.

License extended as local evangelist—

April 21, 1897, Wm. B. Hamilton, for one year.

Licentiate dismissed—

April 20, 1897, Ernest F. Korlin, to Classis of Dakota, Reformed Church of America.

Died—

October 10, 1897, Rev. Henry V. Voorhees, aged seventy years.

SAMUEL PARRY,
Stated Clerk

III.—THE PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY consists of forty six ministers and thirty-three churches, and has under its care three licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received—

December 1, 1896, Rev. Frederick W. Jackson, Jr., from the Presbytery of Newark.

April 20, 1897, Rev. William E. Westervelt, from the Presbytery of Boston.

October 5, 1897, Rev. Charles A. Evans, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

October 5, 1897, Rev. Arthur Newton Thompson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Olympia.

Ministers dismissed—

April 20, 1897, Rev. Charles F. Taylor, to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

April 20, 1897, Rev. J. Gilmore Smith, to the Presbytery of North Texas.

June 1, 1897, Rev. William Imbrie, D.D., to the First Presbytery of Tokyo, Japan.

Pastor emeritus—

April 20, 1897, Rev. James C. Egbert, D.D., of the church at West Hoboken.

Ministry demitted—

April 20, 1897, Rev. Theodorus B. Hascall, Ph.D., with letter of dismissal to the Third Presbyterian Church of Newark, N. J.

Pastoral relation dissolved—

April 20, 1897, Rev. Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., and the Westminster church of Jersey City.

April 20, 1897, Rev. John A. MacIntosh and the John Knox Church of Jersey City.

Candidates received—

December 1, 1896, Fisher Howe Booth, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

April 20, 1897, Frederick M. Cutler, on examination.

Licensed—

June 1, 1897, Frederick M. Cutler.

Ordained—

December 29, 1896, Fisher Howe Booth.

Installed—

December 15, 1896, Rev. Frederick W. Jackson, Jr., as pastor of the Scotch Church of Jersey City.

December 29, 1896, Rev. Fisher Howe Booth as pastor of the church of Tenafly.

October 12, 1897, Rev. Charles A. Evans as pastor of the church of West Hoboken.

GEORGE R. GARRETSON,
Stated Clerk.

IV.—THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH consists of fifty-three ministers and forty-nine churches, and has under its care three licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received—

April 13, 1897, Rev. Alphonso A. Willits, D.D., from the Presbytery of Dayton.

April 13, 1897, Rev. Albert G. Bale, D.D., from the Woburn Association of Congregational Ministers of Massachusetts.

April 29, 1897, Rev. Charles F. Taylor, from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

May 27, 1897, Rev. Robert G. Davey, from the Presbytery of Pittsburg.

October 20, 1897, Rev. Robert M. Blackburn, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate received—

December 15, 1896, J. Harry Dunham, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Licentiate dismissed—

July 22, 1897, Benjamin H. Everitt, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Ordinations—

November 13, 1896, William Lloyd Roberts.

December 15, 1896, J. Harry Dunham.

Ministers dismissed—

October 28, 1896, Rev. Henry Goodwin Smith, to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

April 13, 1897, Rev. Joseph K. Freed, to the Presbytery of Newton.

April 13, 1897, Rev. John P. Dawson, to the Presbytery of New York.

April 29, 1897, Rev. Maitland Alexander, D.D., to the Presbytery of New York.

May 27, 1897, Rev. Henry White Herrman, to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

April 13, 1897, Rev. Joseph K. Freed and the churches of Jacksonville and Providence.

April 13, 1897, Rev. F. Reck Harbaugh and the church of Red Bank.

April 13, 1897, Rev. Thaddeus Wilson, D.D., and the church of Shrewsbury.

April 14, 1897, Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt, D.D., and the church of Jamesburg.

April 13, 1897, Rev. Wilmer McNair and the church of Atlantic Highlands.

April 29, 1897, Rev. Maitland Alexander, D.D., and the church of Long Branch.

May 27, 1897, Rev. Henry W. Herrman and the churches of Holmanville and Hope.

Installations—

November 12, 1896, Rev. Henry W. Herrman, as pastor of the churches of Holmanville and Hope.

November 13, 1896, Rev. William Lloyd Roberts, as pastor of the churches of Cream Ridge and New Egypt.

November 17, 1896, Rev. Mark Guy Clayton, as pastor of the church of Perrineville.

December 15, 1896, Rev. J. Harry Dunham, as pastor of the church of Mt. Holly.

December 21, 1896, Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, as pastor of the church of Freehold.

April 29, 1897, Rev. Charles F. Taylor, as pastor of the Second Church of Cranbury.

May 25, 1897, Rev. Albert G. Bale, D.D., as Pastor of the First Church of Asbury Park.

June 10, 1897, Rev. Robert G. Davey, as pastor of the church of Red Bank.

October 27, 1897, Rev. Robert M. Blackburn, as pastor of the church of Long Branch.

Ministers deceased—

February 2, 1897, Rev. Samuel H. Wallace, D.D., aged sixty-four years.

October 5, 1897, Rev. William L. Cunningham, D.D., aged fifty years.

BENJAMIN S. EVERITT,
Stated Clerk.

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

Ministers received—

April 13, 1897, Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., from the Presbytery of Portland.

April 13, 1897, Rev. Robert M. Ramsey, from the Presbytery of Great Falls.

June 2, 1897, Rev. F. E. Voeglin, from the Presbytery of New York.

Licentiate received—

April 13, 1897, G. S. Mott Doremus, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Candidate received—

January 19, 1897, August Block, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Licensure—

June 15, 1897, C. B. Condit and I. A. White.

Ordinations—

February 16, 1897, August Block.

June 2, 1897, G. S. Mott Doremus.

June 22, 1897, I. A. White.

Installations—

February 16, 1897, August Block, at Myersville.

June 2, 1897, G. S. Mott Doremus, at Pleasant Grove.

June 22, 1897, I. A. White, at Whippany.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

November 25, 1896, Rev. A. B. Rhinow and the church at Myersville.

June 15, 1897, Rev. Theodore F. Chambers and the church at German Valley.

July 16, 1897, Rev. Alexander N. Carson, D.D., and the Brick Church, East Orange, N. J.

September 21, 1897, Rev. Baker Smith, D.D., and the church at Flanders.

Ministers dismissed—

- November 25, 1896, Rev. A. B. Rhinow, to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.
 November 25, 1896, Rev. Raymond H. Gage, to the Presbytery of West Jersey.
 April, 1897, Rev. Alexander N. Carson, D.D., to the Presbytery of San Francisco.

Ministers died—

- November 29, 1896, Rev. Oliver Crane, D.D., LL.D.
 February 10, 1897, Rev. C. S. Leonard, D.D.
 February 16, 1897, Rev. David Blumenfeld.
 August 10, 1897, Rev. James F. Brewster.

STANLEY WHITE,
Stated Clerk.

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

Ministers received—

- May 12, 1897, Rev. Geo. H. Peeke, from the Classis of Passaic, Reformed Church of America.
 October 6, 1897, Rev. R. E. Locke, from the Congregational Church.

Ministers dismissed—

- October 28, 1896, Rev. Henry Merle Mellen, to Classis of Newark, Reformed Church of America.
 October 28, 1896, Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, to Presbytery of Monmouth.
 February 3, 1897, Rev. W. H. Cornett, to Presbytery of Niagara.
 June 14, 1897, Rev. Wm. Bulloch, to Presbytery of Lehigh.
 October 6, 1897, Rev. Samuel F. Bacon, to Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Ordinations, sine titulo—

- November 4, 1896, Mr. Otto Dietrich.
 May 19, 1897, Mr. William Bulloch.
 October 6, 1897, Mr. Richard Lange.

Licensures—

- April 7, 1897, Messrs. Wm. Bulloch, G. Phillips Payson, Norman B. Harrison, Richard Lange.
 June 2, 1897, Mr. Friederich von Brauchitsch.

Candidates received on examination—

- April 7, 1897, Mr. Friederich von Brauchitsch.
 June 2, 1897, Mr. Jacob Meier.
 October 6, 1897, Mr. Gaetano Caricchio.

Candidate received by letter—

- October 6, 1897, Mr. W. A. Berger, from Newton Presbytery.

Candidate dismissed—

April 7, 1897, Mr. Albert J. Treichler, to Presbytery of Lehigh.

Installation—

June 14, 1897, Rev. Henry H. Hoops, as pastor of Emmanuel German Church, Newark.

Pastoral relation dissolved—

May 12, 1897, between the Rev. Wm. A. Lynch and the Plane Street Church, Newark.

Minister deceased—

August 29, 1897, Rev. J. Lester Wells, at Stillwater, Saratoga county, N. Y.

JULIUS H. WOLFF,
Stated Clerk.

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

Ministers received from other Presbyteries—

January 26, 1897, Rev. Lewis B. Crane, from Presbytery of Schuyler.

January 26, 1897, Rev. Robert I. Gamon, from Presbytery of West Jersey.

Minister received from another denomination—

February 17, 1897, Rev. J. Hendrick de Vries, from Classis of West Chester.

Ordinations sine titulo—

May 4, 1897, Samuel M. Melkonyan and William B. Lusk.

July 29, 1897, Charles O. Mudge.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

February 17, 1897, Rev. David T. Smyth, with Hamilton Square Church.

April 13, 1897, Rev. Samuel J. Milliken, with Titusville Church.

September 22, 1897, Rev. Charles P. Glover, with Ewing Church, to take effect November 30th.

Ordinations and installations—

May 27, 1897, Joseph Howell ordained and installed pastor of Hamilton Square Church.

August 5, 1897, Benjamin H. Everitt ordained and installed pastor of Titusville Church.

Installations only—

November 20, 1896, Rev. James W. Rogan, D.D., installed pastor of Flemington Church.

February 17, 1897, Rev. J. Hendrick de Vries, installed pastor of Princeton, Second Church.

February 18, 1897, Rev. Robert I. Gamon, installed pastor of Milford Church.

February 23, 1897, Rev. Robert I. Gamon, installed pastor of Holland Church.

Ministers dismissed to other Presbyteries—

January 26, 1897, Rev. Thomas H. Ayres, to the Presbytery of Fairfield.

February 17, 1897, Rev. David T. Smyth, dismissed to Presbytery of Lackawanna.

May 4, 1897, Rev. William B. Lusk, to Presbytery of Champlain.

July 27, 1897, Rev. Charles O. Mudge, to Presbytery of Kendall.

Licentiate received from other Presbyteries—

May 4, 1897, Joseph Howell, from Presbytery of Lehigh.

May 20, 1897, Edwin W. Rand, from Presbytery of West Jersey.

July 29, 1897, Benjamin H. Everitt, from Presbytery of Monmouth.

Candidates dismissed to other Presbyteries—

April 20, 1897, William H. Dodd, to Presbytery of West Jersey.

September 21, 1897, John H. Alexander, to Presbytery of Columbia.

Candidates received on certificate—

January 26, 1897, Charles Schall, from Presbytery of Nashville.

January 26, 1897, Frederic J. Newton, from Presbytery of Los Angeles.

Candidates received under care of Presbytery on examination—

October 28, 1896, William J. Campbell, William C. Murdock and W. R. McKay.

January 26, 1897, Henry B. Master and Alexander McGaffin.

February 17, 1897, Luther J. Emerson.

April 20, 1897, William B. Cooke, Harold S. Davison, Robert J. Dick and Walter Thomas.

September 28th, 1897, Frederick William Loetscher, James Ferguson.

Licenses—

January 26, 1897, Charles Schall.

April 20, 1897, William H. Culver, Harold S. Davison, George Fulton, Charles E. Gubler, Joseph Hunter, Thomas C. Laughlin, William B. Lusk, Allen W. McCurdy, Samuel M. Melkonyan, Charles F. Morrison, Samuel W. Steckel.

September 21, 1897, Alexander McGaffin.

Licentiate dismissed to other Presbyteries—

October 3, 1896, Archibald B. Jamison, to Presbytery of Baltimore.

November 26, 1896, Maitland V. Bartlett, to Presbytery of Lackawanna.

- November 23, 1896, Alexander Stevenson, to Presbytery of Glenboro, Canada.
 December 4, 1896, J. Harry Dunham, to the Presbytery of Monmouth.
 March 12, 1897, William L. Freund, to Presbytery of Lackawanna.
 April 20, 1897, Allen W. McCurdy, to Presbytery of Philadelphia.
 April 20, 1897, Joseph Hunter, to Presbytery of Lehigh.
 April 20, 1897, William H. Culver, to Presbytery of Detroit.
 April 20, 1897, Charles E. Gubler, to Presbytery of Chester.
 April 20, 1897, George Fulton, to Presbytery of Carlisle.
 September 21, 1897, Samuel W. Steckel, to Presbytery of West Jersey.

Minister deceased—

Rev. Joshua H. McIlvaine, D.D., at Princeton, N. J., January 29, 1897.

A. L. ARMSTRONG,
Stated Clerk.

VIII.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON consists of forty ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care ten candidates for the gospel ministry.

Ministers received—

- January 19th, 1897, Rev. Isaac H. Condit, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.
 April 14th, 1897, Rev. Joseph K. Freed, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.
 September 28th, 1897, Rev. Thomas W. Bowen, from the Presbytery of Boise.

Ministers dismissed—

- January 19, 1897, Rev. Irving Maxwell, to the Presbytery of North River.
 April 13, 1897, Rev. Philip P. Reese, to the Presbytery of New Castle.

Pastoral relation dissolved—

- April 13, 1897, Rev. William E. Faulkner, with the Church of Yellow Frame, to take effect the same day.

Pastoral relation constituted—

- May 11, 1897, Rev. Joseph K. Freed, installed pastor of the Church of Franklin Furnace.

Candidates dismissed—

- January 19, 1897, Rheuel H. Merrell, to the care of the Presbytery of Cayuga.
 September 28, 1897, William A. Berger, to the care of the Presbytery of Newark.

Candidate dropped from the roll—

January 19, 1897, Charles H. Hoagland.

Church organization dissolved—

April 14, 1897, Montana.

Minister deceased—

June 9, 1897, Rev. William E. Faulkner, at Paterson, N. J., aged forty nine years.

E. CLARKE CLINE,
Stated Clerk.

IX.—THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY consists of sixty-one ministers and fifty-five churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received—

January 26, 1897, Raymond Hilliard Gage, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

April 20, 1897, Frederic J. Stanley, D.D., L.H.D., from the Presbytery of Hudson.

May 27, 1897, Richard N. Toms, from the Presbytery of Sioux City.

June 29, 1897, Edward P. Shields, D.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Minister received from another denomination—

June 29, 1897, George N. Hertzog, from Manhattan Congregational Association.

Ministers dismissed to other Presbyteries—

November 5, 1896, Robert I. Gamon, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

January 26, 1897, James Pattison, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Ordinations—

November 5, 1896, Francis H. Laird.

April 20, 1897, Theodore A. Elmer, as evangelist.

May 27, 1897, William Henry Dodd.

July 7, 1897, Leonard P. Davidson, as evangelist.

July 16, 1897, J. A. Higgons.

Installations—

November 5, 1896, Francis H. Laird, as pastor of Bridgeton Fourth Church.

November 17, 1896, Daniel I. Camp, as pastor of Deerfield Church.

February 2, 1897, Raymond Hilliard Gage, as pastor of Wenonah Church.

April 26, 1897, Frederic J. Stanley, D.D., L.H.D., as pastor of Atlantic City First Church.

May 27, 1897, William Henry Dodd, as pastor of Holly Beach Church.

July 15, 1897, George N. Hertzog, as pastor of Cedarville First Church.

July 16, 1897, J. A. Higgons, as pastor of Ocean City Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

November 5, 1896, Robert I. Gamon and Cedarville First Church.

May 1, 1897, George Warrington and Fairfield Church.

September 29, 1897, Thomas H. Medd and Atco Church.

Licentiate received on certificate—

September 29, 1897, Samuel W. Steckel, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Licenses—

April 20, 1897, Addison G. Alexander.

April 21, 1897, William Henry Dodd.

June 29, 1897, J. A. Higgons.

June 29, 1897, Leonard P. Davidson.

Licentiate dismissed to other Presbyteries—

January 26, 1897, Edward W. Rand, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

May 27, 1897, Addison G. Alexander, to the Presbytery of Boston.

Candidate received on certificate—

April 21, 1897, William Henry Dodd, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Candidate received on examination—

June 29, 1897, J. A. Higgons.

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.

VII.—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 Presbyterian 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, eight members ; the chairman of the Committee on Sabbath-school Work in each home Presbytery.

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 NECROLOGY, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

8. ON SYSTEMATIC BÉNÉFICENCE, eight members—one from each home Presbytery.

9. ON WORK AMONG FOREIGN POPULATIONS, five members—three Ministers and two Ruling Elders.

10. ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES, a chairman appointed by Synod and the chairmen of the Presbyterian 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.
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