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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Seventy-seventh Annual Session

OF THE

### SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

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The Synod of New Jersey met in Asbury Park, in the First Church, on Tuesday, October 17th, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M.

After devotional services the sermon opening Synod was delivered by the Moderator, Rev. Albert Erdman, D.D., from II Timothy 2 : 19.

At the close of the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The services were conducted by the Moderator, who was assisted by Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D.D., and Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D., and the following Ruling Elders: David Harvey, Jr., Ebenezer S. Mathis, Samuel S. Lindley, Joseph B. Lloyd, R. B. Crowell, James S. Biddell, A. P. Wyckoff, R. Perrine Craig, John L. Connett, Cornelius H. Clark, Robert Kennedy, C. C. Brown.

In connection with the service an offering was made for the Board of Ministerial Relief.

The Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

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

#### **Presbytery of Corisco.**

MINISTER—Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D.—1.

ELDERS—None.

### Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS—Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., Ezra F. Mundy, I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., John A. Liggett, D.D., Jas. G. Mason, D.D., Samuel Parry, Chas. S. Converse, Abram I. Martine, Wm. R. Richards, D.D., Eben B. Cobb, D.D., Samuel J. Rowland, John T. Kerr, George Buckle, William Hoppaugh, Albert E. Wirth, Geo. K. Newell, Jos. O. McKelvey, John E. Stuchell, Henry M. Mellen, Chas. B. Condit, Wm. B. Hamilton, Geo. F. Greene (2), Newton W. Cadwell (2)—23.

ELDERS—Ira B. Wheeler Elizabeth First; Archibald H. Bull Elizabeth, Third; Walter M. Irving, Cranford; Chas. Rommel, Elizabeth Second; Cornelius H. Clark, Elizabeth, Westminster; William Hopf, Elizabeth, First German; Elias D. Smith, Elizabeth, Greystone; R. B. Crowell, Metuchen; J. C. Waters, Rahway, First; G. A. Bush, Rahway, Second; Geo. H. Frech, Roselle; M. A. Brown, Woodbridge; Samuel Johnston (2), Westfield; Geo. W. Cain, Springfield; S. C. Lum, Connecticut Farms—15.

### Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS—Chas. D. Shaw, D.D., Henry C. Cronin, Charles I. Junkin, Henry T. Beatty, Ph.D., C. Rudolph Kuebler—5.

ELDERS—A. P. Vail, Hackensack, First; H. A. Wood, Hoboken, First; James S. Biddell, Passaic—3.

### Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS—Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., Benj. S. Everitt, D.D., Edward B. Hodge, D.D. (2), Alex. H. Young, D.D., Geo. Swain, D.D. (2), Albert G. Bale, Henry R. Hall, Samuel W. Knipe, Thos. Tyack, D.D., Wm. N. Ritchie, D.D., Chas. Everett, D.D., Hugh B. MacCauley, Geo. W. S. Wenrick (2), Frank R. Symmes, Wm. P. Finney, Samuel G. Webb, Jos. E. Curry, Albert E. Weston (2), Robert G. Davey, Jos. L. Ewing, Nathan D. Hynson, James A. Matheson, Frank Lukens (2), Samuel D. Price, Courtlandt P. Butler (2), Jos. G. Symmes, Eugene M. Vannote (2), Ernest F. Hall, Josiah H. Crawford—29.

ELDERS—G. R. Waln, Allentown; David Harvey, Jr., Asbury Park, First; Thos. Noble, Asbury Park, Westminster; Jacob Wilson (2), Beverly; A. J. Duncan, Cranbury, First; William Hughes, Cranbury, Second; D. Perrine Miller, Freehold; A. B. Wyckoff, Hightstown; Taylor Mount Jamesburg; Jos. E. DuBois, Manalapan; F. R. Perrine, Perrineville; A. V. D. Stryker (2), Point Pleasant; John G. Breese, Shrewsbury;

S. H. Ingraham (2), South Amboy ; R. Perrine Craig, Tennent ; F. S. Stines, Manasquan—16.

### **Presbytery of Morris and Orange.**

MINISTERS—O. H. Perry Deyo, Baker Smith, D.D., Albert Erdman, D.D., Edward P. Gardner, Wm. W. Halloway, D.D., George P. Noble, James F. Riggs, D.D., John F. Patterson, D.D., Horace D. Sassaman, Arthur J. Brown, D.D., Wm. H. Woolverton, Edwin R. Murgatroyd, Stanley White, John M. Thomas, Wm. R. Bennett (2)—15.

ELDERS—Enoch Hammond, Boonton ; E. C. Harris, Chatham ; J. W. Condit, M.D., Dover ; Henry H. Ward, East Orange, Brick ; C. C. Brown, Madison ; N. D. Goble, New Vernon ; Edward H. Williams (2), Orange, First ; Joseph P. Lloyd, Orange Central ; P. H. Hoffman (2), Morristown, South Street ; S. H. Condit, Parsippany—10.

### **Presbytery of Newark.**

MINISTERS—V. LeRoy Lockwood, D.D., David R. Frazer, D.D. (2), A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., Julius H. Wolff, Davis W. Lusk, Everett O. McFarland, J. Garland Hamner, John Hutchison, Joseph F. Folsom, Edwin Fairley—10.

ELDERS—William Logan, Arlington ; William S. Hartshorne, Newark, First ; M. J. Price, Newark, Third ; Charles Holzhauser, Newark, High Street ; J. A. Hallock, Newark, Park ; George W. Ketcham, Newark, Roseville Avenue—6.

### **Presbytery of New Brunswick.**

MINISTERS—Amzi L. Armstrong, Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., Henry C. Cameron, D.D., Daniel R. Foster, Thomas S. Long, William W. Knox, D.D., James W. Van Dyke, Walter A. Brooks, D.D., William D. Robeson, James W. Rogan, D.D., George T. Purves, D.D. (2), Samuel McLanahan, George H. Ingram, James B. Clark, Samuel H. Potter, J. Hendrick de Vries, D. Ruby Warne, Frank B. Everitt, William S. Voorhies, D.D., James R. Kerr, Robert I. Gamon, Albert Reid, Lewis S. Mudge, Henry B. Hibshman (2), Benj. H. Everitt, Joseph Howell (2), Vincent Serafini (2), William I. Campbell—28.

ELDERS—Peter J. Staats, Bound Brook ; George W. Schenck, Dayton ; W. H. Cadwallader, Ewing ; John L. Connet, Flemington ; John E. Gordon (2), Hamilton Square ; Edward Stout, Kingston ; William Farr, Lawrenceville ; S. S. Lindley, New Brunswick, First ; Joseph P. Blackwell, Pennington ; Henry

E. Hale, Princeton, First ; Henry D. Oliphant, Trenton, First ; Cornelius Shepherd, M D., Trenton, Third ; William D. Sinclair, Trenton, Fourth ; J. Newton Powelson (2), Trenton, Prospect Street ; John S. Rodgers, Trenton, East Trenton—15.

### Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS—William Thomson, Henry S. Butler, D.D., John C. Clyde, D.D., J. DeHart Bruen, Joseph D. Hillman, William Hollinshed, John C. Chapman, Percy Y. Schelley, Isaac H. Condit, Edward K. Donaldson, Robert A. Bryant, James B. Umberger, D.D., J. Edward Grant, John G. Addy—14.

ELDERS—W. H. Vail, Blairstown ; Robert Kennedy, Hackettstown ; Absalom Apgar, Musconetcong Valley ; Samuel Johnson, Newton ; John W. Cline, Stewartsville—5.

### Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS—Allen H. Brown, Henry Reeves, D.D., John Ewing, D.D., Geo. W. Tomson, William J. Bridges, Wm. V. Louderbough, Sylvester W. Beach, Geo. L. Van Alen, William H. Fishburn, D.D., John McMillan, Daniel I. Camp Geo. N. Hertzog (2), Wm. W. Casselberry, R. Hilliard Gage, Samuel W. Steckel, Robert A. Elwood—16.

ELDERS—Ebenezer S. Mathis, Atlantic City, First ; R. B. Stevenson, Blackwood ; Theophilus Trenchard, Bridgeton, First ; Chas. S. Padgett, Bridgeton, West—4.

### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. Benj. L. Agnew D.D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania ; Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D.D., of the Synod of New York ; Rev. Wm. H. Weaver, D.D., of the Synod of Baltimore ; Rev. John Fox, D.D., of the Synod of New York ; Rev. George B. Wight, of the M. E. New Jersey Conference ; Rev. Geo. J. Mingins, D.D., of the Synod of New York ; Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., of the Synod of New York ; Rev. Edward Bryan, of the Synod of Wisconsin ; Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D.D., LL.D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania ; Rev. J. T. Wills, D.D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania ; Rev. Jno. B. Devins, of the Synod of New York—11.

The summary is as follows :

<i>Presbyteries.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Totals.</i>
Corisco, . . . . .	1	. .	1
Elizabeth, . . . . .	23	15	38
Jersey City, . . . . .	5	3	8
Monmouth, . . . . .	29	16	45
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	15	10	25
Newark, . . . . .	10	6	16
New Brunswick, . . . . .	28	15	43
Newton, . . . . .	14	5	19
West Jersey, . . . . .	16	4	20
	141	74	215
Corresponding members, . . . . .			11
Total attendance, . . . . .			226

Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D., of the Presbytery of Newark, was elected Moderator.

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

I. That the sessions of Synod begin at 9:00 A. M. ; that recess be taken from 12:30 to 2:30 P. M., and from 5:00 to 7:30 P. M. ; that the last half hour of the morning sessions be given to devotional exercises.

II. That the following order of business be adopted : The first order for Wednesday morning, an address by Rev. John Fox, D.D., Secretary of the American Bible Society ; following this an address on behalf of the Board of Ministerial Relief, by Rev. B. L. Agnew, D.D., Secretary ; following this the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions ; at 10:40 the report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions ; following this the Necrological Report ; Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30, the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence ; following this, at 3:00, the report of the Committee on the Erection of a Memorial Monument in the Old Scots Burial-ground ; on Thursday morning an address on behalf of the Board of Education, by Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D., Secretary, followed by an address on behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies, by Rev. John B. Devins.

III. That the evening session of Tuesday be devoted to an address on Home Missions, by Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., and an illustrated lecture on "Work Among the Freedmen," by Rev. William H. Weaver, D.D., the Moderator of Synod presiding, and that the evening session of Wednesday be devoted to an address on behalf of the Board of Church

Erection, by Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., Secretary, and an address on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, by Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., Secretary.

Synod took recess until 7:30 P.M.

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TUESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Address

The Synod re-assembled and engaged in devotional services and listened to addresses on Home Missions by Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., and on "Work Among the Freedmen," by Rev. William H. Weaver, D.D.

Vice-Moderator.

The Moderator appointed as Vice-Moderator, Rev. Alexander H. Young, D.D., and the following Standing Committees :

I—BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Committees.

*Ministers*—Albert Erdman, D.D., Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., Rudolph C. Kuebler, Davis W. Lusk.

*Elders*—William S. Hartshorne, Joseph P. Blackwell, Samuel Johnson.

II—JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

*Ministers*—Julius H. Wolff, Wm. W. Knox, D.D., John C. Clyde, D.D., Geo. W. Tomson.

*Elders*—Cornelius H. Clark, H. A. Wood, David Harvey, Jr.

III—MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*Ministers*—Frank B. Everitt, Joseph O. McKelvey.

*Elder*—George W. Ketcham.

IV—NARRATIVE FOR 1900.

*Ministers*—John M. Thomas, Abram I. Martine.

*Elder*—Henry D. Oliphant.

V—FINANCE.

*Ministers*—Charles Everett, D.D., John C. Chapman.

*Elders*—Matthias J. Price, Ebenezer S. Mathis.

VI—SYNODICAL HOME MISSION ACCOUNTS.

*Minister*—George P. Noble.

*Elder*—Wesley C. Miller.



## VII—RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

**Corisco**—Rev. William V. Louderbough, Rev. Joseph L. Ewing, Elder Henry E. Hale.

**Elizabeth**—Rev. James W. Rogan, D.D., Rev. Frank R. Symmes, Elder J. A. Hallock.

**Jersey City**—Rev. Samuel J. Rowland, Rev. Edward K. Donaldson, Elder Robert Kennedy.

**Monmouth**—Rev. William Thomson, Rev. George P. Noble, Elder Cornelius Shepherd, M. D.

**Morris and Orange**—Rev. I. Alstynne Blauvelt, D.D., Rev. Edwin Fairley, Elder A. P. Wyckoff.

**Newark**—Rev. Samuel D. Price, Rev. J. Edward Grant, Elder D. Perrine Miller.

**New Brunswick**—Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D., Rev. William Hoppaugh, Elder Thomas Noble.

**Newton**—Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, Rev. Geo. L. Van Alen, Elder A. P. Vail.

**West Jersey**—Rev. William H. Woolverton, Rev. Benj. H. Everitt, Elder M. A. Brown.

The following orders of business were fixed: The first order for Thursday morning, the report of the Committee on Temperance; the third order for Wednesday afternoon, the report of the Committee on Young People's Societies.

The Treasurer of Synod read his report. It was accepted and referred to the Finance Committee.

Treasurer's  
report.

After singing, prayer, and the benediction, the Synod adjourned until to-morrow at 9:00 o'clock A. M.

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WEDNESDAY, October 18th, 9.00 A.M.

The Synod met and, after prayer, resumed business.

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

Minutes.

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

Records ap-  
proved.

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

Address.

Rev. John Fox, D.D., addressed the Synod on behalf of the American Bible Society.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., was adopted :

American Bible Society.

The Synod of New Jersey, in again commending to its ministers and churches the work of the American Bible Society, would recommend each Presbytery to appoint a special committee on the Bible cause, who shall aim to increase the interest and the contributions of all our congregations.

Ministerial Relief.

Rev. Benjamin L. Agnew, D.D., addressed the Synod on behalf of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Foreign Missions

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

I. The Synod of New Jersey, in sending greeting to our own foreign Presbytery of Corisco, express their sympathy in view of unusual sickness and sore bereavement in the death of Rev. W. C. Gault, and they cordially welcome the Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, D.D., as the representative of that Presbytery and member of our Foreign Missions Committee.

II. Reporting the resignation of Elders E. J. Ross, of Morris and Orange Presbytery, and F. L. Janeway, of New Brunswick, we advise the appointment in their places of Elders H. C. Jenkins, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and Prof. Walter B. Harris, of New Brunswick Presbytery.

III Congratulating ourselves upon the thoroughness and spirituality of woman's work in missions, we approve the report of the Woman's Synodical Society herewith submitted.

IV. Noting an increase of more than \$1,000 in the gifts of our Sabbath-schools, we commend the interest shown by our youth in this great cause, and urge to more careful study and systematic, generous giving in its support.

V. The Synod indorse the projected tours of missionaries on furlough within our Presbyteries.

VI. We commend the designation by the Board of a "home department," and welcome its Superintendent, Secretary A. W. Halsey, D.D., to our churches.

VII. We believe that the time is ripe for material enlargement in our missions enterprise, and will exert ourselves in every suitable way to promote it ; and we express the hope that whatever the future of the Philippine Islands may be, the permanent proclamation of a pure gospel throughout them may be secured.

In connection with this report the Synod was addressed by Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, D D.

The report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions was presented by Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D. It was accepted.

Synodical Home Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions was presented and accepted, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the Treasurer, Hon. William M. Lanning.

Treasurer's report.

The Special Finance Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions made its report through Rev. A. N. Hollifield, D.D., recommending the approval of the accounts. The report was received and the recommendation was adopted.

Auditing Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report recommending the reference of certain papers to the appropriate Committees. It was accepted and the recommendations were adopted.

Papers referred.

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

Synodical Home Missions.

1. That Presbyteries be asked to contribute this year upon the basis of church membership, as reported in the Minutes of the Assembly for 1899, so that—

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth be asked, at the rate of 30 cents per member, the sum of . . . .	\$2,800 80
From the Presbytery of Jersey City be asked, at the rate of 26 cents per member, the sum of . . . .	1,852 50
From the Presbytery of Monmouth be asked, at the rate of 26 cents per member, the sum of . . . .	1,683 76
From the Presbytery of Morris and Orange be asked, at the rate of 30 cents per member, the sum of .	3,078 30
From the Presbytery of Newark be asked, at the rate of 26 cents per member, the sum of . . . .	3,022 24

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick be asked, at the rate of 30 cents per member, the sum of . . .	2,772 00
From the Presbytery of Newton be asked, at the rate of 22 cents per member, the sum of . . . . .	1,275 56
From the Presbytery of West Jersey be asked, at the rate of 26 cents per member, the sum of . . . .	2,051 92
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2. That apportionments be made as follows :

For administration expenses, . . . . .	\$300 00
To the Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	1,300 00
“ “ “ “ Jersey City, . . . . .	2,600 00
“ “ “ “ Monmouth, . . . . .	4,000 00
“ “ “ “ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	1,800 00
“ “ “ “ Newark, . . . . .	1,775 00
“ “ “ “ New Brunswick, . . . . .	1,200 00
“ “ “ “ Newton, . . . . .	1,200 00
“ “ “ “ West Jersey, . . . . .	4,200 00
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	\$18,375 00

3. That Synod calls the attention of its churches to the superlative importance of having the offering for Synodical Home Missions reach the Treasurer of the fund as early in the fiscal year as possible.

Revision of  
Committees.

The following Committee to revise the list of Permanent Committees was appointed by the Moderator, viz., the Stated Clerk and Rev. George Buckle.

Necrology.

The Necrological Report was read by Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, and was accepted. The Synod immediately thereafter engaged in devotional exercises for half an hour, led by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Alexander H. Young, D.D.

It was made the fourth order of the day for this afternoon to hear the report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath-school Work, and in connection therewith an address by Rev. Henry C. Cronin.

Synod took recess until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled and proceeded to business.

The report of the Judicial Committee was presented. It was received and placed upon the docket. Judicial Committee

The report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Synod was presented by Rev. Allen H. Brown. It was received and referred to the Finance Committee. Treasurer of Trustees.

The reading of the Narrative upon the State of Religion was made the fifth order for this afternoon.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented by Rev. Thomas S. Long. It was received, and its recommendations were adopted, as follows: Systematic Beneficence.

1. Let all our ministers and ruling elders make a study of the duty of giving to the Lord according to the word of God. Instruct, stimulate and help the people in the discharge of this duty. Seek, by word and example, to obtain an offering from every church for each of our Boards. Discover and adopt the method which will secure the largest gifts.

2. We urge our pastors and Sessions to give "The Assembly Herald," the official organ of our church, a cordial recognition, and to secure for it the largest circulation possible among the people, that its publication may be maintained and the people instructed concerning the work and the need of the church at large.

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. It was received, and its recommendations were adopted as follows: Historical Materials and Monument.

1. That the Committee be continued until they can finish the work which has been given them to do, and that a special committee be appointed to audit their final accounts, to report to the next Synod.

2. That if the way be providentially clear, Wednesday, November 8th, be appointed for the unveiling of the monument, and that appropriate exercises be held in the morning in the old Tennent Church, in the afternoon in the Old Scots Ground, around the monument, and at night in the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, and that all arrangements be referred to the Executive Committee.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Hugh B. Mac-Cauley, was adopted by rising vote :

*Resolved*, That in view of the happy and successful close of the effort to erect the Presbyterian Historical Monument, the Synod does hereby congratulate the chairman of the committee in charge, the Rev. Allen H. Brown, on the splendid results of this movement and offers to him its heartiest vote of thanks for his untiring labors in our behalf in the matter of this movement.

Young People's  
Societies.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies was presented by Rev. Hugh B. Mac-Cauley. It was accepted and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

1. That in view of the pressing and increasing needs in the field of Synodical Home Missions, our Young People's Societies be asked, as they were last year, to make a Thanksgiving offering of at least three dollars from each Society for this work.

2. That we commend our Young People's Societies for their benevolence and zeal, and also earnestly urge them to do all for their Church that love to Christ and loyalty to His cause may prompt them to perform.

3. That in view of the earnest longing for revival in so many hearts, we repeat the counsel of last year and urge all our Sessions to give more attention to their Young People's Societies; to visit them often in their meetings; to confer with them about the objects of their benevolence and work; to provide for their training in Bible study and in Presbyterian doctrine, polity and history; to warn them affectionately against the deadening atmosphere of worldliness, and in general to promote a deeper spirituality and a stronger character.

Sabbath-school  
Work.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath-school Work was presented by Rev. George H. Ingram. It was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted as follows :

1. That Synod re affirms the recommendation of the Twentieth Century Movement and urges the Sabbath-schools to make a special effort to gather in the children who are outside. Synod also commends the zeal of the fifty-nine schools already enlisted in the work.

2. That the Sabbath-schools be recommended to observe Children's Day and Rallying Day and to make offerings for the Board at these times.

In connection with this report Synod listened to an address by Rev. Henry C. Cronin.

The following were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Committee on the Memorial Monument in Old Scots Burial-ground: Elders Matthias J. Price and William S. Hartshorne.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Work among Foreign Populations was presented verbally by Rev. Albert Erdman, D.D., and was accepted. In this connection Synod was addressed by Mr. Philip Sidersky, a missionary among the Hebrews in the southern portion of our State.

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

The Finance Committee respectfully report that they have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod, of the Historical Monument Fund and of the Trustees of Synod; that they have compared the payments with the vouchers, and have found all correct. The Committee recommend that the apportionments of the Presbyteries be the same as last year, viz.:

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

Rev. Percy V. Schelley read the report of the Committee on Narrative, and the report was approved.

The attention of Synod was called to the proposed conference of the Presbytery of New Brunswick in the interest of the promotion of spiritual life, and the members of Synod were invited to attend.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Rev. Allen H.  
Brown.

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Synod of New Jersey it is appropriate and just that the labors of the Rev. Allen H. Brown, in carrying forward to success the work of erecting the monument on the Old Scots Burial ground, be acknowledged by a suitable inscription on the monument itself, and that the Monument Committee be hereby instructed to carry out this resolution as in their wisdom they may decide most fitting.

The following resolution, presented by Rev. James W. Rogan, D.D., was adopted :

Brigham H.  
Roberts.

Believing that the seating of a polygamist as a member of Congress would be an insult to American womanhood, an unspeakable disgrace to us as a people, and a menace to our government ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, 1. That we, the Synod of New Jersey, representing the sentiment of the great Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and the sentiment, as we believe, of the great mass of men and women of our land, do most earnestly and emphatically protest against permitting Brigham H. Roberts to occupy the seat which he is going to claim in the next Congress in the name of Utah.

2. That we urge all the members of the National House from this State to do what they can, by voice, vote and influence, to prevent this man from taking his seat ; or, if admitted, that they use their uttermost endeavors to unseat him.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Stated Clerk of this body to every member of Congress from this State.

4. That we urge all churches, organizations and individuals to send letters and petitions on this subject to the representative within whose district they may chance to be located.

Judicial Com-  
mittee.

Unfinished business, viz., the finding of the Judicial Committee, was taken up, and, pending its consideration, Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M.

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WEDNESDAY, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Addresses.

Synod re-assembled, and, after devotional exercises, listened to an address upon Church Election, by Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., and to one upon Foreign Missions, by Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.



THURSDAY, October 19th, 9.00 A.M.

The Synod met and, after prayer, resumed business.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved. Minutes.

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

The report of the Committee upon the records of the Presbytery of Corisco was adopted, as follows: Corisco.

Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Presbytery of Corisco would respectfully report that they find them carefully and orderly kept and recommend their approval. We find abundant reasons to commend this far away Presbytery for their arduous, patient and fruitful labors in their most difficult field, and especially for their care and success in training up an efficient native ministry. We call attention to the fact that their annual meeting of Presbytery lasted from the 8th to the 20th of December.

Synod listened to an address on behalf of the Board of Education, by Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D. Education.

Rev. John B. Devins addressed the Synod on behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies. Aid for Colleges.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance was presented by Rev. J. DeHart Bruen. It was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted as follows: Temperance.

1. That this Synod respectfully appeals to the President of the United States to carry the anti-canteen law into full force and effect in accordance with its natural meaning and the intent of Congress by issuing an order, as commander-in-chief of the army, for the total suppression of army saloons.

2. That this Synod has learned with profound sorrow of the rapid increase of the saloons in the territory newly acquired by this nation, and we respectfully urge upon the President of the United States the use of his authority to abate and remove this great evil.

3. That we call the attention of our churches in this Synod to the action on temperance of the last General Assembly, and

urge loyal compliance therewith, especially in the matter of offerings for the Temperance Committee's work.

4. That in view of the enormity of the evil of intemperance, we call upon all connected with our church to use their influence as Christians and as citizens for total abstinence, and against the trade in intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

5. That the Temperance Committee of this Synod be authorized to confer with the other religious denominations of our State through their Temperance Committees, for the purpose of securing some concerted action of the Christian citizens of the State for the better enforcement of existing laws and the furtherance of much-needed new legislation in the interests of temperance.

Sabbath Observance.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented by Rev. George Swain, D.D.

Judicial Committee.

Unfinished business, the consideration of the report of the Judicial Committee, was now taken up, and pending its discussion Synod entered upon the observance of a half hour of devotional exercises, led by the Vice-Moderator.

Synod took recess until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

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THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled and proceeded to business.

Judicial Committee.

Unfinished business, the report of the Judicial Committee, was now taken up, and the report was recommitted to the Committee.

Trustees.

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

Woman's Home Missions.

The Committee on Synodical Home Missions made a supplemental report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted, as follows :

Your Committee to whom was referred the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey, would respectfully report that they have examined the report of these godly women with no little interest, and would commend them for their continued

and increasing enthusiasm in the work and the wise way in which they are prosecuting it.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed one hundred copies each of the reports of the Woman's Society for Home Missions in the Synod and the Woman's Society for Foreign Missions.

A resolution, presented by Rev. John Hutchison, was adopted as an additional resolution to the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, and the recommendations of the Committee were adopted as follows :

Sabbath Observance.

I. That we congratulate our brethren in England on their triumph, during the past summer, over the effort to establish the secular Sunday newspaper in the city of London, and join with them in praising God for their notable success.

II. That we sympathize with the three millions of men and women in our land who must toil the whole week, under penalty of being thrown out of work, and we pledge our assistance in any wise measures that will aid their securing one day of the seven for home and rest at least.

III. That we do most earnestly protest against the action of many of our railroad and steamboat companies in offering exceedingly cheap excursion rates for the Sabbath, whereby multitudes are induced to profane the sacred time, with the result, also, that many towns and villages of our State are robbed of the quietness and order which it is their right to enjoy on the Lord's Day.

IV. That we affectionately appeal to the members of our churches, to all in our Sabbath schools and Young People's Societies, to lay to heart the evil of Sabbath desecration and to discourage by every means in their power whatever, in work or pleasure, in word or deed, tends to dishonor the holy day.

V. That we endorse most cordially the aims of such societies as the American Sabbath Union and The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, and bespeak for them the largest sympathy and aid of our people.

VI. That we call the attention of our pastors to the resolution of the last General Assembly, requesting that on some Sabbath in the month of October they preach on some phase of this important subject; and, if the way be clear, take a collection for the work of the American Sabbath Union.

VII. That as we believe that the extension of the Saturday half-holiday, or its equivalent, to every week in the year, would inure to the benefit of the wage-earners and materially aid in

preserving the American Sabbath, we pledge our aid and encouragement to any judicious efforts having this end in view.

Historical  
Material.

The Custodians of Historical Material made their report. It was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Nassau Hall  
Tablet.

A verbal report of the Committee on the Erection of a Historical Tablet at Princeton was presented by Rev. Allen H. Brown. It was accepted and the Committee was continued.

General Assem-  
bly.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was read by Rev. Frank B. Everitt. It was accepted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1899 would report that we find nothing of importance to the Synod as a Synod ; but we would call attention of the members of Synod in their several Presbyteries to their apportionment of the debt of the Board of Freedmen (page 157), and would urge prompt attention on their part to this matter of such vital importance to the very life and work of that Board.

Rev. Henry C. Cronin was chosen the Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath school Work.

The Committee to revise the list of the Permanent Committees made its report, which was accepted, and is as follows. (See list of Committees in Appendix.)

It was resolved that the statistical reports be printed without reading.

Thanks.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted by a standing vote :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be hereby tendered to the pastor, session and people of this church for the use of their beautiful and commodious edifice ; to the Committee of Arrangements for their admirable provision for our comfort and entertainment ; to the organist and members of the choir ; to the speakers for their inspiring addresses, and to all who have in any way contributed to the helpfulness and delightfulness of this meeting of our beloved Synod in this fair city by the sea.

*Resolved*, That we acknowledge with thanks the favor of the "Public Ledger," of Philadelphia, in giving extended and accurate report of the proceedings of Synod, and rejoice in the success of this great newspaper, which has no Sunday issue.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. J. De Hart Bruen, was adopted by a standing vote :

*Resolved*, That the Synod request Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, of the Board of Foreign Missions, to whose impressive address we listened with great pleasure and profit, to have his address, or at least the statistics given, published in the form of a tract.

Foreign Mis-  
sions.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D., was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the several Presbyteries embraced in this Synod direct their Committees on Education to make a study of the results reached by the Conference recently held at Sewickley, Pa., by a considerable number of contiguous Presbyteries in Pennsylvania and Ohio, on the subject of Ministerial Education, with a view to adopting as many of its suggestions as they may determine to be advisable for the improvement of their methods of securing a suitable number of candidates for the ministry, and of supervising their education through all stages of its progress.

Education.

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

Bills paid.

The Permanent Clerk reported that 141 ministers, 74 elders and 11 corresponding members had been in attendance, and that the following members had been excused for absence :

FROM THE PRESENT MEETING.

*Elizabeth*—Minister Chalmers Martin.

*Jersey City*—Ministers Jas. C. Egbert, D.D., Philo F. Leavens, D.D., James H. Owens

*Monmouth*—Ministers Thaddeus Wilson, D.D., Horace G. Hinsdale, D.D., Joseph H. Bradley, D.D., James J. Coale, Chas. H. McClellan, D.D., Wilmer McNair, N. J. Sproul.

*Morris and Orange*—Ministers Robert Aikman, D.D., John H. Scofield.

*Newark*—Ministers Geo. S. Mott, D.D., Chas. T. Haley, D.D.

*New Brunswick*—Ministers Wm. H. Green, D.D., John T. Duffield, D.D., S. Stanhope Orris, Lewis W. Mudge, D.D., Joseph H. Dulles.

*Newton*—Ministers R. J. Burt, E. Clarke Cline, Samuel Carlile, D.D., E. Morris Fergusson.

*West Jersey*—Ministers William Aikman, D.D., Frederic R. Brace D.D., Geo. B. Van Dyke.

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

*Elizabeth*—Ministers John A. Liggett, D.D., I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., Charles S. Converse, Elders Geo. W. Cain, Samuel Johnston.

*Jersey City*—Ministers Chas. D. Shaw, D.D., Henry T. Beatty, Ph.D.

*Monmouth*—Ministers Samuel W. Knipe, Thomas Tyack, D.D., Hugh B. MacCauley, Jos. E. Curry, A. E. Weston, Nathan D. Hynson, Frank Lukens, Elders Jacob Wilson, D. Perrine Miller, Taylor Mount, Jos. E. DuBois, F. R. Perrine, A. V. D. Stryker, J. G. Breese, S. H. Ingraham, F. S. Stines.

*Morris and Orange*—Ministers Alfred Erdman, D.D., Edward P. Gardner, John F. Patterson, D.D., Arthur J. Brown, D.D., Elders E. C. Harris, Henry W. Ward, C. C. Brown, Jos. P. Lloyd.

*Newark*—Ministers V. LeRoy Lockwood, D.D., D. R. Frazer, D.D., Julius H. Wolff, Elders W. S. Hartshorne, M. J. Price, Geo. W. Ketcham.

*New Brunswick*—Ministers Wm. D. Robeson, Geo. T. Purves, D.D., Samuel H. Potter, J. Hendrick deVries, Robert I. Gamon, Albert Reid, Lewis S. Mudge, H. B. Hibshman, Vincent Serafini, Elders Geo. W. Schenck, W. H. Cadwallader, Edward Stout, John S. Rogers.

*West Jersey*—Ministers Henry Reeves, D.D., Geo. W. Tomson, William J. Bridges, Geo. L. Van Alen, John McMillan, D. I. Camp, Elders Ebenezer S. Mathis, R. B. Stevenson, Theophilus Trenchard, Chas. S. Padgett.

AFTER THURSDAY NOON.

*Corisco*—Minister R. Hamill Nassau, D.D.

*Elizabeth*—Ministers J. M. McNulty, D.D., S. J. Rowland, Wm. R. Richards, D.D., Newton W. Cadwell, Geo. Buckle, Geo. F. Greene, J. E. Stuchell, Henry M. Mellen, Elders S. C. Lum, Ira B. Wheeler, Archibald H. Bull, Wm. Hopf, Elias D. Smith, R. B. Crowell, J. C. Waters, G. A. Bush, Geo. H. Frech, M. A. Brown.

*Jersey City*—Ministers Henry C. Cronin, C. Rudolph Kuebler, Elders H. A. Ward, James S. Biddell.

*Monmouth*—Ministers Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., Benj. S. Everitt, D.D., Edward B. Hodge, D.D., Alexander H. Young, D.D., Geo. Swain, D.D., Henry R. Hall, Wm. N. Ritchie, D.D., G. W. S. Wenrick, F. R. Symmes, Wm. P. Finney, Jos. L. Ewing, James A. Matheson, Samuel D. Price, E. M. Vannote, E. F. Hall, J. H. Crawford. Elders David Harvey, Jr., Thos. Noble, A. J. Duncan, G. R. Walm, A. B. Wyckoff, R. P. Craig

*Morris and Orange*—Ministers Baker Smith, D.D., Wm. W. Halloway, D. D., James F. Riggs, D.D., H. D. Sassaman, E. R. Murgatroyd, Stanley White, John M. Thomas, Elders Enoch Hammond, P. H. Hoffman, N. D. Goble, Edward H. Williams, S. H. Condit.

*Newark*—Ministers D. W. Lusk, E. O. McFarland, J. G. Hamner, John Hutchison, Edwin Fairley, Elders Wm. Logan, Chas. Holzhauser.

*New Brunswick*—Ministers A. L. Armstrong, S. M. Studdiford, D.D., James W. VanDyke James W. Rogan, D.D., James B. Clark, D. R. Warne, W. S. Voorhies, D.D., J. R. Kerr Jos. Howell, W. I. Campbell, Elders Peter J. Staats, J. L. Connet, William Farr, Jos. P. Blackwell, Henry E. Hale, Cornelius Shepherd, M.D., William D. Sinclair, S. S. Lindley, J. E. Gordon.

*Newton*—Ministers William Thomson, J. DeHart Bruen, Jos. D. Hillman, Wm. A. Hollinshed, John C. Chapman, Percy Y. Schelly, R. A. Bryant, James B. Umberger, D.D., John G. Addy, Elders Wm. H. Vail, Robert Kennedy, Absalom Apgar, Samuel Johnson, John W. Cline.

*West Jersey*—Ministers John Ewing, D.D., W. V. Louderbough, S. W. Beach, Wm. H. Fishburn, D. D., Geo. N. Hertzog, W. W. Casselberry, R. Hilliard Gage, Samuel W. Steckel, Robert A. Elwood.

Unfinished business, the report of the Judicial Committee, was now taken up. It was adopted, and is as follows : Judicial Committee.

The Judicial Committee would respectfully report that the only matter that has come before them is a complaint from Rev. John G. Mason, D. D., against the action of the Presbytery of Elizabeth on June 20th, 1899, in voting to excuse Mr. Leary, a candidate for licensure, from one of the parts of trial required by the Book, Chap. 14, Sec. 4, viz., the Latin thesis. The papers were found regular and in order. Upon hearing fully the complainant and respondent, the Committee recommended the following action :

That the complaint be dismissed for the following reason, viz. :

The complaint is against a discretionary act of the Presbytery, warranted by Form of Government, Chap. 14, Secs. 5 and 6, and confirmed by decision of General Assembly, 1893, Minutes, p. 71, and there are no sufficient reasons presented in the complaint to show that this discretionary power was misused.

Appeal and  
complaint.

The complainant in the case gave notice of an appeal and complaint of the case to the jurisdiction of the General Assembly.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint from the commissioners to be elected to the next General Assembly within the bounds of Synod one to defend the present action of the Synod.

The roll of Synod was called.

Minutes.

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

Synod adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday of October, 1900, in the First Church, Atlantic City.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction.

JOHN 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 meeting held in Cretzen Park, October 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Witness: Walter H. Brooks,  
State Clerk.

Approved in General  
Assembly May 20<sup>th</sup> 1900.  
St Louis.  
Chas. A. Dickey  
Moderator.







# APPENDIX.

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## I.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 17th, 1899.

The past year, while furnishing much cause for rejoicing and gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, also calls our thought and prayer to some exceedingly serious and deplorable facts and conditions

From the Narratives of eight of the nine Presbyteries within this Synod, we learn that the churches are in a fairly healthy condition, for the most part, and that, under the blessing of God, peace and prosperity have generally prevailed within our borders.

In nearly all the three hundred and thirty-four churches comprising the Synod of New Jersey the Gospel has been regularly preached by a devoted and consecrated ministry, not only once but twice every Sabbath, and where it was not it was owing to exceptional reasons, such as the pastorless condition of a few churches, unusually inclement weather, or because of extensive repairs in the church buildings.

*The attendance* at the service of the sanctuary was fairly well maintained. In comparatively few churches have the members been fully present, and then only at one of the two Lord's Day services while in the great majority the attendance ranged from one-third to three fourths of the membership at the morning service and only one-fourth to one-half at the evening service. A very few churches report a larger attendance in the evening than in the morning.

The *children* of the church are far from being represented as fully at the Sabbath services as they should be induced to be. "A fair proportion" is the best report that can be given of their attendance. Some pastors preach occasional sermons specially adapted to the needs and capacities of children, and in a few churches personal invitation of the children seems to bring them more fully into the Lord's house.

*Prayer-meetings* are held during the week in almost all the churches, but here too the attendance, with rare exceptions is far from creditable to the membership or an honor to God. Our Lord's declaration concerning His disciples in His own day,

“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world,” would hardly be quite applicable to His average modern disciples. For the world and all that it means largely, if not fully, accounts for the indifference of so many to the mid-week prayer-meeting. As Christian people grow in spirituality their devotion also grows, the obstacles which hinder them in their attendance at the public prayer meeting melt away or are overcome, and the pleasure and benefit of communion with the Lord and His people constantly increase.

*The Sabbath-schools* present the most serious problem that can confront the Christian worker, for they have to do with the children, the future hope both of the Church and the State. And it is simply appalling to note the indifference of so many parents, church sessions and members to this vitally important department of the Master's service. It seems that what encouragement is mentioned by the various Narratives of the Presbyteries is owing to the faithfulness and devotion of officers and teachers, because of which some Sabbath-schools are veritable gardens of the Lord, and all the discouragement reported may, directly or indirectly, be referred to the lack of devotion and indifference to sacred duty on the part of parents, sessions, officers and teachers, in fact to the whole congregation. In many instances pastors and superintendents appeal in vain for teachers and helpers in the Lord's nursery, and in consequence many teacherless classes of bright boys and girls willing to be taught the way of eternal life, become discouraged and ultimately scatter, in most cases, perhaps, to the streets. If parents and all others to whom God has entrusted the children in home, church and school, be consecrated and devoted to the feeding of His lambs, Sabbath desecration, pleasure-seeking and all the devices of Satan to lead them astray will be successfully combatted, and the children shepherded and folded for the Lord, who says, “suffer them to come unto me”

One of the most encouraging features of our Sabbath-school work is the increase of membership in the past year over the average of the last ten years of 5,784. But the increase of last year over the preceding year was only 379, showing that there has been a loss in the rate of increase.

The catechism is taught in most of the schools, more or less perfunctorily, it is to be feared; the Westminster Lesson helps are generally used, and in nearly all the schools are found good libraries of carefully selected books.

*In the Societies* of the Church the men are almost a neglected class, only a few societies for men having been reported. But the societies for women, embracing for the most part Home and Foreign Missions and local church aid, numerous abound, and accomplish a most helpful and noble work.

Then, too, the many societies for young people furnish cause for much gratitude to God and hope for the Church because of their almost uniform prosperity and helpfulness. In a number of instances where churches were without pastors the Young People's Societies took it upon themselves to see that God's house should not be either closed to His people or silent as to His worship and praise. They are doing very much to keep the life of the Church warm and vigorous, to promote sociability and Christian fellowship, and what a hope for future prosperity and aggressiveness they justify!

*In the benevolent work* of the Church we find reason for much rejoicing and some for sorrow. All the churches contribute to some of the Boards, most of them contribute to all. The societies for women and young people send handsome offerings annually to the Boards for Home, Foreign and Synodical Missions, while a number contribute to all the Boards. The Sabbath-schools remember in their prayers and offerings these same Boards, and in addition that for Sabbath-school Work.

The plans for gathering the contributions of the churches differ widely, including special efforts, monthly offerings, subscriptions and church collections.

There has been a steady increase in the offerings of the churches, which increase is to be found in the churches mainly which contribute to all of our church Boards, while there was a decrease, or, at least, no increase, in a large number, presumably in those which contribute to only some of the Boards for benevolent work. The increase has been very marked in some instances. One church in the Presbytery of Newton doubled its offerings during the last year. Another church in the Presbytery of Elizabeth shows the remarkable increase of \$105,407 over last year's contributions, which amounted to \$17,488.

During the last year our churches contributed to the benevolent work of the Church \$74,641 more than they did the year before, and \$101,281 more than the average for the last ten years.

*The Spiritual Conditions* in the three hundred and thirty-four churches of our Synod, three more than last year, are startling, not to say distressing in some respects

With but very rare exceptions there has been no unusual religious interest manifested in our churches, and for the most part they have been fighting an unequal battle for some time. The world, with its alluring riches, pleasures and glory, has been able to hold its own against the Church of Jesus Christ, if we may take the additions to the membership as a criterion. During the last year there has been a loss in the accessions to church membership on profession of faith over the preceding year of six hundred and ninety-five. The average of accessions during ten years is three thousand six hundred and seventy-four. The accessions on exam-

ination last year were two thousand five hundred and twenty-eight, or a loss during last year of one thousand one hundred and forty-six below the average of the last ten years. There is a gain of five thousand two hundred and twenty-one for last year over the average of the last ten years in the total membership, but a loss of four hundred and twenty-three from the total membership of the preceding year.

In some churches there were no additions at all on profession of faith, in a number but one, up to sixty two, the highest for any church in our Synod.

The Narratives, in speaking of *parental instruction*, *sessional oversight* and *family religion* are, for the most part, vague, perplexing and colorless. With parents so largely indifferent to the duty of the instruction of their children in the simple principles of the religion of Jesus Christ; with sessions however well-meaning, neglectful of their solemn and sacred duties, family religion abandoned, and the Shorter Catechism—that generator of strong, Christian and Presbyterian backbone—neglected, we cannot but expect the Church to lose largely in spiritual virility, religious zeal and aggressiveness.

But yet our faith in the success of the cause of Jesus Christ on the earth must not be allowed to waver for a moment. Let us not be cast down or discouraged, but labor all the more earnestly and pray without ceasing, that we may, as a Synod and Church, be led by the Holy Spirit into larger work, clearer light, and, in the good pleasure of the Great Head of the Church, to far greater and better results of Christian service; and thus, though we have sown with tears, may we come with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

PERCY Y. SCHELLY,

*Chairman.*



## II.—NECROLOGICAL REPORT.

Ten deaths have occurred the past year among the members of this Synod. Corisco, Newton and West Jersey report none; Jersey City and Morris and Orange one each; and Elizabeth, Monmouth Newark and New Brunswick two each. The average age of the decedents was nearly seventy years.

The deaths are as follows :

*I.—Elizabeth.*

REV. JOHN GILLESPIE, D D.

Dr. Gillespie was born at Haddington, near Edinburg, Scotland, in February, 1833. At the age of fourteen he came to America. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1862, and from the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., in 1865. He was licensed by the Presbytery of St Clairsville and ordained by the Presbytery of Ohio (now Pittsburgh). While still a student in the Seminary he was chosen as assistant pastor in the Presbyterian church of East Liberty, Pa., afterwards succeeding to the full pastorate and remaining in the charge till 1882, a period of seventeen years. While at East Liberty he was honored with the title of Doctor of Divinity by Wooster University. In 1882 he was called to the pastorate of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, N. J., where he remained for four years, when he was elected as one of the Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. This position he most ably filled until his death, February 16th, 1899.

Dr. Gillespie was marked by beautiful, deep and unaffected piety, genuine courtesy and kindness, and entire devotion to his life work as a minister of the gospel and Missionary Secretary. He was an able speaker and ready writer. He was twice married. Two children of each marriage survive him.

REV. WILLIAM J. HENDERSON

Was born in Eldersridge, Pa., October 12th, 1844. His early education was interrupted by enlistment as a soldier in the Civil War. The war ended, he resolved to study for the gospel ministry. He prepared for college in his native town and entered Princeton College, graduating in the class of 1870. He also took the full course in the Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating in 1873. He was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and in June, 1873, installed pastor of the Clarksville Church, N. J. Here he remained for one year. He afterwards served the following churches: Octorara, 1874-'76; Lower Valley, 1877-'83; Cream

Ridge and New Egypt, 1883-'85; Second Church, Trenton, 1885-'86; Reformed Church, Annandale, 1886-'91. Five years before his death he was forced by failing health to remit preaching. He fell asleep in Jesus May 22d, 1899.

He married Miss Meta Hunt, April 29th, 1874. One son survives him. His father and mother are still living, aged 86 and 81 years respectively.

### *II.—Jersey City.*

REV. DAVID MITCHELL.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Glasgow, Scotland, May 3d, 1833. He was educated in the University of Glasgow, taking the degree of A.B. in 1854, and that of B.D. from the Theological Department in 1858. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Glasgow and ordained in 1858. He was installed pastor of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in his native city.

In 1865 he removed to New York and was chosen assistant pastor of the South Dutch Reformed Church, Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street. From 1867 to 1875 he was pastor of the Canal Street Church, New York city; from 1875 to 1880 he served the Central Presbyterian Church of Toronto, Canada; from 1880 to 1885, St. John's Church, Belleville, Ontario; from 1885 to 1895, the Scotch Church, Jersey City. While pastor in Jersey City he established a mission which has now become the John Knox Church, Jersey City. He died December 29th, 1898.

Mr. Mitchell was a man of kindly nature, cheerful disposition and Christ-like spirit, greatly respected by all who knew him and much beloved by the people whom he served. He was a much-valued contributor to the newspapers, especially to Robert Bonner's "New York Ledger."

A widow survives him.

### *III.—Monmouth*

REV. BENJAMIN DUBOIS WYCKOFF.

Mr. Wyckoff was of Huguenot extraction, being a lineal descendant of a family which fled from France after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. His great grandfather, Rev Benjamin DuBois, was for sixty-five years pastor of the "First Reformed Church of Freehold," at Marlboro, N. J. He was born at Carlisle (Jerseyville), Ohio, May 18th, 1834. He prosecuted his studies in Hanover College, from which he graduated in 1855. His theological training was received in the Western Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach in 1858 by the Presbytery of Miami (Old School), and for two years supplied the churches of Greenville and Gettysburg,

Ohio. In June, 1860, he was ordained by the same Presbytery that he might enter upon missionary work in India. In Allahabad and Mainpurie he prosecuted his work till 1869 when ill health necessitated his returning home. From 1869 to 1870 he supplied a church in Memphis, Tennessee. Restored to health, in 1871 he returned to India leaving his wife and children behind him. The latter rejoined him the following year. He was stationed at Futtegurh until 1875, when he was obliged to return to America on account of his wife's failing health. He took charge of the Oliphant and Archibald Presbyterian Churches (Pa.) from 1876 to 1879, when he became Presbyterial Missionary for Columbia Presbytery, N. Y. He supplied the churches of Centreville, Big Hollow and Livingstoneville, N. Y., while Presbyterial Missionary, from 1879 to 1883. The way was again opened for him to return to India, and he sailed, for the third time, September 29th, 1883. He was stationed at Jullundar for three years, then at Sabathu for two years, and finally at Ambala for seven years. At these two last stations he had charge of a leper asylum in connection with his other services. In 1895 he returned home broken in health. His service in the foreign field had extended through twenty-five years. Mr. Wyckoff transferred his membership from the Presbytery of Lodiana, India, to the Monmouth Presbytery, October 19th, 1898. His days of active service were ended, and on March 1st, 1899, after a long illness, he died at Pine Bluff, N. C. His wife was Miss Melissa Johnson, of Memphis, Tennessee, who, with four daughters and two sons, survives him. Prof. Walter Wyckoff, of Princeton University, so well known as the author of "The Workers," is one of his sons.

REV. JOHN HENRY PRATT, D.D.,

Was born in Athens, Ohio June 10th, 1822. He graduated from the University of Ohio in 1842, and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1853. The same year he was licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick. After doing missionary work for several years in Philadelphia, he was ordained February 14th, 1856, by the Presbytery of Hocking, and installed pastor of the Church of Athens, Ohio. Here he labored till 1868, when he accepted a call to Marion, Ohio. In 1871 he was forced to resign his charge by reason of ill health and removed to Allentown, N. J. Later he removed to Philadelphia, where he died October 12th, 1899. His voice and pen were always ready for the Master's use, and he did good as he had opportunity. His prominent qualities were habitual cheerfulness of heart and guilelessness of life.

His widow, the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Perkins, for forty years pastor of the church of Allentown, N. J., survives him.

*IV.—Morris and Orange.*

## REV. FRANCIS MAKEMIE TODD.

Mr. Todd died at his ancestral home, near Lakewood, N. J., November 18th, 1898.

His birthplace was Troy, Bradford county, Pa., August 4th, 1839. He graduated from Lafayette College in the class of 1863. For several years thereafter he engaged in agricultural and real estate interests. In 1874 he entered Princeton Seminary, graduating in 1877. The same year he was ordained by the Presbytery of Monmouth. From 1878 to 1888 he was stated supply of Manassas, the First Church, in Prince William county, and the Clifton Church, all in Virginia. In 1878 he was installed pastor of the Manassas Church, where he remained until the relation was dissolved, November 12th, 1891. He removed to Monroeton, Pa., and was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that place May 4th, 1892. Here he served till January 15th, 1895, when he became stated supply of Mine Hill and Berkshire Valley Churches, N. J., with his residence at Dover, until a few months before his death.

He was married April 5th, 1865, at Easton, Pa., to Miss Mary C. Titus, who, with two sons, survives him.

*V.—Newark.*

## REV. JUSTUS CLEMENT FRENCH, D.D.

Dr. French was born at Barre, Vt., in 1832. He graduated at Williams College, Mass., in 1853. The same college conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1874. He studied theology in Union Seminary, N. Y., for two years, 1854-1856. In 1857 he was ordained to the ministry by the Congregational Association of New York and Brooklyn. He was pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, from 1857 to 1870. His next pastorate was over the Westminster Presbyterian Church, same city, continuing from 1871 to 1876. Resigning this charge, he served as an evangelist for two years, 1877-8. He was then called to the Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J., where he continued a most successful ministry until his death, February 14th, 1899.

For several years he was prominent in Christian Endeavor Work, filling the office of State President for two terms.

Dr. French was the author of a book, "Trip of the Oceanus to Fort Sumter," and numerous tracts and pamphlets.

## REV. JOHN WARD.

Mr. Ward passed away at Glen Ridge, N. J., April 22d, 1899, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was born at Bloomfield, N. J., in 1817. He was a graduate of Union College, Schenectady,

N. Y., in the class of 1841. He also took the full theological course in Union Seminary, N. Y., graduating in 1844. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Presbytery of Rockaway, June 3d, 1845. His first pastorate was at Stanhope, N. J., from 1845 to 1848. He was then called to Clyde, N. Y., where he remained as pastor until 1855. For two years thereafter he was Bible Agent in Utica, N. Y. He was pastor of a church in Philadelphia from 1858 to 1860. He then removed to Freedom Plains, N. Y., where he served as stated supply from 1863 to 1867. He was afterwards pastor at Montgomery N. Y., for two years, and finally stated supply in Glen Ridge, N. J., where he peacefully entered into rest at a ripe old age.

*VI.—New Brunswick.*

REV. ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D.D.,

Was born in Danby, N. Y., July 25th, 1819. His academic studies were pursued at Ithaca, N. Y., and he graduated from Williams College in 1843. He took a four years' course in Princeton Theological Seminary, and was instructor in Hebrew in the same institution for the term 1850-51. The Second Presbytery of New York gave him license to preach May 22d, 1851, following which he was immediately ordained to the gospel ministry and installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceville, N. J. This pastorate, his only one continued until April 9th, 1895, when he retired from active service because of failing health. He was pastor emeritus until his death. Princeton College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, in 1862. He was made a member of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary the same year, in which office he served most faithfully until his death. He was secretary of the Board for twenty years. He was also, for many years, a director of the Seminary, and was second vice-president of the Board from 1884 to 1886, and president from 1886 until his death. He was frequently a commissioner to the General Assembly, and was elected Moderator of the Synod of New Jersey in 1879.

Dr. Gosman was a man of rare Biblical scholarship. He translated and edited parts of Genesis and Numbers and all of Deuteronomy in Schaff's American edition of Lange's Commentary. The special introduction written by him is masterly in its erudition and grasp of the subject. He also wrote the section from Samuel to the Captivity in "Alexander's History of the Israelitish Nations." He was a frequent and able contributor to the Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review, and the Presbyterian and Reformed Review. He died at Lawrenceville, of paralysis, January 4th, 1899.

He was married in Lawrenceville, N. J., October 21st, 1858, to Miss Letitia How Nassau, who survives him with one son and four daughters.

## REV. JAMES ORMSBEE MURRAY, D.D., L.L.D.,

Was born in Camden, S. C., November 27th, 1827. He was of Scotch descent and Presbyterian ancestry. He united with the church in Springfield, Ohio, when fifteen years of age. He graduated from Brown University in 1850, taking the highest honors. He taught Greek for a year in his Alma Mater, and then entered Andover Theological Seminary, receiving his diploma in 1854. He was ordained to the ministry October 24th, 1854, by a Congregational Council, and installed pastor of the South Danvers Congregational Church. From this charge he was called May, 1861, to the Prospect Street Congregational Church, Cambridgeport, Mass., in which charge he remained until February 6th, 1865, when he accepted a call to become associate pastor with Dr. Spring in the Brick Presbyterian Church, N. Y. On the death of Dr. Spring, in 1873, he became the pastor. He resigned this charge in 1875 and accepted the Chair of English Literature in Princeton College. He continued to discharge the duties of this Chair until his death, March 27th, 1899. In 1883 he was elected Dean of the Faculty. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Princeton in 1867, and that of L.L. D. from Brown University in 1886. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary from 1874 until his death and also a Trustee for many years. Dr. Murray was an able preacher of the gospel and a scholarly and popular lecturer. He twice lectured on the Stone Foundation in Princeton Seminary, the first course being on "Skepticism in Literature," the second on "Religion in Literature." He was author of a church hymn book, editor of "Orations and Essays with Selected Parish Sermons," and a writer of several memorials and biographies. His articles contributed to the Presbyterian and Reformed Review, Homiletic Review and other magazines were numerous and popular. Dr. Murray was married in Brookline, Mass., October 22d, 1856, to Miss Julia Richards Haughton, who, with four sons and one daughter, survives him.

SYLVESTER W. BEACH,

*Chairman.*

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

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.”

The members of your Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions in presenting this their Thirteenth Annual Report, rejoice that, by God's goodness and the cordial co-operation of pastors and people throughout the State, they have raised during the year the sum of \$17,189.32, or \$467.35 in excess of the amount raised during any previous year in the history of the work; that through the prompter giving of the churches they have been enabled to cut down the bill annually paid for interest on money borrowed to pay our missionaries by nearly one-half, or from \$86.20 to \$44.28; that after every bill due on October 1st, 1899, has been paid, they have still \$600 in the treasury with which to commence the work of the current year; and that, instead of the zeal of our churches in this direction detracting from their gifts to the Home Board, it has rather increased the same, so that whereas one year ago our Synod gave to the Home Board, in addition to that which we raised for ourselves, the sum of \$52,302.01, this year our gift to the Board amounted to 60,219.64, or, adding the special gift of a single individual for the debt of the Board, to \$80,219.64, making the total gift of our Synod for Home Missions this year \$97,408.96, or more than double that which we raised for Home Missions thirteen years ago.

The details of this work, the amounts received from the different Presbyteries and churches and paid to the same, will, so far as they pertain to our own State, appear in the report of the Treasurer, which will follow this. But we must not fail to make special mention of our Foreign Missionary Presbytery, the Presbytery of far-away Corisco, which out of its deep poverty has abounded to liberality in this work also, sending a gift this year to this cause from ten out of the fifteen churches within its bounds. Nor can we pass over the zeal of the members of the various Home Missionary Committees in our several Presbyteries which zeal, usually wise occasionally otherwise, and always hot and insistent has brought this work to the attention of many a dull and sluggish ear, and made actual that which otherwise could not possibly have been attained. The result of the year, for which we are magnifying the Lord, has not come of itself nor by chance. It is the reward, under God, of the hardest kind of toil, which, entirely without remuneration, and oftentimes at the serious expense of other and necessary work, has been joyfully devoted to this cause.

As a Committee, we have suffered much during the year through the withdrawal from our ranks, on account of protracted ill-health,

of our much-prized fellow laborer Dr. F. R. Brace, the representative of the West Jersey Presbytery. Dr. Brace has been identified with this Committee almost from its very inception, and, in manifold ways, has rendered invaluable assistance in the work. We shall miss his wise counsel, his trustful spirit and his earnest prayers and pray God for his speedy and complete recovery to health. In our sorrow over his departure, we rejoice that the mantle of "Elijah" Brace has fallen upon "Elisha" Gage.—in other words, upon the Rev. R. H. Gage, of Wenonah, who, addressing himself at the last moment to the task laid down by Dr. Brace, has demonstrated his fitness for the work by causing West Jersey Presbytery not only to reach its quota but also to run more than \$100.00 beyond.

Turning now to the future, we have felt that, possibly, the best way to place our work in all its length and breadth and fulness before you would be to give you extracts from the personal letters of members of your Committee, which extracts, because they were not intended for publication, may all the more reveal the nature of our work, the spirit in which it is being prosecuted, and also some of our opportunities and our needs.

The representative of Elizabeth Presbytery writes :

"Our mission field at Keasby and Webers, on the Raritan, near Perth Amboy, where the comparatively little which we are there doing is the only ray of spiritual light which penetrates to several hundred Hungarians, Poles, Scandinavians and the like, has been so cared for by one of our neighboring churches that, this year, nothing has been paid to it out of our fund. The German work at Maurer's is progressing encouragingly, the mission there having recently occupied, free of rent, a new building erected by the proprietors of the works, in part at least for the use of the mission. In Liberty Corner, to which, this year for the first time, \$ 00.00 were appropriated, the work has so advanced under a vigorous new pastor as to make it morally certain that in a very short time no further aid will be required. The Presbytery is about to aid a new work in the recently organized manufacturing town of Garwood, where the chapel already in operation has outgrown the present ability of a neighboring church to foster it. Two other new fields have been this year taken under the care of your Committee, in one of which Presbytery has already authorized the formation of a church. The outlook never was more hopeful, nor were the needs ever as great. Elizabeth Presbytery must have, immediately, an increased appropriation for this work, if it is not to lose ground in its appointed section of the State."

The representative of the Jersey City Presbytery writes: "We have an application to organize a church in Bayonne, and it will want an appropriation from Synod's fund. How can we take it upon the fund, when we drew to the last dollar of our allotment in



the year just ended, and were sorely pressed then to hold our ground? Of our mission churches, Passaic German has built an edifice at a cost of some \$7,000 Dundee, Passaic, has struck off \$2,000 of interest bearing debt and is settling a vigorous pastor. Woodridge is emerging from a snarl of difficulties about the tenure of its property. John Knox, of Jersey City, has been delivered from the toils of the 'Martin act,' which threatened to take its property for unpaid assessments. Our missionaries have held to their posts faithfully, and there is progress in all fields where progress is possible."

The representative of Monmouth Presbytery writes: "We shall probably organize a new church at Mantoloking next week. The churches are in a state of peace. Barnegat is building a parsonage, and several churches are making vigorous efforts to clear themselves of debt."

The representative of Morris and Orange Presbytery writes: "This last year we did not use all our allotted sum; but that was due to providential causes. One church to which we had voted \$200 lost its pastor, and so got none of the money. Another church which has always been helped made such arrangements as made their application unnecessary. We also cut down some requests and denied one together. We could have used \$600 at least more than we did."

The representative of Newark Presbytery writes: "One cheering fact is that Roseland becomes self supporting. Newark could start five new enterprises right away, I think, with reasonable hope of success. The city is growing away from the Presbyterian Church. The foreign population is crowding in, and a greater Newark is on the horizon. I enclose the report of our Italian minister, which gives interesting material." From this report the following items have been gleaned: There are 35,000 Italians in Newark, 83 per cent. of whom are unable to read and all of whom are nominally Catholic. Among these, eleven Catholic priests and sixteen nuns, all speaking Italian, are working to keep the people away from Protestant influence and especially from the public schools. Against these forces and for these people the Italian Church is laboring. Its membership now numbers 122, and ten new members were added during the year. Open-air services, with talks on the life of Christ, illustrated with stereopticon views, have been held with marked success. In the quaint words of the Italian minister, "over 800 men came out to his second lecture, like sheep from different directions of the woods, half-clothed, barefooted, etc., and with great attention listened to the explanation of the views. And when I asked them to join in prayer with me they all fell on their knees and with great devotion listened, and begged that I should come again."

The representative of New Brunswick Presbytery writes: "Our Italian Mission is carried on by a Presbyterial Commission consisting of three ministers, one of whom is the Italian missionary, and three elders. We act as a session to receive members into the communion. Since the Commission was appointed last spring we have received twenty to the communion, all of them brought up as Roman Catholics and the most of them men. The amount given by Synod is not nearly enough to carry on this mission, so that the Trenton churches are asked to make up the deficiency. Our other new mission, the Walnut Avenue Church, organized last fall with seventeen members, has added twenty four more during the year. The other churches receiving help have been blessed in their work. The Presbytery exercises a very close supervision over the churches receiving aid."

The representative of Newton Presbytery writes: "The only item of special interest which I would note is that one of our 'aided' churches became self supporting during the year and that two others ask no aid for this coming year. We have no new fields to provide for, and with one exception our missionaries are working on a salary of \$600 and a manse."

The representative of the West Jersey Presbytery writes: "One of our fields has become self-supporting, after having drawn help for years (Absecon and Pleasantville), and now, by reason of a great revival, each one of these two churches supports a pastor. Another church reduces its application \$50 and another \$40.

"A new work of great promise is supported in Atlantic City, to which also the 1st Church of that city is giving largely. Another field has had reverses and needs \$50 additional. We had to grant it to keep the man on the field. I think we can say that we will this year inaugurate a campaign of effort to reduce applications. I feel that a firm stand on the part of our Presbyterial Committee in regard to urging certain churches to *expect* an annual decrease in appropriation of at least \$25, and maybe \$50, would result in greater effort for self-support. We are going at it, at any rate. The enthusiasm in support of Synodical Home Missions is greater in our Presbytery now than ever."

From these extracts, the nature of the work which we are seeking to perform, and the spirit in which it is being prosecuted, are impressively apparent. Not only are we giving aid to feeble congregations in rural localities where a long established church, once a power in that vicinity, is now, by reason of removals and deaths and other causes, sadly depleted in strength, and is calling for aid if it is to continue, as in the past, to be a spring from which rivulets of beneficent influence shall flow down to our more populous centers; but we are also doing an important foundation work among the teeming foreign populations of our large cities and in new

towns rapidly coming into existence in various manufacturing localities and along the lines of the railroads, which are transporting the multitudes to and from the great cities between which our field lies. And we are doing this many-sided and superlatively important work as wisely, economically and energetically as it is possible to be performed. Where such a thing is feasible, we are grouping fields—making one man supply two churches. No field is given aid without the most careful investigation by those in a position to know the facts in the case. When a church is taken under our care, it is immediately instructed to expect a reduction in its appropriation in the near future, the aim being to secure self-support at the earliest practicable moment. And the salaries which are paid to our missionaries are, in most instances, so small, that we are verily ashamed to mention them.

And yet, notwithstanding all which we are thus doing for the winning of this State for Christ, the work is growing upon us in a way which simply staggers us. When the members of our Committee assembled, just prior to this meeting, each member bringing from his Presbytery information as to the amount which, in the judgment of that Presbytery, was considered the least possible amount necessary for the prosecution of the work in that portion of our State, and these amounts had been added up, they were found to aggregate the sum of \$18,375 00, or \$1,285.68 more than we had raised in the year just closed, even though *that* was \$467 35 more than had been raised during any previous year in the history of the work.

What should we do? Should we, as last year, mercilessly apply the knife and from the amounts asked for by each Presbytery cut off a cold \$200, causing thereby great suffering, and seriously imperiling the work, except in cases where generous individuals and churches, already exceeding in their gifts the amount which they might reasonably be expected to devote to this cause, should put their hands in their pockets to make up the deficiency? God forbid. In these days when financial prosperity seems to be returning to our land, why not expect great things from God and his churches as well as attempt great things for them. Has not the hour struck for an advance? We feel that it has. And, God helping us, we are ready to lead in the advance, if you will order it.

After a most careful and prayerful consideration of the situation, your Committee is convinced that the only certain method of advance now practicable is for Synod to look forward to the time when, throughout the entire State, the rate of apportionment shall be uniform, and that rate the highest now asked from any Presbytery, viz., thirty cents per member, and that towards this end Synod should now take the first step by ordering an increase of the rate of apportionment in most of our Presbyteries.

We therefore recommend for your adoption the following resolutions :

1. That Presbyteries be asked to contribute this year upon the basis of church membership, as reported in the Minutes of the Assembly for 1899, so that—

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth be asked, at the rate of 30 cents per member, the sum of, . . . . .	\$2,800 80
From the Presbytery of Jersey City be asked, at the rate of 26 cents per member, the sum of, . . . . .	1,852 50
From the Presbytery of Monmouth be asked, at the rate of 26 cents per member, the sum of, . . . . .	1,683 76
From the Presbytery of Morris and Orange be asked, at the rate of 30 cents per member, the sum of, . .	3,078 30
From the Presbytery of Newark be asked, at the rate of 26 cents per member, the sum of, . . . . .	3,022 24
From the Presbytery of New Brunswick be asked, at the rate of 30 cents per member, the sum of, . . .	2,772 00
From the Presbytery of Newton be asked, at the rate of 22 cents per member, the sum of, . . . . .	1,275 56
From the Presbytery of West Jersey be asked, at the rate of 26 cents per member, the sum of, . . . . .	2,051 92
Total, . . . . .	<u>\$18,537 08</u>

2. That apportionments be made as follows :

For administration expenses, . . . . .	\$300 00
To the Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	1,300 00
“ “ “ “ Jersey City, . . . . .	2,600 00
“ “ “ “ Monmouth, . . . . .	4,000 00
“ “ “ “ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	1,800 00
“ “ “ “ Newark, . . . . .	1,775 00
“ “ “ “ New Brunswick, . . . . .	1,200 00
“ “ “ “ Newton, . . . . .	1,200 00
“ “ “ “ West Jersey, . . . . .	4,200 00
	<u>\$18,375 00</u>

3. That Synod calls the attention of its churches to the superlative importance of having the offering for Synodical Home Missions reach the Treasurer of the fund as early in the fiscal year as possible.

EBEN B. COBB,  
*Chairman.*

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

*To the Synod of New Jersey :*

I respectfully submit to you the following report as Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Fund for the thirteenth fiscal year, beginning October 1st, 1898, and ending September 30th, 1899 :

*Dr.*

To balance on hand October 1st, 1898, as per last report,	\$4,076 64
“ cash refunded by Chairman of Permanent Committee of Morris and Orange Presbytery out of payments made for twelfth fiscal year, . . . . .	15 50
“ cash borrowed from bank on notes, . . . . .	5,450 00
“ contributions received as follows :	
From Presbytery of Corisco, . . . . .	\$10 00
“ “ “ Elizabeth, . . . . .	2,918 58
“ “ “ Jersey City, . . . . .	1,800 00
“ “ “ Monmouth, . . . . .	1,438 80
“ “ “ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	3,018 96
“ “ “ Newark, . . . . .	2,525 47
“ “ “ New Brunswick, . . . . .	2,597 06
“ “ “ Newton, . . . . .	1,055 79
“ “ “ West Jersey, . . . . .	1,824 66
	17,189 32
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$26,731 46

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By support of work in Presbytery of Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$931 25
“ “ “ “ Jersey City, . . . . .	2,524 00
“ “ “ “ Monmouth, . . . . .	3,599 82
“ “ “ “ Morris and Orange, . . . . .	1,497 09
“ “ “ “ Newark, . . . . .	1,850 00
“ “ “ “ New Brunswick, . . . . .	859 00
“ “ “ “ Newton, . . . . .	988 41
“ “ “ “ West Jersey, . . . . .	4,190 52
	\$16,440 09
By expenses of Permanent Committee :	
For 12th year, . . . . .	\$48 01
For 13th year, . . . . .	39 44
	\$87 45
By cost of distributing literature, including cards, envelopes, circular notes, express charges and postage, . . . . .	126 71
“ cost of 100 blank reports from Presbyteries to Home Mission Board, . . . . .	2 25

By cost of 500 blank receipts for Treasurer,	\$1 50	
“ U. S. revenue stamps for Treasurer, . . .	7 00	\$224 91
“ notes payable, all redeemed, . . . . .	\$5,450 00	
“ interest on notes payable, . . . . .	44 28	5,494 28
“ balance in hand October 1st, 1899, . . .		4,572 18
		<u>\$26,731 46</u>

Appended to this report are the following schedules: Schedule 1, showing the sources from which the contributions (aggregating \$17,189.32) have come; Schedule 2, showing the amounts paid to the respective aid-receiving churches, the sum received from each contributing church, and the average gifts for each member in each contributing church; Schedule 3, showing the total sums paid for the support of Home Mission work in the respective Presbyteries, and what part thereof was for services rendered in the twelfth, and what part for services rendered in the thirteenth fiscal year; Schedule 4, showing the aggregate sums contributed in each Presbytery by congregations, Sabbath-schools, societies and individuals; Schedule 5, showing the amounts which Synod asked the Presbyteries respectively to contribute, and the amounts actually received from them respectively; Schedule 6, showing the appropriations made by Synod to the Presbyteries respectively, the amounts paid out on account of those appropriations, and the balances of appropriations unexpended on October 1st, 1899; and Schedule 7, showing the contributions by churches, etc., within the Synod of New Jersey to the Home Mission Board for its work, and to the Synod for Synodical Home Mission work, for the years 1887 to 1899, inclusive.

Schedule 5 shows that the aggregate contributions are \$355.88 less than the amount asked for by the last Synod. It is an encouraging fact, however, that they are \$467.35 in excess of the contributions of any preceding year.

The balances of appropriations unexpended on October 1st, 1899, shown in Schedule 6, and aggregating \$4,269.64, must be applied to the payment of orders for work done during the last three months of the year ending September 30th, 1899. Any portions of these balances of appropriations not required for the payment of such orders will, under Rule 6 of Article V of the "Plan" adopted for our Synodical Home Mission work, fall into the general fund. The cash balance of \$4 572.18 in hand on October 1st, 1899, is more than sufficient to pay all such orders, and there will probably be an available balance of \$600 that may be applied to the work of the fourteenth fiscal year, upon which we are now entered.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. LANNING,

Dated Trenton, N. J., October 18th, 1899.

*Treasurer.*



NAMES OF DONORS.		Congre- gations.	Sabbath Schools	Socie- ties.	NAMES OF DONORS.		Congre- gations.	Sabbath Schools	Socie- ties.
Jersey City, 2d,		\$45 70		\$10 00	Barnegat,		\$18 90		
" " John Knox,		8 50			Belmar,		12 32		
" " Scotch,		34 71			Beverly,		52 00	\$2 00	\$10 00
" " Westminster,		55 80			Bordentown,		6 85	9 65	
Norwood,		2 00			Burlington,		39 15		
Oak Ridge (Newfoundland),		10 65		3 00	Columbus,		100 00		
Passaic, 1st,		93 33		30 00	Cranbury, 1st,		50 10		
" Dundee,		17 59			" 2d,		6 43		
" German,		5 00			Cream Ridge,		18 04		
Paterson, 1st,		170 00			Englishtown,		40 04		
" 2d,		5 00			Farmingdale,		12 00		
" 3d,		10 00			Forked River,		7 20		
" 1st German,		10 00	\$2 10	8 00	Hightstown,		60 74	13 74	
" Broadway, German,		103 50			Holmanville,		36 51	20 47	
" Church of Redemer,		40 80			Hope,		5 25		
" East Side,		11 00			Jacksonville,		11 00		
" Lake View,		11 70			Jamesburg,		7 70		
" Madison Ave.,					Keyport,		107 40		
" St. Augustine,					Lakehurst,		14 08		
" Westminster,			20 00		Lakehurst (formerly Manchester),		14 30		
Rutherford, 1st,		161 38			Lakewood,		38 50		
" Lyndhurst Chapel,					Long Branch,		15 00		
" Kingsland Chapel,					Manalapan,		45 00		
" Emanuel Chapel,		23 96		2 00	Marasquan,		42 72		
Tenafly,					Matawan,		58 22		
Weehawken,		88 00			Moorestown,		37 00		
West Hoboken,		35 00			Mt. Holly,		39 10		
West Milford,					New Gietna,		17 82		
Woodridge,		\$128 68			Oceanic,		21 50		
Friends of the Presbytery,			\$22 00	\$53 00	Perrineville,		19 36		
Totals,		\$128 68	\$159 62		Plumstead,		6 16		
					Point Pleasant,		8 63		
					Providence,		23 00		
					Red Bank,		13 20		
					Rev. Bank,		55 00		
					Riverton, Calvary,		23 57		
		\$65 00			Sayreville, German,		18 85		
Allentown,		32 10			Shrewsbury,		35 00		
Asbury Park, 1st,		20 68			South Amboy,		32 00		
" " Westminster,		17 89							
Atlantic Highlands,									

WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.





NAMES OF DONORS.		Congregations.	Sabbath schools.	Societies.	NAMES OF DONORS.		Congregations.	Sabbath schools.	Societies.
Newark,	Forest Hill,	\$50 00			Pennington,		\$42 50		
"	High Street,	173 00			Princeton, 1st,		198 21		
"	House of Hope,	8 00			"	ad,	217 87		
"	Inmanuel German,	10 00			"	Witherspoon Street,	8 00		
"	Manhattan Park,	12 69			Stockton,		20 00		
"	Memorial,	38 00			Titusville,		33 56		
"	Park,	100 00			Trenton, 1st,		197 71	\$13 65	\$5 00
"	Plane Street,	23 00			"	2d,	12 00		
"	Roseville,	250 00			"	3d,	103 60		
"	South Park,	150 00			"	4th,	100 00		
"	Wickliffe,	12 72			"	5th,	35 00		
Roseland,		5 00			Bethany,		75 00		
Verona,		21 48			East Trenton,		12 19		
Totals,		\$2,194 44	\$9 03	\$12 00	Prospect Street,		223 00		
					"	"	5 00		
					Walnut Avenue,		5 00		
					Mrs. John B. Kugler,		\$5 00		
					"	"	150 00		
					Totals,		\$2265 51	\$99 03	\$77 50
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.									
Alexandria, 1st,		\$10 00							
Amwell, 1st, Reaville,		20 00							
"	ad, Mt. Airy,	4 00							
"	United, Ringoes,	10 00							
Bound Brook,		10 00							
Dayton,		20 00							
Dutch Neck,		65 00							
Ewing,		50 00							
Flemington,		55 00							
Frenchtown,		161 10							
Hamilton Square,		13 60	3 00						
Holland,		66 60							
Hopewell,		10 71							
Kingston,		20 08							
Kingwood,		34 70							
Kirkpatrick Memorial,		1 00							
Lambertville,		14 50							
Lawrenceville,		125 00							
Milford,		65 10							
New Brunswick, 1st,		41 00							
"	ad,	193 90							
"		1 00							
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.									
Andover,									
Asbury,							\$6 57		
Bentleyestown,							75 00		
Belvidere, 1st,							2 59		
"							10 00		
Blairtown,							13 00	\$10 00	
"	ad,						91 85	33 81	
Bloomsbury,							27 00		
Branchville,							12 00		
Danville,							20 00		
Deckerstown,							45 00		
Delaware,									
Franklin Furnace,									
Greenwich,							26 60		
Hackettstown,							12 00		
Harmony,							125 00		
Johnsonburg,							19 40		
Yellow Frame,							10 80		



## SCHEDULE 2.

Showing payments to aid receiving churches, contributions received, the number of members in each church as reported in the General Assembly Minutes for 1898, and the average gifts per member.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid receiving churches.	Contributions received.	No. of members.	Average gifts per member.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.				
Basking Ridge, . . . . .		\$148 00	296	.50
Bayonne City, 1st, . . . . .		15 00	134	.11+
Bethlehem, . . . . .		8 00	245	.03+
Carteret, . . . . .		13 80	46	.30
Clarksville (Glen Gardner), . . . . .		2 50	44	.06—
Clinton, . . . . .		85 00	246	.35—
Connecticut Farms, . . . . .		46 00	152	.30+
Cranford, . . . . .		100 00	332	.30+
Dunellen, . . . . .			158	
Elizabeth, 1st, . . . . .		124 20	414	.30
“ 2d, . . . . .		205 00	554	.37+
“ 3d, . . . . .		121 23	402	.30+
“ 1st German, . . . . .		50 00	200	.25
“ Greystone, . . . . .		97 50	325	.30
“ Madison Avenue, . . . . .	\$250 00	23 40	78	.30
“ Siloam, . . . . .		12 00	40	.30
“ Westminster, . . . . .		180 00	546	.33—
Lamington, . . . . .		46 50	155	.30
Liberty Corner, . . . . .	125 00	37 50	124	.30+
Lower Valley, . . . . .		40 00	275	.14+
Maur German, . . . . .		10 50	35	.30
Rahway German, . . . . .	356 25	8 60	62	.14—
Metuchen, . . . . .		82 50	275	.30
Perth Amboy, . . . . .		77 80	217	.36—
Plainfield, 1st, . . . . .		129 80	375	.35+
“ Crescent Avenue, . . . . .		267 00	890	.30
“ Bethel Chapel, . . . . .		13 50	45	.30
“ Hope Chapel, . . . . .		81 60	272	.30
“ Warren Chapel, . . . . .		35 80	116	.31—
Pluckamin . . . . .		75 00	153	.49+
Rahway, 1st, . . . . .		125 00	376	.33+
“ 2d, . . . . .		150 00	490	.31—
Roselle, . . . . .		186 85	249	.75+
Springfield, . . . . .		58 00	161	.36+
Westfield, . . . . .		200 00	583	.34+
Woodbridge, 1st, . . . . .		61 00	184	.33+
Temporary supplies, . . . . .	200 00			
	\$931 25	\$2,918 58	9,249	.32—
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.				
Carlstadt German, . . . . .			113	
Claremont, . . . . .	\$270 00	\$18 00	176	.10+
Englewood, . . . . .		263 85	490	.54—
“ West Side, . . . . .		9 90		
Garfield, . . . . .	37 50	21 45	143	.15
Hackensack, . . . . .		36 00	177	.20+

## SCHEDULE 2—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid- receiving churches.	Contributions received.	No. of members.	Average gifts per member.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY—(Con.)				
Hoboken, . . . . .		\$18 70	231	.08+
Jersey City, 1st, . . . . .		284 80	712	.40
“ 2d, . . . . .		55 70	332	.17—
“ John Knox, . . . . .	\$150 00	8 50	85	.10
“ Scotch, . . . . .		34 71	125	.28—
“ Westminster, . . . . .		55 80	279	.20
Norwood, . . . . .	156 00	2 00	19	.11—
Oak Ridge (Newfoundland), . . . . .	100 00	13 65	113	.12+
Passaic, 1st, . . . . .		123 33	377	.33—
“ Dundee, . . . . .	125 00	17 59	226	.08—
“ German, . . . . .	200 00	5 00	48	.10+
“ Wallington, . . . . .			27	
Paterson, 1st, . . . . .			273	
“ 2d, . . . . .		170 00	424	.40+
“ 3d, . . . . .		5 00	341	.01+
“ 1st German, . . . . .		10 00	80	.12+
“ Broadway German, . . . . .		20 00	122	.16+
“ Church of Redeemer, . . . . .		103 50	333	.31+
“ East Side, . . . . .		40 80	204	.20
“ Lake View, . . . . .	200 00	11 00	110	.10
“ Madison Avenue, . . . . .		11 70	117	.10
“ St. Augustine, . . . . .			38	
“ Westminster, . . . . .			209	
Rutherford, 1st, . . . . .		181 38	572	.32—
“ Lyndhurst Chapel, . . . . .				
“ Kingsland Chapel, . . . . .	146 00			
“ Emanuel Chapel, . . . . .	78 00			
Tenafly, . . . . .		25 96	130	.20—
Weehawken, . . . . .	136 50		30	
West Hoboken, . . . . .		88 00	440	.20
West Milford, . . . . .	270 00	35 00	70	.50
Woodridge, . . . . .			34	
Temporary Supplies, . . . . .	655 00			
Individual Gifts, . . . . .		128 68		
	\$2,524 00	\$1,800 00	7,200	.25
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.				
Allentown, . . . . .		\$65 00	294	.22+
Asbury Park, 1st, . . . . .		32 10	107	.30
“ Westminster, . . . . .		20 68	94	.22
Atlantic Highlands, . . . . .	\$293 50	17 89	80	.22+
Barnegat, . . . . .		18 90	63	.30
Forked River, . . . . .	222 00	7 20	24	.30
Belmar, . . . . .	243 00	12 32	56	.22
Beverly, . . . . .		64 00	213	.30+
Bordentown, . . . . .		16 50	89	.19—
Burlington, . . . . .		39 15	227	.13+
Columbus, . . . . .		8 00	60	.13+
Cranbury, 1st, . . . . .		100 00	442	.23—
“ 2d, . . . . .		56 10	255	.22
Cream Ridge, . . . . .		6 43	57	.11+
Delanco, . . . . .	193 00	18 04	82	.22
Englishtown, . . . . .		40 04	182	.22
Farmingdale, . . . . .	187 00	12 00	115	.10+

## SCHEDULE 2—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid- receiving churches.	Contributions received.	No. of members.	Average gifts per member.
WITHIN PRESEBYTERY OF MONMOUTH—(Con.)				
Freehold, . . . . .		\$83 48	364	.23—
Hightstown, . . . . .		56 98	259	.22
Holmanville, . . . . .	\$250 00	5 25	23	.23—
Lakehurst, . . . . .		14 30	65	.22
Hope, . . . . .		11 00	50	.22
Jacksonville, . . . . .	293 00	7 70	34	.23—
Providence, . . . . .		13 20	66	.22
Jamesburg, . . . . .		107 40	358	.30
Keypcrt, . . . . .	33 32	14 08	64	.22
Lakewood, . . . . .		38 50	175	.22
Long Branch, . . . . .			192	
Manalapan, . . . . .		15 90	160	.10—
Manasquan, . . . . .		49 72	226	.22
Matawan, . . . . .		58 22	191	.30+
Moorestown, . . . . .		40 00	106	.38—
Mt. Holly, . . . . .		39 10	156	.25+
New Gretna, . . . . .	275 00	17 82	81	.22
Oceanic, . . . . .		21 50	97	.22+
Perrineville, . . . . .	75 00	19 36	88	.22
Plattsburg, . . . . .		6 16	28	.22
Plumstead, . . . . .		8 63	58	.15—
Point Pleasant, . . . . .	140 00	23 00	103	.22+
Red Bank, . . . . .		55 00	250	.22
Riverton, Calvary, . . . . .		23 27	89	.26+
Sayreville, German, . . . . .	129 00	18 85	85	.22+
Shrewsbury, . . . . .		35 00	112	.27—
South Amboy, . . . . .	68 00	32 00	83	.39—
South River, German, . . . . .	286 50	11 44	54	.21+
Tennent, . . . . .		16 00	260	.06+
Toms River, . . . . .	258 00	26 00	86	.30+
Tuckerton, . . . . .	247 00	10 34	47	.22
Missionary at-Large, . . . . .	281 50			
Temporary Supplies, . . . . .	125 00			
Individual Gifts, . . . . .		25 25		
	\$3,599 82	\$1,438 80	6,540	.22
WITHIN PRESEBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE				
Berkshire Valley, . . . . .	\$267 50	\$16 50	55	.30
Mine Hill, . . . . .		11 70	39	.30
Dover, Welsh, . . . . .		7 20	24	.30
Boonton, . . . . .		84 35	395	.21+
Chatham, . . . . .		99 50	234	.43—
Chester, . . . . .		10 00	132	.08—
Dover, 1st, . . . . .		163 14	471	.35—
East Orange, 1st, . . . . .		265 00	792	.33+
“ “ Elmwood Chapel, . . . . .		40 00		
“ “ Arlington Avenue, . . . . .		71 50	184	.39—
“ “ Bethel, . . . . .		35 36	306	.11+
“ “ Brick, . . . . .		150 10	417	.36—
Fairmount, . . . . .	145 84	16 00	51	.31+
Flanders, . . . . .		12 00	90	.13+
German Valley, . . . . .		20 00	119	.10+
Hanover, . . . . .		80 00	309	.26—
“ Olivet, . . . . .		2 00		

## SCHEDULE 2—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches.	Contributions received.	No. of members.	Average gifts per member.
<b>WITHIN PRES'Y OF MORRIS AND ORANGE—(Con.)</b>				
Madison . . . . .		\$163 55	410	.40—
Mendham, 1st, . . . . .		78 00	263	.32—
“ 2d, . . . . .		6 00	55	. . .
Morris Plains, . . . . .	\$93 75	85	85	.07+
Morristown, 1st, . . . . .		316 00	619	.51+
“ South Street, . . . . .		224 73	774	.29+
Mt Freedom, . . . . .		5 00	108	.05—
Mt. Olive, . . . . .	150 00	21 60	76	.28+
Myersville, German, . . . . .	100 00	105	105	. . .
New Providence, . . . . .		9 00	70	.13—
New Vernon, . . . . .		14 92	165	.09+
Orange, 1st, . . . . .		238 00	709	.34—
“ Central, . . . . .		250 00	434	.58—
“ German, . . . . .		7 00	114	.06+
“ Hillside, . . . . .		111 30	356	.31+
“ St. Cloud, . . . . .		30 00	94	.32—
Orange Valley, . . . . .	250 00	10 00	115	.09—
Parsippany, . . . . .		15 00	104	.14+
Pleasant Grove, . . . . .		17 00	190	.08+
Pleasant Valley, . . . . .		5 00	81	.06+
Rockaway, . . . . .		34 00	280	.12+
Schooley's Mountain, . . . . .		20 00	58	.34+
South Orange, 1st, . . . . .		106 80	326	.33—
“ Trinity, . . . . .		54 00	116	.47—
Stirling, . . . . .		19	19	. . .
Succasunna . . . . .		28 00	153	.18+
Summit, Central, . . . . .		115 48	355	.33—
Vailsburgh, . . . . .	200 00	7 50	73	.10+
Whippany, . . . . .	200 00	15 00	103	.15—
Wyoming, . . . . .	25 00	10 50	35	.30—
Temporary Supplies, . . . . .	65 00	21 23	21 23	. . .
Individual Gifts, . . . . .				. . .
	\$1497 09	\$3018 96	10,063	.30
<b>WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.</b>				
Arlington, . . . . .			224	. . .
Bloomfield, 1st, . . . . .		\$225 00	571	.30+
“ German, . . . . .			125	. . .
“ Westminster, . . . . .		150 00	385	.39—
Caldwell, . . . . .		44 17	400	.11+
Kearney, Knox, . . . . .	\$194 15	50 00	297	.17—
Lyons Farms, . . . . .		18 94	119	.16—
Montclair, 1st, . . . . .		105 86	461	.23—
“ Grace, . . . . .		8 00	106	.08—
“ Trinity, . . . . .		70 00	204	.34+
Newark, 1st, . . . . .		300 00	860	.35—
“ 2d, . . . . .		275 00	645	.43—
“ 3d, . . . . .		235 00	575	.41—
“ 6th, . . . . .		8 85	250	.04—
“ 1st German, . . . . .		73 00	184	.40—
“ 2d German, . . . . .		15 00	239	.06+
“ 3d German, . . . . .		15 00	180	.08+
“ 1st Italian, . . . . .		22 00	114	.19+
“ Bethany, . . . . .		3 00	168	.02—

## SCHEDULE 2—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches.	Contributions received.	No. of members.	Average gifts per member.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—(Con.)				
Newark, Calvary, . . . . .		\$7 00	330	.02+
" Central, . . . . .			316	
" Fewsmith Memorial, . . . . .		9 07	388	.02+
" Fifth Avenue, . . . . .		36 03	231	.16—
" Forest Hill, . . . . .		50 00	300	.17—
" High Street, . . . . .		173 00	474	.36+
" House of Hope, . . . . .		8 66	176	.05—
" Immanuel German, . . . . .	\$194 15	10 00	67	.15—
" Manhattan Park, . . . . .	194 15	12 69	47	.27
" Memorial, . . . . .		38 00	519	.07+
" Park, . . . . .		100 00	734	.14—
" Plane Street, . . . . .	194 15	23 00	85	.27+
" Roseville, . . . . .		250 00	920	.27+
" South Park, . . . . .		150 00	594	.25+
" Wickliffe, . . . . .		12 72	175	.07+
Roseland, . . . . .	151 90	5 00	65	.08—
Verona, . . . . .		21 48	45	.48—
Temporary Supplies, . . . . .	921 50			
	\$1,850 00	\$2,525 47	11,573	.22—
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.				
Alexandria, 1st, . . . . .		\$10 00	200	.05
Amweil, 1st, . . . . .		20 00	123	.16+
" 2d, . . . . .		4 00	84	.05—
" United, . . . . .		10 00	119	.08+
Bound Brook, . . . . .		20 00	373	.05+
Dayton, . . . . .		65 00	213	.30+
Dutch Neck, . . . . .		50 00	240	.21—
Ewing, . . . . .		55 00	193	.28+
Flemington, . . . . .		161 10	537	.30
Frenchtown, . . . . .		16 60	179	.09+
Hamilton Square, . . . . .		66 00	222	.30
Holland, . . . . .		16 23	94	.17+
Hopewell, . . . . .		25 05	165	.15+
Kingston, . . . . .		40 20	134	.30
Kingwood, . . . . .		1 00	26	.04—
Kirkpatrick Memorial, . . . . .		14 50	166	.09—
Lambertville, . . . . .		145 00	485	.30
Lawrenceville, . . . . .		65 10	217	.30
Milford, . . . . .		65 00	232	.28+
New Brunswick, 1st, . . . . .		193 96	509	.38+
" 2d, . . . . .		1 00	194	.01—
Pennington, . . . . .		42 50	325	.13+
Princeton, 1st, . . . . .		198 21	588	.51+
" 2d, . . . . .		217 87	307	.71—
" Witherspoon Street, . . . . .	\$168 25	8 00	105	.08—
Stockton, . . . . .	138 00	20 00	100	.20
Titusville, . . . . .	131 25	38 58	148	.26+
Trenton, 1st, . . . . .		211 36	515	.41+
" 2d, . . . . .		12 00	182	.07—
" 3d, . . . . .		153 60	512	.30
" 4th, . . . . .		100 00	258	.39—
" 5th, . . . . .		35 00	265	.13+
" Bethany, . . . . .		75 00	775	.10—



## SCHEDULE 2—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to all-receiving churches.	Contributions received.	No. of members.	Average gifts per member.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—(Con.)				
Trenton, East Trenton, . . . . .		\$42 19	374	.11+
" Italian Mission, . . . . .	\$255 00			
" Prospect Street, . . . . .		237 41	270	.88—
" Walnut Avenue, . . . . .	166 50	5 00		
Individual Gifts, . . . . .		155 00		
	\$859 00	\$2,597 06	9,229	.28+
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.				
Andover, . . . . .		\$6 57	107	.06+
Asbury, . . . . .		75 00	133	.56+
Beatyestown, . . . . .	\$68 75	2 50	42	.06—
Belvidere, 1st, . . . . .		10 00	369	.03—
" 2d, . . . . .		23 00	212	.11—
Blairstown, . . . . .		125 66	235	.53+
Bloomsbury, . . . . .		27 00	120	.22
Branchville, . . . . .		12 00	146	.08+
Danville, . . . . .	162 50	20 00	77	.26—
Deckertown, . . . . .		45 00	147	.31—
Delaware, . . . . .			98	
Franklin Furnace, . . . . .	64 29	26 60	133	.20
Greer wick, . . . . .		12 00	224	.05+
Hackettstown, . . . . .		125 00	400	.31+
Harmony, . . . . .		19 40	143	.14—
Johnsonburg, Yellow Frame, . . . . .	64 29	10 80	66	.16+
Knowlton, . . . . .		5 00	91	.05+
Lafayette, . . . . .	162 50	15 00	71	.21+
Mansfield, 2d, . . . . .		2 50	35	.07+
Marksboro, . . . . .		18 00	99	.18+
Musconetcong Valley, . . . . .		9 00	142	.06+
Newton, . . . . .		200 00	550	.36+
North Hardyston, . . . . .	33 93	25 00	109	.23—
Oxford, 1st, . . . . .		20 00	112	.18—
" 2d, . . . . .		4 03	270	.01+
Phillipsburg, 1st, . . . . .		25 31	330	.08—
" Westminster, . . . . .		15 00	177	.08+
Sparta, . . . . .	57 15	15 00	120	.12+
Stanhope, . . . . .	162 50	10 00	67	.15—
Stewartsville, . . . . .		56 00	207	.27+
Stillwater, . . . . .	100 00	3 42	87	.04—
Wantage, 1st, . . . . .	112 50	10 00	42	.24—
" 2d, . . . . .		7 00	170	.04+
Washington, . . . . .		75 00	545	.14—
	\$988 41	\$1,055 79	5,876	.18—
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.				
Absecon, . . . . .	\$175 00	\$10 00	24	.42—
Pleasantville, . . . . .		16 50	75	.22
Atco, . . . . .	250 00	10 00	21	.48
Waterford, . . . . .		5 28	24	.22
Atlantic City, 1st, . . . . .		113 75	215	.53—
" " Chelsea and Westminster Missions, . . . . .	100 00			

## SCHEDULE 2—(Continued.)

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid- receiving churches.	Contributions received.	No. of members.	Average gifts per member.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY—(Con.)				
Atlantic City, German, . . . . .	\$255 00	\$25 00	102	.25—
“ “ Olivet, . . . . .			110	. . .
Audubon, . . . . .	75 00	8 10	27	.30
Berlin, . . . . .			10	. . .
Bilingsport, . . . . .	} 137 50	8 37	22	.38+
Swedesboro, . . . . .		16 30	47	.35—
Blackwood, . . . . .		40 50	160	.25+
Bridgeton, 1st, . . . . .		113 90	361	.32—
“ 2d, . . . . .		126 00	419	.30+
“ 4th, . . . . .	120 83	24 00	108	.22+
“ Irving Avenue, . . . . .	142 30	34 70	134	.26—
“ West, . . . . .		60 00	259	.23+
Bunker Hill, . . . . .	} 200 00	6 13	27	.23—
Glassboro, . . . . .		6 16	28	.22
Camden, 1st, . . . . .		104 06	473	.22
“ 2d, . . . . .		63 20	425	.15—
“ Calvary, . . . . .		62 00	450	.14—
“ Chapel, . . . . .	150 00			. . .
“ Liberty Park, . . . . .	262 50	9 90	45	.22
Cape May City, . . . . .		46 20	210	.22
Cedarville, 1st, . . . . .		32 34	144	.22+
“ Osborn Memorial, . . . . .			78	. . .
Clayton, . . . . .		53 20	217	.25—
Cold Spring, . . . . .		30 80	150	.21—
Deerfield, . . . . .		44 00	200	.22
Elmer, . . . . .		20 00	88	.23
Elwood, Brainerd, . . . . .	262 50	8 54	31	.28—
Fairfield, . . . . .		19 50	88	.22+
Gloucester City, . . . . .		30 00	90	.33+
Green Creek, . . . . .	100 00	5 00	20	.25
Greenwich, . . . . .		35 00	134	.26+
Haddonfield, . . . . .		46 20	206	.22+
Hammonton, 1st, . . . . .		36 62	192	.19+
“ Italian, . . . . .	55 00	6 60	30	.22
Holy Beach, . . . . .	200 00	10 58	48	.22+
Janvier, . . . . .		5 00	20	.25
Jericho, . . . . .	150 00	8 36	38	.22
Leeds Point, . . . . .		3 00	2	1.50
Mays Landing, . . . . .	166 66	24 00	70	.34+
Merchantville, . . . . .		25 00	175	.14+
Millville, . . . . .		20 00	610	.03+
North Cramer Hill, Grace, . . . . .	300 00	23 77	108	.22+
Ocean City, 1st, . . . . .	200 00	14 10	47	.30
Pittsgrove, . . . . .		75 00	245	.31—
Salem, 1st, . . . . .		78 00	249	.31+
Tuckahoe, . . . . .		6 00	27	.22+
Vineland, . . . . .		25 00	250	.10
Wenonah, . . . . .		60 00	95	.63+
Williamstown, . . . . .		36 00	120	.30
Woodbury, . . . . .		100 00	215	.47
Woodstown, . . . . .	100 00	18 00	60	.30
Missionary-at-Large, . . . . .	338 23			. . .
Temporary Supplies, . . . . .	450 00			. . .
Individual Gifts, . . . . .		15 00		. . .
	\$4,190 52	\$1,824 66	7,823	.23+

## SCHEDULE 3.

Showing what part of the total sums in the first column of Schedule 2 were paid for services in the 12th, and what part for services in the 13th, fiscal year.

PRESBYTERIES.	For services in 12th fiscal year.	For services in 13th fiscal year.	Totals.
Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$206 25	\$725 00	\$931 25
Jersey City, . . . . .	614 50	1,909 50	2,524 00
Monmouth, . . . . .	834 00	2,765 82	3,599 82
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	364 59	1,132 50	1,497 09
Newark, . . . . .	462 50	1,387 50	1,850 00
New Brunswick, . . . . .	109 00	750 00	859 00
Newton, . . . . .	262 50	725 91	988 41
West Jersey, . . . . .	956 39	3,234 13	4,190 52
	\$3,809 73	\$12,630 36	\$16,440 09

## SCHEDULE 4.

Being a summary of Schedule 1, and showing the same totals as the second column of Schedule 2.

PRESBYTERIES.	Congregations.	Sabbath-schools.	Societies.	Individuals	Totals.
Corisco, . . . . .	\$10 00				\$10 00
Elizabeth, . . . . .	2,536 46	\$334 39	\$47 73		2,918 58
Jersey City, . . . . .	1,596 32	22 00	53 00	\$128 68	1,800 00
Monmouth, . . . . .	1,344 69	48 86	20 00	25 25	1,438 80
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	2,915 73	52 00	30 00	21 23	3,018 96
Newark, . . . . .	2,494 44	9 03	12 00	10 00	2,525 47
New Brunswick, . . . . .	2,265 53	99 03	77 50	155 00	2,597 06
Newton, . . . . .	1,005 95	47 84	2 00		1,055 79
West Jersey, . . . . .	1,655 50	120 68	33 48	15 00	1,824 66
Totals, . . . . .	\$15,824 62	\$733 83	\$275 71	\$355 16	\$17,189 32

## SCHEDULE 5.

Showing the amounts which the respective Presbyteries were asked to contribute, the amounts received, and the excess or deficiency.

PRESBYTERIES.	Amounts asked for.	Amounts contributed.	Excess.	Deficiency.
Corisco, . . . . .		\$10 00	\$10 00	
Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$2,774 70	2,918 58	143 88	
Jersey City, . . . . .	1,800 00	1,800 00		
Monmouth, . . . . .	1,438 80	1,438 80		
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	3,018 90	3,018 96	00	
Newark, . . . . .	3,124 71	2,525 47		\$599 24
New Brunswick, . . . . .	2,191 83	2,597 06	105 23	
Newton, . . . . .	1,175 20	1,655 79		\$119 41
West Jersey, . . . . .	1,721 06	1,824 66	103 60	
	\$17,545 20	\$17,189 32	\$362 77	\$718 65
	17,189 32			362 77
Deficiency, . . . . .	\$355 88			\$355 88

## SCHEDULE 6.

Showing the appropriations to the respective Presbyteries, the amounts paid on account thereof, and the unexpended balances of appropriations on October 1st, 1899.

PRESBYTERIES.	Appropriations.	Amounts paid.	Balances.
Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$900 00	\$725 00	\$175 00
Jersey City, . . . . .	2,450 00	1,909 50	540 50
Monmouth, . . . . .	3,800 00	2,765 82	1,034 18
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	1,700 00	1,132 50	567 50
Newark, . . . . .	1,850 00	1,387 50	462 50
New Brunswick, . . . . .	1,000 00	750 00	250 00
Newton, . . . . .	1,200 00	725 91	474 09
West Jersey, . . . . .	4,000 00	3,234 13	765 87
	\$16,900 00	\$12,630 36	\$4,269 64

## SCHEDULE 7.

*Showing the contributions by churches, Sabbath-schools, societies and individuals, to the Home Mission Board for "Evangelization" and "Mission School Work," and to the Synod for Synodical Home Mission Work, for the thirteen years from 1887 to 1899, both inclusive.*

YEAR.	Home Mission Board.	Synodical Home Missions.	Totals.
1887, . . . . .	\$37,583 98	\$8,162 44	\$45,746 42
1888, . . . . .	37,506 61	11,408 70	48,915 31
1889, . . . . .	38,358 85	12,411 81	50,770 66
1890, . . . . .	41,739 65	13,545 92	55,285 57
1891, . . . . .	51,767 66	13,501 48	65,269 14
1892, . . . . .	48,135 17	14,802 47	62,937 64
1893, . . . . .	48,504 60	15,262 15	63,766 75
1894, . . . . .	47,247 15	14,586 16	61,833 31
1895, . . . . .	48,297 44	16,413 04	64,710 48
1896, . . . . .	47 073 82	15,157 40	62,231 22
1897, . . . . .	62,410 80	16,613 89	79,024 69
1898, . . . . .	52,302 01	16,622 72	68,924 73
1899, . . . . .	80,219 64	17,189 32	97,408 96
Totals, . . . . .	\$641,147 38	\$185,677 50	\$826,824 88

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

Over seven hundred Presbyterian missionaries, male and female, in fourteen countries, are directing two thousand native helpers, thirty-six thousand communicants and two hundred and fifty thousand adherents, with them constituting an army of occupation and conquest, under the banner of Jehovah Jesus. Some of them are flushed with triumph, as in Korea, where multitudes are waiting to surrender to King Jesus. Others, as in China, are toiling in hope amid the throes of an upheaving civilization, while steadily adding to the churches and promoting substantial self-supporting Christian life. They received 1,545 converts last year. Others, as in India, are worn and weary with ceaseless vigilance and uninterrupted conflict. Others, as in Africa, are waging war with disheartening conditions of deadly climate and superstitious natives, leavened with the white man's vices and beguiled by false shepherds from the path of truth. And a little band in the Philippines, the first American Protestant missionaries, are pioneering in the name of the Presbyterian church in the face of a suspicious wily and priest-ridden population.

The sturdy officers on the field tell us exultingly of their conquests and their hopes, plaintively and patiently of their sicknesses, separations and sorrows, uncomplainingly of their hardships. Only when they contemplate the abandonment of vantage points already won and forced failure to advance through breaches in the enemy's lines, or in response to flags of truce and signs of welcome, is there a note of righteous indignation or a cry of distress.

For retrenchment does still shadow our advance. The Board ended the year out of debt, but they had to explain that "Deficiency has been avoided, not by a great increase of receipts (they were \$18,000 less than in the previous year), but by a continued and most painful reduction of estimates. There is no deficiency shown on the balance-sheet of the Board, but on the balance-sheet of duty a great debt stands against the church." The budget for 1899-1900 is limited to \$825,000, which is \$200,000 less than that of six years ago.

Some features of the financial view are encouraging. The endeavor to secure individual gifts, not by any means begun, but only stimulated, by the year of service of Mr. L. D. Wishard, has not been abandoned, but along with other matters involving the relation of the home churches to foreign missions, has been committed to the competent oversight of the Rev. Dr. Halsey, chosen successor to the lamented Dr. Johu Gillespie. More than 500 of the 700 missionaries are already cared for by individuals and churches.

A second encouraging feature is wiser discrimination in the choice of special objects. Honorable mention is made of a naphtha launch, costing \$3,000, bestowed by an unnamed giver upon our beloved West African Mission. Needs of such a nature are always recurring, and those who desire to make special gifts in the most serviceable way should always confer with the Board.

Another stimulating fact, which partly accounts for the large increase of \$50,000 in the miscellaneous receipts, is that some of the young brethren now on the field, who so thrilled the Synod last October, along with their missionary sisters, secured \$39,000 of the \$52,000 required to fit out and send new missionaries. Such consecrated purpose is worthy of imitation and praise.

The largest number of new missionaries ever sent out in one year went in 1898-9; yet, in spite of the fact that no properly qualified person was refused, they did not quite supply the places which were made vacant.

This year, so far, the Board has commissioned 58, who have nearly all been sent to fields old and new, stretching out needy hands. The number for the year should not be less than one hundred.

Of the \$863,000 given by the whole church, the Synod of New Jersey furnished about one eighth, as follows :

Presbytery.	Gain.	Loss.	Blanks.	Total.
Corisco, . . . . .	\$3 00	. . . . .	0	\$26 00
Elizabeth, . . . . .	18,631 00	. . . . .	2	35,173 00
Jersey City, . . . . .	5 00	. . . . .	6	5,478 00
Monmouth, . . . . .	506 00	. . . . .	0	5,903 00
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	2,514 00	. . . . .	4	25,605 00
Newark, . . . . .	. . . . .	\$367 00	3	17,311 00
New Brunswick, . . . . .	. . . . .	1,948 00	0	9,795 00
Newton, . . . . .	621 00	. . . . .	2	5,295 00
West Jersey, . . . . .	156 00	. . . . .	6	4,088 00
	<u>\$22,436 00</u>	<u>\$2,315 00</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>\$108,674 00</u>
	2,315 00			
Net gain, . . . . .	\$20,121 00			Gifts per member, \$1.57.

The very unusual gain in the Presbytery of Elizabeth is accounted for by a special gift from a member of the Clinton Church, of \$20,000, to avoid a debt. Morris and Orange made the handsome advance of \$2,514, Newton and Monmouth a smaller one, while New Brunswick and Newark receded from the former year—in the latter case nearly all in one church. The result is that outside of that one large gift, for which we are deeply thankful, the Synod has just about held its own. Goodly gains were realized in the case of churches which assumed the support of their own missionaries; on

the part of the majority, there was a slight decrease. We must not recede from the standard now set for us.

The reasons for immediate expansion are evident. The hopefulness of the work in regions already occupied; the new work imperatively demanded in the Philippines and elsewhere; the unexampled offering of rarely qualified youth; the largely increased ability of the church;—all constitute a providential call to wider endeavor. To meet it, there must be energy and enterprise. It will no longer answer to have pastors who are themselves ignorant or who fail to make strong appeals for the unevangelized, or Presbyterian Committees who neither inform nor stir the churches. We must see to it that the Monthly Concert is observed in every church, and that congregations, Sabbath schools and societies are thoroughly organized, instructed and educated in gospel-giving; and that the Presbyterian Committees are made up of zealous men who will look closely after this vital interest. Every possible means should be employed looking to a yearly gift from each individual in every congregation, special attention being paid to the large class who are not interested and who contribute little or nothing.

We are thankful that so many of our pastors and committeemen can be depended upon for intelligent energy; that our women never fail in the exercise of diligence in instructing youth and in raising funds, and that our young people are beginning to make a study of missions and to practice systematic beneficence. We give greeting to all such as fellow helpers.

As an educational measure your Committee are arranging for tours in the different Presbyteries by well-known missionaries on furlough, under the direction of the Presbyterian Committees. We bespeak for them loving welcome and co operation.

During the last ten days of April, 1900, a World's Missions Council is to be held in the city of New York, to review the century now closing, to confer as to principles of policy and methods of work, to plan for the future and to unite the prayers of all nations in supplication to the Lord of the harvest. It will be, perhaps, the most notable gathering of modern times. Its projectors should certainly count on the preparatory prayers of all Christian people for a pentecostal blessing.

We take pleasure in commending to our churches those admirable sources of information, the *Assembly Herald*, *Woman's Work*, and *Over Sea and Land*. The last issues of the *Herald*, at the low club price of 25c., lead us to hope that the problem of a church magazine has at last been solved. Let us have some hundreds of active agents among our young people to introduce it into all of our church families, and let each session provide a good missionary library which shall be accessible to the congregation.

It is cheering to be able to close this report with the fact that the receipts of the Board since May 1st have been so encouraging as to



warrant them in making appropriations to the several missions additional to the wholly insufficient figures of last year, and in hoping that the force of new missionaries for the current year may reach the unexampled number of one hundred.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

I. The Synod of New Jersey, in sending greeting to our own foreign Presbytery of Corisco, express their sympathy in view of unusual sickness and sore bereavement in the death of Rev. W. C. Gault, and they cordially welcome the Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, D.D., as the representative of that Presbytery and member of our Foreign Missions Committee.

II. Reporting the resignation of Elders E. J. Ross, of Morris and Orange Presbytery, and F. L. Janeway, of New Brunswick, we advise the appointment in their places of Elders H. C. Jenkins, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and Prof. Walter B. Harris, of New Brunswick Presbytery.

III Congratulating ourselves upon the thoroughness and spirituality of woman's work in missions, we approve the report of the Woman's Synodical Society herewith submitted

IV. Noting an increase of more than \$1,000 in the gifts of our Sabbath-schools, we commend the interest shown by our youth in this great cause, and urge to more careful study and systematic, generous giving in its support.

V. The Synod indorse the projected tours of missionaries on furlough within our Presbyteries.

VI. We commend the designation by the Board of a "home department," and welcome its superintendent, Secretary A. W. Halsey, D.D., to our churches.

VII. We believe that the time is ripe for material enlargement in our missions enterprise, and will exert ourselves in every suitable way to promote it ; and we express the hope that whatever the future of the Philippine Islands may be, the permanent proclamation of a pure gospel throughout them may be secured.

HENRY S. BUTLER,  
*Chairman.*

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

All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt. xxi., 22.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them. Ps. xxxiv., 7.

These promises have been specially fulfilled to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. During the past year "there have been in many localities unusually distressing conditions, which have proved powerful hindrances to the work; there have been equally many and unusually encouraging evidences of God's favor" in the reports from the field, thus stimulating those at home to greater effort, and the workers on the field have felt encouraged and cheered by the interest of those at home. Through sickness and health missionaries, teachers and pupils have been signally kept in the "hollow of His hand" who rules and controls the works of man. What part has the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions of New Jersey taken in this great work?

In reviewing the work of the eight Presbyteries, with their 199 societies, embracing a membership of 8,328, 84 bands, 54 contributing Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, which form the Synod, we note, first, the following contributions according to Presbyteries:

	Value of Boxes.	Money.	Total.
Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$2,065 89	\$5,245 05	\$7,310 94
Jersey City, . . . . .	939 75	2,304 88	3,244 63
Monmouth, . . . . .	801 56	1,765 19	2,566 75
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	4,893 58	6,055 36	10,948 94
Newark, . . . . .	1,632 05	1,967 44	3,599 49
New Brunswick, . . . . .	1,744 28	2,394 78	4,139 06
Newton. . . . .	571 37	1,361 19	1,932 56
West Jersey, . . . . .	936 05	1,132 72	2,068 77

The total amounts paid to the Woman's Board of Home Missions during the year ending March 31st, 1899, are, \$20,365.09 for Home Missions; for Freedmen, \$1,622.11; making, in all, \$21,987.20. Increase has come from Young People's Societies. The Sunday-schools have fallen off. Of this total, \$2,798.16 was contributed to the Synodical special objects, namely:

Asheville Farm School, . . . . .	\$1,009 33
Alaska Work, . . . . .	604 77
Good-Will Mission, S. D., . . . . .	386 19
Ferguson Academy, . . . . .	797 87

We also glean from the Presbyterian reports encouraging facts and helpful suggestions.

The Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Jersey City, Morris and Orange, New Brunswick and West Jersey have increased their contributions to Home Missions.

Elizabeth, Jersey City and Morris and Orange report new societies and larger membership. West Jersey also reports larger membership.

The Presbyteries of Monmouth, Newark and Newton show a decrease in the number of meetings held, societies and contributions, though interest in and zeal for missionary work are not lacking in these Presbyteries.

Word comes from the Newark Presbytery that the year has been marked by many urgent appeals for charity. To quote from the Secretary :

"Not for one moment would we be understood to deprecate the generous impulse which lavishes with liberal hand its gifts and contributions upon objects other than those we particularly represent as Presbyterian women ; but we would sound the warning note of 'loyal distribution' lest it be said of us by Him who judgeth the hearts : 'These ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone.'"

Perhaps this note of warning should be sounded to all.

Members of the Executive Committee of several of the Presbyteries visit the different auxiliaries in their Presbyteries each year.

The Executive Committee of Elizabeth Presbytery have held for the past two years "A district meeting for the benefit of those societies which are off the main line of travel and whose members find it inconvenient or impossible to attend the annual meeting." These meetings have filled a long-felt need.

Work has been done by all the Presbyteries for the Freedmen. Boxes of clothing have been made up, Christmas gifts sent, and our special object, Ferguson Academy, well cared for.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, last year, was proclaimed the watchword "Onward" to all the mission workers in our land. We have advanced. To-day we must join to the onward movement the plea for "Intercessory Prayer," the watchword for the coming year. Onward, and Intercessory Prayer—these two great watchwords should inspire the individual Christian worker, as well as the Christian church.

Onward and with irresistible force must we go if we keep in touch with our great Captain. Armed with the "Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God," and joining our prayers with that of the Spirit of God, who "maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered," according to our absolute reliance upon

the power of prayer, we can and will see the speedy overwhelming of the powers of darkness and the triumph of Christ's Kingdom in our land

MRS. E. C. MILES.  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

## VII. — TWENTY - SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF HOME MISSIONS.

The twenty second annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey was held in the Westminster Church, Elizabeth, N. J., October 12th, 1899

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by the President, Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, and opened with the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," and a responsive Scripture reading.

After being led in prayer by Mrs. G. W. B. Cushing, and the singing of a hymn, the roll was called. Delegates from the eight Presbyteries were present.

Cordial words of greeting were spoken by Mrs. Kellogg and a brief response was given by the President, Mrs. Honeyman.

The report of the Contingent Fund was read by the Treasurer, Mrs J. H. Manning, and was accepted.

Mrs. Honeyman explained the uses and necessity of the Contingent Fund

An encouraging account of progress during the past year was given in the report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Miles. This report was accepted, and a motion made and carried that it be sent, with the minutes of this meeting, to Synod.

Mrs. Honeyman announced that the Executive Committee at its last meeting recommended that a Secretary for Freedmen for New Jersey be appointed.

In consequence of this recommendation the following motion was proposed :

*Resolved*, That the office of Secretary for Freedmen be created, and that the Nominating Committee be asked to present a name for such office.

This was carried.

The following committees were appointed : Committee on Nominations, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Place of Meeting.

The Committee on Nominations was asked to meet immediately and be ready to report at the close of the morning's session.

The Committee on Resolutions and the Committee on Place of Meeting were asked to meet during the recess, and report at the afternoon session.

The report of the Secretary of Literature, presented by Mrs. Nelson, contained valuable suggestions as to how to make best use of the many helps provided for our work.

After singing another hymn, the President, Mrs. Honeyman, spoke concerning the prospective work for the coming year, calling attention to the objects for which we are asked to work, emphasizing the one annual collection asked for from Sunday-schools for the

school at Tucson, Arizona, and giving as the watchword for the year, "Advance, advance all along the line."

Young People's Work was most ably presented by Mrs. M. Katharine Jones Bennett.

Mrs. B. W. Miller spoke for Ferguson Academy, stating the needs of this school, now established in a new building, and asking the societies to plan, if possible, for boxes to be sent this winter to this or other schools in the south for Freedmen.

While a duet was sung by members of the choir the collection was taken for the Contingent Fund.

At the annual meeting last year a resolution was adopted that in October, 1900, "The Home and Foreign Synodical Societies of New Jersey celebrate the dawn of the twentieth century by special services."

A Joint Committee of Arrangements has been appointed, as follows :

*From the Home Society—*

Mrs. William Nelson,  
Mrs. J. R. Gibson,  
Mrs. E. C. Miles,  
Mrs. W. E. Honeyman.

*From the Foreign Society—*

Mrs. E. M. Hunt,  
Mrs. J. H. Owens,  
Mrs. Chalmers Martin,  
Mrs. W. P. Stevenson.

Mrs. Finks gave an account of the Good-Will Mission and made an appeal in behalf of that important school.

Miss Florence Stephenson, of Asheville, N. C., spoke a word to "encourage our hearts and strengthen our hands," about the work for boys and girls at the Home Industrial School, at Asheville, the Asheville Farm School, and other schools, and made an eloquent plea on behalf of boys and girls for whom as yet there is no room in the schools.

An interesting account of a journey to Alaska, and visits to the mission stations there, was given by Mrs. Darwin R. James, who also referred to the growing dangers to our country arising from the spreading influence of Mormonism.

The following motion was proposed by Miss White :

*Resolved*, That we joyfully and prayerfully accept the recommendation of the Woman's Board, and will endeavor to raise for our special work \$500 for Alaska, \$1,000 for Asheville Farm School, \$500 for Good Will Mission and \$1,000 for Ferguson Academy, Asheville, N. C. This was carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted, resulting in election of officers 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 W. VANDYKE, Stockton.

MRS. J. E. CURRY, Cranbury.

MRS. M. J. PAULDING, Daretown.

*Corresponding Secretary*—MRS. E. C. MILES, Roselle.

*Recording Secretary*—MISS E. D. PAXTON, Princeton.

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

*Secretary of Young People's Work*—MRS. F. S. BENNETT, Englewood.

*Secretary of Freedmen*—MRS. F. S. IRWIN, East Orange (139 Holly wood avenue).

*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.

Miss M. Josephine Petrie, Plainfield.

Miss M. J. Peck, Elizabeth.

##### JERSEY CITY.

Miss L. C. Pudney, Passaic.

Mrs. Charles D. Shaw, Paterson.

Mrs. William Nichols, Jersey City.

Mrs. Alex. Campbell, Jersey City.

Mrs. William Nelson, Paterson.

##### MONMOUTH.

Mrs. J. D. Long, Freehold.

Mrs. R. G. Davey, Red Bank.

Mrs. J. E. Curry, Cranbury.

##### MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Mrs. Robert Aikman, Madison.

Mrs. J. B. Beaumont, Morristown.

Mrs. Albert Erdman, Morristown.

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

Miss Sarah Little, Morristown.

## NEWARK.

Mrs. James R. Gibson, Newark.  
 Mrs. Paul Babcock, Montclair.  
 Mrs. P. J. Jones, Bloomfield.  
 Mrs. Isaac Marshall, Newark.  
 Mrs. John Maxwell, Montclair.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. Charles Brearley, Trenton.  
 Mrs. Elmer E. Green, Trenton.  
 Mrs. P. I. Nevius, Flemington.  
 Mrs. A. V. Van Fleet, Flemington.  
 Mrs. J. B. Hopewell, Flemington.  
 Miss Margaret Sloan, Trenton.  
 Mrs. James W. Van Dyke, Stockton.

## NEWTON.

Miss Isabel Stewart, Washington.  
 Miss McMurty, Newton.  
 Mrs. Wm. Morrow, Belvidere.  
 Mrs. Wm. Thomson, Stewartsville.

## WEST JERSEY.

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

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report, which was adopted :

The Committee on Resolutions, through their chairman, report that the Woman's Synodical Society of New Jersey offer most cordial thanks to the officers and women of the Westminster Church, and to the other churches associated with them in the generous hospitality of the day, also to the speakers, and to all others who have in any way contributed to the pleasure and value of the meetings.

To the officers of the past year we offer grateful thanks and hearty appreciation of their faithful labors in the cause we all have so near our hearts.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved

After singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." the Society was dismissed with prayer and the benediction by Reverend John T. Kerr, of Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH D. PAXTON,  
*Recording Secretary.*



VIII.—TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR  
FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*Contributions.*—In offering the Twenty-second Annual Report, your Secretary wishes to speak first of the matter of contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions. The entire amount contributed last year by the Presbyterian women of the five Synods which are connected with the Woman's Board having its headquarters in Philadelphia—the Synods, namely, of Baltimore, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee—was \$151,141.28. It is to be regretted that this sum shows a slight falling off, to the amount of \$1,543.45, from that raised during the year '97-8. It is pleasant to be able to say, however, that none of this decrease is chargeable to the women of our own Synod, since the total of our contributions, \$28,919.87, is \$49.36 in excess of our gifts the preceding year. The amounts raised by the several Presbyterian societies are as follows:

Elizabeth, . . . . .	\$5,249 86
Jersey City . . . . .	2,501 44
Monmouth, , . . . . .	2,565 73
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	5,713 52
Newark, . . . . .	5,143 60
New Brunswick, . . . . .	4,363 36
Newton, . . . . .	1,852 21
West Jersey, . . . . .	1,530 15
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$28,919 87

*Home Work.*—Though I have put this statement of contributions first, I do not mean to imply that the amount of our gifts to Foreign Missions is necessarily the matter of highest importance in our work. Though the dollars and cents may furnish a convenient measure of our interest in the great cause, it is not by any means the only measure, and when all has been said, the real root of the matter will be found to lie elsewhere. Fuel first, then fire. Love to Christ and knowledge of the facts of missions must lie behind our gifts or they will not be large, and, large or small, will be of small worth in the eyes of Him who still to day, as of old, sits over against the treasury and marks how the people cast in their gifts. It is a pleasure, therefore, to call attention to the development of the work of our Secretaries of Literature and Young People's Societies. There are gratifying evidences that our sisters who hold these posts are "magnifying their office," as one of their number, in an admirable report, urges that they should do. It is one of the privileges of the Secretaries of Literature, while stimulating

knowledge and interest in us all, to help those who, through ill health or pressure of home cares, find it impossible to attend missionary meetings, to keep in touch with the work and the workers in heathen lands. And it only needs that each of us should note how, in our own local societies, the most earnest and successful workers are those that have been trained as children in the mission bands to suggest the opportunity and responsibility which belongs to those who have the work among the young people as their special charge.

*Change in the Secretaryship*—No review of our work for the past year would be adequate if it failed to take notice of the great loss which the cause of Foreign Missions sustained in the death of Dr. John Gillespie for thirteen years one of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions. All who knew Dr. Gillespie will unite in testifying their admiration for his purity of motive, his singleness of aim, and his entire devotion to his work. He was pre-eminently a man who deserved the praise which the Apostle John bestowed upon Gaius—"Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest" But while we knew his rare fidelity and his strong grasp of the work alike in its principles and its details, there was another qualification of high importance which was perhaps better appreciated by our brethren and sisters on the field. This was his keen and intelligent sympathy with the missionaries. Only last week a dear friend who has completed sixteen years of self denying service among the heathen, said to me: "Dr. Gillespie understood our perplexities so well, and sympathized so deeply with us in our difficulties, that each one of us feels as if he had lost a personal friend" The place made vacant by Dr. Gillespie's death has been filled by the election of Rev. A. W. Halsey, D.D., formerly pastor of the Spring Street Church, New York City, always a careful student of missions and one who, as a pastor, showed rare capacity for communicating to others the interest which he himself felt in the great cause.

*Change in Policy as to Special Objects*—In connection with this change of personnel in the secretaryship of the Board of Foreign Missions, I may speak of a slight change of policy determined upon by the Board in relation to "special objects." It can hardly have escaped the notice of any of us that however natural may be the desire to know the exact purpose to which our gifts are being applied and however fruitful of interest such knowledge may be, the practice of giving to special objects rather than to the general work involves many and grave difficulties of administration on the part of those who are charged with the conduct of the whole work, and this the more when, as for a series of years past, it is only by the severest retrenchment at every possible point that the total gifts of the Church can be made equal to the total work undertaken by

it in foreign lands. In hope of lessening these difficulties the Board has recommended a change of method in this matter as indicated in the following communication to the Women's Boards :

“ In view of the serious and increasing complications incident to the assignment to 'special object' givers of individual native helpers or pupils and particular schools or other institutions the Board recommends that, so far as practicable, 'special object' givers be advised to contribute toward one or more of the following classes of work in a given station or mission, taking shares therein without more specific designation : Class 1, Missionaries ; 2, Evangelistic Work ; 3, Educational Work ; 4, Medical Work ; 5, Miscellaneous (including new buildings, repairs, etc.). According to this arrangement there will be no change in the relation of missionaries to the societies supporting them, but all other work will fall under one of the other classes.”

Your Secretary feels assured that the Presbyterian women of New Jersey will show their loyalty to the Board and their confidence in its wisdom by cheerfully falling in with this recommendation. It will be easy to do so, if when we find ourselves compelled to think less of individual schools or pupils or native helpers we think more of Christ, to whom the whole work belongs and for whose glory first of all it is prosecuted.

*Work on the Field — 1. Disasters.* If we turn now to take a glance at the year past, through the eyes of our representatives upon the field, we shall have reason to remind ourselves that the precious promises of the Bible have oftentimes a literalness of application to them that they can hardly have for us, who pass our lives amid the security begotten by a Christian civilization. Thus, for example, the 91st Psalm, which has brought comfort to so many hearts when disaster threatened, must seem in a very literal sense to fit the case of Misses Butler and Lewis, at Canton during the prevalence of the bubonic plague. For them “the pestilence that walketh in darkness” was not a figure of speech, but a present, literal fact ; for them, too, and for the True Light Seminary over which they preside, the accompanying promise, “Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling,” was just as literally fulfilled. So, too, in Hainan, when typhoon and tidal wave and cholera combined to sweep away two thousand lives, our missionaries were not only kept in safety, but enabled to minister to the hungry and destitute, thus furnishing literal illustration of the promise : “Though a thousand shall fall at thy side, it shall not come nigh thee.” Terrible as these disasters of pestilence and flood are in themselves, and great as is the strain which they impose upon our missionaries, the experience of the past has shown that God may use them as His levers to pry open hearts else stubbornly shut against His messengers and their message, and so we may pray and expect that it shall be with the calamities of the year now closed.

2. *Schools.* Among all the departments of work on the field that of education is that in which women have the largest share, and this report should not close without a word as to the success of this form of effort during the year past. From the Girl's School, in Baranquilla, Mrs. Ladd sends a cheering report of good work accomplished, and of bright hopes of still better things to be accomplished. In Syria and India and Persia, and in Brazil as well, the increasing success of the school work is marked by the efforts now being made by the priests of the dominant religions to gain control of the women and children whom hitherto they have regarded as scarcely worthy of their notice.

In some fields our missionaries are asking the question whether the work of industrial training ought not to be more largely developed in connection with the schools. Eastern peoples seem to be constitutionally indolent and prone to look upon work as degrading. With reference to this tendency in India, the Pundita Ramabai has said: "The people of India will never rise in the social scale until they realize the importance of doing their own work with their own hands." And of the pupils in the mission schools in many lands beside India it might with equal truth be affirmed that one of the lessons they have most need to learn is the lesson of the dignity of labor, the lesson of obedience to the injunction, "Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all to the glory of God." And, indeed, it is a lesson that none of us can learn too often or too well. It has application to our work on behalf of missions as well as to manual toil. It is the motive that makes any work mean or splendid. "For His sake" will ennoble any task.

"This is the famous store  
That turneth all to gold;  
For that which God doth touch and own  
Cannot for less be told."

LILIAN ALLEN MARTIN,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

IX.—TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR  
FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society for Foreign Missions was held in Westminster Church, Elizabeth N. J., October 12th, 1899.

Mrs. Stevenson, the President, presided.

The service opened with singing "Christ for the world we sing," followed by the Scripture lesson and prayer.

Mrs. Schenck and Mrs. Potter, of Persia, and all other missionaries in the audience, were invited to the platform.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Chalmers Martin, was read and accepted.

The Young People's Work was reviewed by Mrs. Peter Stryker, of Bound Brook.

The report was accepted.

Miss White, of Roselle, made a most earnest and forcible plea that the helpful literature of our Board be read, and read with prayer. This report was accepted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund was read and accepted, having a balance in the treasury of \$85.17. It was voted to send \$50 to the General Fund.

Miss Davis, of Woodstock India was next introduced, and told us of the needs of that country, proving that it was not civilization that its people need, but Jesus.

Mrs. Danielson spoke next as a "Voice from Philadelphia," bringing us much of cheer and encouragement.

Miss Matthews, of London, was then introduced. She is Secretary of the International Union of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches. She defined this title to mean a girdle of missions around the world, its aim being to form societies in all Reformed and Presbyterian bodies where none exist, and give all assistance and information possible.

Miss Schenck, of Persia, next made a brief address.

The Committee on Place of Meeting for October, 1900, reported Newark as their choice. The report was accepted.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows, and the report was accepted :

*President*—Mrs. W. P. Stevenson, Roselle.

ELIZABETH PRESBYTERY.

*Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. J. T. Kerr, Elizabeth.

Mrs. M. J. Petrie, Plainfield.

## JERSEY CITY PRESBYTERY.

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

## MONMOUTH PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. A. H. Young, Matawan.  
Mrs. Wm. Davey, Red Bank.

## MORRIS AND ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. G. W. B. Cushing, East Orange.  
Mrs. R. L. S. Paton, East Orange.

## • NEWARK PRESBYTERY.

Miss A. M. Carter, Newark.  
Mrs. W. J. Rusling, Newark.

## NEW BRUNSWICK PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. E. M. Hunt, Trenton.  
Mrs. J. J. Davidson, New Brunswick.

## NEWTON PRESBYTERY.

Miss S. D. Thompson, Newton.  
Mrs. W. R. Scranton, Belvidere.

## WEST JERSEY PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. J. M. Moore, Clayton.  
Miss H. F. Van Meter, Salem.

*Recording Secretary*—MRS. J. H. OWENS, Paterson.  
*Corresponding Secretary*—MRS. C. MARTIN, Princeton.  
*Treasurer*—MISS E. M. COLTON, Elizabeth.  
*Secretary of Literature*—MISS V. M. WHITE, Roselle.  
*Secretary of Young People's Work*—MRS. PETER STRYKER, Bound Brook.

The collection amounted to \$36.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

After singing the doxology, Dr. Cobb pronounced the benediction.

The meeting adjourned, to meet in Newark, October, 1900.

MRS. J. H. OWENS,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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

*Statistics.*—As compared with the previous year, the Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Jersey City, Morris and Orange, New Brunswick, Newton and West Jersey report gains in membership aggregating 1,596. The other Presbyteries report losses, aggregating 486. Thus there has been a net gain in membership this year of 1,110. During the past five years there has been an aggregate gain in the membership of the schools of Synod of 6,576. The Presbyteries reporting the largest gains during this time are West Jersey, Newark, Morris and Orange, and Monmouth, in the order named.

*Offerings.*—292 of the 321 churches of Synod contributed to the Board of Publication and Sabbath school work the amount of \$6,752.17. The previous year the total amount was \$7,515.28. Last year the Sabbath schools of Synod contributed to other Boards of the church \$17,423; the previous year, \$18,372.

*The Twentieth Century Movement.*—According to the report of the Board submitted to the last General Assembly, 1,100 Sabbath-schools had joined the Twentieth Century Movement, of which 59 were from the Synod of New Jersey, distributed as follows: Elizabeth, 7; Jersey City, 10; Monmouth, 6; Morris and Orange, 6; Newark, 5; New Brunswick, 7; Newton, 3; West Jersey, 15.

Last year the Synod adopted a resolution commending this movement to the churches. We could have wished a more hearty co-operation up to this time, but we trust that during the fall and winter this number will be multiplied again and again. There are two great needs in our Sabbath-school work to day: the devising of better means for the retaining of the scholars in the school, and, second, the gathering-in of the thousands as yet unreached by this agency of the church. And it is especially fitting in our Synod, with its six large cities, each with an average population of 115,000, that our heartiest endorsement should be given to this movement; for in this day the cities are the moral storm centers.

*Mission Work.*—During the past year the Board conducted its operations in 23 Synods, extending over 29 States and Territories. Seventy-nine missionaries were in the employ of the Board at the close of the year. These men are the pioneers of the home missionary and the settled pastor. Eight hundred and forty-eight Sabbath-schools were organized during the year and 319 were reorganized, with a total membership of 42,828. These men of God visited 74,828 homes. Out of the 1,500 Sabbath schools organized during the past 11 years, 140 have grown into churches, 108 of them being Presbyterian, with a membership of about 3,000.

The Committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That Synod re-affirms the recommendation of the Twentieth Century Movement, and urges the Sabbath schools to make a special effort to gather in the children who are outside. Synod also commends the zeal of the 59 schools already enlisted in the work.
2. That the Sabbath-schools be recommended to observe Children's Day and Rallying Day, and to make offerings for the Board at these times.

GEORGE H. INGRAM,  
*Chairman.*



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

The year just past has been a trying one. From many quarters in the church and in all sections of the land come reports of indifference, waning zeal, few additions upon examination, stationary attendance, and fewer candidates for the ministry. There are also some reports of good things. It would be very strange if our Young People's Societies were unaffected by these tendencies. Many pastors report that it is far more difficult to obtain the desired results, and that there are more hindrances. Some mention these definitely, such as the Sunday bicycle, loose views of the Bible, and disrespect for authority seen in both church and state.

The reports of the Presbyterial Chairmen are very interesting, some touching on these mixed results. One says: "We believe that the evidences of disregard or lack of interest are superficial. There is not as much reason to deplore the decline or dearth of an organization in a particular church as we might think. The machinery may have worn out, and the church may be stronger, because the young people are turning attention more to the church itself." Another says: "Our general condition is decidedly hopeful. A few societies have died but others have sprung into being. The financial work done is really gratifying." On the other hand a third says: "The majority of those reporting noted that while the meetings of the societies continued, and pastors found the societies useful, the attendance was not so large as in former years, nor was so much zeal manifested. Some pastors were enthusiastic, others were discouraged, if not pessimistic. My general opinion, gained not only from the reports to Presbytery but also from those received as a District Secretary of C. E. for our county, is that the C. E. is passing through a crisis. The day of novelty is gone, and dull routine has come. There are no longer such large numbers from which to draw new members, and the new circumstances have tried the zeal of the steadfast. I still believe in the C. E. and in Young People's Societies, and I think the time is an auspicious one for pastors to mould their societies on lines of improvement and work."

These opinions from careful observers show that something more is needed. The ordinary prayer-meeting on a Sunday evening is a mere pittance of result. Bible study, systematic giving, specific missionary enterprise, direct work for their own church—these are the means of growth in grace and knowledge. Societies that practice these virtues will live. Societies that neglect them must languish and die.

We pause at this point to call attention to the death of the lamented Rev. J. Clement French, D.D., who was the Presbyterial Chairman

for Newark. His influence was very great among the young people, and many a little society in an isolated place was made happy and encouraged by his visit and stirring address.

#### I.—SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

Our societies sent to the Committee on Synodical Home Missions the sum of \$275. They can do better than this. Our opinion has been that Sessions should bring this work before them and request them to take part in it. But as circumstances differ greatly, each pastor and Session must decide what is best. It would, however, be a small matter for our societies to contribute \$500 for Synodical Home Missions.

#### II.—MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES.

The specific missionary work assigned by our Foreign Board and undertaken under the direction of the various Presbyteries continues to interest the societies. Where the local church is not supporting a missionary, the society does well to be in the Presbyterian group. For the fourth year in succession the New Brunswick societies have met the full salary of Rev. C. A. Killie, of China. Other groups could do the same, if the connecting link between the needy field and their attention could be found. The full list of these missions may be found in Minutes of Synod, 1896, p. 71. The societies of Morris and Orange have the pleasure this fall of a visit from their missionary, Rev. A. V. Bryan, of Hiroshima, Japan, who expects to address them either singly or in groups before his return.

#### III.—THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING COURSE.

In order to give something more than a mere suggestion as to Christian culture, we have, from the beginning, presented to Synod something definite in the way of a course of reading that would be suitable for the young people; something valuable and not too solid. Our chief reward has been the high approval of many Presbyteries. We present the following arrangement for 1900:

(1.) Biblical Department.—*Our Lord's Teaching*, by Rev. James Robertson, D. D. of Whittingehame.

(2.) Historical Department.—*Landmarks of Church History*, by Rev. Henry Cowan, D. D., Professor of Church History in the University of Aberdeen.

(3.) Missionary Department.—*Japan and its Regeneration*, by Otis Cary, Missionary in Japan.

These three books will be sent postpaid by Ward & Drummond, New York, for 90 cents.

The first two are selected from the Guild Text-Books prepared by the Church of Scotland, and the third is offered this year by the Student Volunteer leaders for the collegians connected with their movement. Owing to the condensed form of the "Assembly Herald," no space is now given in that magazine for programmes or other aids connected with this course. This is greatly to be regretted, and will be felt to be a distinct loss by those who are interested in the training of the young; and all the more so as more than twenty Presbyteries have testified by resolution to the value of these aids.

#### IV.—STATISTICS.

The plan approved by General Assembly by which all Young People's Societies report through the Woman's Boards is now in full operation in our Synod, with the exception of a very few societies. As the contributions may go according to the donor's wish, the plan provides for liberty and promotes simplicity. Our statistics are based upon the reports of the Boards, except where otherwise stated.

There are 290 Christian Endeavor Societies in Synod, numbering about 9,900 active members, and 160 Junior Endeavor Societies with about 3,900 members. Our Young People's Societies of all kinds number about 550, with 15,000 active members. This includes many vigorous Mission Bands. These gave to Home Missions \$4,248, being \$2,401 more than last year; to Foreign Missions, \$6,431, an advance of \$443; to all other Boards, \$310, of which \$110 was given to the Freedmen's Board, or to all our Boards \$10,989, being an advance on 1898 of \$2,837. This is no mean sum. It is worthy of hearty praise. It was owing partly to the extra efforts of the Boards. It is a proof that pastors and Sessions can command the attention and support of their societies when it is necessary. Besides this the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union reports that the Presbyterians number nearly one-half of all the Endeavorers in the State, and gave about two thirds of all that was given to missions.

We advise that the following resolutions be adopted by Synod:

1. That in view of the pressing and increasing needs in the field of Synodical Home Missions, our Young People's Societies be asked, as they were last year, to make a Thanksgiving offering of at least three dollars from each Society for this work.

2. That we commend our Young People's Societies for their benevolence and zeal, and also earnestly urge them to do all for their Church that love to Christ and loyalty to His cause may prompt them to perform.

3. That in view of the earnest longing for revival in so many hearts, we repeat the counsel of last year and urge all our Sessions

to give more attention to their Young People's Societies ; to visit them often in their meetings ; to confer with them about the objects of their benevolence and work ; to provide for their training in Bible study and in Presbyterian doctrine, polity and history ; to warn them affectionately against the deadening atmosphere of worldliness, and in general to promote a deeper spirituality and a stronger character.

HUGH B. MACCAULEY,  
*Chairman.*

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

Our land to day is the battlefield of a great conflict. Mighty forces are striving for the mastery. On the one side is the church of Christ with its gospel of grace, on the other are the powers of darkness and men who love not the truth. The situation is most grave. There impends a moral crisis more significant, we imagine, than any our nation yet has known.

It is ours peculiarly to ask how goes the battle at the point of Sabbath Observance? Is the church gaining ground? Does the enemy weaken? Is reverence for the holy day in the ascendant? In reply, never were the foes of the Christian Sabbath more numerous or defiant than now. They assail with increasing coarseness the teaching of the church and the utterances of her highest councils. We have proof in the criticisms, some months ago, on the deliverances of our last General Assembly. Especially did the publishers of some of our Sunday newspapers manifest a spirit of violent opposition. They raged against our tyrannous and antiquated notions, as they called them, as never before. Meanwhile greed of gain increases the ranks of those who must toil on the Sabbath or be discharged, and the insatiate thirst for pleasure swells the host who desecrate the sacred time with bicycle riding, and golf and excursions, and festive gatherings, and other devices that sadly abuse the day. The state of the case has grown to be alarming, and perhaps the darkest feature of it is the worldly conformity allowed by many, who professedly belong to the church of Christ. It is brought home to us daily what lack of conscience there is among church members as to what is proper to be done on the Lord's day.

Meantime, be it said that no nation of Christendom so much needs the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship as does our own. Our pace of living is hurry. We run everything. Our climate is trying, if not exhausting. The very abundance of life's comforts with us is temptation to our being cumbered with much care. The demand, therefore, for a restful Sabbath, is most urgent, that we may remain a people firm in physical health. We shall become effete in body without it. Besides, our great prosperity in temporal affairs has its snare. Lord Bacon tells the truth: When a nation is doing well in worldly things, is growing in wealth, then is it most likely to become atheistic. Of this godless condition, therefore, we are in danger. And we shall be sufficiently safeguarded against it only as the Sabbath is sanctified amongst us. In a word, whatever in this land of ours tends to foster a high national, and social, and domestic, and religious life, must inevitably decay, save

as the time for rest and worship is honored by our people. This is not opinion merely. History, science, experience, establish our statements with incontestible proof.

What, then, shall we on the Lord's side do? In answer, grand would it be if, joined with all lovers of truth in the land, we should soon accomplish such a victory as was won last summer over the sea. All honor to our British cousins, that they so speedily and effectually slew the monster known as the Sunday issue of the secular paper. Might not their triumph be well repeated among ourselves? Are we wanting in the courage or conscience to attempt it? God forbid, for clear it is that we have no foe in our land to day more insidious or mighty for the destruction of the Christian Sabbath than is the newspaper printed for circulation on the holy day. There may be many enemies, but this appears to us the very chief. But whether we soon rise to the achievement of our brethren in England or not, this is certain: We cannot be at ease in the case. As those loyal to Christ, as lovers of our country and all men, we must rise to a new power of zeal and effort in this holy cause. Ministers, elders, church members, young and old, must as never yet come up to the help of the Lord, and be willing to avoid whatever bears even the appearance of Sabbath desecration. The times and the interests at stake demand nothing less.

The Committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

I. That we congratulate our brethren in England on their triumph, during the past summer, over the effort to establish the secular Sunday newspaper in the city of London, and join with them in praising God for their notable success.

II. That we sympathize with the three millions of men and women in our land who must toil the whole week, under penalty of being thrown out of work, and we pledge our assistance in any wise measures that will aid their securing one day of the seven for home and rest at least.

III. That we do most earnestly protest against the action of many of our railroad and steamboat companies in offering exceedingly cheap excursion rates for the Sabbath, whereby multitudes are induced to profane the sacred time, with the result, also, that many towns and villages of our State are robbed of the quietness and order which it is their right to enjoy on the Lord's Day.

IV. That we affectionately appeal to the members of our churches, to all in our Sabbath schools and Young People's Societies, to lay to heart the evil of Sabbath desecration and to discourage by every means in their power whatever, in work or pleasure, in word or deed, tends to dishonor the holy day.

V. That we endorse most cordially the aims of such societies as the American Sabbath Union and The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, and bespeak for them the largest sympathy and aid of our people.

VI. That we call the attention of our pastors to the resolution of the last General Assembly, requesting that on some Sabbath in the month of October they preach on some phase of this important subject ; and, if the way be clear, take a collection for the work of the American Sabbath Union.

VII. That as we believe that the extension of the Saturday half-holiday, or its equivalent, to every week in the year, would inure to the benefit of the wage-earners and materially aid in preserving the American Sabbath, we pledge our aid and encouragement to any judicious efforts having this end in view.

GEORGE SWAIN.

*Chairman.*

### XIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Temperance Committee of this Synod would respectfully report as follows :

That the conditions throughout this State have not seriously changed within a year.

In the southern part of our State there have been successful efforts to oppose the saloon. In Gloucester, Protestants and Romanists united to prosecute illegal liquor sellers, and met with some success. In Woodstown, an anti saloon league has recently been organized. Temperance evangelistic meetings have been held in Salem and Camden. Calvary Church, in the latter place, has a Covenanters' League thoroughly organized and very active. Bridgeton has again voted against the saloon, and those who violate the prohibition law of the town are punished, and the mayor of Camden is also doing noble work in the enforcement of law.

In general, however, there is little aggressive work being done in our State. The difficulty of convicting violators of the liquor laws and the insignificance of the penalty when conviction has been obtained have discouraged the attempt. Often the penalty inflicted is a fine smaller in amount than the cost of obtaining the evidence and prosecuting the case, the heavier punishment thus falling on the prosecutor.

It has been felt by many that if the present laws could not be enforced, it was idle to ask further legislation. The circumstances would seem to indicate that the next step in legislation should be a large increase of penalties and some device that would compel prosecutors and others entrusted with the enforcement of law to do their duty. The volunteer prosecutor has but a temporary and limited sphere of usefulness, and seldom receives general popular support.

Our State is far behind many others in its liquor legislation. In several States, prohibitory laws have long existed, and with, on the whole, beneficial results. Local option is the accepted policy of others. High license exists in many. The State dispensary system of South Carolina has proved at least a partial success. The restriction of the number of saloons to a certain proportion to the population (one to a thousand) is one feature of the Massachusetts law. In comparing results, the variety of population and the difference in the condition of the different States make a disturbing factor that largely destroys the value of the statistics.

The observations of individuals are so limited in both time and place, and so colored by their prejudices for or against given forms of anti liquor legislation, that they are absolutely worthless. The



best evidence obtainable is found in the returns of the Internal Revenue. These returns prove the existence of liquor-selling at many points in prohibition States. But it should be remembered that these revenue receipts are taken from druggists, whose sales may be for medical purposes, and on the other hand the revenue returns prove the absence of the trade over large areas, as for example in the State of Maine, where there are "311 incorporated cities, towns and villages in which there is not a liquor tax certificate issued"

On the other hand it is claimed that, in Alaska the prohibitory law amounted to free liquor, with the privilege of levying black-mail granted to Federal office holders. It has been superseded by a license system, with what results remains to be seen.

It is difficult for those unacquainted with mining camps and frontier settlements to appreciate the fact that no laws of any kind are enforced but such as meet the approval of the local community.

The whole subject of the best legal methods of dealing with the liquor evil is exceedingly difficult. Theories break down. Generalizations are dangerous. Harsh attacks upon those who differ from us as to methods are, therefore, peculiarly inexcusable.

The enormity of the evil of intemperance demands of every loyal citizen, and still more of every Christian, careful study and earnest effort. Above all, we need to be sincere.

There is something of insincerity in passing high-sounding resolutions at the General Assembly and then failing to comply with them. Year after year the Assembly has warmly commended the work of the Temperance Committee, yet the Presbyterian Church furnished its committee with less than twelve hundred dollars.

The Assembly directs the Sessions to appoint temperance committees in each church. How many churches have obeyed?

A temperance Sabbath has been appointed. How largely has it been observed?

We congratulate our brave soldiers that by an act of Congress they can no longer be compelled by their officers to sell liquor. That much at least has been gained by our anti canteen law.

Yet your Committee would express its profound surprise and disappointment at the continuance of the canteen in the army in spite of the remonstrance of a great multitude of earnest, patriotic and intelligent citizens, and in defiance of the will of the people, expressed in the plainest language by an act of Congress.

We rejoice that so large a proportion of manufacturers, transportation companies and business men require their employees to be absolutely free from the influence of liquor.

Whatever may be the motive, the result is excellent. The one organization in which, above all others, total abstinence should be required and could be enforced is the United States army.

The brave men who faced death on the well-fought fields of Cuba can be relied upon to obey an order to let liquor alone. To claim the contrary is an insult to the American soldiers and to the discipline of the army.

Your Committee would call attention to the introduction and rapid increase of the saloons in districts still under military government of the United States, viz., in Cuba and the Philippines, and to the dreadful evils that we are thus introducing into these lands. Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. That this Synod respectfully appeals to the President of the United States to carry the anti-canteen law into full force and effect in accordance with its natural meaning and the intent of Congress by issuing an order, as commander-in-chief of the army, for the total suppression of army saloons.

2. That this Synod has learned with profound sorrow of the rapid increase of the saloons in the territory newly acquired by this nation, and we respectfully urge upon the President of the United States the use of his authority to abate and remove this great evil.

3. That we call the attention of our churches in this Synod to the action on temperance of the last General Assembly, and urge loyal compliance therewith, especially in the matter of offerings for the Temperance Committee's work.

4. That in view of the enormity of the evil of intemperance, we call upon all connected with our church to use their influence as Christians and as citizens for total abstinence, and against the trade in intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

5. That the Temperance Committee of this Synod be authorized to confer with the other religious denominations of our State through their Temperance Committees, for the purpose of securing some concerted action of the Christian citizens of the State for the better enforcement of existing laws and the furtherance of much-needed new legislation in the interests of temperance.

J. DE HART BRUEN,  
*Chairman.*

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

It is a delightful experience to be the herald of good tidings. For years past a minor chord has characterized the introduction of our annual report. Last year three of our Boards were staggering under an adverse balance of over \$233,000. All honor to our brethren charged with the administration of these Boards, for their wise and diligent efforts whereby this immense burden has been removed. We indulge an innocent sense of complacency over the fact that our own Dixon was the church's leader in the campaign which won the notable victory over the debt against the Board of Home Missions. Joy thrilled the whole church as the tidings sped over all the land, from the last General Assembly, that the last debt was cancelled and every Board was free. But the freedom was purchased at a heavy cost. For of the \$40,000 pledged or apportioned for the Board of Missions for Freedmen there remained \$13,091 unpaid, October 1st, of which \$1,596.66 stands as expected from this Synod. Corisco and Morris and Orange Presbyteries only have paid in full their apportionment. Synod's total apportionment was \$3,875. Of our 337 churches, 109 contributed to the payment of the debt on the Board of Home Missions to the amount of \$28,873.

The record of the year's benevolent work shows a very encouraging advance. But a closer examination discounts the record very considerably. The high tide of beneficence in Clinton Church, Presbytery of Elizabeth, has sent the average of Synod so abnormally high that we deem it only fair and honest to count out her even thousands to the extent of \$140,000, and setting this magnificent sum to her credit and praise, omit it from some of our averages. Elizabeth and Newton Presbyteries have not met our prophecy of last year, that another report would find them with every column filled with a benevolent offering. They have gone backward to the extent of 3 churches and 19 blanks. Examining their reports and seeing how easily they might attain to perfection, we continue our prediction another year. Corisco, Monmouth and New Brunswick, as usual, stand complete, with Butler, of the Synod of Pennsylvania, as the only other Presbytery in the church with unbroken columns. We still indulge the conviction that pastors, stated supplies and Moderators of Sessions can bring every Presbytery of our Synod into this list. In Monmouth, stated supplies, pastors elect and vacant churches all are in line with churches having pastors. Their small churches, of which 27 have less than 100 members, and 14 less than 75 members, all make an offering to every Board of the church. With the inspiring example of Monmouth's 48 churches before us we cherish the hope that other Presbyteries will go and do likewise.

If we could only charge these hundreds of blanks against vacant churches your Committee might be less insistent. But of the 87 churches having blanks this year only 7 are vacant. Of the other 80, 58 have pastors, 20 have stated supplies, 2 have pastors elect. The Minutes credit to these 87 churches more than 300 ruling elders. It is a reasonable supposition that ministers and ruling elders make their contributions to the credit of their churches. Hence it appears that 80 of our ministers in charge of pulpits, and over 300 of our elders, have not given anything to some of the Boards. A glance at the Minutes shows that these blanks are not all opposite small or feeble churches. Here is a church with a splendid property; a thrifty, well to-do congregation, with about 250 communicants, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its present pastorate, with five blanks in its columns, and less than \$100 in all the other four. Here is a church of almost 500 members and making the handsome offering of almost \$3,500 to the Mission Boards, and yet ignoring the Freedmen; 84 churches give nothing to Education, \$3 nothing to Church Election, and 56 nothing to Ministerial Relief.

The following table shows the number of churches having blanks and also how the pulpits of these churches are occupied :

Presbyteries	Churches.	Pastors.	S. S.	P. E.	V.	Blanks.
Elizabeth, . . . . .	7	3	3	.	1	32
Jersey City, . . . . .	19	15	4	.	.	92
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	10	3	5	2	.	48
Newark, . . . . .	19	16	1	.	2	51
Newton, . . . . .	8	6	.	.	2	44
West Jersey, . . . . .	24	15	7	.	2	120
	<u>87</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>387</u>

The blanks number exactly the same as last year. There are 11 more churches with blanks this year than last. The relative position of the Presbyteries in Benevolent Offerings is as follows, omitting in the comparison the \$140,000 above spoken of :

Newark, . . . . .	\$92,086	Newark,	per capita,	\$7 92
Morris and Orange, . . . . .	80,736	Morris and Orange,	"	7 86
Elizabeth, . . . . .	52,444	Elizabeth,	"	5 61
New Brunswick, . . . . .	32,682	New Brunswick,	"	3 52
West Jersey, . . . . .	24,729	Jersey City,	"	3 30
Jersey City, . . . . .	23,568	West Jersey,	"	3 13
Monmouth, . . . . .	19,303	Monmouth,	"	2 98
Newton, . . . . .	15,754	Newton.	"	2 71

The following statement shows our total contributions in comparison with last year :

	1898.	1899.	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions, . . .	\$107,979	\$149,388	\$41,409	. . . .
Foreign Missions, . . .	88,823	107,389	18,566	. . . .
Education, . . . . .	11,298	19,393	8,095	. . . .
Sunday school Work, .	10,583	10,687	104	. . . .
Church Erection, . . .	13,820	8,821	. . . .	\$4,999
Relief Fund, . . . . .	11,774	9,568	. . . .	2,206
Freedmen, . . . . .	10,306	19,590	9,284	. . . .
Synodical Home Mis., .	15,900	16,921	1,021	. . . .
Aid for Colleges, . . .	56,696	61,063	4,367	. . . .
	<u>\$327,179</u>	<u>\$402,820</u>	<u>\$75,641</u>	. . . .
Miscellaneous, . . . .	46,147	65,531	19,384	. . . .
Bible Society, . . . .	3,144	13,120	9,976	. . . .
	<u>\$376,470</u>	<u>\$481,471</u>	<u>\$105,001</u>	. . . .
Congregational, . . . .	902,241	903,832	1,591	. . . .
General Assembly, . .	6,096	5,623	. . . .	473
	<u>\$1,284,807</u>	<u>\$1,390,926</u>	<u>\$106,119</u>	. . . .

This statement shows a gain in our gifts to all the Boards except Relief Fund and Church Erection, a net gain to the other Boards of \$105,001, and a net gain in our total contributions of \$106,119. Our satisfaction with this showing is disturbed when we realize that were the special individual gifts, aggregating \$140,000, not counted in this table, we would be far behind last year, and our total benevolence would average 9½ cents per week per member, and our total contributions less than 35 cents per member. The following statement shows the place New Jersey holds among the stronger Synods, both in total benevolence and per capita gifts :

	Total Benevolence.		Per Capita Gifts.
New York, . . . . .	\$888,315	New Jersey, . . . . .	\$6.94
Pennsylvania, . . . .	794,138	New York, . . . . .	4.95
New Jersey, . . . . .	481,471	Illinois, . . . . .	4.48
Ohio, . . . . .	361,736	Baltimore, . . . . .	4.02
Illinois, . . . . .	303,901	Pennsylvania, . . . .	3.71
Baltimore, . . . . .	101,034	Ohio, . . . . .	3.68

New Jersey again as last year, leads the sisterhood of Synods in her per capita contribution, exceeding New York by \$1.99, and Illinois the next highest, by \$2.46. The next table shows the amount placed in the treasuries of the several Boards as compared with last year. Every one will rejoice to see that the increase over the previous year is \$42 311. Thanks again are due to the Clinton Church.

	1898.	1899.	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions, . . . . .	\$52,302	\$80,219	\$27,917	. .
Foreign Missions, . . . . .	70,661	85,332	14,671	. .
Education, . . . . .	4,455	4,332	. . .	\$123
Sabbath-school Work, . . . . .	7,526	6,762	. . .	764
Church Erection, . . . . .	4,916	4,916	. . .	30
Relief Fund, . . . . .	9,709	8,731	. . .	978
Freedmen, . . . . .	6,910	7,157	247	. .
Synodical Home Missions, . . . . .	15,900	16,921	1,021	. .
Aid for Colleges, . . . . .	3,502	3,852	350	. .
	<u>\$175,911</u>	<u>\$218,222</u>	<u>\$42,311</u>	. .

This statement shows that only 45½ per cent. of all our benevolence goes directly to our own Boards. Judging by our own Synod, if only three-fourths of the money given by Presbyterians for benevolent objects could be received by our own treasuries, our mission work could be very greatly advanced. In addition to all now reported, it should be said that seven of the Presbyteries, with Corisco in the lead, have given for the Synodical Home Mission year ending September 30th, a sum equal to or exceeding the amount asked of them. From all the Presbyteries there were received \$17,189.32. Each of the home Presbyteries also supports from one to six missionary pastors in foreign lands—a total of 34, just twice the number reported a year ago, all which prompts us to thank God and take courage. And yet the problem how to secure from our congregations the full amount which they could give, and ought to give, remains unsolved. The present haphazard, divisive, un-systematic systems in vogue among us are injurious to the last degree to all efforts to secure any systematic beneficence. The Woman's Boards have done and are doing a glorious work. Our Young People's Societies, and especially Christian Endeavor Societies, are increasing the revenue of the Woman's Board and of the Church Board, but, alas! the so-called offering of the church is decimated to a sad extent, and is sometimes held up by a secretary in pitiable contrast beside the offering of the woman's society.

The Assembly's Committee informs us that, during the past year, there were made, for our eight Boards, 30,192 church offerings, and that there were 30,888 omissions on the part of the church to make an offering. The Committee further says it "finds the work committed to it growing increasingly difficult through the years, because of existing conditions that steadily become more and more impossible to overcome. The Assembly, by its repeated action authorizing the observance of special days and the adoption of special methods whose purpose is to raise funds for special objects, has made it impossible for the church to pursue a regular system of systematic beneficence."

(See, farther, Minutes of General Assembly, 1899, p. 271.)

We close our report with a reference to Dr. Dixon's appeal, sent throughout the church, on behalf of an increase in church offerings for the Board of Home Missions to the extent of at least one cent a week per member. He shows that only one church in thirteen, ten, and six, respectively, in the great Synods of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, reach this amount. If he can secure this advance it will add more than \$200,000 to the Home Mission treasury. Surely all the churches of his own Synod should cheerfully accede to this request.

We offer for adoption the following :

1. Let all our ministers and ruling elders make a study of the duty of giving to the Lord according to the word of God. Instruct, stimulate and help the people in the discharge of this duty. Seek, by word and example, to obtain an offering from every church for each of our Boards. Discover and adopt the method which will secure the largest gifts.

2. We urge our pastors and Sessions to give "The Assembly Herald," the official organ of our church, a cordial recognition, and to secure for it the largest circulation possible among the people, that its publication may be maintained and the people instructed concerning the work and the need of the church at large.

THOS. S. LONG,

*Chairman.*

## XV.—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 upon the Synod's shelves during the past year :

*From the Rev. Allen H. Brown :*

- History of Lehigh Presbytery, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D., 1880.
- History of Lackawanna Presbytery, Rev. Peter H. Brooks, D.D., 1888.
- Manual of Fifth Avenue Church, Newark, 1893.
- Memorial of James McCosh, D.D., Presbytery of New Brunswick, 1895.
- Memorial of Rev. Lewis Rodman Fox, Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D., 1895.
- West Jersey Presbytery, Manual, 1899, two copies.
- Mays Landing, historical discourse at fifty-eighth anniversary, Rev. Joel S. Gilfillan, D.D., 1899.
- Mount Olive, thirtieth anniversary of dedication, Rev. David M. James, 1884, duplicate.
- Cold Spring, pages of records, 1759-1807, from family of Rev. Moses Williamson.
- John Brainerd, life by Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D.D., 1865, from Presbyterian Board of Publication.

*From Samuel H. Williams, through the Rev. Allen H. Brown :*

- Bits of white oak tree under which Whitefield preached, Cohansey (Fairfield).

*From Elder B. S. Davis, Camden, through the Rev. Allen H. Brown :*

- MS. records, Deerfield, 1807-1810, with baptisms to 1821.

*From the Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D.:*

- Address at inauguration of William L. Wilson, LL.D., Washington and Lee University, 1897.
- First Centennial Anniversary, College of New Jersey, 1847.
- Common School System of New Jersey, Prof. Maclean, 1820.
- State of the Church, 1838.
- Importance of the Study of the Old Testament, Tholuck, translation by R. B. Patton, 1827.
- Address before the Alumni of the College of New Jersey, 1838, James McDowell, 1842, Samuel J. Wilkins.
- Sermon of Rev. John Maclean, D.D., 1857.
- A Work of Grace, 1856.
- Fifty Years a Pastor, John McDowell, 1854.



*From the Rev. Frederic R. Brace, D.D.:*

Blackwood Church, historical review, 1751-1898, Dr. Brace.

*From the family of the Hon. L. Q. C. Elmer :*

History of Salem, Johnson, 1839.

Journal of Cumberland Co. S. S. Union Society, 1818-1831.

First and second reports, Cumberland Co. Bible Society, 1816.

Professor Dod, sermon by Rev. John Maclean, D.D., 1846.

Memorial, Rev. James Carnahan, D.D., Rev. James M. McDonald, D.D., 1860.

Memorial, Rev. Geo. W. Janvier, Pittsgrove, Rev. E. P. Shields, D.D., 1865.

Memorial, John Maclean, M.D., by Rev. John Maclean, D.D., 1876.

*From the Rev. Henry M. Mellen :*

Lamington Semi-Centennial, Dr. Blauvelt, 1876.

*From the Rev. Robert Hamill Nassau, D.D.:*

MS. Records of the American Protestant Mission in the Gaboon, 1843-1871.

MS. Minutes of the Mission Committee in the Gaboon, 1852-1865.

*From the Rev. Lewis S. Mudge :*

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Church Building, Beverly, 1898, Mudge.

*From the Rev. George L. Smith :*

History of First Church, Cedarville, 1881.

*From the Rev. Charles Townsend, 1896 :*

History of First Church, Orange, 1855. Hoyt.

*From James Lindsley, Esq., through the Rev. Charles Townsend :*

History of the Oranges in Essex County, Wickes.

*From the Rev. Thomas R. Bridges :*

History of Second Church, Newark, Rev. J. Fewsmith, D.D., 1861.

*From the Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, D.D.:*

Two hundredth anniversary, Woodbridge, 1875.

*From the Rev. John C. Miller, D.D. :*

Memorial, Rev. John D. Hewitt, D.D., 1898.

*From James Steen, Esq.:*

Matawan, New Aberdeen, newspaper articles, 1898, 1899.

*From the Rev. Alex. H. Young, D.D. :*

History of Matawan Church, Rev. Wm. C. Alexander, 1892.

*From the Rev. John Macnaughtan, D.D., and Mr. James P Voorhees :*

First Church, Morristown, registers, 1741-1891, and Record, 1881-1885.

*From Mr. Foster C. Griffith :*

Hardyston Memorial, Rev. A. A. Haines, 1888.

Inquiry into Doctrine of Presbyterian Church on Infant Baptism, 1824.

MS. discourses, Rothsay, Scotland, 1784.

*From the Rev. Henry K. Denlinger :*

Caldwell, History, Rev. Charles T. Berry, 1871.

Caldwell, Centennial Anniversary, 1884.

*From the Rev. J. De Hart Brnen :*

History of First Church, Belvidere, Rev. Wm. A. Halliday, 1884.

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

Second Church, Elizabeth, Annual Statement, 1899.

*From Miss Louisa Bellis and Wm. W. Fisher, through the Rev. S. H. Potter :*

Amwell United First Church, Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, 1860.

Memorial, Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, Rev. P. O. Studdiford, D.D., 1866.

*From the Rev. John H. Scofield :*

Mount Olive, Anniversary Sermon, Rev. David M. James, 1884.

*From the Rev. George H. Ingram :*

Fifth Church, Trenton, Twenty-fifth Anniversary, 1899.

*From the Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D D :*

Third Church, Trenton, Fiftieth Anniversary, 1899.

*From the Rev. I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D. :*

Roselle, Twenty-fifth Anniversary, 1899.

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

Records of Chatsworth Church (Whitings and Shamong), 1867-1894.

*From the Rev. James H. Owens, through Mr. E. W. Barnes :*

Perth Amboy, History, Rev. Aaron Peck, 1876.

*From the Rev. Horace D. Sassaman :*

Parsippany, Historical Sermons, Rev. Charles C. Parker, 1875, and biography of the author by Rev. C. B. Bullard.

Historical Sermon, Seventieth Anniversary of Dedication of Presbyterian Church, Parsippany, Rev. Horace D. Sassaman, 1899.

*From the Rev. Joseph H. Dulles :*

Sketch of Princeton Theological Seminary, Rev. Joseph H. Dulles, 1899.

*By Purchase :*

First Church of Newark, Dr. Stearns.

*Pictures :*

Italian Churches. Newark, Hammonton.

Rev. Francesco Pesaturo, Rev. Thomas Fragale.

*Miscellaneous :*

Third Church, Trenton. 1879.

Mission to the Hebrews Philip Sidersky, 1898.

Synod Edition, Trenton ' True American,' 1894.

Celebration of Westminster Standards, Trenton, 1898.

Churches mentioned in Smith's History, Rev. A. H. Brown ;  
Matawan, Mrs. Wm. L. Terhune.

WALTER A. BROOKS,

JOSEPH H. DULLES,

*Custodians.*

XVI.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ERECTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL MONUMENT.

*To the Synod of New Jersey, at Asbury Park, October 18th, 1899 :*

Your Historical Committee and Joint Committee respectfully report that they have acted during the year through an Executive Committee of seven persons, of whom a majority reside in Monmouth county. The Committee of the Whole met yesterday and accepted and approved this report.

It was the fond expectation of your Committee to have the unveiling of the monument take place this day and at this hour, on Free Hill, and, with the concurrence of the Committee of Arrangements, subject to the approval of Synod, arrangements were made for a special train to convey the Synod to the nearest station, Wickatunk, and return to Asbury Park after the exercises of unveiling. Providentially, these plans have been thwarted by unexpected delay in the shipment of the granite from Liverpool. The steamer *Majestic*, however, has arrived at New York, bearing the Scotch granite and Irish greystone wrought out and ready to be erected at an early day. The rough-rock granite base from Barre, Vermont, is also ready. The foundation of Trenton brownstone was laid in the month of July. A copper box is sealed to be placed under the base. A list of its contents will be appended to this report. Four historic seals and three bronze tablets will have, each, a conspicuous place upon the monument.

Your Committee and the Synod are under great obligation to Henry Clay Cameron, D.D., Professor in Princeton University, for his indefatigable efforts and successful decipherment, restoration and translation of the timeworn and intricate Latin inscription on the tombstone of Rev. John Boyd. See "The Presbyterian" of May 3d, and "The Presbyterian Journal" of May 4th, last, for a description of his work. Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, also, has rendered valuable assistance in the completion and arrangement of the inscriptions upon the bronze tablets. The old tombstone is ready for transportation to the care of the Presbyterian Historical Society.

The name, John Hampton, is on the monument. He was one of the Presbytery in 1706, and was a companion of Makemie in the persecution and sufferings which he endured from Lord Cornbury. The Chairman of your Committee has obtained from Somerset county, Md., a certified copy of the unpublished last will of John Hampton, dated October 28th, 1719, and probated February ye 2d, 1721-22.

It is the testimony of Mr. Charles R. Lamb, the artist of your monument, who was also the architectural designer and superintendent of construction of the famous Dewey arch, in New York, that he has no knowledge of an ecclesiastical historical, or historical-ecclesiastical monument in this country like that which is now being erected under the supervision of the Synod of New Jersey.

In raising money, thus far, we are greatly indebted to Stated Clerks and the special committees of Presbyteries, without whose cheerful assistance the money, already collected in New Jersey, would not have been obtained. The total amount received to date is \$1,540.79.

The contract price for the monument, including all bronze seals and tablets, is \$1,150. Adding for foundation, extra, \$75, makes a total for monument alone of \$1,225. It is now apparent that the original estimate of \$1,500 was not sufficient to cover all expenses. For printing, postage, electro plates, grading and preparation of the ground, possibly an iron fence and future preservation and other expenses, at least \$500 additional will be required.

Invitations to appoint delegates to the unveiling were extended to the General Assemblies of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches. The Assembly of our own Church responded by the appointment of its Moderator and its Stated and Permanent Clerks. Upon the lamented death of the Permanent Clerk, the Rev. William E. Moore, D.D., the Moderator, Doctor Sample, exercised his authority by appointing as substitute in place of Doctor Moore the Rev. George D. Baker, D.D., Pastor of the Old First Church of Philadelphia, of which Jedidiah Andrews was the first pastor, nearly two hundred years ago.

In 1895 the Southern General Assembly at Dallas, Texas, appointed a delegation of five of its prominent men to attend the Boyd Tennent Pilgrimage on June 4th. The distance was so great and the interval of time so short that it was utterly impossible for them to attend upon that occasion. In response to a recent invitation to appoint delegates to the unveiling of the monument the Southern Assembly re appointed the same Committee, only substituting two new names in the place of two honored brethren, Moses D. Hoge, D.D., and William U. Murkland, D.D., who had died during the interval, so that the report, adopted by the Assembly at Richmond in May last, concludes with these words: "The Committee will thus consist of Rev. R. P. Kerr, D.D., Rev. Joseph A. Vance, Rev. Park P. Flournoy, D.D., and Ruling Elders T. B. Gresham, Esq., and William Wirt Henry, Esq. That the Assembly express its deep interest in all that touches the founding and early struggles of the Presbyterian Church in our country and the importance of keeping the history in remembrance of coming generations. That the Assembly returns its hearty thanks to the

Synod of New Jersey for its fraternal invitation to us to participate in these memorial services."

It would have afforded unspeakable pleasure to have met these brethren to-day, not only upon Free Hill, but upon the floor of this Synod. Of the eight delegates appointed by the two Assemblies, all express a deep interest, and six of the eight had signified their purpose to attend, before they had received information of the unavoidable postponement of the exercises.

The present year is virtually the bi-centennial of the Old Scots-Freehold-Tennent Church, whose origin is not exactly known, only that it was more than two hundred years ago. This year is the exact sesqui centennial of the royal charter of the Presbyterian Church of Monmouth County, granted in 1749, when Jonathan Belcher was Governor of the Colony. Their corporate seal, the oldest known Presbyterian corporate seal in this country, bears on its face the tree of liberty and the significant motto, "Religious Liberty."

In conclusion, your Committee ask for a continuance until they can finish the work which has been given them to do and for the appointment of a Special Committee to audit their final accounts to report to the next Synod. And they further recommend:

That if the way be providentially clear, Wednesday, November 8th, be appointed for the unveiling of the monument, and that appropriate exercises be held in the morning in the Old Tennent Church, in the afternoon in Old Scots ground, around the monument, and at night in the First Presbyterian Church, of Freehold, and that all the arrangements be referred to the Executive Committee.\*

Respectfully submitted by

ALLEN H. BROWN,  
DAVID R. FRAZER,  
EBEN B. COBB,  
JOHN C. CLYDE,  
HENRY C. CAMERON,  
CHARLES HERR,  
STANLEY WHITE,  
R. HAMILL NASSAU,  
JAMES STEEN,  
GEORGE SWAIN,  
GEORGE BAKER,

FRANK R. SYMMES,  
E. P. TENNEY,  
HUGH B. MACCAULEY,  
CHARLES E. HALL,  
JEREMIAH BAKER,  
CYRUS PECK,  
FRANKLIN DYE,  
HENRY D. MOORE,  
R. PERRINE CRAIG,  
J. C. JOHNSON,

*Historical and Joint Committee.*

\* By reason of the lateness of the season and some further delays in the delivery of the material for the monument, the unveiling is postponed until a suitable date in 1900, of which due notice will be given. The historic seals and bronze tablets may be seen during the winter at the office of J. & R. Lamb, 59 Carmine street, New York.

XVI.—(a.) Contents of the Copper Box put in the Center-stone of the Foundation of the Presbyterian Historical Monument in the Old Scots Burial-ground, near Freehold, New Jersey :

1. Manual of the Presbytery of Monmouth, 1898.
2. Minutes of the Synod of New Jersey, 1898.
3. Reports of the Committee in charge of the Monument, being printed extracts of the Minutes of Synod, 1894, pp. 99, 100 ; 1895, pp. 96-99 ; 1896, pp. 92-94 ; 1897, pp. 97, 98 ; 1898, pp. 95, 96.
4. Minutes of the General Assembly, 1899.
5. "Monmouth Democrat," June 6th, 1895. Articles on Presbyterian pilgrimage to Old Scots site.
6. "Monmouth Democrat," May 30th, 1895. Articles on Old Tennent Church, and related matters.
7. Souvenir edition of the "Freehold Transcript," June 15th, 1895, containing Old Tennent history, etc.
8. "New York Evangelist," June 13th, 1895. Article on the Presbyterian pilgrimage, as above, and related matters.
9. History of Old Scots Church of Freehold, in East Jersey, 1685-1732, 1895, by Rev Henry Goodwin Smith, now Professor of Systematic Theology in Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio.
10. History of Old Tennent Church, 1897, by Rev. Frank R. Symmes, Tennent, N. J.
11. Copy of the "Treasury of Religious Thought," New York, September, 1899, containing history in brief of First Presbyterian Church of Freehold, N. J., from 1685 to 1899. By Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, of Freehold, with cut of church, etc.
12. Copy of "The Presbyterian," Philadelphia, May 3d, 1899. Article by Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D., describing in full his complete restoration and decipherment of inscription on John Boyd monument.
13. Almanac for 1899 of the "Monmouth Democrat," giving official lists for town, county, nation, &c.
14. Pamphlet of exercises at the unveiling of the Monmouth Battle Monument at Freehold, N. J., November 13th, 1884.
15. Official card of invitation to same.
16. Pamphlet on Freehold and vicinity, published by the Freehold Board of Trade.
17. Press of Freehold, N. J., the "Democrat" the "Inquirer" and the "Transcript," October 4th, 1899.
18. Copies of State papers, the "Trenton True American" and the "Trenton State Gazette," September 28th, 1899.

19. Copies of "New York Journal," "New York Tribune," "New York Herald," "Philadelphia Ledger" and "Philadelphia Press," October 4th, 1899.

20. Coins in silver and copper of the United States, bearing date 1899, furnished by the Freehold Banking Company.

21. Photograph made by Scott, Freehold, of pen copy, true to the original epitaph on John Boyd tombstone, made by Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, Freehold, New Jersey.



## XVII.—REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

The Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey have one item only to report viz., that they have authorized the investment of the Holmes' Fund, of \$725.00, in the parsonage of the Barnegat Church, and that the bond and mortgage of the trustees of the Barnegat Church for this amount, together with the usual insurance policy, are now in the hands of the Trustees of Synod

And the Trustees of Synod congratulate the Synod and themselves that by this act not only have they secured, as they think, a safe and comparatively permanent investment for their money, but they have also materially and wisely aided one of our churches in its somewhat difficult field.

EBEN B. COBB,  
*President.*

XVIII.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

FROM OCTOBER 10TH, 1898, TO OCTOBER 9TH, 1899.

DR.

1898.		
Oct. 10.	To balance in Trust Company, . . . . .	\$1,286 79
Dec. 31.	To accrued interest, . . . . .	13 58
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		\$1,300 37

CR.

1899.		
Jan. 7.	By payment to Forked River Church, . . . . .	\$7 60
Jan. 7.	By payment to Brainerd Church, . . . . .	5 98
Oct. 10.	By balance in Trust Company, . . . . .	1,286 79
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		\$1,300 37
Oct. 10.	Balance in Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Company, . . . . .	\$1,286 79

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey further reports that he has in the same trust company a separate account-book of the Historical Monumental Fund, showing—

Deposits and interest, . . . . .	\$1,325 49
Payment, account foundation, . . . . .	\$75 00
Payment, account contract, . . . . .	500 00
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	575 00

Leaving a balance on deposit, . . . . . \$750 49

Of this fund and of other expenditures a full report will be made at a later date.

Respectfully submitted by

ALLEN H. BROWN,  
*Treasurer of the Trustees of the Synod of New Jersey.*

The above report of accounts has been examined and found to be correct.

Asbury Park, October 18th, 1899.

C. EVERETT,  
M. J. PRICE,  
EBEN S. MATHIS,  
*Finance Committee.*

## XIX.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

EBEN B. COBB, TREASURER, *In account with the Synod of New Jersey.*

## DR.

To balance from previous account, . . . . .	\$607 84	
“ advertising, . . . . .	15 00	
“ apportionments from eight Presbyteries, . . . . .	430 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,052 84

## CR.

By janitor's bill, Asbury Park, . . . . .	\$10 00	
“ salaries for year ending October 1st, 1899, . . . . .	160 00	
“ expenses of Trustees of Synod, . . . . .	8 79	
“ “ “ officers of Synod, . . . . .	15 80	
“ “ “ Foreign Mission Committee, . . . . .	9 50	
“ printing of Minutes of 1898, . . . . .	239 40	
“ binding of Minutes, . . . . .	2 50	
“ catalogue bags, &c, . . . . .	2 11	
“ Digest for use of Synod, . . . . .	3 25	
“ History of First Church of Newark, . . . . .	1 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$452 35
“ balance on hand October 1st, 1899, . . . . .	600 49	
	<u>          </u>	\$1,052 84

EBEN B. COBB,

Elizabeth, N. J., October 1st, 1899.

*Treasurer.*

The report of the Treasurer of Synod and his vouchers were examined and found correct.

CHAS. EVERETT,

M. J. PRICE,

EBEN S. MATHIS,

*Finance Committee.*

Asbury Park, N. J., October 18th, 1899.

## XX.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO consists of fifteen ministers, and has under its care eleven churches, six licentiates, and three candidates. All these licentiates and candidates are native Africans, as are also four of the ministers.

*Ministers received—*

December 8 to 20, 1898, Rev. Robert Henry Milligan, from the Presbytery of Chillicothe.

Rev. Charles J. Boppell, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Rev. Richard Lange, from the Presbytery of Newark.

*Ministers dismissed—*

December 8 to 20, 1898, Rev. Herman E. Schnatz, to the New York Classis of the German Reformed Church of the East.

Rev. Smith G. Dunning, to the Presbytery of Chillicothe.

*Name of church changed—*

Second Benita to Hanje.

ROBERT HAMILL NASSAU,  
*Stated Clerk.*

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH consists of forty seven ministers and thirty three churches and has under its care one local evangelist and six candidates for the ministry.

*Ordained—*

July 7, 1899, Mr. Thomas M. Simanton

October 10, 1899, Mr. William B. Hamilton, *sine titulo*.

*Received—*

April 18, 1899, Rev. Edwin M. Bliss, D.D., from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

June 20, 1899, Rev. John E. Stuchell, from the Presbytery of Washington City.

*Dismissed—*

January 20, 1899, Rev. Henry A. MacKubbin, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick

April 18, 1899, Rev. Alfred Nicholson, to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

October 3, 1899, Rev. J. Garland Hamner, D.D., to the Presbytery of Washington City.

October 3, 1899, Rev. John H. Aughey, to the Presbytery of Platte.

*Installed—*

- June 27, 1899, Rev. John E. Stuchell, as pastor of the First Church of Elizabeth.  
 July 7, 1899, Rev. Thomas M. Simanton, as pastor of Lower Valley Church.

*Dissolved Pastoral Relations—*

- November 15, 1899, between Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., and the First Church of Elizabeth.  
 April 18, 1899, between Rev. Alfred Nicholson and the church of Lower Valley.  
 October 3, 1899, between Rev. Edgar C. Mason and the church of Basking Ridge.

*Licensed—*

- April 19, 1899, Mr. William B. Hamilton.

*Licentiate Received—*

- July 17, 1899, Mr. Thomas M. Simanton, from the Presbytery of Newton.

*Candidate Received—*

- April 19, 1899, Mr. Lewis G. Leary.

*Deceased—*

- February 16, 1899, Rev. John Gillespie, D.D., aged sixty years.  
 May 22, 1899, Rev. Wm. J. Henderson, aged fifty-four years.

SAMUEL PARRY,  
*Stated Clerk.*

III.—THE PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY consists of fifty-one ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care four candidates.

*Ministers received—*

- October 19, 1898, Rev. Theophilus E. Montgomery, from the Philadelphia Association of Congregational Ministers.  
 February 7, 1899, Rev. James Wyckoff, from the Christian Reformed Church.  
 February 7, 1899, Rev. Harvey Iserman, from the Christian Reformed Church.  
 April 18, 1899, Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D.D., from the Presbytery of Louisville.  
 October 3d, 1899, Rev. F. Lincoln Cornish, from the Presbytery of North River.  
 October 3d, 1899, Rev. Samuel R. MacClements, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Toronto, Canada.

*Ministers dismissed—*

- February 7, 1899, Rev. Edward P. Crane, to the Presbytery of Allegheny.  
 April 18, 1899, Rev. Eugene A. Johnson, to the Presbytery of Carlisle.  
 October 3, 1899, Rev. Frank E. Taylor, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

*Minister Deceased—*

- December 29, 1898, Rev. David Mitchell.

*Pastoral relation dissolved—*

- October 3, 1899, Rev. Gustav Schumacher and the Broadway German Church of Paterson, to take effect December 31, 1899.

*Licensure—*

- June 6, 1899, Henry E. Brundage.

*Candidate ordained—*

- October 10, 1899, Henry E. Brundage.

*Candidate dismissed—*

- February 7, 1899, Charles Ellis Smith, to the Presbytery of Westchester.

*Installed—*

- October 27, 1898, Rev. Charles I. Junkin, as pastor of the West Side Church of Englewood.  
 November 4, 1898, Rev. Theophilus E. Montgomery, as pastor of the John Knox Church of Jersey City.  
 March 13, 1899, Rev. James Wyckoff, as pastor of the Church of Leonia.  
 May 2, 1899, Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D.D., as pastor of the Church of Englewood.  
 October 10, 1899, Rev. Henry E. Brundage, as pastor of the Dundee Passaic Church.

*Church received—*

- February 7, 1899, the Christian Reformed Church of Ridgewood, as the First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood, N. J.

*Church organized—*

- February 15, 1899, the Church of Leonia.

GEORGE R. GARRETSON,  
*Stated Clerk.*

IV.—THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH consists of fifty-six ministers and forty eight churches, and has under its care three licentiates and one candidate.

*Minister received—*

- May 25, 1899, Rev. Wm. J. Kern, from the Presbytery of Newark

*Ordinations—*

- May 9, 1899, Ernest F. Hall.
- May 25, 1899, Josiah H. Crawford.
- October 10, 1899, Edward Berger.
- October 24, 1899, Hugh K. Fulton.

*Ministers dismissed—*

- December 20, 1898, Rev. Mark G. Clayton, to Presbytery of Osbourne.
- December 29, 1898, Rev. J. Edgar Franklin, to Presbytery of New Castle.
- February 28, 1899, Rev. J. Edgar Grant, to Presbytery of Newton.
- May 9, 1899, Rev. Frederic Mueller, to Reformed Classis of Albany.
- June 13, 1899, Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

*Pastoral relations dissolved—*

- December 20, 1898, Rev. Mark G. Clayton and the church of Perineville.
- February 28, 1899, Rev. J. Edgar Grant and the church of Keyport.
- May 9, 1899, Rev. Frederic Mueller and the German church of South River.
- June 13, 1899, Rev. Lewis S. Mudge and the church of Beverly.
- September 26, 1899, Rev. O. A. Kerr and the church of Bordentown.

*Licentiales received—*

- April 11, 1899, Josiah H. Crawford, from Presbytery of Philadelphia.
- May 9, 1899, Edward Berger, from Presbytery of Carlisle.
- May 9, 1899, Ernest F. Hall, from Presbytery of Detroit.
- September 26, 1899, Hugh K. Fulton, from Presbytery of Westminster.

*Candidate received—*

- April 11, 1899, James R. Swain.

*Ministers deceased—*

- March 2, 1899, Benj. DuBois Wyckoff.
- October 10, 1899, John H. Pratt, D.D.

*Installations—*

- May 9, 1899, Rev. Ernest F. Hall, as pastor of the church of South Amboy.
- May 25, 1899, Rev. Josiah H. Crawford, as pastor of the churches of Cream Ridge and New Egypt.

June 7, 1899, Rev. Wm. J. Kern, as pastor of the German church of South River.

October 10, 1899, Rev. Edward Berger, as pastor of the church of Keyport.

October 24, 1899, Rev. Hugh K. Fulton, as pastor of the church of Perrineville.

BENJAMIN S. EVERITT,  
*Stated Clerk.*

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

*Ministers received—*

January 17, 1899, W. T. Pannell, from the North New Jersey Conference of Congregational Churches.

*Candidates received—*

January 17, 1899, Joseph Parziale, by examination.

June 20, 1899, John P. Erdman, by examination.

June 20, 1899, Paul Erdman, by examination.

*Installation—*

September 19, 1899, William T. Pannell, over the First Church of Flanders.

*Licensures—*

April 11, 1899, James B. Cochran.

June 29, 1899, Joseph Parziale.

June 29, 1899, John P. Erdman.

June 29, 1899, Paul Erdman.

*Ordinations—*

April 26, 1899, James B. Cochran.

June 29, 1899, Joseph Parziale.

June 29, 1899, John P. Erdman.

*Ministers dismissed—*

October 19, 1898, S. S. Conger, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

January 17, 1899, E. M. Bliss, D.D., to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

June 20, 1899, C. O. Gill, to the Association of Congregational Ministers, of Orleans county, Vermont.

*Names dropped from the roll—*

January 17, 1899, Candidate Vincenzo Di Dominica, entered Baptist Church.

April 11, 1899, Minister James V. Johnston, unknown.

*Died—*

November 18, 1898, Rev. Francis M. Todd.

STANLEY WHITE,  
*Stated Clerk.*



VI.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK consists of fifty-eight ministers and thirty six churches, and has under its care three licentiates and eleven candidates.

*Ministers received—*

- April 5, 1899, Rev. James R. Gibson, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.  
 April 22, 1899, Rev. John J. Bridges, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.  
 October 4, 1899, Rev. Ferdinand O. Zesch, Ph.D., from the Classis of Cincinnati, Reformed Church in the United States.

*Ministers dismissed—*

- October 11, 1898, Rev. Richard Lange, to the Presbytery of Corisco.  
 November 8, 1898, Rev. Geo. H. Bonsall, to the Presbytery of Hudson.  
 March 15, 1899, Rev. Henry K. Denlinger, to the Presbytery of Bloomington.  
 June 7, 1899, Rev. Wm. J. Kern, to the Presbytery of Monmouth.  
 October 4, 1899, Rev. James Beveridge Lee, to the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

*Ordinations sine titulo—*

- October 11, 1898, Messrs. Geo. Wacker and Wm. J. Kern.  
 January 18, 1899, Mr G. Phillips Payson.  
 June 7, 1899, Mr. Julius Symanski.

*Licensure—*

- April 5, 1899, Mr. Julius Symanski.

*Licentiate received—*

- April 5, 1899, Mr. Donald MacColl, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

*Licentiate dismissed—*

- November 8, 1899, Mr. Louis L. Holden to the Presbytery of Utica.

*Candidates received on examination—*

- October 4, 1899, Messrs. Gottlieb Riesch and Harvey Wahl.

*Candidate dismissed—*

- February 1, 1899, Mr. Henry J. Herge, to Presbytery of Baltimore.

*Installations—*

- May 28, 1899, Rev. Henry W. Seibert, Ph.D., as pastor of First German Church, Newark.  
 October 11, 1899, Rev Ferdinand O Zesch, Ph.D., as pastor of German Church, Bloomfield.

*Pastoral relations dissolved—*

November 8, 1898, between the Rev. George H. Bonsall and the Fewsmith Memorial Church, Newark.

March 15, 1899, between the Rev. Henry K. Denlinger and the Caldwell Church.

May 10, 1899, between the Rev. Jno. U. Guenther and the First German Church, Newark. Made pastor emeritus.

May 10, 1899, between the Rev. Henry W. Seibert, Ph.D., and the German Church, Bloomfield.

October 4, 1899, between the Rev. James Beveridge Lee and the First Church of Bloomfield.

*Ministers deceased—*

Justus Clement French, D.D., February 14, 1899.

John Ward, April 22, 1899.

JULIUS H. WOLFF,

*Stated Clerk.*

VII.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK consists of sixty-six ministers and has under its care thirty-six churches and an Italian Evangelical Congregation, fifteen licentiates and fifty two candidates.

*Ministers received from other Presbyteries—*

January 31, 1899, Rev. Henry A. MacKubbin, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

June 27, 1899, Rev. Lewis Seymour Mudge, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

October 18, 1899, Rev. Maitland V. Bartlett, from the Presbytery of Lackawauna.

*Minister received from another religious body—*

January 31, 1899, Rev. James W. Doughty, from the Presbytery of Sanyo, Church of Christ, Japan.

*Pastoral relations dissolved—*

April 11, 1899, Rev. Henry E. Hibshman, with Alexandria First Church, to take effect immediately.

June 27, 1899, Rev. William H. Filson, with Frenchtown Church, to take effect July 2, 1899.

*Church organized—*

April 21, 1899, East Trenton Church.

*Installations—*

October 16, 1898, Rev. Isaac M. Patterson, pastor Walnut Avenue Church, Trenton.

Nov. 2, 1898, Rev. Albert Reid, pastor of Kingston Church.

February 7, 1899, Rev. Henry A. MacKubbin, pastor of Lambertville Church.

May 11, 1899, Rev. Frank B. Everitt, pastor of East Trenton Church.

September 27, 1889, Rev. Lewis Seymour Mudge, pastor of Trenton First Church.

*Ministers dismissed to other Presbyteries—*

November 21, 1898, Rev. John A. Ainslie, to the Presbytery of Winona.

June 27, 1899, Rev. Lewis B. Crane, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

August 21, 1899, Rev. William H. Filson, to the Presbytery of Lehigh.

September 19, 1899, Rev. William Jessup, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

*Licentiates dismissed to other Presbyteries—*

October 29, 1898, Henry B. Master, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

September 7, 1899, Charles C. Bradford, to the Presbytery of Boulder.

September 25, 1899, Edward E. Annand, to the Presbytery of Stockton.

*Candidates dismissed to other Presbyteries—*

March 13, 1899, James Machlin Brodnax, to the Presbytery of West Hanover.

June 18, 1899, Joseph McNeill, to the Presbytery of Baltimore.

*Candidates received on examination—*

October 19, 1898, James K. Anderson, Leopold R. Burrows, David S. Curry, James Nevin.

January 31, 1899, Franz Xaver Ess.

April 24, 1899, Silas Evans, David Kenzie Grant, William B. Johnson.

October 18, 1899, William K. McKinney, James Montgomery.

*Candidate received on certificate—*

January 31, 1899, Edward E. Annand, from the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

*Licensures—*

April 24, 1899, Edward E. Annand, Edward S. Brearley, Luther James Emerson.

*Ministers deceased—*

September 26, 1898, Rev. Benjamin G. Van Cleve, at Princeton, N. J.

January 5, 1899, Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., at Lawrenceville, N. J.

March 27, 1899, Rev. James O. Murray, D.D., at Princeton, N. J.

A. L. ARMSTRONG,

*Stated Clerk.*

VIII.—THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON consists of forty three ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care six candidates.

*Ministers received—*

January 24, 1899, Rev. John C. Sharpe, D.D., from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

April 11, 1899, Rev. J. Edward Grant, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

April 11, 1899, Rev. Joseph Dixon, from the Classis of Orange, of the Reformed Church of America.

*Ministers dismissed—*

December 15, 1898, Rev. George H. S. Campbell, D.D., to the Presbytery of Chester.

April 12, 1899, Rev. A. MacShannon Higgins, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

*Pastoral relations constituted—*

October 27, 1898, Rev. Edward Snyder, installed pastor of the First Church of Wantage.

April 19, 1899, Rev. J. Edward Grant, installed pastor of the churches of Delaware and Knowlton.

April 25, 1899, Rev. Joseph Dixon, installed pastor of the Second Church of Wantage.

May 2, 1899, Rev. William S. Harper, installed pastor of the church of North Hardyston

*Pastoral relations dissolved—*

December 15, 1898, Rev. George H. S. Campbell, D.D., with the churches of Beattystown and Mansfield Second, to take effect December 18th, 1898.

April 11, 1899, Rev. George W. Lloyd, with the church of Branchville, to take effect June 25th, 1899.

*Candidates received—*

April 11, 1899, Mr. Henry Munro Bruen, on examination.

April 11, 1899, Mr. William S. Harper, from the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

*Candidates dismissed—*

January 24, 1899, Mr. Willard D. Stires, to the care of the Presbytery of Chicago.

April 12, 1899, Mr. J. Robinson Campbell, to the care of the Presbytery of Chester.

*Candidates licensed—*

April 12, 1899, Messrs. Henry Munro Bruen, Thomas McCauley Simanton and William S. Harper.

*Licentiate dismissed—*

July 3, 1899, Mr. Thomas McCauley Simanton, to the care of the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

*Licentiate ordained—*

April 12, 1899, Mr. William S. Harper, with a view to his installation as pastor at North Hardyston.

May 17, 1899, Mr. Henry Munro Bruen, *sine titulo*, for work of Foreign Missions.

E. CLARKE CLINE,  
*Stated Clerk.*

IX.—THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY consists of sixty-two ministers and fifty-six churches, and has under its care four candidates.

*Ministers received—*

April 18, 1899, Herbert R. Rundall, from the Presbytery of Parkersburg.

April 18, 1899, John McMillan, from the Presbytery of Puget Sound.

June 27, 1899, Joseph C. Harvey, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

September 26, 1899, Harvey D. Brasefield, from the Presbytery of Oakland.

September 26, 1899, Albert S. Sharpless, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

*Minister received from another denomination—*

September 26, 1899, Frank Hyatt Smith, from Suffolk North Congregational Association.

*Ministers dismissed to other Presbyteries—*

November 7th, 1898, George Warrington, to the Presbytery of Northumberland.

January 31st, 1899, Francis H. Laird, to the Presbytery of Lehigh.

March 20, 1899, Nathaniel McConaughy, to the Presbytery of New York.

April 19, 1899, Joel S. Gilfillan, to the Presbytery of Newcastle.

April 19, 1899, Thomas Thompson, to the Presbytery of Nassau.

September 18, 1899, James C. Russell, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

September 26, 1899, Wm. Henry Dodd, to the Presbytery of Albany.

September 26, 1899, Homer C. Snitcher, to the Presbytery of Boulder.

*Minister dismissed to another denomination—*

June 27, 1899, John A. Brown, to the Reformed Classis of Bergen.

*Ordinations—*

December 8, 1898 Josiah T. Stevenson.

April 28, 1899, Robert A. Elwood.

May 22, 1899, Homer C. Snitcher.

*Installations—*

December 8, 1898, Josiah T. Stevenson, as pastor of Atco church.

April 12, 1899, George W. Tomson, as pastor of Woodbury church.

April 28, 1899, Robert A. Elwood, as pastor of Absecon church.

October 10, 1899, Albert S. Sharpless, as pastor of Bridgeton Fourth Church.

*Pastoral relations dissolved—*

January 31, 1899, Francis H. Laird and Bridgeton Fourth church.

March 20 1899, George W. Tomson and Clayton church.

June 27, 1899, John A. Brown and Williamstown church.

September 18, 1899, James C. Russell, D.D., and Camden Second church.

September 26, 1899, William Henry Dodd and Holly Beach church.

*Licensures—*

April 18, 1899, Robert A. Elwood.

May 22, 1899, Homer C. Snitcher.

*Candidate received under care of Presbytery on examination—*

September 26, 1899, George A. Pettit.

*Candidate received from another Presbytery—*

April 18, 1899, Robert A. Elwood, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

*Candidate dismissed—*

January 31, 1899, John M. Ferguson, to the care of the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

*Church organized—*

February 17, 1899, Bethany Church of Camden.

HENRY REEVES,  
Stated Clerk

## Standing Rules of the Synod.

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

be the Reading Clerk, call the roll, and otherwise assist the Stated Clerk as he may require ; and he shall act as Stated Clerk in the absence or disability of that officer.

VI.—The Recording Clerk shall make the minutes of the proceedings of Synod from day to day, and deliver them to the Stated Clerk on the adjournment of Synod ; and he shall act as Permanent Clerk in the absence or disability of that officer.

VII.—The compensation of the Stated Clerk shall be one hundred dollars per annum ; that of the Permanent and Recording Clerks, thirty dollars respectively.

VIII.—The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Synod for contingent expenses, and render an itemized account at each annual meeting.

#### COMMITTEES.

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

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

1. ON BILLS AND OVERTURES, seven members—four Ministers, of whom one shall be the retiring Moderator, and three Ruling Elders.

2. ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS, seven members—four Ministers and three Ruling Elders.

3. ON RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES, three members for each Presbytery—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

4. ON MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

5. ON NARRATIVE, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

6. ON FINANCE, four members—two Ministers and two Ruling Elders, who shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Treasurers of the different funds, except the Synodical Home Mission Fund ; and arrange the apportionment of the amount required from each Presbytery for contingent expenses.

7. ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSION ACCOUNTS, a Special Finance Committee, two members - one Minister and one Ruling Elder, neither of whom shall be a member of the Per-



manent Committee of Synodical Home Missions, who shall examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Fund, between the first day of October and the third Tuesday of October next ensuing their appointment, and who shall report to the Synod immediately after such examination, and whose necessary traveling expenses shall be defrayed by the Treasurer of Synod.

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

#### PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

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

1. ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS, eight members—one for each home Presbytery.

2. ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, one member from the Presbytery of Corisco; the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee on Foreign Missions and one Ruling Elder, from each home Presbytery.

3. ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, nine members—one for each Presbytery.

4. ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK, 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 BENEFICENCE, 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.
- XIX.—These rules may be amended or repealed by a two thirds vote, but if notice of a proposed change has been given at a previous stated meeting, a majority may amend or repeal; and any one of these rules may be temporarily suspended by a majority vote.

# Permanent Committees.

## SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

REV. RAYMOND HILLIARD GAGE,      REV. EBEN B. COBB, D.D., *Chairman*,  
REV. ALFRED H. DASHIELL, D.D.,      REV. WM. W. HALLOWAY, JR., D.D.,  
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## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. R. HAMILL NASSAU, D.D.,  
REV. WILLIAM R. RICHARDS, D.D.,      ELDER EDWARD P. TENNEY,  
REV. CHARLES HERR, D.D.,      ELDER CHARLES A. DE WITT,  
REV. ALEX. H. YOUNG, D.D.,      ELDER HORACE CHURCHMAN,  
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REV. EDWARD A. McLAURY,      REV. ALFRED P. BOTSFORD.

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REV. WILLIAM V. LOUDERBOUGH,      REV. TITUS E. DAVIS.

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 ELDER WILLIAM P. STEVENSON.

**SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.**

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## Moderators Since the Reunion.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	PRESBYTERY.
June 21, 1870	Elizabeth, . .	*Rev. Jona. F. Stearns, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1870	Morristown, .	*Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 17, 1871	Bloomfield, .	Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., .	Morris and Orange.
Oct. 15, 1872	Trenton, . .	*Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., .	Monmouth.
Oct. 21, 1873	Washington,	*Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1874	Camden, . .	*Rev. J. M. McDonald, D.D., .	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1875	Orange, . . .	Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D.,	Elizabeth.
Oct. 17, 1876	Elizabeth, . .	Rev. Thomas McCauley, . . .	Newton.
Oct. 16, 1877	Newark, . .	Rev. E. Kempshall, D.D., .	Elizabeth.
Oct. 15, 1878	Morristown, .	Rev. William Bannard, D.D., .	West Jersey.
Oct. 21, 1879	Trenton, . .	*Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D.,	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1880	Bridgeton, .	Rev. Charles E. Knox, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1881	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Joseph G. Symmes, D.D.,	Monmouth.
Oct. 17, 1882	Hackettstown	*Rev. Alfred Yeomans, D.D., .	Morris and Orange.
Oct. 16, 1883	Orange, . . .	Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 21, 1884	Elizabeth, . .	*Rev. Samuel M. Hamill, D.D.,	New Brunswick.
Oct. 20, 1885	Atlantic City,	Rev. Allen H. Brown, . . . .	West Jersey.
Oct. 18, 1886	Camden, . .	Rev. William Thomson, . . .	Newton.
Oct. 17, 1887	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Frank Chandler, D.D., .	Monmouth.
Oct. 15, 1888	Asbury Park,	Rev. K. P. Ketcham, D.D., .	Elizabeth.
Oct. 21, 1889	Asbury Park,	*Rev. Henry M. Storrs, D.D.,	Morris and Orange.
Oct. 20, 1890	Atlantic City,	Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., .	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1891	Long Branch,	Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D.D.,	Jersey City.
Oct. 18, 1892	Belvidere, . .	Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, D.D.,	Corisco.
Oct. 17, 1893	Bridgeton, .	Rev. S. M. Studdiford, D.D.,	New Brunswick.
Oct. 16, 1894	Trenton, . .	Rev. Frederic R. Brace, D.D.,	West Jersey.
Oct. 15, 1895	N. Brunswick.	Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., .	Newton.
Oct. 27, 1896	Atlantic City,	Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt, D.D.	Monmouth.
Oct. 19, 1897	Plainfield, .	Rev. John A. Liggett, D.D., .	Elizabeth.
Oct. 18, 1898	Asbury Park,	Rev. Albert Erdman; D.D., .	Morris and Orange.
Oct. 17, 1899	Asbury Park,	Rev. A. Nelson Hollifield, D.D.	Newark.

\* Deceased.



# Ministers of the Synod of New Jersey.

- Abbott, Justin E., Bombay, India. J. C.  
 Adams, James Bailie, Elwood. W. J.  
 Addy, John G., Huntsburg. Newt.  
 Aikman, Robert, D.D., Madison. M. & O.  
 Aikman, William, D.D., Atlantic City. W. J.  
 Allen, Lyman W., D.D., Newark. N'rk.  
 Allen, William, Jr., Pennington. N. B.  
 Anderson, Daniel B., Camden. W. J.  
 Armstrong, Amzi L., Dutch Neck. N. B.
- Bagnall, Powhatan, Paterson. J. C.  
 Bainton, Henry W., Kingsland. J. C.  
 Baldwin, Caleb C., D.D., Summit. N'rk.  
 Baldwin, Theodore A., Broussa, Turkey.  
 N'rk.  
 Bale, Albert G., Asbury Park. Mon.  
 Bannard, William, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 W. J.  
 Bannerman, William S., Juneau, Alaska.  
 Cor.  
 Barnes, George G., Churchill, Md. Newt.  
 Bartlett, Maitland V., Princeton. N. B.  
 Beach, Sylvester W., Bridgeton. W. J.  
 Beadle, Heber H., Bridgeton. W. J.  
 Beatty, Henry T., Ph.D., Hoboken. J. C.  
 Beaumont, James B., Morristown. M. & O.  
 Bennett, Robinson P. D., Lyons Farms. N'rk.  
 Bennett, William Russell, Madison. M. & O.  
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