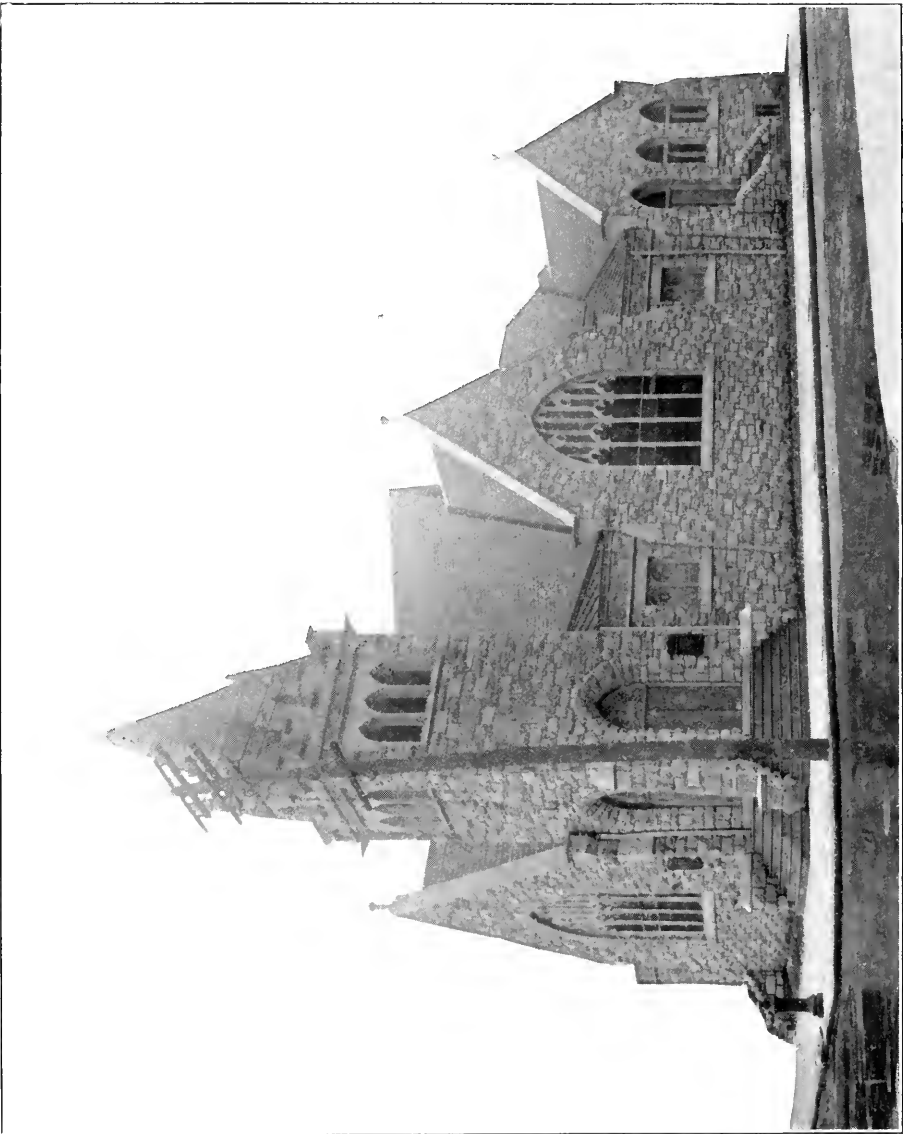


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MINUTES
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The Synod of New Jersey met in Olivet Church, Atlantic City, on Monday, October 21st, 1907, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

After devotional services, the sermon opening Synod was delivered by the Moderator, Rev. I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., from I. Timothy 4:8.

The Synod was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be present: Roll.

Presbytery of Corisco.

None.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS—I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., James G. Mason, D.D., William C. Rommel, Samuel Parry, William F. Whitaker, D.D., Eben B. Cobb, D.D., John T. Kerr, William I. Steans, D.D., Robert M. Craig, William Hoppaugh, John Sheridan Zelig, D.D., Joseph O. McKelvey, Frederick D. Tildon, William W. Casseberry, Joseph B. Ferguson, Joseph G. Symmes, John T. Scott, William B. Hamilton, John T. Reeve, Almer W. Karnell, Herman Blaschke, Charles F. Shaw, Robert W. Mark—23.

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William Hopf, Elizabeth, First German; Elias D. Smith, Elizabeth, Greystone; Lemuel Neighbour, Lower Valley; Joseph W. Clark, Metuchen; Leander N. Lovell, Plainfield, Crescent Avenue; W. H. C. Coles, Rahway, First; G. A. Bush, Rahway, Second; W. P. Stevenson, Roselle; Walter M. Irving, Westfield; William Edgar, Woodbridge; Clifford Willis, Springfield—16.

Presbytery of Havana.

None.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS—Joshua B. Gallaway, D.D., Hugh R. McClelland, Ph.D., James H. Owens, D.D., Horace G. Underwood, D.D., James Scott Young, Henry T. Beatty, Ph.D., James Dallas Steele, Ph.D., C. Rudolph Kuebler, D.D., Jacob A. Frey, Fisher Howe Booth, Charles Ellis Smith, George O. Tamblyn, Walter B. Greenway (2), Henry C. Cronin (2)—14.

ELDERS—R. C. Haff, Hackensack, First; George W. Rouse, Hoboken, First; Francis French, Jersey City, Westminster; Thomas M. Low, Leonia; James S. Biddell, Passaic, First—5.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS—Alexander H. Young, D.D., George Swain, D.D. (2), Samuel H. Thompson, D.D., Henry R. Hall, Charles B. Austin, D.D., Thomas Tyack, D.D., Ormond W. Wright, John Leroy Taylor, D.D., Ph.D., Adolos Allen, Frank R. Symmes, William P. Finney, Joseph E. Curry, S. J. McClenaghan, Arthur W. Remington, Frank Lukens, James H. Dunham, Charles L. Candee (2), Henry T. Graham (2)—18.

ELDERS—Charles B. Van Horn, Allentown; John C. Allen, Beverly; John B. Perrine, Cranbury, First; Jonathan L. Whitaker, Cranbury, Second; William M. Moreau, Freehold; T. H. Gordon, Hightstown; H. S. Simons (2), Lakewood; James N. Huston, Moorestown; James Steen, Shrewsbury; David V. Perine, Tennent; William V. Simpson, Matawan; Julius Foster, Point Pleasant—12.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS—Elijah W. Stoddard, D.D., Edward P. Gardner, D.D., William W. Halloway, D.D., Walter W. Hammond, Theodore F. Chambers, James F. Riggs, D.D., John F. Patterson, D.D., George L. Richmond, William T. Pannell, Robert J. Johnston, Minot C. Morgan, Robert H. Nichols, Robert S. Steen, Robert P. Howie—14.

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Mendham; James R. Voorhees, Morristown, First; E. H. Williams, Orange, First; Henry C. Ware, Orange, Central; C. H. De Hart, Rockaway; Augustus F. Libby, Summit, Central—9.

Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS—David R. Frazer, D.D., Julius H. Wolff, Davis W. Lusk, D.D., Alexander H. McKinney, Ph.D., E. Morris Fergusson, Edgar C. Mason, Nelson B. Chester, Robert Scott Inglis, D.D., Llewellyn S. Fulmer, D.D., Joseph F. Folsom (2), Robert T. Graham, Joseph Hunter, Albert N. Stubblebine, Thomas Morgan—14.

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Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS—Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., Robert Hamill Nassau, S.T.D., Daniel R. Foster, William W. Knox, D.D., Walter A. Brooks, D.D., Samuel McLanahan, Joseph H. Dulles, Sylvester W. Beach, Hugh B. MacCauley, D.D., George H. Ingram, James B. Clark, Paul Martin, D. Ruby Warne, Albert J. Weisley, D.D., Joseph Howell, George H. Bucher, Cordie J. Culp, William B. Frith (2), Frederick B. Newman, Norris W. Harkness, Egedius Kellmayer, Alexander Oren Macdonald, George S. Stark (3)—23.

ELDERS—A. S. Coriell, Bound Brook; William H. Cadwalader, Ewing; N. H. Furman, Lawrenceville; Thomas Kay (2), New Brunswick, First; Charles M. Titus, Pennington; Charles G. Rockwood, Jr., Princeton, First; T. B. Stratton, Trenton, Third; I. Newton Dimont, Trenton, Prospect Street—8.

Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS—James DeHart Bruen, William S. C. Webster, D.D., Isaac H. Condit, Nathaniel P. Crouse, Percy Y. Schelly, Edward Snyder, Henry Munro Bruen, Clarence W. Rouse—8.

ELDERS—A. M. Cammon, Belvidere, First; William W. Woodward, Newton; A. V. Johnson, Phillipsburg, First—3.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS—Allen H. Brown, D.D., William Aikman, D.D., Alfred P. Botsford, D.D., Frederic R. Brace, D.D., William J. Trimble, D.D., David H. Laverty, D.D., James Baillie Adams (2), James McLeod, D.D., John L. Landis, John E. Peters, Sc.D. (2), James M. Hunting, George W. Tomson (2), Eugene H. Mateer,

David H. King, D.D. (2), Minot S. Morgan, William V. Louderbough, Herbert R. Rundall, Newton W. Cadwell, D.D., Charles S. Barrett, Edmund J. Gwynn, D.D. (2), William F. S. Nelson, John McMillan, B.D., I. Mench Chambers (2), R. Hilliard Gage, Herbert M. Gesner, Thomas C. Stirling, Ph.D., Samuel D. Price, John W. Kliefken, Harvey T. Casselberry (2), Harold S. Rambo (2), Homer W. Taylor (3), William Allen, Jr. (2)—32. *Samuel H. Potter.*

ELDERS—Charles E. Adams, Atlantic City, First; J. A. Cunningham, Atlantic City, Chelsea; Joseph R. Woodruff, Atlantic City, Olivet; J. Newton Powelson, Camden, First; F. B. Wallen, Camden, Second; B. Frank Nyce, Camden, Calvary; John W. McCray, Cape May; James MacWilliams, Clayton; Lawrence Isaacs, Collingswood; Jacob Ott, Deerfield; Daniel E. Iszard, Mays Landing; Morris H. Stratton, Salem; Thomas W. Synnott, Wenonah, Memorial—13.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

From the Synod of New York, Rev. George H. Trull, Rev. D. Asa Blackburn, D.D., Rev. John Fox, D.D., Rev. John H. Kerr, D.D. From the Synod of Pennsylvania, Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Rev. John M. Fulton, D.D., Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D.D., Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D., Rev. W. Beatty Jennings, D.D., Rev. Henry T. McClelland, D.D., Rev. Benjamin L. Agnew, D.D. From the Synod of Baltimore, Rev. Thomas A. McCurdy, D.D., LL.D. From the Synod of Tennessee, Rev. Robert R. Sutherland, D.D. From the M. E. Conference of New Jersey, Rev. Sherman G. Pitt, Rev. G. Surtees. From the New Jersey Baptist Association, Rev. E. E. Tyson—16.

Moderator.

Rev. William W. Halloway, D.D., of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, was elected Moderator.

Arrangements.

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

The Committee of Arrangements respectfully report to the Synod recommendations for the order of business as follows:

1. That the services of this evening conclude with the reading of suitable portions of the Necrological Report and the observance of the Lord's Supper.

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

3. That the order for Tuesday be a modification of the regular order of the Standing Rules; namely, Foreign Missions, with an address by the Rev. George H. Trull; Sabbath Observance, Temperance, with an address by Rev. John M. Fulton, D.D.; the Narrative and the devotional half-hour; for the afternoon, an address for the Board of Education, by the Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D.D.; Historical Materials; Home Missions, with an address by the Rev. Robert M. Craig; Sunday-school Work, with an address by the Rev. E. Morris Fergusson and Rev. James A. Worden, D.D.; Young People's Societies; the evening to be devoted to a popular meeting with an address by the Rev. Henry M. Bruen, of Korea, for Foreign Missions, and the report of the Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood, Rev. Robert S. Inglis, D.D., Chairman, followed by a conference upon the Brotherhood.

4. That the order for Wednesday be as follows: An address for Systematic Beneficence, by the Rev. D. Asa Blackburn, D.D.; Synodical Home Missions; an address by the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Wm. H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D.; the report of the Special Committee on Evangelistic work to be presented at 11:30 A. M. with an address by the Rev. W. Beatty Jennings, D.D.; the afternoon to be given to address for the College Board, by the Rev. Edward C. Ray, D.D.; for Freedmen, by the Rev. Henry T. McClelland, D.D.; for Sustentation, with the report of the Special Committee, by the Rev. Robert R. Sutherland, D.D.; for Ministerial Relief, by the Rev. Benjamin L. Agnew, D.D.; for the American Bible Society, by the Rev. John Fox, D.D.; for the American Tract Society, by the Rev. Judson Swift, D.D.

5. That an evening session be held on Wednesday, occupied with the report of the Special Committee on Interdenominational Conference, the report of the Special Committee on Temperance Legislation, and address by Mr. J. Frank Burke, Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League; and to conclude with an address and an exhibition of pictures of churches injured by the earthquake at San Francisco, by the Rev. John S. Thomas, D.D., the General Assembly's representative of the San Francisco churches.

The Necrological Report was presented, and extracts from it read by Rev. William W. Knox, D.D., and at its close the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The services were conducted by Rev. I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., who was assisted by Rev. R. Hamill Nassau, S.T.D., and Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., and the following Ruling Elders: Augustus S. Crane, Charles B. Van Horn, Henry C. Ware, Nathan H. Furman, James S. Maxwell, Joseph Wood-

Necrology.

Lord's
Supper.

ruff, George W. Rouse, W. I. Soverel, B. Frank Nyce, Jonathan S. Whitaker, Charles G. Rockwood, John F. Newcomb.

In connection with the service, an offering amounting to \$54.50 was made for the Board of Ministerial Relief.

After singing and prayer, Synod adjourned until tomorrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

TUESDAY, October 22d, 1907.

Synod met, and, after prayer, resumed business.

Minutes. The minutes of yesterday's session were read, and the record was approved.

Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk presented his report, and it was accepted, and is as follows :

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

1. That the records of the Synod for 1906 were approved by the General Assembly.

2. That by the action of the General Assembly (Minutes, 1907, p. 229), the Presbytery of Havana was transferred from the former Synod of Florida to the Synod of New Jersey.

Vacancy and Supply. 3. That acting as the Synod's Committee on Vacancy and Supply, the Stated Clerk has requested from the Presbyteries reports of vacant churches and ministers desiring employment, but has received such reports from only three of the Presbyteries. The Committee has not been called upon by any church or Presbytery for aid in the settling of pastors or the supply of churches. There are few churches able to support a pastor vacant in New Jersey, and the weaker churches are usually supplied by the aid of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions. The Committee on Vacancy and Supply therefore judges that this matter must continue to be under the direction of the Presbyteries, rather than in any measure superintended by the Synod.

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

The Moderator appointed as Vice-Moderator Rev. John F. Patterson, D.D., and announced the following committees :

Vice-Moderator.

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers—I. Alstynne Blauvelt, D.D., Horace G. Underwood, D.D., Samuel H. Thompson, D.D., Theodore F. Chambers.

Standing Committees.

Elders—James L. Maxwell, William H. Cadwalader, William W. Woodward.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers—Raymond Hilliard Gage, William S. C. Webster, D.D., Paul Martin, Llewellyn C. Fulmer, D.D.

Elders—E. H. Williams, John B. Perrine, R. C. Haff.

III. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ministers—Minot Canfield Morgan, Fred. B. Newman.

Elder—Leander N. Lovell.

IV. NARRATIVE FOR 1908.

Ministers—William I. Steans, D.D., James M. Hunting.

Elder—W. I. Soverel.

V. FINANCE.

Ministers—William P. Finney, Edward Snyder.

Elders—E. J. Ross, J. Newton Powelson.

VI. SYNODICAL HOME MISSION ACCOUNTS, 1908.

Minister—George L. Richmond.

Elder—John C. Allen.

VII. REVISION OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

Minister—George H. Ingram.

Elder—Cornelius H. Clark.

VIII. RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Corisco—Rev. Samuel Parry, Rev. Joshua B. Gallaway, D.D., Elder Charles B. VanHorn.

Elizabeth—Rev. Edward P. Gardner, D.D., Rev. Edgar C. Mason, Elder A. S. Coriell.

Havana—Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, Rev. Henry M. Bruen, Elder Charles E. Adams.

Jersey City—Rev. J. DeHart Bruen, Rev. W. W. Casselberry, Elder Thomas W. Synnott.

Monmouth—Rev. Henry J. Beatty, Ph.D., Rev. Walter W. Hammond, Elder Daniel Demarest.

Morris and Orange—Rev. Daniel R. Foster, Rev. Percy Y. Schelly, Elder F. B. Wallen.

Newark—Rev. William F. Whitaker, D.D., Rev. Fisher Howe Booth, Elder James M. Huston.

New Brunswick—Rev. William T. Pannell, Rev. Joseph Hunter, Elder A. M. Cammon.

Newton—Rev. David H. Laverty, D.D., Rev. William Hoppaugh, Elder Francis French.

West Jersey—Rev. Alexander H. Young, D.D., Rev. Robert J. Johnston, Elder Philip Doremus.

Treasurer. The report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented, was received and referred for audit to the Committee on Finance.

Treasurer of Trustees. The report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Synod was presented, was received and referred for audit to the Committee on Finance.

Synodical Home Mission Accounts. The Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions reported that they had examined the same for the year beginning October 1st, 1906, and ending September 30th, 1907, compared the disbursements with the vouchers and have found the same correct. The report was received and approved.

Next Place of Meeting. It was resolved to appoint a Special Committee to which should be referred invitations for the next place of meeting of Synod. The following were appointed: Rev. James McLeod, D.D., the Stated Clerk and Elder James Steen.

Foreign Missions. The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. John F. Patterson, D.D., was received and its recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That we heartily approve of the election by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Rev. Stanley White, D.D., as one of its secretaries to succeed Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D.D., now laid aside from active service by the infirmities of old age.

2. That we pledge anew our loyalty to the interest and work of the Board, and strive to realize the expectations of the Board in an increase of our contributions to the amount of twenty per cent.

3. That more attention be given to definite and systematic instruction in the subject of missions in the Sabbath Schools, and that an effort be made to secure from each school at least one offering to this cause; also that we welcome the appointment of Rev. George H. Trull as assistant secretary of this Board, whose specific work will be the cultivation of the missionary field in the Sabbath School.

4. That we congratulate the women of our churches in this Synod upon their good work in this cause, as shown in their report, which has been placed in the hands of the Committee, and that there be printed for their use 250 copies of this report.

5. That we approve of the Men's Missionary Convention, to be held in Philadelphia in February, and that we send delegates through our Presbyteries.

In connection with the report, Synod was addressed by Rev. George H. Trull, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

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

Sabbath
Observance.

1. That the Committee on Sabbath Observance be directed to send a communication to each pastor in our Synod about March 15th, calling upon him, in the name of Synod, to preach a sermon on the subject of the strict observance of the Lord's Day, some time during the month of April, 1908.

2. That this Committee be authorized to incur expense in its work not to exceed \$25.00.

3. That we most heartily commend and warmly endorse the work of the American Sabbath Union and the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, national organizations, in their efforts to preserve in its purity the Christian Sabbath.

4. That, in harmony with the General Assembly Resolution No. 10, we urge our churches to take an offering at the time of the

Sabbath Observance sermon next April for the work of the American Sabbath Union, Col. A. S. Bacon, treasurer, 37 Liberty street, New York; or, in lieu of an offering, we recommend that the Union be placed upon the list of benevolences of the churches.

In connection with the report, Synod was addressed upon the subject of Sabbath Observance by the Chairman of the Committee.

At this point Synod was addressed by the Rev. James A. Worden, D.D., Superintendent of Sabbath School Work of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

Bills and
Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report recommending that the report of the Woman's Synodical Society for Home Missions be referred to the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, that sundry papers from the Sunday Rest Association be referred to the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance, that a communication from the Anti-Saloon League of America and one from the Woman's Synodical Society of Pennsylvania be referred to the Permanent Committee on Temperance, that a communication from the Inter-Church Federation in reference to religious instruction in the public schools be referred to the several Presbyteries of Synod for consideration with the request that they report their action to the Synod at its next meeting, that certain papers from the Presbyterian Brotherhood, organized within the Synod, be referred to Synod's Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood of last year, of which Rev. Robert Scott Inglis, D.D., is Chairman, that in reference to a letter from the Moderator of the General Assembly, as it was published in the religious papers and as ministers and churches will make such use of it as may seem to them wise, no action is recommended.

The report was received and its recommendations were adopted.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance was presented by the Rev. W. V. Louderbough, and was received. Temperance.

Pending a consideration of the recommendations of the report, Synod was addressed by the Rev. John M. Fulton, D.D., representing the General Assembly's Committee on Temperance.

The order of the day having arrived, it was resolved to postpone the consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance until the first order of the day this afternoon.

The report of the Committee on Narrative was presented by Rev. James F. Riggs, D.D., and the report was approved. Narrative.

The order of the day having arrived, the Synod engaged in devotional services, led by Elder E. J. Ross, and then took recess until 2:30 P. M.

TUESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod met and resumed business.

It was resolved to hear Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Education at this time, and accordingly Dr. Cochran addressed the Synod on behalf of the Board.

Temperance.

The consideration of the recommendations contained in the report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance was now taken up, and the recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. That this Synod, profoundly impressed with the sense of God's call to His people in this land to go forward and banish the liquor traffic from our midst, urges upon all of the ministers and laity under its jurisdiction to do their utmost in every lawful and judicious way to promote this righteous cause.

2. That this Synod again commends to all our ministers and people the excellent literature provided and freely furnished for their use and distribution by our General Assembly's Committee on Temperance, and urges a larger use of the same for the promotion of temperance sentiment and work.

3. That this Synod, appreciating and approving the largely expanded work of the Assembly's Permanent Committee and its need of increased funds to maintain this work, urges all of the Sessions of its churches to secure, by some method, an annual offering that we may contribute at least our proportionate share of the sum recommended by the Assembly, which for this year is \$25,000.00, of which our share is \$1,470.00.

4. That this Synod, recognizing the Anti-Saloon League of our State under its present management and policy as a safe and very efficient agency for the promotion of the temperance cause, and especially for the furthering of the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, heartily commends it to the support of the churches and people of our State, and pledges to give it such co-operation as is consistent with the constitution of our church.

5. That this Synod would approve of the selection by the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League of three Presbyterian ministers and three Presbyterian laymen as members of its Board of Control, to be a medium of conference and co-operation between that League and our Presbyterian churches in this State.

6. That we record and publish our strongest protest against any measures taken by army officers, or others, for the repeal of the Anti-Canteen Law passed by the United States Congress, while this law is so persistently upheld by such wise and honored veterans as Generals Miles, Daggett and others, and while the official reports of the War Department testify to its value in greatly improving the morals of the army.

7. That this Synod, through its Stated Clerk, urges upon our National Congress and the President of these United States the adoption of the "Littlefield-Carmack Bill," to prevent gross injustice to those States and communities which have legally outlawed the liquor traffic, and urges its ministers and laymen also

to use their personal influence with the members of Congress from our State to secure the passage of said bill.

8. That we are unalterably opposed to any legislation which contemplates the legalizing of the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, believing that such legislation is directly contrary to the expressed will of God and would provoke his righteous judgments, and we believe that any man or party upholding or asking for such legislation is not worthy the support of God-fearing and patriotic citizens.

9. That we favor and pledge ourselves to support the Bishop's Bill Law as now in force, but will strive to secure still more advanced restrictive legislation, and will persistently and steadily press forward to obtain a local option law which will give us the right of home rule for the settlement of the saloon question.

10. That we join with our General Assembly in recommending that the last Sabbath in October be observed as Temperance Day in our churches, Sabbath-schools and Young Peoples' Societies, and that we urge all Christians to make earnest supplication to God on that day for His blessing upon all efforts which are being made to promote total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages and the abolition of the liquor traffic.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Historical Materials was presented by the Stated Clerk at the request of the Chairman, Rev. Allen H. Brown, D.D., and in connection with it the report of the Custodians of Historical Materials. These reports were received. It was ordered that the report of the Custodians be printed as an appendix to the Minutes of Synod. The following recommendations were adopted:

Historical
Materials.

1. That all ministers, sessions and church members of the Synod, who may have in their possession records or material of any sort illustrating the history of the Presbyterian Church in New Jersey, be urgently requested to deposit the same in the Synod's historical collection in Princeton.

2. That sessions contribute to the Synod's collection, as soon as convenient, suitable pictures of church buildings and manses for proper preservation.

3. That inasmuch as the former Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Corisco is now removed to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the present stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Corisco be added to this Committee.

4. That inasmuch as the General Assembly of 1907 (Minutes, p. 229), again annexed the Presbytery of Havana to the Synod of

New Jersey, the Stated Clerk of that Presbytery, the Rev. Pedro Riosoco, be added to this Committee.

In connection with the report of the Committee, Rev. Allen H. Brown, D.D., offered his resignation as Chairman, for the reason that his advancing age made it impossible for him to perform the duties of the place. Synod regretfully accepted the resignation, appointed Dr. Brown Chairman Emeritus, and Rev. Frank R. Symmes Chairman of the Committee.

Home
Missions.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Home Missions was presented by Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, D.D., was received, and its recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That Synod does hereby call the attention of all our churches to the present critical situation in Home Mission Work, and request all our sessions to take up and consider the matter at a special meeting, with a view to increasing interest and contributions.
2. That Synod does hereby repeat the recommendation of the General Assembly, that on the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving Day, an offering be taken in all our Sabbath-schools for the Mission-school work, and on the Sabbath nearest Washington's Birthday, one for the general work.
3. That specially Synod does hereby call upon all the Men's Brotherhoods and other Men's Societies of our churches, to make plans that shall increase interest on behalf of Home Missions on the part of all the men of our churches.

In connection with the report, Synod was addressed by Rev. Robert M. Craig, Superintendent of School Work of the Board of Home Missions.

Sabbath
School Work.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath School Work was presented by Rev. Henry C. Cronin, was received and its recommendations adopted as follows:

1. That Synod urges in every Sunday-school the establishment of a Teachers' Training class, and a Home Department.

2. That all our schools be urged to observe Children's Day and Rallying Day, and that liberal offerings be made on these days to the missionary and colportage work of the Board.

In connection with this report Synod was addressed by Rev. E. Morris Fergusson, Secretary of the New Jersey Sunday School Association.

The time of recess having arrived, it was resolved to extend the time of the session for a half-hour.

The report of the Special Committee on Representation in Inter-denominational Conference was presented by Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, D.D., in the absence of Rev. Henry Collin Minton, D.D., Chairman. The report was received and its recommendation adopted as follows:

Inter-
denomi-
national
Conference.

The Committee on Representation in Interdenominational Conference hereby makes its first report. The representation that is provided for is in accordance with the deliverance of the last General Assembly (See Minutes, 1907, p. 228), "that Synods and Presbyteries may co-operate with other ecclesiastical bodies in seeking such legislation on the Sabbath question, marriage and divorce, saloon suppression, and such other questions as the Church has declared herself upon, without violating the spirit of our Constitution." (See Confession of Faith, Chapter 31, Section 4.) Two years ago Bishop James MacFaul, of Trenton, and other ecclesiastics of the Roman Catholic Church, together with Bishop Lines, of Newark, and Bishop Scarborough, of Trenton, of the Episcopal Church, together with Rev. Henry C. Minton, D.D., Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, D.D., Rev. Edward J. Knight and other Protestant ministers, Hon. Bayard Stockton, Peter Backes, Charles B. Case and other laymen, formed the so-called Bishops' Conference in Trenton, and framed the new bill for excise reform, which came to be known as the "Bishops' Bill." Somewhat amended, this was passed by the Legislature of 1905-06, after an exciting public hearing gotten up by the Bishops' Conference. The law went into effect, and at once began to work improvements, such as doing away with immoral back-rooms and illicit sales of liquor on Sunday. The Conference, as representatives of churches, requested this Synod, in 1906, to appoint an official representation to this body, and the Synod appointed the present committee to

act as such in their conference and any other interdenominational bodies of similar purpose. An effort was made to neutralize the "Bishops' Bill" by the introduction into the Legislature of 1906-07 of a bill amending the principal features. Your committee joined with other members of the Bishops' Conference, in asking for a public hearing before the Legislature, and in creating a great popular demonstration against the repealer, which was ultimately lost. The Roman Catholics and Protestants worked together for this reform. We have made careful inquiries and can report that this Act has greatly improved the excise situation, by arousing public sentiment and providing features that render enforcement more easy. Also we would report that in Trenton, in the last year, Protestant churches, numbering thirty-seven, have formed an Inter-Church Federation along the lines of the National Federation Conference of 1905 in New York. This body has already accomplished some substantial reforms in Trenton as to excise and Sabbath observance, and has undertaken to federate the State for purposes of reform and evangelistic work.

We submit the following recommendation for adoption, to wit:

Resolved, That we protest against any legislation by the representatives of the people of the State of New Jersey, which shall render more lax than they now are, the laws regulating the sales of intoxicating liquors.

It was also resolved to continue the committee for another year.

Next Place
of Meeting.

The Special Committee on the Place of the Next Meeting of Synod presented its report as follows:

Your Committee considered carefully the invitation extended to Synod by the pastor and elders of our church in Asbury Park, and we recommend that the thanks of Synod be given to these brethren for their kind invitation.

Your Committee, however, are convinced that the Synod should meet next year in Atlantic City, and we so recommend, and, if agreeable to the pastor and officers of the First Church, that Synod meet in that building.

It was suggested to the Committee that Synod might, from year to year, with propriety, appoint a committee on the place of meeting for the ensuing year.

The report was received and its recommendation adopted. It was also resolved to adopt the suggestion of the committee, and in accordance therewith the

Clerks of Synod were appointed a Committee on the Place of the meeting of Synod for 1909.

The Permanent Committee on Necrology presented the remainder of its report without reading. The report was received and adopted. Necrology.

Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M.

TUESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod reassembled and engaged in services in accordance with the recommendations previously adopted.

After devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, the Rev. Henry Munro Bruen, of Taiku, Korea, addressed the Synod upon the work of foreign missions in Korea. Foreign Missions.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod to secure delegates to the Brotherhood Convention of 1906 presented its report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted as follows: Presbyterian Brotherhood.

The Committee appointed to secure delegates to the Brotherhood Convention of 1906 respectfully reports to the Synod that it fulfilled that duty to the best of its ability, and that many delegates from the churches of this Synod did attend that convention. In view of the evident propriety of organizing the Presbyterian Brotherhood within the Synod, the Committee ventured to proceed to such action, although not appointed for that specific purpose. The Brotherhood was organized at a convention called to meet in Trenton, February 12th, 1907, and the Brotherhood so constituted presents herewith a report to the Synod for its approval.

The chairman of the Committee, having now removed without the bounds of the Synod, extends thanks to the other members of the Committee for their loyal co-operation.

The Committee offers the following resolutions for adoption:

1. That Synod approve the action of the Committee in following providential leadings to the formation of the Presbyterian Brother-

hood of New Jersey, and also approve the constitution which the Brotherhood has adopted.

2. That Synod print in the Appendix to the Minutes the Brotherhood's first report to Synod, with the accompanying constitution.

3. That this Synod does hereby approve the two resolutions passed by the Executive Council of the Brotherhood, namely:

(a) That we believe the history of our religious and civil institutions shows that the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, has been observed by our people in such a way as to make it in a peculiar sense "the American Sabbath Day," and we further declare that this precious heritage received from our fathers should be preserved as one of the crown jewels of the State.

(b) That we protest against any legislation by the representatives of the people of the State of New Jersey which shall render more lax than they now are the laws regulating the sales of intoxicating liquors.

4. That a new Permanent Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood be appointed, to consist of a chairman appointed by the Synod, the same to be a layman, together with the chairmen on the same work in the respective Presbyteries; and, Resolved, That we request each Presbytery to appoint a Permanent Committee on the Brotherhood, whose chairman shall be a layman, and likewise a majority of its members; and, Resolved, That the Hon. Wm. M. Lanning of Trenton be elected as the first chairman of the new Committee of Synod.

5. That all our pastors be requested to inform the men of their congregations of this action of Synod.

The report of the committee was followed by a conference concerning the work of the Presbyterian Brotherhood.

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

WEDNESDAY, October 23d, 9:00 A. M.

Synod met and, after prayer, resumed business.

Minutes.

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

The Permanent Committee on Sabbath Observance, to which had been referred an appeal from the Federation of Sunday Rest Associations of America, reported, recommending that the request of the Federation be granted, and that the Synod adopt the following resolutions:

Sabbath
Observance.

That we approve the formation of an Interdenominational Sabbath Association, as outlined by the Interdenominational Federation, for Sunday rest, and that we appoint Rev. Wm. W. Knox, D.D., Rev. Percy Y. Schelly, Rev. Samuel D. Price, Elders John Rellstab and James B. Dusenberry as the Committee from our Synod to meet with like committees from other denominations.

The Committee on Finance reported that it had examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of Synod and the Treasurer of the Trustees of Synod and found the same correct.

Finance.

The Committee also recommended that the apportionment to the Presbyteries for Synodical expenses be as follows:

Elizabeth, Morris and Orange, New Brunswick and Newark, \$100 each.

Jersey City and West Jersey, \$80 each.

Monmouth and Newton, \$70 each.

The report was received and its recommendations adopted.

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

Presbyterial
Records.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Proportionate and Systematic Beneficence was presented by Rev. W. W. Casselberry, was received and its recommendations adopted as follows:

Systematic
Beneficence.

1. That the spiritual and financial value of the tithe principle be recognized, and its practice recommended to all affiliated with our churches, and that pastors be urged to read to their congregations recommendations No. 2 and 3, page 225 of the Minutes of General Assembly, 1907.

2. That Sessions be urged to inaugurate and sustain an educational campaign in their respective churches by using the literature provided gratis by General Assembly's Special Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and such other on this subject which is easily procurable from many other sources.

3. That, as a Synod, we adopt the "Budget Plan" for the Boards, and recommend its adoption by our Presbyteries.

4. That in order to preserve the purity of the motive for and the character of our contributions to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ, and to observe in spirit and letter Chapter VI. of the Directory for Worship, the Worship of God by Offerings, Sessions be urged to discountenance fairs, bazaars, suppers and other commercial methods of procuring money.

5. In view of the universal prosperity with which God has blessed our land, a good share of which has come to the members of our Church, and considering the increased cost of living, which has advanced during the last decade at least one-third, thereby causing embarrassment, and even suffering to some of the pastors of our Church, we do recommend that the Sessions of the several churches throughout our Synod do seriously consider the matter of a proportionate increase in their ministers' support, thus fulfilling the covenant entered into at the time of their call to relieve them from all care and avocation about worldly things.

6. That Synod appropriates \$25 for the work of this Committee for the current year.

In connection with the report the Synod was addressed by Rev. Asa D. Blackburn, D.D. upon the subject of tithing.

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

Rev. Allen H. Brown, D.D. *Resolved*, That we recognize with great pleasure and satisfaction of heart the presence with us of our brother, the Rev. Doctor Allen H. Brown, so long and successfully engaged in missionary and historical work in our Synod, and that we hereby signify our appreciation of his valuable service, which he, because of extreme age, is obliged to hand over to his successors.*

*Dr. Brown died at Montclair, N. J., Monday, November 4th, 1907.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions was presented by Rev. Samuel McLanahan, was received and its recommendations adopted as follows :

1. That the Synod express by a rising vote its thanks to Mr. William Paxton Stevenson for his efficient and laborious services as Treasurer, which have been rendered entirely without cost to the Synod.

2. That in view of the retirement of the Rev. William Thomson from the Committee on Synodical Home Missions, Synod hereby makes record of its appreciation of his long and faithful service in the Home Missionary work of Synod, extending over more than twenty-four years, and expresses to him the gratitude of Synod for the same, and directs that the Stated Clerk communicate this action to him.

3. That the Synod approves the holding of an Intersynodical Conference on Synodical Mission Work, and authorizes the Committee to send delegates, if such conference is held.

4. That from the balance in the treasury the sum of \$1,500 be and hereby is set aside as a special fund, subject to the control of Synod's Committee for new or exceptional work; and that additions to this fund, either subject to the Committee or for objects designated by the donors, be invited. It is understood that such special gifts shall not be counted as a part of the apportionment of any Presbytery or church.

5. That the several Presbyteries be asked to raise, respectively, the following amounts for the current year :

Elizabeth,	\$3,500 00
Jersey City,	2,500 00
Monmouth,	2,000 00
Morris and Orange,	3,600 00
Newark,	3,400 00
New Brunswick,	3,300 00
Newton,	1,325 00
West Jersey,	2,600 00
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	\$22,225 00

6. That the several Presbyteries be allowed to draw on the treasury for sums not exceeding, respectively, the following :

Elizabeth,	\$2,250 00
Jersey City,	3,200 00
Monmouth,	3,350 00
Morris and Orange,	1,800 00
Newark,	3,400 00
New Brunswick,	1,950 00

Newton,	\$1,325 00
West Jersey,	4,450 00
Administration,	500 00
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	\$22,225 00

7. That the Twentieth Annual Report of the Woman's Synodical Society for Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey be approved and that the congratulations of the Synod be extended to this society and its auxiliaries upon the work of the past year.

Treasurer
S. H. M.

The report of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions was presented by Mr. William P. Stevenson, Treasurer, and was accepted.

In connection with the report, brief addresses were made by several members of the Committee and of Synod.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. N. Stubblebine, was adopted:

That if, in the judgment of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions, a negro missionary is necessary to labor among the negro population, they are herewith authorized to appoint such a missionary, when the opportunity is ripe, to labor throughout the entire Synod.

Minutes of
Assembly.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that there was nothing in the Minutes which required action by the Synod. The report was received.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come before it.

Synod now listened to an address by the Rev. William Henry Roberts, D.D., LL.D., the Moderator of the General Assembly.

The order of the day having arrived, the half hour devotional service, it was resolved to hear at this time and in connection with the devotional service, Rev. W. Beatty Jennings, D.D., a member of the Evangelistic Committee of the General Assembly, and accordingly Dr. Jennings addressed the Synod.

It was also resolved that at the second order of the day this afternoon, Synod hear Rev. John S. Thomas, D.D., the representative of the San Francisco churches, for five minutes, and that immediately thereafter the report of the Evangelistic Committee be presented.

After Dr. Beatty's address, and prayer, Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod met and resumed business.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, D.D., was adopted:

That the Synod not only welcomes the new movement called the Presbyterian Brotherhood of New Jersey, which has made its first report to us, but we also call upon the men in all our churches to arouse themselves as never before, for the promotion of the best spiritual interests of the Church, for the strengthening of its temporal support, and for the advancing of the cause of civic righteousness, public morality, missions and evangelistic work.

Presbyterian
Brotherhood.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

The Synod of New Jersey expresses its appreciative thanks to the pastor, session, trustees and members of the Olivet Church for their generous hospitality so freely bestowed upon the Synod; to those who have so kindly assisted us in the worship of our devotional meetings, and to all others who have contributed to the comfort and pleasure of the Synod at the present meeting.

Thanks.

Synod now listened to an address by Rev. Edward C. Ray, D.D., Assistant Secretary of the College Board, on behalf of the work of the Board.

San
Francisco.

As the second order of the day, Synod listened to an address by Rev. J. S. Thomas, D.D., the representative of the Presbyterian churches of San Francisco, upon the spiritual and moral condition of that city.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. J. L. Taylor, D.D., was adopted:

The Synod of New Jersey, having listened with the deepest interest to the earnest appeal of Rev. John S. Thomas, of San Francisco, on behalf of the needs of that stricken city, would express its heartiest sympathy with the cause for which he pleads, and promise to bring the matter to the attention of the churches in our Synod.

Sustentation.

The cause of Ministerial Sustentation was presented to Synod by Rev. R. R. Sutherland, D.D., representing General Assembly's Committee on Ministerial Sustentation. At the close of his address the following resolution, offered by Rev. J. L. Taylor, D.D., was adopted:

This Synod, having listened with deepest interest to the address of the Rev. Dr. Robert R. Sutherland, explanatory of the object and provisions of the Ministerial Sustentation Fund, adopted by our General Assembly, and now being put into effect,

Resolved, That the Synod hereby expresses its gratification at the launching of a plan for the support of our aged and disabled ministers and their dependent loved ones so comprehensive and practicable, and one in whose benefits its beneficiaries can participate without a feeling of humiliation:

Resolved, That the Synod cordially commends the Fund to the interest of our ministers and sessions and to the liberality of the churches under their care.

Evangelistic
Work.

The report of the Special Committee on Evangelistic Work was read by the Stated Clerk, in the absence, on account of sickness, of the Chairman, Rev. Charles A.

Evans. The report was received and its recommendations adopted as follows:

Your committee reports that, while there has not been the active and aggressive evangelistic effort which was carried forward with such marked success in the years 1905-06, yet much has been accomplished by the faithful work of the various Presbyterial committees.

In all of the Presbyteries, conferences have been held, under the direction of the Evangelistic committees, which have resulted in much spiritual benefit to the churches.

A very profitable conference was held by the members of the Presbytery of West Jersey in Calvary Church, Camden, following the last meeting of Synod. In many of the churches of the Presbytery, this was followed by special evangelistic services—notably in the West Church of Bridgeton, the Second and Calvary Churches of Camden and the church at Collingswood. In several of the churches, these services were preceded by cottage prayer meetings, which prepared the way for the church services. In all cases the results were gratifying to pastors and people. Another meeting for conference and prayer is to be held by the members of the Presbytery on November 12th, and it is proposed that evangelistic meetings be held, in as many of the churches as possible, from December 1st to December 15th. It is also proposed that the services of a Presbyterial evangelist be secured.

In the Presbytery of Elizabeth, the committee has urged the churches to follow the recommendation of Synod in an endeavor to quicken the spiritual lives of the church members, and to bring the young people to a sense of their duty and privilege in the way of a profession of faith. The Committee feel that much progress has been made as a result of the year's work.

In this Presbytery special effort has been made to bring the large foreign population under the influence of the Gospel of Christ. The Evangelistic and Home Mission Committees are closely allied in this work, and both are co-operating in every way possible with the Board of Home Missions to accomplish this result.

In the Presbytery of Monmouth a special plan of co-operation in assisting in evangelistic meetings has been tried, and many of the smaller churches have been greatly benefited.

In the Presbytery of Jersey City special evangelistic services have been held in ten of the churches, in some instances in union with other denominations. In several of these churches, the help of an Evangelist was secured; but in most cases the services were conducted by the pastors.

While the number received into the churches of the State on confession of faith has not been as large as in 1906, following the

evangelistic campaign, yet the report shows a substantial advance over the number so received in 1905, and the evangelistic effort put forth throughout the Synod is still bearing fruit.

The committee would urge upon pastors and people the great need of spiritual preparation for evangelistic work during the coming months. What pastor and people get out of such an effort will depend largely upon what they put into it. Thoroughness in preparation is usually a measure of the blessing received.

Prayerful and self-sacrificing work on the part of all Christians is essential. Let us not forget nor allow our people to forget that the true preparation is the spiritual preparation. This should begin in the heart of the pastor and kindle the hearts of his people. In this preparation there should be a more devout study of God's word, more earnest prayer for the church and the salvation of souls, a more complete surrender to the will of the Master and a readiness to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. When we fulfill these conditions the promises do not fail.

The committee would call attention to the importance of pastoral evangelism as the ideal and hope of the church, and urge every pastor to take his rightful place as the leader in evangelistic effort.

The Committee would recommend—

1. That the Synod appoint a Committee on Evangelistic Work for the coming year, to be composed of the chairmen of the Committees of the several Presbyteries.

2. That special conferences of ministers and elders be held by each Presbytery at some time during the month of November, if possible, for the deepening of the spiritual life and to stimulate evangelistic effort.

3. That, so far as practicable, a series of special services for prayer and consecration be held by pastors in their own churches, beginning on Sabbath, December 1st, following the Presbyterial conferences. The purpose being, in a measure, to prepare the churches for the special services of the week of prayer.

4. The inauguration of an evangelistic campaign to be participated in by all the churches in each Presbytery, to begin with the week of prayer (or at such other season as may be most convenient for each pastor) and to continue for two or more weeks.

During these services, special effort should be made to reach and enlist the active interest of members of our churches who have become indifferent to their Christian obligations, that the work of the Kingdom of God may be carried forward by a united, harmonious and reconsecrated Church.

5. In view of the expressed preference of many pastors for the assistance of their brethren in the Synod, that every pastor be requested, if possible, to place himself at the disposal of the Evangelistic Committee of his Presbytery, for a period of ten

days or two weeks, to be assigned to the various churches after conference with the pastors of the churches.

6. That inasmuch as there seems to be an increasing interest in Christian service among the men of our churches, the members of the Brotherhoods be requested to co-operate with pastors in evangelistic effort.

Synod now listened to an address on behalf of the Board of Freedmen by Rev. Henry T. McClelland, D.D., Field Secretary of the Board, and at the close the following resolution, offered by Rev. Robert Scott Inglis, D.D., was adopted:

The Synod approves the effort to raise within the bounds of the Synod, through the Freedmen's Committees of the Presbyteries, the sum of \$987.50 by special contributions in order to bear Synod's proportion of \$12,500, *i. e.*, one share of \$12.50 to each 1,000 communicants, toward the endowment of the Library of Biddle University, in order to secure Mr. Andrew Carnegie's conditional promise to erect a library building for Biddle if a like sum be raised for the maintenance of the library.

The cause of Ministerial Relief was brought to the attention and consideration of Synod in an address by Rev. Benjamin L. Agnew, D.D., Secretary of the Board.

Rev. John Fox, D.D., Secretary of the American Bible Society, addressed Synod in the interests of that society, and at the close of his address the following resolution, offered by Rev. S. W. Beach, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod has heard Dr. John Fox, of the American Bible Society, with the greatest pleasure, and being stirred by a new sense of the vital importance of this work, would again commend the cause to all our churches and members.

Rev. John H. Kerr, D.D., Editorial Secretary of the American Tract Society, presented to the Synod the needs and aims of that Society, and at the close of his address the following resolution, offered by Rev. James Dallas Steele, Ph.D., was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of New Jersey renews its approval and commendation of the work of the American Tract Society. The need of printing and circulating evangelical literature in foreign tongues, both here and abroad, grows greater, and the Synod recommends the increased support of the Society to the churches under its care.

Committees. The Committee on the Revision of the List of Permanent Committees presented its report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted.

(See list of committees in Appendix.)

Trustees. The Board of Trustees of Synod reported the resignation of Rev. William Thomson as a member of that body, and the Stated Clerk was directed to cast the ballot for Rev. Percy Y. Schelly as his successor. The ballot having been cast, Mr. Schelly was declared elected a Trustee of Synod.

Temperance. The Permanent Committee on Temperance made a supplementary report, which was received and its recommendations adopted as follows:

1. In response to a request from the Women's Synodical Temperance Association of the Synod of Pennsylvania that this Synod endorse its petition to the International Committee of the Evangelical Alliance, asking that one entire day of the Week of Prayer be devoted to prayer for the removal of the drink usages of society, and the abolition of the traffic in alcoholic beverages and of the opium habit and trade. Your Committee recommend that this Synod follow the General Assembly of our Church in adopting the following resolution, the same to be sent to the above as our reply to their request:

That the Synod of New Jersey hereby requests the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance to make Temperance Reform the subject for prayer and consideration on one evening of the Week of Prayer.

2. In response to a communication from the Anti-Saloon League of America, asking this Synod to be represented by delegates at the Thirteenth National Anti-Saloon Convention, your Committee recommend that our Stated Clerk inform the said League that our Synod is, by the constitution of our Church, committed against representation by delegates in non-ecclasiastical bodies or conventions.

3. In response to a request from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Presbytery, asking our endorsement of its plan to appoint Temperance Secretaries in Woman's Missionary Societies, Sunday-schools and Christian Endeavor Societies, your Committee deems it sufficient to simply call the attention of Synod to this plan.

It is voted to extend this session of Synod for ten minutes.

The resignation of Rev. Hugh B. MacCauley, D.D., as Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies was accepted, and Rev. Frank Lukens was chosen to be Chairman in his place. Young
People's
Societies.

The report of the Special Committee on College Visitation was read by the Stated Clerk, in the absence of the Chairman, Rev. W. W. Knox, D.D. It was accepted and its suggestions were adopted as follows: College
Visitation.

Your Committee, appointed to visit the colleges within the borders of Synod to press their claims of the gospel ministry upon their students, would respectfully report that they have endeavored to fulfill their duties to the best of their ability, but have found themselves hindered by circumstances from making their visitations as extended as they desired and as successful as they had hoped. They cannot measure results. They corresponded with the officers of the Philadelphia Society of Princeton University, and while receiving a most courteous reply, were informed that in the schedule of subjects drawn this had not been omitted; that the claims of the ministry had been very recently been presented, and was again to be pressed after the holidays. They, however, invite further correspondence in the future that they may co-operate with the Committee of Synod. They inform us that they are about to form a Ministerial Band, to keep those who are looking forward to the ministry in touch with one another, and we trust to enlarge their circle from those now undecided.

Your Committee further report that after an interview with the president of Rutgers College and the officers of the Y. M. C. A. of that institution they had the pleasure of addressing its members and other Christian students, pleading for consecration to the Christian ministry independent of denominational preferences.

They were pleased to learn that much thoughtfulness exists among the students of the college as to their duty in the matter, and that some are reconsidering their choice in professions, and that some who had thought themselves barred because they had not followed out a classical course in their preparatory studies have now taken up "beginner's Greek" that, if possible, they may now qualify themselves for a theological seminary course.

1. Your Committee would suggest that Synod emphasize the fact the appointment of this Committee of College Visitation does not excuse the pastors of our churches from pressing the claims of the ministry among the families of their churches and among the boys of the Sabbath-schools. There may be many a Samuel ready to hear and respond to the call they fail to utter.

2. They recommend that Presbyteries within whose bounds preparatory schools exist be urged to appoint similar committees, who shall be charged with the duty of pressing the claims of the ministry upon these students, and who shall report both to Presbytery and to this Committee.

After prayer, Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Synod reassembled and, after devotional services, led by the Moderator, resumed business.

Young
People's
Societies.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies was presented by the Stated Clerk, in the absence of the Chairman, Rev. H. B. MacCauley, D.D., was received and its recommendation adopted as follows:

That Synod call the attention of all its sessions and societies to the decrease as compared with last year in societies, members, conversions and contributions, and earnestly calls upon all our young people to advance their work and plan for much greater results.

Temperance
Legislation.

The report of the Special Committee on Temperance Legislation was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Joseph Howell, was received, and pending a consideration of the recommendations of the Committee, Synod was ad-

dressed by Mr. J. Frank Burke, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey. At the close of the address the report and recommendations were adopted as follows:

The Special Committee on Temperance Legislation was continued last year, the Moderator appointing Rev. Joseph Howell, Rev. D. Ruby Warne, Rev. Joshua B. Gallaway, D.D., with Elders Carroll Robbins and Ebenezer Mackey. Elder Robbins has since died.

The past year has been one of hard fighting, and some very decided gains. While the hope of your Committee has not been realized, yet much good work has been done in the quickening of the public conscience, and in bringing to the forefront of the battle line the now State-wide issue of local option. We trust that in the near future New Jersey will take her rightful place in the great work of giving to her citizens the right of "home rule" in regard to the great and iniquitous liquor evil, which has become overgrown, eating up the inhabitants of the State, and, not content with the havoc and destruction of the six days of the week, has become so brazen and defiant as to place its slimy hands upon our most precious and holy of institutions, the Sabbath, and to demand that it be prostituted for the advancement of its unholy gain.

The work of your Committee has been defined by resolutions, beginning in the April meeting of the New Brunswick Presbytery in 1905, when the Presbytery passed a resolution looking to the uniting of all the ecclesiastical bodies in our State in an effort to arouse public sentiment and concerted effort for the obtaining of a local option law.

October, 1905, this Synod passed the following resolution: "That this Synod favors the plan of uniting all the churches and temperance organizations of our State for a movement to secure better temperance legislation, including a wise general local option law, and instructs its Moderator to appoint at this meeting a committee of five—three ministers and two ruling elders—to represent it in such a united effort."

Again, this Synod last year passed the following resolution, through its Permanent Committee on Temperance: "That the special committee appointed last year to co-operate with other organizations to further temperance legislation in our State be continued and instructed to persevere in earnest efforts to secure the enactment of a general local option law, and that the members of our congregations be urged to support this movement."

Also, the Synod, last year, by resolution of the special committee, said: "That Synod recognizes the excellent work of the

Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, in its co-operation with the Synod's Special Committee last winter, in the splendid fight made to try to secure a local option law, and would commend the League and the new superintendent, Mr. J. Frank Burke, to the confidence of the churches."

You will note by all these steps from the inception of this work the goal has been "a wise general local option law" for this State. Except for the strenuous efforts to secure the local option law, the Bishops' bill would never have been passed two years ago. It is good so far as it goes, is to be held on to, as we again press on for "local option," or "home rule." With this end in view, your Committee has worked hand in hand with the Anti-Saloon League the past year. The Superintendent, Mr. J. Frank Burke, has been right on the firing line, and is now in the midst of the battle—just the right man in the right place.

On February 19th, 1907, after a number of efforts to get a Local Option Bill introduced in the Legislature, Mr. Burke induced the Hon. B. Frank Buck, of Cumberland county, to introduce the bill. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On Sabbath, February 17th, two days before the introduction of the bill, February 19th, the churches all over the State passed resolutions, asking for the passage of the Local Option Law.

When the bill was introduced by Mr. Buck, known as House Bill No. 254, numbers of petitions from the people of the State and letters were on every desk.

On February 20th, the day following the introduction of the bill, Mr. J. Frank Burke communicated with the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and asked that an early date be fixed for a hearing on the bill.

In reply, the chairman made arrangements to give a public hearing on the Local Option Bill, with other excise legislation, Monday afternoon, March 4th, from 2:30 to 4:30 P. M. A rousing public hearing was given to the bill March 4th, at which time all three of the ministerial members of your Committee on Legislation were present and spoke on behalf of the bill.

Delay in reporting the bill by the Judiciary Committee led this Committee to believe that there was a purpose to kill the bill in Committee, and Mr. Burke charged the members of the Judiciary Committee with conspiracy so to kill it. In consequence of this, Mr. Burke was, by vote of the Assembly, excluded from the floor of the House.

On March 17th the bill was reported to the House. Upon the final vote it was lost by a vote of eleven to forty-five, four members not voting.

Since the defeat of the Local Option Bill the work of the League and of your Committee has been aggressive. The League has been instrumental in securing, in Cumberland county, the re-nomination

of the member who introduced the bill; in Union county, the defeat for re-nomination of the former leader of the House; in Cumberland county, the pledge of one of the candidates, if elected, to work and vote for Local Option, and is striving in other counties to secure the election of members who will do the same.

Now, as to the issues before us this fall, there is a great deal of misunderstanding and confusion. The excise issue is composed of three distinct propositions. They are: first, The retention of, or the repeal of the Bishops' Bill; second, Sunday local option, *i. e.*, not only shall the liquor dealers have full and legalized power for the sale of intoxicating liquors on the six days of the week, but liquors may be sold also on a portion of the Sabbath, or all of the Sabbath; third, Local Option, or Home Rule of any Municipality, the right by a majority vote, to vote out the liquor evil entirely. The latter is what we, as a Synod, as a Christian Statehood, and believers in Home Rule, stand for.

There are three candidates for the office of Governor before the people at the present time. With regard to the three propositions enumerated above, one candidate is absolutely silent on all three, another has made an emphatic declaration in support of the Bishops' Bill, but is silent upon the two important questions, and the third has openly declared himself as supporting the Bishops' Bill, opposing vicious legislation and ready to work for the obtaining of Local Option.

The suggestion of your Committee is again reiterated, that the path of duty before us is independence in voting for members of the Legislature and the support of those who are willing to work and vote for the enactment of Local Option.

The Bishops' Law is a past accomplishment. It is settled. Let us move onward to the goal—straight Local Option. In this field of the work, The Anti-Saloon League is doing a grand work. The opposition of the Church and temperance forces to the liquor evil has been reduced to a compact working system, and so forged into one powerful agency, before which the enemy trembles. After Synod's commendation of the League last year, its representatives have entered ninety-six of our churches in the State, and the hearty co-operation and willingness among the Presbyterian brethren are second to none in the State.

Your Committee would offer the following resolution:

1. That Synod would call the special attention of the churches to the appeals of its Permanent Committee on Temperance for prompt and united action of pastors and people in support of Local Option legislation during the next session of the Legislature, and especially in responding to calls for attendance upon public hearings before the Legislature, and the sending of letters and petitions to the members of the Legislature promptly at crucial times.

2. Owing to the centralizing of all our forces in the Anti-Saloon League, and the entrance of the representatives of the League into

our churches, through the commendation of your Special Committee, we think the time has come for the discharge of your Special Committee, and recommend that its work be included in the work of the Permanent Committee on Temperance, and that the Special Committee be and hereby is discharged.

It was resolved that the Statistical Reports be printed without reading.

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

Attendance. The report of the Permanent Clerk on Attendance and Leave of Absence was read and is as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT.

<i>Presbytery.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>
Corisco, .....	..	..
Elizabeth,	23	16
Havana, .....	..	..
Jersey City,	14	5
Monmouth,	18	12
Morris and Orange,	14	9
Newark,	14	8
New Brunswick,	23	8
Newton,	8	3
West Jersey,	32	13
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	146	74
Ministers,	146	
Elders,	74	
Corresponding members,	16	
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The following have been excused:

FROM THE PRESENT MEETING.

Elizabeth—Minister Ezra F. Mundy.

Monmouth—Ministers Horace G. Hinsdale, D.D., William S. Steen, Courtlandt P. Butler.

Morris and Orange—Ministers, Thomas B. Ironside, Baker Smith.

Newark—Minister George Louis Curtis.

New Brunswick—Ministers, Francis Palmer, Spencer C. Dickson.

Newton—Ministers William Thomson, Horace D. Sassaman, E. Clarke Cline.

West Jersey—Ministers Luther A. Oates, Joseph Lyons Ewing.

AFTER TUESDAY MORNING.

Elizabeth—Ministers John Sheridan Zelig, D.D., William I. Steans, D.D.

Mounmouth—Elder Forman H. Gordon.

AFTER TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Elizabeth—Minister Robert M. Craig.

Jersey City—Ministers Fisher Howe Booth, Joshua B. Gallaway, D.D.

New Brunswick—Minister James B. Clark.

West Jersey—Ministers, I. Mench Chambers, George W. Tomson, Elder J. Newton Powelson.

AFTER TUESDAY EVENING.

Elizabeth—Ministers James G. Mason, D.D., John T. Scott.

Jersey City—Elder James S. Biddell.

Mounmouth—Ministers Samuel H. Thompson, D.D., Joseph E. Curry.

Newark—Minister E. Morris Fergusson.

New Brunswick—Elder T. B. Stratton.

West Jersey—Ministers James McLeod, D.D., John E. Peters, Sc.D., William J. Trimble, D.D., Elders M. H. Stratton, John W. McCray, B. Frank Nyce.

AFTER WEDNESDAY NOON.

Elizabeth—Ministers Jos. O. McKelvey, Joseph G. Symmes, William Force Whitaker, D.D., I. Alstyne Blauvelt, D.D., Elders Lemuel Neighbour, Leander N. Lovell.

Jersey City—Ministers James H. Owens, D.D., James Scott Young, C. Rudolph Kuebler, D.D., Elder R. C. Hoff.

Mounmouth—Ministers George Swain, D.D., Adolos Allen, Henry R. Hall, Alexander H. Young, D.D., Charles B. Austin, D.D., Charles L. Candee, S. J. McClenaghan, Elders Julius Foster, H. S. Simon, Jonathan L. Whitaker, James Steen, George H. Frech.

Morris and Orange—Ministers Minot C. Morgan, George L. Richmond, Edward P. Gardner, D.D., Robert P. Howie, Walter

W. Hammond, Robert J. Johnston, William T. Pannell, Elders E. H. Williams, Fred Babbitt.

Newark—Minister Nelson B. Chester, Elders Edmund K. Hopper, Waldo C. Genung, James L. Maxwell.

New Brunswick—Ministers Cordie J. Culp, Frederick B. Newman, Wm. W. Knox, D.D., Albert J. Weisley, D.D., Elder William H. Cadwalader.

West Jersey—Ministers Allen H. Brown, D.D., Minot S. Morgan, David H. King, Eugene H. Mateer, Thomas C. Sterling, Ph.D., Elders Jacob Ott, Lawrence Isaacs.

DURING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Elizabeth—Minister Wm. W. Casselberry, Elder Jos. W. Clark.

Jersey City—Ministers Hugh R. McClelland, Ph.D., J. Albin Frey.

Monmouth—Ministers Henry T. Graham, Ormond W. Wright, Elder Wm. M. Moreau.

Morris and Orange—Ministers James F. Riggs, D.D., John F. Patterson, D.D., Elder James R. Voorhees.

Newark—Ministers A. N. Stubblebine, Joseph F. Folsom, Edgar C. Mason.

New Brunswick—Ministers Egidius Kellmayer, Daniel R. Foster, Norris W. Harkness, Elders A. S. Coriell, I. Newton Dumont.

West Jersey—Ministers Alfred P. Botsford, Frederic R. Brace, D.D., Samuel H. Potter, Samuel D. Price, Elder Francis B. Wallen.

AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elizabeth—Minister Joseph B. Ferguson.

Monmouth—Ministers William P. Finney, Arthur W. Remington, Elder James H. Huston.

Newark—Ministers David R. Frazer, D.D., Alexander H. McKinney, Ph.D., Davis W. Lusk, D.D., Robert T. Graham, Elder Wesley C. Miller.

New Brunswick—Ministers Hugh B. MacCauley, D.D., George H. Ingram.

West Jersey—Elder Daniel E. Iszard.

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

Elizabeth—Ministers Frederick D. Tildon, Robert W. Mark, Elders Morris W. Robinson, Ogden Woodruff, Cornelius H. Clark, William Hopf, W. P. Stevenson.

Jersey City—Minister Walter B. Greenway.

Monmouth—Ministers Thomas Tyack, D.D., Frank Lukens, Elder William V. Simpson.

Morris and Orange—Ministers Edward C. Ray, D.D., Robert H. Nichols, Robert S. Steen, Elders Edward L. Cook, Henry C. Ware, C. H. DeHart, Augustus F. Libby.

Newark—Ministers Llewellyn S. Fulmer, D.D., Thomas Morgan, Elders William J. Soverell, Eugene Eagles.

New Brunswick—Ministers Joseph H. Dulles, Paul Martin, George H. Bucher, Alexander O. Macdonald, Elders N. H. Furman, Charles M. Titus.

Newton—Minister Percy Y. Schelly, Elders A. M. Cammon, A. V. Johnson.

West Jersey—Ministers William Aikman, D.D., Edmund J. Gwynn, D.D., William Allen, Jr., John McMillan, B.D., Herbert M. Gesner, Harvey T. Casselberry, Homer W. Taylor, Harold S. Rambo, Elders Charles E. Adams, J. A. Cunningham, James MacWilliams.

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

The Synod adjourned to meet in Atlantic City on the third Monday of October, 1908.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction.

JOHN T. KERR,

Recording Clerk.

WALTER A. BROOKS,

Stated Clerk.

The preceding pages contain a correct and accurate record of the proceedings of the Synod of New Jersey at its meeting in Atlantic City, October 21st to 23^d, 1907

attest: -

Walter A. Brooks,

Stated Clerk.



General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

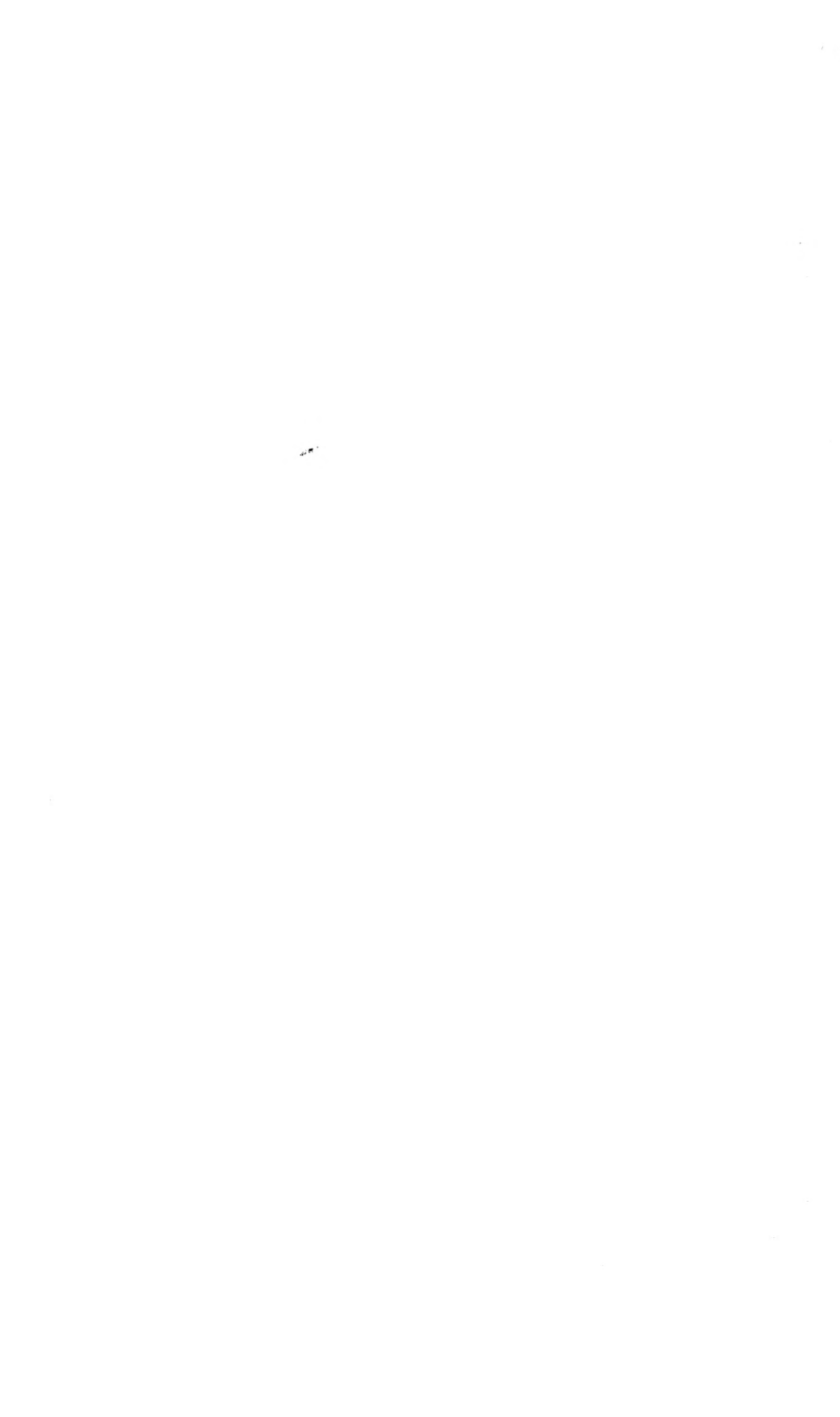
Rev. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.,
Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Approved, so far as presented, in General
Assembly at Kansas City, Mo., May 30th, 1908.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. H. Roberts".

Stated Clerk.



APPENDIX.

I.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 21ST, 1907.

In the spirit of grateful praise we would acknowledge the divine goodness, rejoicing that this Synod can once more set up a milestone of thanksgiving. Whatever is good in the experience or achievements of our churches during this past year, we are happy to confess it as the outcome of gracious favor from our heavenly Father. And whatever is bad, we regret it, but shall waste no time in lamentations. We can only point out the evil, and gird up our loins anew to a fresh grapple therewith.

Any such rapid survey as the present must of necessity be sharply limited in its nature; first, by the time and space allotted in Synod; second, by the meagre information given us in the various Presbyterian Narratives; and, third, by the lack of insight on the part of the Committee to understand the statements made in these reports. For example, when mention is made of "attendance" on public worship, with percentage figures, how far are such assertions based on an actual counting of the congregations, and how far are they guess work? Your Committee cannot answer this question.

Of some vital facts we are perfectly sure. The continued existence of the Church as an organic force in our community is a valid ground for continuous thanksgiving. Every church is a testimony for righteousness, every steeple is an appeal in behalf of soberness and truth, every minister is a standing challenge to the forces of evil. Hence, any such survey as this narrative cannot be pessimistic. If it is the embodiment of any criticism, that is only to point out, and so to conquer the obstacles that lie across our path. And in so doing we are only treating our churches as we treat our bodies when we require the aid of a physician.

As we look over the field we are greatly impressed with the fact that God is caring for us the year around. In many ways the life of our churches has shown a remarkable steadiness, a regularity that seems to indicate depth of principle. The various organizations are maintained, and the benevolent work goes on—the Ladies' Societies, the Sunday-schools, the mid-week prayer meetings, all continue to exercise their proper influence in city and in village. We wish that this influence were more potent; but it is a blessing not to be forgotten, that it should exist at all.

Nine Presbyteries have sent their narratives to your Committee, viz., eight Presbyteries in New Jersey, and our African sister, Corisco.

One difficulty that confronts the brethren who try to make up these reports is the marked indifference of the local congregations. For example, Newark says, "Only twenty-three out of thirty-eight narratives were sent in, and most of these at the last moment."

Our first inquiry is naturally in regard to the growth of the churches themselves. This is not uniform in the different parts of our State.

Morris and Orange says, "Sixteen churches report a net gain, two report the same membership as last year, and eighteen report a net loss."

West Jersey says, "Seventeen churches report a net loss, and thirty-three a net gain." The total net gain of the Presbytery was 259.

Newton reports a net gain of forty-five individuals, *i. e.*, less than one per cent. of the membership.

Newark and New Brunswick have gained about two per cent. Elizabeth has gained about three per cent., and Jersey City rejoices in a net gain of four per cent. in her membership.

Thus we see that there is a small net gain in our Synod from year to year. But as a whole we are not making the inroad that we long to make into the solid mass of selfishness and worldliness that surrounds us.

Public worship is maintained in all these churches, and, with scarcely any exception, there is regular preaching of the Gospel, both morning and evening. The ratio of attendance to the communicant membership of the various bodies is as follows:

<i>Presbytery.</i>	<i>Morning Service.</i>	<i>Evening Service.</i>
	<i>Percentage.</i>	<i>Percentage.</i>
Elizabeth.	56	30
Newark.	47	30
New Brunswick.	65	35
Newton.	50	33

Turning to the mid-week prayer meeting as to a token of spiritual activity, we find that with few exceptions it is thinly attended. One noteworthy exception is Corisco. In that far-off land the attendance is commendable. In every case where the churches have enjoyed pastoral care the effort has been blessed to a rich spiritual fruitage.

Elizabeth reports the attendance as ten per cent. of her membership, adding that there has been "unusual interest" in two churches only during the year.

New Brunswick says, "The power-plant is not in good working order."

Monmouth says that the reports from the churches make one think of "Egypt's lean years, and of the Russian and the Chinese famine sufferers."

Jersey City says, "The mid-week service is not the potent force in the church's life that it might be."

One phrase that is employed in our question blanks has been criticised as tending to obscurity, viz., the expression "Unusual interest." How much is meant by these words? Some other term might perhaps be clearer as to its significance.

Another suggestion made in the report from Monmouth should be noted. Most of the statements are drawn up by pastors. And it is natural that a pastor should shrink from saying anything in his report that would look like boasting. So the question is asked, "Ought not these reports to be drawn up by some one else?" We think so, or, at least, should there not be an opportunity for some person who is quite outside of local prejudice to have a chance in the report to say what ought to be said?

The duties of a pastor are extremely difficult, and require the constant exercise of tact, judgment and moral insight. No one feels this more keenly than the pastor himself, but it renders the task of reporting on his own work embarrassing. So he is tempted to fall back on mere statistics, and simply answers the questions of the General Assembly in a formal way. Those questions are not designed to put the pastors in a straight-jacket, or to fetter their free expression. Yet, when any man is face to face with the duty of summing up his own work, it is easy to see that he will be likely to fill up the blanks and think his duty done.

If there were a larger liberty of expression in the local reports, and if something were said occasionally about the life of the young people, of their intellectual advance, their books and reading and the like, the outcome of this would appear in the Presbyterial and Synodical summaries. As it is now there is a total dearth of information on all such topics.

In respect to our Sunday-school work the case is, perhaps, more encouraging.

Elizabeth says: "Ninety-two per cent. of those who unite with the church by profession of their faith in Christ have been pupils in the Sunday-school." Jersey City says: "Eighty-one per cent. are from the Sunday-school." And their report adds: "Here is the fountain of perennial youth." Elizabeth says that almost all the schools use the Westminster Helps and teach the Shorter Catechism. But over against this bold statement we set the declaration of West Jersey: "The Shorter Catechism is well-nigh excluded from our Sunday-schools." In the opinion of your Committee both these statements are exaggerated and much too sweeping.

On the whole, the outlook is most hopeful in Jersey City. Their report says: "Almost the entire force of the churches is perfectly organized and doing splendid work." Again: "For the most part, the pastors of our churches have been their own evangelists and missionaries, and they have had a mind to the work, and so far as they were able have done it." This is high praise, and we congratulate our brethren of Jersey City. They have received to the Lord's table on profession of their faith 378 persons.

In regard to family worship and the maintenance of domestic piety, we are sorry to find that the reports are gloomy.

Newton says: "Family religion is sadly neglected."

Jersey City, in a statement which is otherwise so jubilant, says: "More than one pastor has the secret misgiving that the fire of the family altar is not kept burning."

Many pastors, in their reports to Presbytery, profess ignorance on this point. But we fear that neglect is the rule, rather than the exception. In the case of one church the Session say that they "trust" that every family observes household piety. The Presbyterianial report follows up this surprising bit of optimism with the apt quotation: "Faith is the evidence of things not seen."

The famous Brotherhood meeting held at Indianapolis has stirred up many of our churches to "go and do likewise." A large number of the local brotherhoods have been organized and the results are yet to be measured.

Elizabeth says: "About half the churches have such societies."

Jersey City says: "Fifteen churches have them."

New Brunswick says: "There are twenty-four societies for men."

West Jersey has twenty, with a total of 536 members.

Newark says: "About half the churches have them," but only one church has a boys' club.

In regard to our work for young people, we feel that the right method has not yet been devised. The youth of our churches are exposed on every side to all sorts of perils, notably in their relation to the problem of amusements and secular entertainments. This is a difficult problem. It is linked in closely with the problem of books and reading for children, libraries for Sunday-schools, the social meetings of the C. E. Societies and a host beside.

In the broader question of the Church and the world, we can only pray for a fresh baptism of divine grace. Is our Synod doing all that we might do to evangelize the community?

In this hand-to-hand battling against the world, the flesh and the devil, we cheerfully assign the first place to our brave little African Presbytery of Corisco. In that field they are surrounded by the thick darkness of pagan life. Special difficulties are crowding upon them continually. Tremendous moral risks are involved in everything they try to do. They have a wide territory and few preachers. Distances are great, and the outward strength of temptation is reinforced by its ever-new subtilty within. And the natural obstacles are rendered more troublesome by the poisonous influence of some degraded white traders from Europe and from America. We all sympathize and delight to do honor to Corisco, praying that the Lord of the harvest may bestow His benediction on that portion of our wide field.

Of our own eight Presbyteries at home, the most trying problems confront those who have to fight the Lord's war in the large cities. There is the forefront of the hottest battle, and there we must not slacken for a moment. If those villages in our State which contain

four or five churches and support four or five ministers would consolidate two or more of the churches and so spare one minister, sending him to the cities where he is desperately needed, it would be an unspeakable blessing. Our eight Presbyteries would set an example to all the world if they would lead off in such a consolidation. We could spare thirty or forty ministers, who could thus be marshalled in the large cities of our State and who would do a vast amount of good there. Such a system would simply double the size of certain congregations, and this would work no mischief. Some people would have to travel a little farther to church. But then they would have the joy of rendering a real service to the cause of our Redeemer.

In the handling of large business enterprises there is a resolute effort made to avoid waste of material, waste of any sort of reserve power. Ought it not to be so in our work? Has not the time come when the Synod of New Jersey should set an example of common sense? Our cities are swarming with human beings—Poles, Russians, Magyars, Italians, Germans, not to mention our own native American flesh and blood. And they are still coming in countless multitudes. On the other hand, the village life of our State is practically at a standstill. Now, in view of the facts, which are beyond any challenge, your Committee submits this question to Synod. Is it good business to keep three-fourths of the ministers in villages to do one-fourth of the work, and to set one-fourth of the ministers in the vast whirlpool of humanity to grapple with three-fourths of the work?

We often pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into His harvest. But there is another primary question. The Lord Himself, by His providence and by the experience of the Board of Education, is asking us in no uncertain tones, "What use are you making of the laborers that have been sent already?"

May the All-wise and Almighty Father give us such wisdom, both as individuals and as a Synod, that when we stand before the great white throne we may be able to answer, "Lord, by thy grace we fought a good fight and we kept the FAITH."

JAMES F. RIGGS,

Chairman.

II. NECROLOGICAL REPORT.

The Committee on Necrology, with mingled regret and rejoicing, report the deaths of eleven of the members of Synod. This is the largest number recorded in the past seven years.

In 1901, there were 9 deaths; in 1902, 8; in 1903, 10; in 1904, 9; in 1905, 6; in 1906, 8; in 1907, 11.

Almost immediately after the adjournment of Synod last year, the messenger of death entered two of our Presbyteries; the Rev. John Turner was called from the Presbytery of West Jersey, and Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D., from the Presbytery of New Brunswick. And now in the month of our convening again, the Presbytery of Jersey City suffers loss in the death of Rev. John T. Osler, which occurred October 7th, 1907. Thus throughout the year has our path been shadowed by death.

The Presbyteries of Corisco and Havana have made no report to your Committee, and we have heard of no deaths in their membership. The Presbytery of Newton is the only one reporting no deaths.

Three deaths are recorded by the Presbytery of Jersey City; two each, by West Jersey and Morris and Orange; one each, by Elizabeth, Monmouth, Newark and New Brunswick.

In the order of their departure we enter their names in this year's Necrology.

Rev. John Turner,	
Presbytery of West Jersey,.....	October 20th, 1906.
Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D.,	
Presbytery of New Brunswick,	October 25th, 1906.
Rev. Albert G. Bale,	
Presbytery of Monmouth,	December 15th, 1906.
Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, D.D.,	
Presbytery of Elizabeth,	December 24th, 1906.
Rev. Thomas Alonzo Reeves,	
Presbytery of Morris and Orange,	January 20th, 1907.
Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D.,	
Presbytery of Jersey City,	March 25th, 1907.
Rev. Samuel B. Dod,	
Presbytery of Morris and Orange,	April 19th, 1907.
Rev. Chester Bridgman,	
Presbytery of West Jersey,	May 23d, 1907.
Rev. Dupuytren Vermilye,	
Presbytery of Jersey City,	June 8, 1907.
Rev. George S. Hall,	
Presbytery of Newark,	September 11th, 1907.
Rev. John T. Osler,	
Presbytery of Jersey City,	October 7th, 1907

Three were in active ministry. Two had retired with the title of pastor emeritus. One was a life-long teacher and professor. Five were without charge.

Two had passed fourscore years, seven had passed threescore and ten. The youngest was fifty-nine. The average age was seventy-one years and three months.

Each had served faithfully and well, and all have been respected and loved for their personal virtues and pastoral services. Highly esteemed "for their works' sake" in life, they have been accorded high reward in death.

Saddened in heart, sobered in thought, but also stirred in soul, we, the living, still serve, neither knowing nor caring to know the day nor hour of the messenger's coming to bid us cease our labors, only knowing whom we have believed and that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day.

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

THE REV. JOSEPH M'CARROLL M'NULTY, D.D.

was born in Shippensburgh, Pa., September 18th, 1827. At the age of twelve years he made his home at Newburgh, N. Y., with his uncle, Rev. J. M. McCarroll, D.D. He studied theology in the Newburgh Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Church.

His first pastorate was at Kortright, Delaware county, N. Y., from 1854 to 1858. He was called to the Congregational Church of Clarkson, Monroe county, N. Y., where he labored from 1858 to 1862. Then he removed to Montgomery, Orange county, N. Y., where he labored in the Presbyterian Church from 1862 to 1868.

He was called from this church to the Presbyterian Church of Winona, Minnesota, and remained there from 1868 to 1871. Then he came to the Claremont Avenue Church of Jersey City, and labored from 1871 to 1874. He was then called to Woodbridge, N. J., where, after a long and fruitful ministry of thirty-three years, he entered into rest December 24th, 1906.

He was married twice. His first wife was Hannah B. Lander of Newburgh, N. Y., who died at the beginning of his ministry at Woodbridge and was buried there. In the autumn of 1877, he was married to Margaret Prall, of Woodbridge, N. J., who survived him but a few months. One son by his first wife survives him, Mr. Benjamin McNulty.

Dr. McNulty's ministry was long, varied and fruitful. His brethren of his Presbytery have recorded their appreciation of his ability as a preacher, his devotion as a pastor, his fidelity as a presbyter and his genial Christian character, in all the relations of life.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

THE REV. EDWIN ADOLPHUS BULKLEY, D.D.,

was born in Charlotte, S. C., in 1826, and was a descendant of the Rev. Peter Bulkley, who was one of the founders of Concord, Mass., and the first minister of the First Church of that place. Dr. Bulkley was graduated from Yale College in 1844 and from Union Theological Seminary in 1847. Upon his graduation from the seminary he was married to Miss Catharine F. Oakley, daughter of Daniel Oakley, a merchant and a leader in religious circles.

In the summer of 1847 he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Geneva, N. Y., and on October 11th of that year was ordained to the ministry by the Fourth Presbytery of New York, in that city.

After two years and a half in his first charge, he assumed the pastoral charge of the Congregational Church at Groton, Mass., with which he remained thirteen and a half years. In 1864 he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh, N. Y., and held its pastorate till 1878, when he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Rutherford, N. J. From his installation here, on December 10th, 1878, until the dissolution of the pastoral relation on April 19th, 1898, he ministered to that church faithfully and well. On the day the pastoral relation was dissolved, he was made pastor emeritus, and so remained until his death.

The University of Vermont conferred upon him the degree of doctor of divinity in 1868. He was Moderator of Presbytery in 1879, and in 1896, and was Moderator of the Synod of New Jersey in 1883. In 1880 he was elected Stated Clerk of Presbytery, and served faithfully for many years.

He died on March 25th, 1907, having spent sixty fruitful years in the ministry. When fifty of these had passed, he said: "I would look upward, and not downward; if the eye is upon Christ, and turned to where He is, what else do we behold except a Master's hands, with recompenses in them and our own Lord's presence, in the glory of which we may share also."

THE REV. DUPUYTREN VERMILYE

was born at Peekskill, N. Y., in 1832; was graduated from Rutgers College in 1860, and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1863. He was licensed by the Classis of Poughkeepsie of the Reformed Church in the same year. He served at Jefferson and Pittsford from 1863 to 1865, and at Palisades from 1865 to 1868. Accepting a call to Guilderland, N. Y., he was transferred to the Presbyterian Church, in connection with which he remained until his death.

During the past twenty-five years he was without a charge. He was regular in his attendance upon the meetings of Presbytery, and faithful in the discharge of whatever duties devolved upon him.

He resided at Ridgewood, N. J. He was suddenly stricken with heart failure at noon on June 8th, 1907, and died a half-hour later, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

"He came to his grave in a full age; like a shock of corn cometh in his season."

THE REV. JOHN THOMPSON OSLER

was born in Danville, Pa., in November, 1832. He was graduated from the College of New Jersey in 1860, and from Princeton Seminary in 1863. He was ordained on April 5th, 1865, by the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia. He served as pastor at Hancock, Md., from 1865 to 1867; at Kingwood, N. J., from 1867 to 1872, and at Bethlehem, Pa., from 1872 to 1875. In the midst of growing usefulness and power at Bethlehem his career was suddenly checked by a throat affection, which incapacitated him for pulpit work. The succeeding six years were spent privately and quietly at Princeton, N. J.

In 1881 his health was so much improved that he was able to accept a call to the Presbyterian Church at West Milford, N. J., in the Presbytery of Jersey City, where he continued in honored service for twenty-six years, when he was made pastor emeritus just before his death.

By his wisdom, faithfulness and ability and the charm of his character he won a warm place in the affections of his people, and approved himself as a true servant of Christ.

An illness in the summer of 1905 developed into nephritis, and he finally passed away in Christ Hospital, Jersey City, on October 7th, 1907, aged seventy-five, and was laid to rest at Princeton, N. J. A widow survives him.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

THE REV. ALBERT GALLIFORD BALE

was the son of John Bale and his wife Mary Galliford. He was born September 10th, 1840, at Barnstable, Devonshire, England, and with his family came to the United States in 1853. For several years he lived in Buffalo, N. Y., and there attended a private school taught by Lieutenant Smith, of West Point. He early manifested a taste for architecture and for some years studied in the office of one of the principal architects of Buffalo. In 1857 he went to Dubuque, Iowa, and was associated as draughtsman for a company of builders.

In the autumn of 1859 he began preparatory studies in Phillips Academy, Andover, and entered Amherst College in 1861, from which he was graduated in the class of 1865. While in Amherst he was for

two years private secretary to President Stearns; was a teacher in a district school, and instructed students in mechanical and architectural drawing. He was chosen orator of his class, taking first prize in debate and in original composition.

Mr. Bale studied theology for one year at Bangor, and for two years at Andover Theological Seminary, where he graduated 1868. He was ordained to the ministry of the Gospel by the Congregational Council, at Melrose, Mass., December 3d, 1868; Dr. Seelye, President of Amherst, taking part in his ordination and installation.

Two pastorates mark Mr. Bale's work in life. The first was in the First (Orthodox) Congregational Church of Melrose, Mass., which organization was at that time just twenty years of age. There Mr. Bale labored with much acceptance and success through a long period, from December 3d, 1868, to July 1st, 1896, always prominent in missionary, educational, and temperance work. While there he had the peculiarly trying experience of seeing his church building destroyed by fire, and of undergoing the arduous labors of erecting another. During his long pastorate there he was held in high esteem by the citizens of the town, and he maintained cordial personal relations with the members of his congregation, which grew to be a large and prosperous church. He was the architect of a number of buildings in the locality of Melrose, one of which was the Grove Street School.

His second pastorate was in the First Presbyterian Church of Asbury Park, N. J., from May 25th, 1897, to June 30th, 1902, where he manifested a lovable, loyal and peace-making spirit; and partially, by the sacrifice on his part of resigning his pastorate there, the harmonious union of the two weakened Presbyterian churches of that place was completely effected. For six years Mr. Bale was Secretary of the Woburn Conference of Congregational Churches, Mass., and of the Boston Ministers' Meetings. Also, for ten years, he was State Registrar of the General Association of Congregational Churches, Mass.

Mr. Bale was twice married; first to Miss Mary Caroline Pulsifer, December 1st, 1868, at Newton, Mass., who died in 1886; and, second, to Miss Martha Demaris Ring, December 2d, 1887, at Melrose, Mass. Five children were born to him, all by the first marriage.

He died suddenly of heart disease, on Saturday afternoon, December 15th, 1906. He had been raking leaves on his lawn, and apparently in good health, when his wife, calling him about 5 P. M., received no reply, and, going out, found him lying on the grass. Funeral services were held at his home in Asbury Park, and afterwards on December 18th, 1906, in the First Congregational Church, Melrose, Mass., and his grave was made in Wyoming Cemetery of the same town. He was survived by his wife, his mother, 94 years of age, two sisters and a brother, Lionel, and by three sons, Albert Bacon, of New York; Harold Pulsifer, of New York, and Frederick Sewall, of Boston.

Mr. Bale was an honored member of the Presbytery of Monmouth from 1897 until his death.

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

THE REV. THOMAS ALONZO REEVES

was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1849, his parents being Richard and Mary Louisa Wakeman Reeves. His preparatory studies were taken at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Munson Academy, Massachusetts, and he entered Amherst College in 1871, graduating in 1875. One of his college mates says of him at this time: "While he took no pains to stand high in his classes, he had much more culture and literary taste than many who did. I felt my deficiency in comparison with him, and was helped by him. He was a great big-hearted fellow, and we all loved him. He was a general favorite." Another college mate also bears testimony to the fact that he "was universally beloved, most popular in college, and a friend to every one."

His theological training was obtained in Union Theological Seminary, where he spent the years 1875 to 1878. He was licensed by the Presbytery of North River immediately after leaving the Seminary.

His first charge was over the First Presbyterian Church of Kingston, New York, his ordination and installation taking place on May 21st, 1878. He remained there five years, and in that time a beautiful little church was built, and the additions to the church nearly equaled the total membership at the time of his assuming the pastorate. Mr. Reeves's second pastoral charge was at Matteawan, New York, over the Presbyterian Church, in which place he was installed on October 22d, 1883.

After a happy pastorate of three years at Matteawan, Mr. Reeves, in 1886, removed to Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church there. His work there was foundation work. There were several members of the Presbyterian family in the town, but they had no church building. A hall was secured and services were held there Sunday after Sunday, the congregations growing continually. Mr. Reeves determined to have a church building, started a subscription list, drew up plans for the building, and labored so zealously and effectively that at length a handsome church structure was completed at a cost of \$15,000. Then Mr. Reeves was called to Rockaway, in Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and began what proved to be his last pastorate on April 19th, 1893.

It proved to be a very happy and successful one. The work to be done was different from that which had engaged his energies in preceding pastorates. There was no new church to be built, no congregation to be gathered and organized. Rockaway is an old and staid church. Yet even here opportunity presented itself for improvements, and during Mr. Reeves's administration a new chapel was built and the old church building was thoroughly repaired and refurnished. He died February 20th, 1907.

As a pastor Mr. Reeves was especially successful and much beloved. His cheerfulness, his sympathy, his charitable spirit, his conscientiousness, his sincerity, made him ever a welcome visitor in the home and a wise adviser in the family. Both in and outside of his own congregation he was highly esteemed. Business men welcomed his coming into their stores. The Royal Arcanum found in him a most enjoyable and companionable member. The whole community felt the influence of his bright and healthful presence. When he died the village of Rockaway mourned the loss of a man who by his character and work had proved himself worthy to be called its first citizen. In the pulpit or on the street, in the study and in the home, in devotional services and in the social gathering, he was always and everywhere the Christian gentleman.

The funeral services were held in the church he had served on Saturday, February 23d, 1907. It was the largest funeral ever held in Rockaway, and every one who had come to the church was there to testify to the affection and respect in which the pastor had been held. All classes of society were represented in the throngs, including several of his ministerial associates.

Mr. Reeves was twice married. In 1878 he married Miss Frances Doughlass, who died in 1881. On October 6th, 1886, he married Miss Lizzie C. Van Dewater, who survives him. One son also survives him.

In the death of Mr. Reeves the Presbytery loses a conscientiously faithful member, while his associates personally will miss a genial friend.

THE REV. SAMUEL BAYARD DOD.

Samuel Bayard Dod died at his home in South Orange, New Jersey, on April 19th, 1907. He was born in Princeton, New Jersey, on December 3d, 1837, and was the son of Albert B. Dod, a professor of mathematics in Princeton College. Here Mr. Dod was educated, graduating in 1856. He took a post-graduate course at the University of Berlin. His theological education was received at Princeton Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1862. The same year he was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of New Brunswick. From 1862 to 1864 he was pastor at Monticello, New York, and from 1864 to 1868 at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

It was while he was in charge of the church at Wilkes-Barre that he was made executor-trustee of the estate of his brother-in-law, Edwin A. Stevens, of Hoboken, New Jersey. Soon he discovered that the work of looking after Mr. Stevens' estate was so large and so important, and that his appointment as executor involved so much, that he decided to resign his pastorate, and devote his entire time to carry out the wishes of his brother-in-law, who had provided in his will for the establishment of an educational institution, without defining its character.

Mr. Dod set himself to devise plans by which the terms of Mr. Stevens' will might be most wisely and usefully complied with. After

much deliberation, and consultation with others, it seemed best to found a technical school, inasmuch as Mr. Stevens belonged to a family prominent in engineering and mechanical work, and especially as there were but few institutions of the kind in this country at that time. Mr. Dod read widely upon the subject, and traveled extensively, observing technical schools in Europe, thus making as careful preparation for the new enterprise as possible. In 1871 he announced his plans, and proposed that a beginning be made at once. A Board of Trustees was formed, with Mr. Dod as its President, and the school was founded in accordance with his design.

Stevens Institute is his monument. He watched over it from the beginning with the utmost care, and gave to its development the best he had to give. In addition to the presidency of the Board of Trustees of Stevens Institute, he occupied several other positions of trust. He was a trustee of Princeton University, and President of the First National Bank of Hoboken. He was also at different times connected with the Hudson Trust Company, and the Hoboken ferry, gas and water companies.

Mr. Dod was a man of extensive learning and broad culture, and though for many years he was deeply interested in business of various kinds, he still found time to devote to literary and artistic studies. He wrote and painted for relaxation, and the work which he did on the borders and ceiling decorations of his home in South Orange revealed his talent as an artist, and his love of the beautiful. He was the author of two books, one entitled "Stubble or Wheat," and the other "A Highland Parish."

Mr. Dod was a man of retiring disposition, shunning notoriety, doing his splendid work and making his numerous benevolent gifts in an unostentatious manner.

At the time of his death he was President of the Board of Trustees of the First Church of South Orange, and in whatever church he worshipped he was actively engaged in its work, a loyal friend and wise counsellor of the pastor.

He is survived by a widow, who is a daughter of the Reverend Professor Edward Wall, a member of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange. Three children by his first wife also survived him. They are Miss Isabel Green Dod, of South Orange, Mrs. Sidney M. Colgate, of Orange, and Albert B. Dod, of Havana, Cuba.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home by Rev. Stanley White, D.D., and Rev. John F. Patterson, D.D., on April 22d, 1907, and the body was interred in Rosedale Cemetery, Orange.

Presbytery of Newark.

THE REV. GEORGE S. HALL

was born in Derby, England, in 1848, and graduated from Nottingham Congregational College and Theological Seminary in 1876. He then

took a post graduate course in Durham University, and was ordained to the ministry February 21st, 1877. He then assumed the pulpit of Fawcett Congregational Church, Cumberland, where he remained eleven years. In June, 1889, he came to this country with his family. His first charge here was the Second Congregational Church in Santiago, Cuba. He was then transferred to the Congregational Church at Howells, Orange county, N. Y., and served for five years, when he was called to the Wickliffe Presbyterian Church of Newark, N. J. He was received by the Presbytery of Newark July 1st, 1901; installed pastor of the Wickliffe Church October 2d, 1901. Here he served faithfully and successfully for almost six years, when death by apoplexy suddenly ended his labors.

He had but recently returned from his summer vacation, in seeming excellent health, when, after having conducted his weekly prayer-meeting and retiring to rest, he suddenly became ill, lost consciousness and remained in that state to the end. He died September 11th, 1907, and was, after impressive funeral services in his church, laid at rest in Linden Cemetery September 14th, 1907.

Mr. Hall is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter.

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

THE REV. HENRY CLAY CAMERON, PH.D., D.D.,

son of John and Anna (McFall) Cameron, was born September 1st, 1827, in Sheperdstown, Va. He made a public confession of his faith in the Bridge Street Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, D. C., at the age of seventeen. His preparatory studies were pursued in Georgetown under James McVean, and he graduated from Princeton College in 1847. The next three years were spent in teaching at King George Court House, Va. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1850, graduating therefrom in 1855. During his Seminary course he was joint principal of the Edge Hill School at Princeton, 1851-52, and tutor in Princeton College, 1852-55. This extra work accounts for the prolonging of his course in the Seminary. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, October 5th, 1859, and ordained an evangelist by the same Presbytery, February 1st, 1863. Immediately upon his graduation from the Seminary he began what proved to be his life work, the teaching of Greek language and literature in Princeton College. From 1855 to 1860 he was adjunct professor of Greek in the college, and associate professor from 1860 to 1861. From the latter date he was full professor of Greek, and continued such until the advancing infirmities of age compelled him to give up the work of his chair and he was made professor emeritus in 1904, upon the fifty-second anniversary of his entering the service of the College of New Jersey. In addition to teaching in the Greek department, he was instructor in French from 1859 to 1870, and the librarian of the college from 1865 to 1873. He continued his residence in Princeton until his death, October 23d, 1906,

in the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City, after an operation, from which he was unable to rally, in the 80th year of his age. He received the degree of Ph.D. from Princeton in 1866 and the degree of D.D. from both Rutgers College and Wooster University in 1875. Dr. Cameron was clerk of the faculty of Princeton College from 1882 to 1903. He was also for many years a member of the Committee on Necrology of Princeton Seminary. He prepared the triennial catalogues of Princeton College, which were printed in the Latin language from 1866 to 1893. He was a commissioner to the General Assembly at Cleveland in 1875, at Omaha in 1877 and at St. Louis in 1900. He published articles in the Princeton Review, Hours at Home, Johnson's & Appleton's Encyclopedias, and in the daily and religious papers. He also published a history of the American Whig Society. He assisted the late Professor Cuyot in his series of classical wall maps of Greece, Italy and the Roman Empire. He also published numerous articles in the Princeton Press.

Dr. Cameron was married September 14th, 1858, in Princeton, N. J., to Mina Louise Cecile Chollet, who survives him with one son, Professor Arnold Guyot Cameron.

These dates, appointments, services and honors are the way-marks of a life earnestly devoted to the service of the College of New Jersey and the Presbyterian Church. Princeton had no more faithful lover and the Church no better servant than Dr. Cameron.

He was always a faithful presbyter, attending with conscientious care the meetings of the ecclesiastical judicatories to which he belonged, and giving able and valuable service in matters of importance to the Church and the ministry.

Sorrows clouded Dr. Cameron's later years, in which he had the sympathy of friends who knew his distinguished services and appreciated his virtues. He was buried in the Princeton Cemetery, where he rests in the company of many of those whose work he shared, and with whose honored names his own will ever be associated.

Presbytery of West Jersey.

THE REV. CHESTER BRIDGMAN,

son of Clark and Sophronia (Clark) Bridgman, was born July 3d, 1833, in West Hampton, Mass. He united with the Congregational Church at West Hampton, Mass., at the age of seventeen. He was prepared for college at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass. He entered Amherst College in 1852, and was graduated in the class of 1856. He entered Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., in 1856, and spent one year there. He entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton in 1857, middle class, spent two years there and was graduated. He was licensed at Whately, Maine, May 4th, 1858, by the Hampshire West Congregational Association. On May 1st, 1859, he became stated supply of the Woodstown and Swedesboro churches,

Presbytery of West Jersey. Having been called to the pastorate of these churches, he was received as a licentiate by the Presbytery of West Jersey, and was ordained by them January 5th, 1860, being installed pastor of the Woodstown Church on January 5th, 1860, and pastor of the Swedesboro Church on January 6th, 1860. This relation was dissolved on November 17th, 1863. Having been called to the Congregational Church of Ludlow, Mass., he was dismissed by the Presbytery of West Jersey, April 20th, 1864, to the Hampden East Congregational Association, and was by them received May 3d, 1864. He served the Congregational Church at Ludlow, Mass., as pastor, 1864-1866, and afterwards the Congregational Church at Medfield, Mass., as stated supply, 1867-1868, having been dismissed to the Mendon Congregational Association of Massachusetts on May 7th, 1867. He was received again into the Presbytery of West Jersey on October 7th, 1869, from the Hampden East Congregational Association. He was installed over the Williamstown Church, Presbytery of West Jersey, on October 18th, 1869, from which charge he was released on July 11th, 1871. Having received a call to the Upper Mount Bethel Church, he was dismissed by the Presbytery of West Jersey to the Presbytery of Lehigh on July 11th, 1871. He served the church at Upper Mount Bethel as pastor-elect, 1871-1873. He returned to Woodstown, N. J., in 1874, and was received again into the Presbytery of West Jersey from the Presbytery of Lehigh on April 28th, 1875. He continued to reside at Woodstown, N. J., until he resumed the active duties of the ministry in 1878. Though retaining his membership in the West Jersey Presbytery, he acted as stated supply of the Congregational Church of Torrington, Conn., 1878-1879, and afterwards as stated supply of the Congregational Church of Greenfield Hill, Conn., 1879-1881.

In 1881 he returned to Woodstown, N. J., having retired from the active work of the ministry, and resided there till 1887. He then resided at Bordentown, N. J., at Haddonfield, N. J., and also at Merchantville, N. J., but returned again to Woodstown, N. J., in 1905, and resided there till his death.

He died, aged 73 years, 10 months and 20 days, on May 23d, 1907, in Philadelphia, Pa., of nephritis, at the Hospital of St. Agnes.

He was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Woodstown, N. J.

He was a Commissioner to the General Assembly at St. Louis, Mo., in 1890.

He contributed numerous articles to the religious newspapers, and many of them attracted attention as being of more than ordinary value. His tract of eight pages, entitled "Come to Me," is still published by the American Tract Society. This tract grew out of an article published by him in the "Presbyterian."

He published a sermon, sixteen pages, Salem, N. J., 1860, entitled "The Mechanism of Man."

He was married May 30th, 1861, at Bridgeton, N. J., to Miss Sarah H. Reed, of Woodstown, N. J., who, with one daughter, survives him.

THE REV. JOHN TURNER,

son of Michael and Ellen Turner, was born November 1st, 1838, in Manchester, England. He came to this country in his early manhood, and resided in New York City. He was a sailor by occupation, and had served on a British man-of-war as a powder boy in the Crimean war. He was converted in New York City during the great revival of 1857, under the preaching of Rev. Dr. Charles John Jones, himself a sailor and then pastor of the Mariners' Church of New York City, and afterwards so well known as the Chaplain of Sailors' Snug Harbor, Staten Island, N. Y. When nearly nineteen years of age, he made a public confession of his faith, and was received, after baptism, on August 2d, 1857, into the Mariners' Church of the Port of New York, an undenominational church. He began his course of preparation for the gospel ministry while a member of the Mariners' Church, but having decided to enter the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, he was dismissed from the Mariners' Church on May 2d, 1860, and was received, June 7th, 1860, by the First Presbyterian Church of New York City, which church, through its pastors, interested themselves in his welfare during the next ten years. He was prepared for college in Woodbridge, N. J., at the Elm Tree Institute, under Prof. Thomas Harvey Morris. During his summer vacations he was employed in the Five Points House of Industry, New York City. He entered the College of New Jersey in 1863, and was graduated with the class of 1867. Entering the Theological Seminary at Princeton in the fall of the same year, he took the full course, three years, and was graduated in 1870. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New York City (O. S.), on August 14th, 1869.

He was ordained by the Presbytery of Hudson, on May 26th, 1870, being at the same time installed pastor of the church of Hopewell, Orange county, N. Y. He served this church for over nineteen years with much success. Only one year of his pastorate passed without additions on profession of faith, and twice in his ministry the church at Hopewell was blessed with gracious revivals of religion. His wife's continued ill health and his own gradually failing health were the immediate causes of the dissolution of the pastoral relation, which took place September 17th, 1889. He took up his residence temporarily at Burnside, Orange county, N. Y., and resided there till he was called to his next pastorate, at Deerfield, New Jersey. He was called to Deerfield Church, Presbytery of West Jersey, on March 11th, 1893, and was installed there August 23d, 1893. His health again failing him, the pastoral relation was dissolved June 30th, 1896. He was never again able to resume the active duties of the ministry. He removed to Bridgeton, N. J., and resided there from 1897 until he died, on October 22d, 1906, aged 68 years. He was buried in the cemetery connected with the Brick (Dutch) Reformed Church, near Montgomery, Orange county, New York. He was a commissioner to

General Assembly at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1881. He was married on October 4th, 1871, at Hamptonburg, New York, to Margaret Hanford Young, who survives him. He was a fine speaker and a man most interesting in his personality. He had an iron will and a strong intellect.

WM. W. KNOX,
Chairman.

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

PERSONAL NOTES.

In April last the Rev. William Thomson withdrew from the chairmanship of the Synodical Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Newton, and so ceased to be a member of Synod's Committee. At the same time he gave up the pastorate after a service in the ministry of fifty years. Mr. Thomson had been a member of the Synod's Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, which was superseded by the present Synodical plan in 1886. He became a member of the new committee created under that plan, and has rendered continuous service upon it for more than twenty years. Last of the fathers who inaugurated this work and longest in official service in it, he has abundantly earned the gratitude of the whole Synod, even as through all these years he won and held the admiration of his associates on the committee, for his wise counsel and unvarying courtesy, his systematic methods and his unflagging zeal.

Rev. Percy Y. Schelly, appointed by the Presbytery to the vacant position, has already taken his place upon our Committee and begun to render effective service.

In April the Treasurer received a check for \$1,000.00 for Synodical Home Missions. It bore the date of the day upon which its maker, Mr. Ralph Voorhees, of the Clinton Church, Presbytery of Elizabeth, passed from earth. Mr. Voorhees has been the largest individual giver to this cause in recent years. Beginning in 1901 with a gift of \$100.00, he increased his annual gift the next year to \$500.00, and this was again increased in 1905 to \$1,000.00, which amount he gave each year since. This gift has been independent of the gifts of the church and Presbytery and in excess of their apportionments. In the providence of God these gifts of his servant began to come just as the new demands for evangelizing the immigrants were pressed upon us, and it has been in large measure by means of these gifts that Synod has been able to advance as rapidly as it has in this work. We may well give thanks for the grace of God manifest through this liberal follower of Christ, and pray that the God of all grace will raise up others to continue and enlarge the work thus bereft of its most generous supporter.

In August Edward Shields MacConnell, then serving in one of our aided fields, the Absecon Church, perished beneath the waves whose roar is in our ears as we meet here. Mr. MacConnell was grandson of Rev. Edward P. Shields, D.D., of our Synod, and son of Rev. John S. MacConnell, late of Pittsburgh, Pa. He was securing an education largely through his own efforts, and had passed through Wooster University and the Junior year at Princeton Seminary. He intended

to become a foreign missionary. He was out in a sailing boat with friends when one of the number, who could not swim, fell overboard. Mr. MacConnell, himself an expert swimmer, instantly leaped into the sea to rescue him, but both went down to death. The spirit of true heroism and self-sacrifice, so often shown in the foreign field and upon the frontiers of our own land, is not wanting in those who are seeking to save their fellow-men in the mission fields of our own State.

FINANCIAL COMPARISONS.

Receipts.—Although Synod did not celebrate the twenty-first year of Synodical Home Missions by raising twenty-one thousand dollars for this cause, as we began to hope it would, it almost attained. The current receipts for the year were \$20,763.82, a gain of \$604.72 over last year, of this \$563.12 was in increased contributions.

This increase was needed. Excluding money received for specified objects, the receipts for the general work were \$20,529.70; the expenditures for the same amounted to \$20,255.90, but \$34.80 less. A margin of less than \$35.00 in a business of over \$20,000, extending over a year, involving payments to over a hundred fields by eight independent Presbyteries, and collections from 350 churches, with the exact result only ascertainable when the books have closed, is an uncomfortably close margin for those having the matter in charge. It is very important that there should be a good surplus, for under the conservative methods pursued this balance furnishes the basis and the measure of the new work to be undertaken in the succeeding year.

As for years past, Elizabeth Presbytery leads in the gross amount contributed with a total of \$4,303.00. The churches exceeded the apportionment of the Presbytery by more than \$100.00 and the gifts of last year by nearly \$250.00.

Morris and Orange comes second with \$3,312.15, \$6.15 more than its apportionment and \$11.12 more than last year.

New Brunswick's total is \$3,158.60, made up by exactly meeting her apportionment, and adding \$260.00 for special work among Italians within her own fields. The Presbytery thus exceeds her previous gifts by \$166.05.

West Jersey gave \$2,425.45, overleaping her apportionment by \$111.71 and exceeding last year by \$211.04.

The total from Newark Presbytery is \$2,217.19. This is \$854.01 less than Synod asked and than the Presbytery intended and expected to raise, but it is \$108.50 better than last year.

But we do you to wit, brethren, the grace of God bestowed on the Presbytery of Jersey City and its churches. They not only gave this year \$2,266.76, thus exceeding their apportionment by \$59.62 and their own record by \$162.44, but in addition the Presbytery, impressed by the need and opportunity for this work, voted unanimously that their apportionment for next year should be raised two cents per member. Complaints about the apportionment, requests to reduce it, have not

been unfamiliar, but such a request as this never before rejoiced the ears of the Committee.

Monmouth, the prompt, again met her obligations by a total of \$1,857.71, which was \$79.31 beyond her apportionment, and \$98.41 beyond last year's gifts.

Newton Presbytery gave \$957.59; \$367.25 less than the apportionment, but within \$41.12 of the gifts of last year.

These figures make evident, as nothing else could, that interest in this work and appreciation of its value, is growing all over the State.

The Distribution.—The fresh calls and consequent distribution have been as widespread as the gain in interest and ingathering.

In every Presbytery, save Monmouth, more money has been spent this year than last. In Monmouth, the growth in self help has thus far enabled the Presbytery to keep pace with the calls for new work.

Payment to Morris and Orange increased \$54.50; to Newton, \$87.48; to Jersey City, \$95.66; to New Brunswick (provided for by special contributions), \$207.83; to West Jersey, \$227.85; to Newark \$229.20; to Elizabeth, \$296.25.

The making of maps, printing and distributing of the pamphlet, "Twenty Years of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey," to all ministers and elders throughout the Synod, increased the administration account by \$145.

In all, including administration, \$1,082.05 more was expended for the work this year than last.

TABULATED RESULTS.

The reports from the separate fields are not complete in numbers or details. The tabulation of those received yields the following figures:

Aid has been given for the payment of 73 ordained ministers, and 19 unordained workers, a total of 92. These have in almost all cases been employed for the entire year. They have preached more than 7,060 sermons. They have conducted more than 2,700 prayer meetings; made at least 20,000 pastoral visits; baptized 405 infants and 74 adults. There have been received into the churches and missions on certificate 326, and upon profession of faith, 472. The total Communicants number 5,900.

Ninety-five Sunday-schools report almost 7,000 members. Missionary and Aid Societies of Women, and Young People's Societies are general; a few have Men's Societies. The Missions among foreigners generally have a beneficiary society connected with them.

The Synodical aid has helped to make available about 90 church edifices and chapels, worth over \$400,000, with which manses, worth \$100,000, have been connected. Upon these properties debts amounting to \$65,000 now rest. The aided churches and missions raised during the year for the payment of debts, over \$5,000; for new buildings (chiefly in Newark), about \$20,000; for repairs and improvements, over \$8,000; for pastor's salaries, over \$32,000; for current expenses, \$18,000;

a total for their own work of over \$80,000, or four times the amount of aid given.

These aided churches and missions further contributed to beneficence, including church boards and other causes outside their own bounds, nearly \$6,000. Thus yielding a direct money return to the church at large, in a single year, of 30 per cent. upon the amount of aid expended.

QUESTIONS SUGGESTED.

These reports show a large amount of faithful work done, and valuable results secured at relatively small outlay. They start certain questions which seem worthy of serious attention by Synod, Presbyteries, Committees and workers.

Salaries. Twenty thousand dollars of aid may seem large in the aggregate, but when it comes to be distributed among over 100 places, many of which are served by ministers with families dependent on them, the impression is reversed. The average aid is little more than \$200.00 per man, or at the rate of \$4.00 a week.

When the amount reported as raised by these churches and missions themselves has been added, the figures would show an average salary of less than \$600.00. This is doubtless too low for the average, but many have been down to that figure and some below it. This is sometimes also without manse. To-day even the most liberally supported ministers are made sensible of the great increase in the cost of living. We have passed resolutions that salaries ought not to be less than \$800.00 and a house. Is it not time to set definitely to work to realize this sufficiently low ideal? The immediate control of this matter is in the hands of the several presbyteries, but the concurrent action of the whole Synod will help directly and indirectly. Where aided churches can themselves increase, they should be stimulated to increase the support of the minister. Where this is not possible, an increased aid should be given. This will call for larger gifts from all the churches.

Prayer-meetings and Out-stations.—In some fields, particularly in rural districts, no prayer-meetings or out-station work is reported, and in others it is stated that no prayer-meetings are held. The scattered residence of the people is doubtless the chief reason for lack of prayer-meetings, but does not this very fact call for neighborhood meetings, at least during favorable seasons. School houses are commonly available for work in sections not directly in touch with the church edifice. The rural communities are rapidly rivaling the cities in non-church going habits, and the minister and his earnest people must go out after the uninterested, carrying the church to them, if they will not come to the church.

Visits.—In many reports it is stated that no record of pastoral visits is kept. The number reported by different men varies greatly. Ought we not to hold ourselves and one another up to the systematic and vigorous prosecution of this most important phase of pastoral work?

That he be a house-going minister is one of the first essentials for any man's real success in the pastorate, and above all in missionary fields.

Evangelists.—In some Presbyteries the question of employing an evangelist who shall devote his whole time to holding evangelistic meetings in the several churches has been mooted. The Synodical Conference at Indianapolis favored the appointment of such men to work under synodical, rather than presbyterial, direction. The synods of Ohio and Illinois have several such. The Synod of New York had one last year. It is a fair question whether this Synod should not have one or more such men to aid the pastors in special evangelistic services in our mission fields without charge to the churches other than a free-will offering. A group of laymen in Chester Presbytery has provided the salary for such a man with satisfactory results for several years.

In general, then, there appears call and opportunity in our mission fields for more aggressive work, which may be answered in part, at least, by better support, more activity and, if need be, new agencies.

OUR NEGRO POPULATION.

The needs of the colored people in different parts of the State have been brought to the notice of the Committee during the past year. The negro population has more than doubled in twenty-five years, rising from less than forty thousand (38,853) in 1880 to nearly eighty thousand (79,485) in 1905. There are over thirty thousand more colored people in the State now than there were fifteen years ago. Three colored Presbyterian churches were established previous to the civil war, which still exist—Plane Street, Newark; Siloam, Elizabeth, and Witherspoon Street, Princeton. Bethel Mission, Plainfield, was started about twenty years ago; Bethany Chapel, Englewood, somewhat later. Jericho Church, West Jersey Presbytery; St. Augustine Church, Paterson, and Lafayette Church, Jersey City, originated still later. This makes for the whole State six churches and two small missions. But what are they among so many? Three Presbyteries have no organized work at all for colored people. Several of the colored churches are not now in good condition. They report, all told, a little over 500 members with a slightly greater number in the Sunday schools. It may be thought that the tens of thousands of these people are looked after by other churches. But so far as we have been able to discover, the aggregate number of colored churches of other denominations does not much exceed one hundred, with an enrolled membership of not more than 20,000.

It may be said fairly that our past efforts for the negro have not been very encouraging. But may not this be due in some measure to lack of care and vigor in its prosecution? To assert that the spirit and methods of our church are not suited to reach and influence the negro is to reflect not on him, but ourselves. But it has been proven, both in Africa and America, that *with proper ministers* we can do much for these people. It is the testimony of well-informed men, both of their own race and ours, that the indirect as well as direct

influence of Presbyterian teaching and worship is both needed and is effective in promoting intelligence, morality and true piety in the members of this race. There is now in the city where we meet a body of intelligent and earnest colored men and women who are petitioning to be organized as a Presbyterian Church. If we can secure funds to warrant it, would not the appointment of a general missionary and evangelist for the colored people of the State be a wise step? In this way pertinent information could be obtained and effective measures to meet the need could be carried out.

OUR IMMIGRANTS.

The stream of non-English speaking immigrants continues to flow with increasing volume into and over the State. In every Presbytery the call has come in the past year to take up fresh work among them. In each of the Presbyteries of Jersey City, Morris and Orange, Newark, Elizabeth, New Brunswick, Monmouth, and West Jersey, new Italian missions have been undertaken. The Italians are everywhere and are generally accessible. Definite work has been carried on among them at eighteen different points during the year. Newton has received a Hungarian Church, and is tentatively at work among these people at two other places. The work in our seven Hungarian missions is still seriously disturbed by the factional efforts of the ministers of the National Church, and needs fostering care.

The Board of Publication and S. S. Work has supported throughout the year a Ruthenian colporteur laboring chiefly among his own people, under direction of this Committee, in Newark and adjacent cities. We provided rooms for him in Newark for meetings and for a printing office, from which the only evangelical publication in that tongue in the United States was issued. This is all we have been able to do for the Slavic races, whose members have constituted nearly forty per cent. of the immigration into the State for the past eight years, and probably now number 150,000 to 200,000 souls. Work was carried on at two points each for Armenians and for Syrians.

SHALL WE DO IT?

Surely if the idea exists anywhere that the mission work of the Synod of New Jersey is a small and unimportant factor among the objects presented for the gifts of the churches, that idea will be banished by the facts just presented. Our opportunities constitute our obligations. As a Synod we have undertaken to do whatever home missionary work needs to be done within our own State. We have fairly kept pace with this work in the past. But it is evident that to meet present emergencies we should make immediate and very considerable advance in working force and in the means to sustain the workers. The Presbytery of Jersey City, seeing this in her own field, has already taken a forward step. Whether the apportionments are generally advanced or not, there is call for pastors and sessions, for churches and individuals to recognize, in even greater measure than in the past, that the apportionment is only the *minimum* need. Unless

it is raised, the work already begun will suffer. The call for advance work must be answered by a liberality largely in excess of the apportionments heretofore asked.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod express by a rising vote its thanks to Mr. William Paxton Stevenson for his efficient and laborious services as Treasurer, which have been rendered entirely without cost to the Synod.

2. That in view of the retirement of the Rev. William Thomson from the Committee on Synodical Home Missions, Synod hereby makes record of its appreciation of his long and faithful service in the Home Missionary work of Synod, extending over more than twenty-three years, expresses to him the gratitude of Synod for the same, and directs that the Stated Clerk communicate this action to him.

3. That the Synod approves the holding of an Intersynodical Conference on Synodical Mission Work, and authorizes the Committee to send delegates, if such conference is held.

4. That from the balance in the treasury the sum of \$1,500 be and hereby is set aside as a special fund, subject to the control of Synod's Committee for new or exceptional work; and that additions to this fund, either subject to the Committee or for objects designated by the donors, be invited. It is understood that such special gifts shall not be counted as a part of the apportionment of any Presbytery or church.

5. That the several Presbyteries be asked to raise, respectively, the following amounts for the current year:

Elizabeth,	\$3,500 00
Jersey City,	2,500 00
Monmouth,	2,000 00
Morris and Orange,	3,600 00
Newark,	3,400 00
New Brunswick,	3,300 00
Newton,	1,325 00
West Jersey,	2,600 00
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	\$22,225 00

6. That the several Presbyteries be allowed to draw on the treasury for sums not exceeding, respectively, the following:

Elizabeth,	\$2,250 00
Jersey City,	3,200 00
Monmouth,	3,350 00
Morris and Orange,	1,800 00
Newark,	3,400 00
New Brunswick,	1,950 00
Newton,	1,325 00
West Jersey,	4,450 00
Administration,	500 00
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	\$22,225 00

7. That the Twentieth Annual Report of the Woman's Synodical Society for Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey be approved and that the congratulations of the Synod be extended to this society and its auxiliaries upon the work of the past year.

SAMUEL McLANAHAN,

Chairman.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT—SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

To the Synod of New Jersey:

I present to you herewith my report as Treasurer of the Synodical Home Mission Funds for the twenty-first fiscal year, beginning October 1st, 1906, and ending September 30th, 1907.

The receipts have been as follows:

To balance according to last annual report—		
	General work,	\$1,740 07
	Van Meter Fund,	182 88
"	contributions from Presb. of Elizabeth,	\$3,303 00
"	" " " Mr. Ralph Voorhees, Eliza- beth,	1,000 00
"	" " " Presb. of Jersey City,	2,266 76
"	" " " " " Monmouth,	1,857 71
"	" " " " " Morris & Orange,	3,312 15
"	" " " " " Newark,	2,217 19
"	" " " " " New Brunswick,	3,158 60
"	" " " " " Newton,	957 59
"	" " " " " West Jersey,	2,425 45
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		20,498 45
"	interest on bank balances,	52 25
"	Van Meter Fund, West Jersey Presbytery,	213 12
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	Total receipts for the year,	\$22,686 77

The disbursements to ministers and missionaries have been as follows:

In Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$1,776 25
" " " Jersey City,	2,590 66
" " " Monmouth,	3,332 66
" " " Morris and Orange,	1,730 00
" " " Newark,	2,381 70
" " " New Brunswick,	1,955 00
" " " Newton,	875 00
" " " West Jersey,	4,163 09
For administration expenses,	447 39
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	\$19,251 75

Out of the balance on hand October 1st, 1906, there has been expended for special work:

In Presbytery of Elizabeth,	\$300 00
" " " Newark,	275 00
" " " Newton,	229 15

In Presbytery of West Jersey,	\$200 00
“ “ “ New Brunswick—special contributions were used,	260 00
Payment account of Van Meter Fund,	130 00
Balance to be carried to next year's work,	1,823 97
“ “ credit of Van Meter Fund,	216 90
	\$22,686 77

The following schedules are annexed to and form a part of this report:

Schedule I. Showing the payments made to aid-receiving churches, the contributions received from congregations, Sabbath-schools, societies and individuals, and the total contributions received from each church.

Schedule II. Showing the total contributions received from the respective Presbyteries.

Schedule III. Showing the amounts which the various Presbyteries were asked to contribute, and the amounts received from them respectively.

Schedule IV. Showing the appropriations to the different Presbyteries, the amounts paid for services during the year, and the unused balances of appropriations which have fallen into the General Fund under the provisions of Article VI, Section 6, of the plan revised October 17th, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. STEVENSON,

Treasurer.

Dated ROSELLE, N. J., October 8th, 1907.

SCHEDULE I.

Showing the payments made to aid-receiving churches, the contributions received from congregations, Sabbath-schools, societies and individuals, and the total contributions received from each church.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches.	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools.	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions from churches.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.						
Basking Ridge,.....		\$102 00				\$102 00
Bernardsville, Italian,	\$200 00					
Bethlehem,		10 00				10 00
Carteret, 1st		14 40				14 40
Clarksville (Glen Gardner),		15 00				15 00
Clinton,		80 00				80 00
Cokesbury,	100 00	21 90				21 90
Connecticut Farms,		50 00				50 00
Cranford, 1st,.....		117 00				117 00
Dunellen,		65 00				65 00
Elizabeth, 1st,		103 57	\$27 83			131 40
" 2d,			260 00			260 00
" 3d,		89 24	60 76			150 00
" 1st German,		20 00				20 00
" Greystone,		130 55				130 55
" Madison Avenue,		19 84				19 84
" Siloam,	125 00	2 65				2 65
" Westminster,		204 60				204 60
" Bethany Chapel,	200 00	8 83				8 83
" Italian,	341 25					
Garwood,	510 00	11 70				11 70
Kearby,	300 00	1 00				1 00
Lamington,		51 30				51 30
Liberty Corner,		61 80				61 80
Lower Valley, Califon,.....		53 10				53 10
Maurer, German, 1st,.....		5 00				5 00
Metuchen, 1st,		73 80				73 80
Perth Amboy, 1st,		116 00	5 39			121 39
Plainfield, 1st,		115 50				115 50
" Crescent Avenue,		282 60		\$5 00		287 60
" Bethel Chapel,		25 50				25 50
" Hope Chapel,		118 50				118 50
" Warren Chapel,		79 80				79 80
Pluckamin,		26 19	2 95			29 14
Rahway, 1st,		117 00				117 00
" 2d,		170 70				170 70
" 1st German,	300 00	10 00				10 00
Roselle,		115 00	50 00			165 00
Springfield,		60 00				60 00
Westfield,		275 00				275 00
Woodbridge,		67 00				67 00
Mr. Ralph Voorhees,					\$1000 00	1000 00
Totals,.....	\$2076 25	\$2891 07	\$406 93	\$5 00	\$1000 00	\$4303 00

SCHEDULE 1—(Continued).

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches.	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools.	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions from churches.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.						
Bayonne, Christ,		\$25 10				\$25 10
Carlstadt, German,		10 00				10 00
Englewood, 1st,		538 95				538 95
" West Side,		12 64				12 64
Garfield,		5 00	\$12 25	\$3 00		20 25
Grantwood,	\$25 00					
Hackensack, 1st,		52 00				52 00
Hoboken, 1st,		4 00		20 50		24 50
Jersey City, 1st,		312 40				312 40
" 2d,		62 39				62 39
" Claremont,		96 00				96 00
" Jno. Knox,						
" Westminster,		90 80				90 80
" Lafayette,	26 00	13 80				13 80
Leonia,		20 80				20 80
Norwood,	200 00	11 00				11 00
Newfoundland,	100 00	20 60				20 60
Passaic, 1st,		95 00	30 00			125 00
" German,	200 00	20 00				20 00
" Grace,	90 40	7 02	12 72			19 74
" Wallington,	100 00					
Paterson, 1st,		3 50				3 50
" 2d,		164 50				164 50
" 3d,						
" 1st German,		15 00				15 00
" Broadway German,		10 00				10 00
" Church of the Redeemer,		100 00				100 00
" Dundee Lake,	200 00					
" East Side,		69 60				69 60
" Lake View,	100 00	20 00				20 00
" Madison Avenue,		30 00				30 00
" St. Augustine,	100 00	11 10				11 10
" Westminster,						
" Albion Place,	100 00					
" Armenian,	100 00					
Ridgewood, 1st,		15 00				15 00
Rutherford, 1st,		83 79	100 00			183 79
" Lyndhurst,	35 00	3 90				3 90
" Kingsland,	70 00					
" Emanuel,	57 66					
Shady Side, Hungarian,	165 60					
Tenafly,		31 80	10 00			41 80
Teaneck,	200 00	9 00				9 00
West Hoboken,		83 60				83 60
" Armenian,	285 00					
" Syrian,	100 00					
West Milford,	300 00	30 00				30 00
Wood Ridge,	36 00					
Totals,	\$2500 66	\$2078 29	\$164 97	\$23 50		\$2266 76

SCHEDULE I—(Continued).

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches.	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools.	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions from churches.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.						
Allentown,		\$65 00				\$65 00
Asbury Park,		68 90				68 90
Atlantic Highlands,		25 75				25 75
Barnegat and Forked River,	\$222 50	14 10				14 10
Bay Head,	6 00					6 00
Belmar,	16 50	20 10				20 10
Beverly,	155 00	74 54	\$12 85	\$3 00		90 39
Bordentown,		30 00				30 00
Burlington,		61 93				61 93
East Italian,	55 00					
Columbus, 1st,		11 70				11 70
Cranbury, 1st,		125 00				125 00
2d,		57 60				57 60
Cream Ridge,		9 10				9 10
Delanco,		27 30				27 30
Englishtown,		29 55				29 55
Farmingdale, and Oak Glen,	230 00	17 55				17 55
Freehold, 1st,		89 91				89 91
Hightstown,		60 00				60 00
Holmanville and Lakehurst,	50 40	8 58				8 58
Jacksonville and Providence,	180 00	26 40				26 40
Jamesburg,	10 20	13 52				13 52
Keypoint,	40 00	125 76				125 76
Lakewood, 1st,	34 60	8 60				8 60
" Hope,		72 80	3 00			75 80
Long Branch,		1 00				1 00
Manalapan,		23 00				23 00
Manasquan,		24 00				24 00
Matawan,		45 50				45 50
Moorestown,		62 40				62 40
Mt. Holly,		15 00	10 00			25 00
New Gretna,	250 00	58 75				58 75
Oceanic,		15 00				15 00
Perrineville,	150 00	27 60				27 60
Plattsburg,		28 60				28 60
Plumstead (New Egypt),		8 00				8 00
Point Pleasant,		10 08				10 08
Red Bank,		30 24				30 24
Riverton, Calvary,		57 46				57 46
Sayreville, German,	100 00	52 12				52 12
Shrewsbury, 1st,		30 00				30 00
South Amboy,	150 00	56 16				56 16
South River, German,	275 00	31 80				31 80
" Hungarian,	300 00	21 32				21 32
Tennent,		108 52				108 52
Toms River,		37 00				37 00
Tuckerton,	210 00	21 00				21 00
West Mantoloking,	131 66	4 42				4 42
Yardville,	182 00					
Supplies,	600 00					
Totals,	\$3332 66	\$1828 86	\$25 85	\$3 00		\$1857 71

SCHEDULE I—(Continued).

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools.	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions from churches.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.						
Berkshire Valley.....		\$8 10				\$8 10
Mine Hill, and Luxemburg.....	\$450 00	8 10				8 10
Boonton, 1st.....		4 50	\$12 11			4 50
Chatham.....		66 28				78 39
Chester.....		98 46				98 46
Dover Memorial.....		14 00				14 00
East Orange, 1st.....		113 23	50 00	\$10 00		173 23
“ Elmwood.....		280 00				280 00
“ Arlington Avenue.....		8 00	15 00			23 00
“ Bethel.....		61 60	31 18			93 78
“ Brick.....		95 98				95 98
Fairmount.....	200 00	200 00				200 00
Flanders.....		17 00				17 00
German Valley.....		11 00				11 00
Hanover.....		6 87				6 87
Madison.....						
Mendham.....		140 60				140 60
Morris Plains.....		80 00				80 00
Morristown, 1st.....		20 00				20 00
“ South Street.....		275 00		3 15		278 15
“ Italian.....	100 00	257 47				257 47
Mt. Freedom.....		7 00				7 00
Mt. Olive.....	150 00	18 00				18 00
Myersville, German.....		5 00				5 00
New Providence.....		12 00				12 00
New Vernon.....		31 64				31 64
Orange, 1st.....		230 00				230 00
“ Central.....		250 00				250 00
“ German, 1st.....		10 00	10 00			20 00
“ Hillside.....		150 00				150 00
“ St. Cloud.....		44 62				44 62
Orange Valley, German.....		13 00				13 00
Parsippany.....		31 42				31 42
Pleasantdale, German.....		5 00				5 00
Pleasant Grove.....		13 25				13 25
Rockaway.....		45 25				45 25
Schooley's Mountain.....		5 00				5 00
South Orange, 1st.....		106 20	9 57			115 77
“ Trinity.....		72 22				72 22
Stirling.....	150 00	10 00				10 00
Succasunna.....		30 00				30 00
Summit, Central.....		183 55				183 55
“ North Chapel.....	200 00					
Whippany.....		10 00		10 00		20 00
Wyoming.....		10 80				10 80
Wharton, Hungarian.....	480 00					
Mr. Richard H. Allen.....					\$100 00	100 00
Totals.....	\$1730 00	\$3061 14	\$127 86	\$23 15	\$100 00	\$3312 15

SCHEDULE I—(Continued).

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools.	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions from churches.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.						
Arlington,						
Bloomfield, 1st,		\$270 00				\$270 00
“ German,						
“ Westminster,		53 20				53 20
Caldwell, 1st,		51 43				51 43
Kearney, Knox,						
Montclair, 1st,		61 74				61 74
“ Grace,		10 00				10 00
“ Trinity,		70 00				70 00
“ Cedar Avenue,		5 00				5 00
“ Italian,	\$200 00					
Newark, 1st,		350 00				350 00
“ 2d,		180 00				180 00
“ 3d,		300 00				300 00
“ 6th,		30 00				30 00
“ Clinton Avenue,		20 00				20 00
“ Elizabeth Avenue,		25 00				25 00
“ German, 1st,		25 00				25 00
“ “ 2d,						
“ “ 3d,		20 00				20 00
“ Italian, 1st,	650 70	5 00				5 00
“ Bethany,		5 00				5 00
“ Calvary,		32 50				32 50
“ Central,		10 00				10 00
“ Fewsmith Memorial,						
“ Fifth Avenue,		40 00				40 00
“ Forest Hill,		40 00				40 00
“ High Street,						
“ Immanuel German,	150 00		\$20 00			20 00
“ Manhattan Park,	300 00	20 00				20 00
“ Memorial,		25 00				25 00
“ Park,		19 65	8 30			27 95
“ Plane Street,	50 00					
“ Roseville,		300 00				300 00
“ South Park,		184 73				184 73
“ Wickliffe,		7 64				7 64
“ West,	250 00					
Roseland,						
Vailsburg,	100 00	13 00				13 00
Verona,	200 00	15 00				15 00
Hungarians,	528 00					
Ruthenians,	228 00					
Totals,	\$2656 70	\$2188 89	\$28 30			\$2217 19
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.						
Bound Brook,		\$140 00				\$140 00
“ Italian,	\$80 00					
Dayton,		50 00				50 00
Dutch Neck,		60 00				60 00
Ewing,		17 00				17 00
Flemington,		160 00				160 00
Frenchtown,						
Hamilton Square,		80 00				80 00
Holland,		4 25				4 25

SCHEDULE 1—(Continued).

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools.	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions from churches.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—(Con.)						
Hopewell,		32 39				32 39
Kingston,		33 00	\$5 00	\$6 00		44 00
Kingwood,	50 00	3 00				5 00
Lambertville,		190 00				190 00
" Italian,	60 00					
Lawrenceville,		87 33				87 33
Milford,		50 00				50 00
Mt. Airy, Amwell, 2d,		3 00				3 00
Mt. Pleasant, Alexandria, 1st,		15 00				15 00
New Brunswick, 1st,		160 00				160 00
" " 2d,	150 00					
" " Hungarian, 1st,	300 00					
Pennington,		75 50				75 50
Princeton, 1st,		515 00				515 00
" " 2d,		50 00		3 75		53 75
" " Witherspoon Street,	100 00	17 00				17 00
" " Italian,	160 00					
Reaville, Amwell, 1st,		10 50				10 50
Ringoes, Amwell United, 1st,		12 00				12 00
" Kirkpatrick Memorial,		13 31	1 73			15 04
Stockton,	290 00	23 00				23 00
Titusville,	100 00	21 00				21 00
Trenton, 1st,		337 02				337 02
" " 2d,		31 39	11 31	8 30		51 00
" " 3d,		105 25	65 00			170 25
" " 4th,		108 70				108 70
" " 5th,		27 87				27 87
" " Bethany,		60 00				60 00
" " East Trenton,		21 00	8 00	11 00		40 00
" " Italian,	840 00	15 00				15 00
" " Prospect Street,		203 00	100 00			303 00
" " Brookville,			5 00			5 00
" " Walnut Avenue,	175 00	25 00				25 00
Gift of G.					\$150 00	150 00
Credit of Presbytery of N. B.,					25 00	25 00
Totals,	\$2215 00	\$2758 51	\$196 04	\$29 05	\$175 00	\$3158 60
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.						
Alpha, Hungarian,	\$229 15					
Andover,		\$7 00				\$7 00
Asbury,		10 00				10 00
Beattystown and		10 00				10 00
2d Mansfield,	\$75 00	6 00				6 00
Beemerville,		10 00				10 00
Belyidere, 1st,		50 00				50 00
" " 2d,		12 00				12 00
Blairstown,		06 63	\$28 37			125 00
Bloomsbury,		20 00				20 00
Branchville,		23 70				23 70
Danville,	200 00	20 00				20 00
Deckertown,		35 00				35 00
Delaware,		11 00				11 00
Franklin Furnace,		20 00				20 00
Greenwich,		25 00				25 00
Hackettstown,		110 00				110 00

SCHEDULE I—(Continued).

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions from churches.
WITHIN PRES. OF NEWTON—(Con.)						
Hamburg,		11 43				11 43
Harmony,		12 50				12 50
Knowlton,		10 00				10 00
Lafayette,	200 00	18 25				18 25
Marksboro,		5 00				5 00
Musconetcong Valley,						
Newton, 1st,		150 00				150 00
North Hardyston,		5 00				5 00
Oxford, 1st,		25 00				25 00
" 2d,						
Phillipsburg, 1st,		22 16	9 50	\$5 00		36 66
" Westminster,		13 00	4 91			17 91
Sparta,						
Stanhope,		17 00				17 00
Stillwater,	200 00	16 85				16 85
Stewartsville,		41 59				41 59
Wantage, 1st,		5 50				5 50
Washington,		75 00				75 00
Yellow Frame,	200 00	13 20				13 20
Rev. W. S. C. Webster,					\$2 00	2 00
Totals,	\$1104 15	\$907 81	\$42 78	\$5 00	\$2 00	\$957 59
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.						
Absecon and Leeds Point,	\$204 50	\$12 25				\$12 25
Atco,	180 00	10 00				10 00
Atlantic City, 1st,		16 38				16 38
" " German,		70 00	\$25 00			95 16
" " Olivet,		7 00				7 00
" " Chelsea,		88 40				88 40
" " Westminster,	180 00	16 64				16 64
Audubon, Logan Memorial,	100 00	32 50				32 50
Berlin,	75 00	21 06				21 06
Billingsport, and Swedesboro,		6 00				6 00
Blackwood, 1st,	100 00	13 00				13 00
Bridgeton, 1st,		20 43				20 43
" 2d,		44 72				44 72
" 4th,		115 00	10 00			125 00
" Irving Avenue,	94 77	131 10				131 10
" West,		2 00				2 00
Bunker Hill, and Glassboro,		17 68				17 68
Camden, 1st,	190 00	73 00	15 00			88 00
" 2d,		10 14		\$2 00		12 14
" 3d,		10 40				10 40
" Calvary,		164 06				164 06
" Woodland Avenue,	185 77	113 93				113 93
" 4th,	222 11	10 40				10 40
" Grace,		33 00	2 00			35 00
Cape May City,		13 00				13 00
Cedarville, 1st,		15 00				15 00
" Osborn Memorial,		37 44				37 44
Clayton,		31 00	63 52			94 52
Cold Spring,		31 00				31 00
		9 00				9 00
		50 00		5 00		55 00
		21 00				21 00

SCHEDULE I—(Continued).

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Payments to aid-receiving churches.	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools.	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions from churches.
WITHIN PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY—(Con.)						
Collingswood,	250 00	30 00				30 00
Daretown, Pittsgrove,		32 81	5 00	5 00		42 81
Deerfield,		22 00				22 00
Elmer,		30 30				36 30
Elwood, Brainerd,	250 00	16 90				16 90
Fairfield, Fairton,		3 85				3 85
Gloucester City,		46 80				46 80
Green Creek and Tuckahoe,	100 00	8 25				8 25
Greenwich,		10 00				10 00
Haddonfield, 1st,		30 00				30 00
Haddon Heights,	200 00	110 00				110 00
Hammonton, 1st,		15 00				15 00
" Italian,		43 00				43 00
Holly Beach,	200 00	5 00				5 00
Janyier,	30 00	9 62				9 62
Jericho,	150 00	20 00				20 00
Laurel Springs, St. Paul's,	240 00	9 10				9 10
Mays Landing,		15 00				15 00
Merchantville,		20 00				20 00
Millville,		30 00				30 00
Minatola, Italian,	200 00	75 00				75 00
Ocean City, 1st,		30 00				30 00
Pleasantville,		5 00				5 00
Salem, 1st,		60 00	22 82	15 00		97 82
Vineland,		20 00	10 00			30 00
" Italian,		6 80				6 80
Waterford,		3 64				3 64
Wenonah, Memorial,		93 56	20 00			113 56
Williamstown,		30 00	5 00			35 00
Woodbury,		44 79	82 00	10 00		62 79
Woodstown,		15 00	5 00			20 00
Supplies,	324 62					
Presbyterial Missionary,	336 32					
Italian Work,	550 00					
Rev. Wm. Aikman, D.D.,					\$22 00	22 00
Rev. Samuel H. Potter,					1 00	1 00
Totals,	\$4363 09	\$2174 11	\$191 34	\$37 00	\$23 00	\$2425 45

SCHEDULE 2.

Being a summary of columns 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Schedule 1.

PRESBYTERIES.	Contributions from congregations.	Contributions from Sabbath-schools.	Contributions from societies.	Contributions from individuals.	Total contributions.
Corisco,					
Elizabeth,	\$2,891 07	\$406 93	\$5 00	\$1,000 00	\$4,303 00
Jersey City,	2,078 29	164 97	23 50	.....	\$2,266 76
Monmouth,	1,828 86	25 85	3 00	.....	1,857 71
Morris & Orange, ...	3,061 14	127 86	23 15	100 00	3,312 15
Newark,	2,188 89	28 30	.....	.....	2,217 19
New Brunswick,	2,758 51	196 04	29 05	175 00	3,158 60
Newton,	907 81	42 78	5 00	2 00	957 59
West Jersey,	2,174 11	191 34	37 00	23 00	2,425 45
Totals,	\$17,888 68	\$1,184 07	\$125 70	\$1,300 00	\$20,498 45

SCHEDULE 3.

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

PRESBYTERIES.	Amounts asked for.	Amounts received.	Excess.	Deficiency.
Corisco,				
Elizabeth,	\$3,197 70	\$3,303 00	\$105 30	.....
Jersey City,	2,207 14	2,266 76	59 62	.....
Monmouth,	1,778 40	1,857 71	79 31	.....
Morris & Orange,	3,306 00	3,312 15	6 15	.....
Newark,	3,071 20	2,217 19	.....	\$854 01
New Brunswick,	2,898 60	3,158 60	260 00	.....
Newton,	1,324 84	957 59	.....	367 25
West Jersey,	2,313 74	2,425 45	111 71	.....
	\$20,097 62	\$19,498 45	\$622 09	\$1,221 26
	19,498 45			622 09
	\$599 17			\$599 17

SCHEDULE 4.

Showing the appropriations to the respective Presbyteries, the amounts paid for services therein, and the unused balances.

PRESBYTERIES.	Appropriations.	Amounts Paid.	Unused Balances.
Corisco			
Elizabeth,	\$1,800 00	\$1,776 25	\$23 75
Jersey City,	2,750 00	2,590 66	159 34
Monmouth,	3,400 00	3,332 66	67 34
Morris & Orange,	1,800 00	1,730 00	70 00
Newark,	2,500 00	2,381 70	118 30
New Brunswick,	2,000 00	1,955 00	45 00
Newton,	1,100 00	875 00	225 00
West Jersey,	4,200 00	4,163 09	36 91
Administration,	500 00	447 39	52 61
	\$20,050 00	\$19,251 75	\$798 25
	19,251 75		
	\$798 25		

V. REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Board of Home Missions is carried on in six general departments, as follows:

(1st.) Indians: Two hundred and fifty thousand of them. Many of them are good Indians, not needing to be made dead in order to be made good. Most of them sadly need the Gospel. Amount appropriated for this is \$139,000.

(2d.) Mormons: For the most part found in Utah, but extending into Idaho, Arizona and adjacent territory. The amount appropriated is \$71,000.

(3d.) Spanish-speaking peoples: Including 350,000 American Mexicans, and the natives of Porto Rico and Cuba. The amount appropriated is \$144,000.

(4th.) Immigrants: Coming into our country at the rate of more than a million a year, of twenty-five different races, and from forty different countries. The Board's work is the encouragement and help of local agencies in their efforts to present the Gospel to these needy ones at the very beginning. The amount appropriated is \$22,850.

(5th.) Labor: A new movement, regarded as most significant in the life of the modern church. The amount appropriated is \$8,000.

(6th.) General work among Americans: This includes the Mountaineers, numbering one, three or five millions, according to the amount of westward extension considered, together with the struggling churches in all our new western territory; together with the field formerly occupied by the Cumberland Church, and also in a general way the whole country in its social, civil, political, moral, religious needs. Of course, the supreme emphasis falls upon this department, for which the Board has appropriated \$650,000.

A summary of the work of the Board shows the following items: churches aided, 1,505; missionaries and helpers, 1,291; missionary teachers, 458; additions on examination, 7,265; on certificate, 5,046; total membership, 63,647; total in congregations, 69,896; adult baptisms, 3,039; infant baptisms, 2,684; Sunday-schools organized, 167; total Sunday-schools, 1,575; Sunday-school membership, 93,608; church edifices, 1,278, valued at about \$3,000,000; church edifices built, 73, valued at \$253,052; church edifices repaired, 170, at a cost of \$45,174; church debts cancelled, \$96,794; churches reaching self-support, 119; churches organized, 124; parsonages, 399, valued at \$549,018; receipts for all departments, \$965,737.87.

For the ninth successive year the Board reports no debt, but points with regret to the fact that there was last year no appreciable advance in the gifts of the churches. The General Assembly directed that all contributions to Home Missions, Synodical Home Missions, Presbyterian Home Missions and local missionary work of the same kind

should be reported under the one column of Home Missions. It is to be hoped that this will not operate in such a way as to cause any slackening of effort in behalf of the mighty work of the Board.

For the better prosecution of this work, some great changes have been made. All the evangelistic work outside of large towns and cities has been taken over. The immense field of the South and Southwest, heroically, but partially undertaken by the Cumberland Church, has been added, demanding a large addition to the budget. Four great missionary centers have been established at St. Louis, Minneapolis, Denver and San Francisco, with a field secretary at each. It will be seen that three-quarters of the emphasis is put on the central portion of our country.

In view of what this great section has been, historically and politically, there can be no question that it is our duty to provide liberal things for the work of Home Missions.

Another word should be spoken concerning the Department of the Church and Labor. The Board calls special attention to it, as follows: "Unchallenged by any other church throughout the world, the Presbyterian Church is to-day clearly in the lead in this important phase of Christian work. The superintendent, Rev. Charles Stelzle, has a very difficult task indeed to lead the masses of the working people more largely into the Church. It is probably impossible for him, as things are now, to make speeches and give advice that will satisfy the employer and the employed, the rich and the poor. But the same can be said of the Epistle of James."

We must not close our report without noting the fact that the Women's Societies, and our other agencies contributing through the Women's Board, such as the Sunday-schools, Young People's Societies, etc., gave nearly one-half of the total receipts of the Board.

Speaking particularly of this Synod, we note the fact that we come next after New York and Pennsylvania. Our 351 churches, with 1,670 elders and 597 deacons, and 79,029 members, gave \$147,822 to Home Missions. Deducting \$20,000 for Synodical Home Missions, we have \$127,822, or about one-tenth of what was spent for congregational expenses. This is about \$1.50 per annum for each communicant enrolled.

It must be evident to all that we have not yet, as a Synod, with all our able men, strong churches, liberal givers, risen to a height where we can get a commanding view of our magnificent field and our unequalled opportunity, nor anticipate the long-drawn grapple of contesting forces in our national life, which may well make the heart of every American patriot sink within him.

Added to the social unrest is the impending danger of decay in morals. Shall religious convictions cease to govern our life as a nation? Shall the cause of Sabbath observance, reverence for God's name, chastity, the suppression of vice, the reformation of divorce go backward? Shall we stand for men as holders of civil office who proclaim by their conduct that they do not fear God nor regard His moral law?

These questions, and many others like them, belong to this work of Home Missions. We can solve them if we are faithful to the Great Teacher. We can conquer all the giants, if, like Caleb the Greatheart, we follow wholly the Lord. Let us make this year a great year for Home Missions and evangelistic work. "In a few years all our restless and angry hearts will be quiet in death, but those who come after us will live in the world which our sins have blighted, or which our love has blessed. Let us do our thinking on these great questions, not with our eyes fixed on our bank account, but with a wise outlook on the fields of the future, and with the consciousness that the Spirit of the Eternal, the Lord and Giver of Life, is seeking to distill from our lives some essence of righteousness, some odor of love, before those lives forever pass away."

We propose the following recommendations:

1. That Synod does hereby call the attention of all our churches to the present critical situation in Home Mission Work, and request all our Sessions to take up and consider the matter at a special meeting, with a view to increasing interest and contributions.
2. That Synod does hereby repeat the recommendation of the General Assembly that on the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving Day an offering be taken in all our Sabbath-schools for the Mission School Work, and on the Sabbath nearest Washington's Birthday one for the general work.
3. That especially Synod does hereby call upon all the Men's Brotherhoods and other men's societies of our churches to make plans that shall increase interest on behalf of Home Missions on the part of all the men of our churches.

HUGH B. MACCAULEY,
Chairman.

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

What does this organization for Home Mission Work mean to us assembled here? Do we realize we belong to a great movement, the establishing of Christ's Kingdom on earth, and are we cognizant of the joy we have a right to feel in connection with this great world movement?

A look backward over the work of the past year tells us what the Synodical Society of New Jersey has done toward furthering this movement.

ORGANIZATION.

The eight Presbyterian Societies number 230 Auxiliaries, a gain of eleven over last year, with an approximate membership of 10,000—thirty-eight Young Women's Societies, thirty-six Bands and eighty-nine contributing Sunday-schools. Two thousand meetings have been held by the different Auxiliaries for prayer and the study of Home Missions.

THE FINANCES.

	<i>Home Missions.</i>	<i>Money Expended on Boxes.</i>
Elizabeth,	\$7,027 79	\$666 32
Jersey City,	2,756 89	877 13
Monmouth,	2,434 64	366 89
Morris and Orange,	6,437 31	3,027 55
Newark,	3,176 47	1,323 95
New Brunswick,	3,190 31	614 39
Newton,	1,582 00	119 98
West Jersey,	1,580 95	320 41

The total amount paid to the Woman's Board of Home Missions during the year, dating from March, 1906, to March, 1907, is \$29,003.01. Of this total \$2,214.12 was received for Freedmen.

MESSAGES FROM PRESBYTERIAL PRESIDENTS.

The President of *Elizabeth Presbytery* writes: "I have noticed in my going about a deeper interest spiritually in the work than in previous years. We believe that this is due largely to the season of prayer and conference which has been held for several years in November in Elizabeth, and to which the officers from each society on the roll have been invited. Many have participated, and all have expressed themselves as having been edified and blessed in the service."

All of the Auxiliaries were represented at the annual meeting of the *Jersey City Presbytery*. The reports were encouraging and inspiring. Many of the Auxiliaries report a larger attendance at the monthly meetings. Union meetings have been held in some of the large towns, these were of much interest. This Presbytery holds a semi-annual meeting in the autumn, at which short reports are given and some phase of the work is presented by a speaker. They aim this year to encourage the organization of Bands and more earnest work among the Young People. This Presbyterian Society is in a good condition and ready to press on to better work in the year to come.

The work in *Monmouth Presbytery* is in a very active, flourishing condition. We reported 29 societies last year and 33 this year. We have taken up scholarship work, and will work for one in every line of work, from Alaska to New Mexico. We have six for New Jersey Academy this year. Our Presbytery is very much interested in our New Jersey Academy work.

The Presbyterian Society of *Morris and Orange* can report a steady increase in membership as well as a slight increase in contributions. The endeavor has been made to visit as many of the Auxiliaries as possible this year, and it has been encouraging to note the deep interest evinced by the members, particularly those of some of the smaller and more remote societies. We are planning to reach all of the Auxiliaries this coming year by forming groups of adjacent societies, the President and the Vice-President each being responsible for visiting, encouraging and stimulating the societies in her group. One society has more than doubled its membership, 51 against 18 the year before. One society added 44 new members, which was largely due to the personal work of their President. In most of the churches meetings in response to Mrs. James' call to prayer were held—in one of the country churches it was found impossible, yet the members of that society set apart the hour in their own homes, devoting it to prayer for blessings for the work. Is it any wonder that we find such a society increasing its gifts annually for the past five years?

Newark—A ready response was given by the Executive Committee to the call for Conference, issued by the President, each officer giving her enthusiastic aid to the work. The President has visited many of the local societies, all of whom gave cordial and hearty response when asked for renewed activity along Home Mission lines. A circular letter has been sent to all local Presidents, asking their co-operation in getting into closer touch with the Woman's Board of Home Missions by attending the meetings at the Mission Rooms.

New Brunswick Presbytery has gained all along the line more money, more magazines taken, and more interest shown. The President writes; "From my own observation, gained from correspondence and visiting the societies, that the women are becoming more and more interested, particularly is that the case in our rural churches. We feel that a great point gained, because our country people are slipping away from the church, and where Christian families leave, the place is filled with

indifferent, non-churchgoing people, till it becomes mission work in our very midst, and a most difficult kind."

From *Newton* Presbytery we have word of an increase over last year in gifts. While this is only slight, it is gratifying. The outlook for the coming year is most encouraging. The workers seem to be filled with renewed zeal and a spirit of willingness and devotion. A large Executive Meeting is to be called when the various phases of work will be presented, and plans for an advance along all lines of work considered.

West Jersey Home Presbyterian Society has added two new Auxiliaries, and had a slight increase in offering this last year, and is in full accord with the feelings which are filling every Christian heart—that the battle with evil grows more intense every day—but just as surely the workers for Christ and home and native land are the more anxious for the advancement of our societies, in greater knowledge, larger gifts, more fervent prayer, and increased love and service for Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

There has been an increase in the number of Young Women's Societies and Bands, also in the number of contributing Sunday-schools. A larger number of subscriptions to the magazine, "Over Sea and Land," is noted.

FREEDMEN.

There are 140 societies contributing to the work for Freedmen. Twenty-nine Sunday-schools and thirty Young People's Societies. The need was never greater than at the present time, and it is to be hoped that the societies will enter upon this branch of the work with more zeal and energy than ever before.

LITERATURE.

There are 196 Societies who have Secretaries of Literature. There are 2,499 subscribers to the "Home Mission Monthly," and 1,701 to "Over Sea and Land." Six hundred and seventy-five Prayer Calendars are in circulation, and 23 study classes have been formed.

SUMMARY.

As we look back over the work of the year and realize its problems, difficulties and disappointments, as well as successes, we, like Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, have not half realized the divine powers which were on our side.

"Behind our doubts and fears have been the horses and chariots of fire." Our prayer must be, "Lord open our eyes that we may see these spiritual allies, and enlist ourselves in the rank of their omnipotence."

May our exultant cry always be, "God with us."

HARRIET B. MILES.

Corresponding Secretary.

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

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Home Missions in the Synod of New Jersey, held in the First Presbyterian Church of Camden, October 10th, 1907, was called to order at 9 A. M., the President, Mrs. Honeyman, in the chair. After singing the hymn "Lead on, O King Eternal," and a responsive reading, "The Communion of Saints," Mrs. Harvey C. Olin led in prayer.

A welcome was extended by Mrs. Danenhower, President of the Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church of Camden.

The report of the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, in the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Manning, was given by Mrs. W. D. Valentine, of Englewood, and showed a balance on hand of \$122.62. This report was accepted.

The report of the Freedmen's Department was given by Mrs. David Harvey. 144 Auxiliaries have contributed towards this cause—30 Young People's Societies and 29 Sunday-schools—a total amount of \$2,205.00. Extracts were read from a letter from Rev. Mr. Young, the newly appointed Superintendent of Harbison College, our special object. Our contributions are asked for teachers' salaries, for scholarships and for needed supplies of household materials. A fire destroyed one of the buildings used as a dormitory for the girls, so there is special need for funds to replace this building. This report was, on motion, accepted.

The following committees were appointed: Nominations, Miss L. F. Pond, chairman; Place of Meeting, Mrs. William Nelson, chairman; Resolutions, Mrs. H. D. Zandt, chairman.

The report of the work of the Young People's Societies was given by Miss Mary M. Harding, mentioning, among other items, twenty-one Mission Study Classes conducted on the subject of Immigration, and urged three things: the organization of more Bands, the election of a Mission Study Secretary for each Presbytery, and that the Secretaries of Young People's Work and the new Secretaries of Mission Study Classes (when appointed) should be advised to attend the summer Missionary Conferences. This report was, on motion, accepted.

The report of the Literature Secretary, in the absence of Mrs. Wilbur La Roe, was given by Mrs. E. C. White, and showed 219 societies and 196 Secretaries of Literature, and an increase in the number of subscriptions to the Home Mission Monthly. The Freedmen's Board has issued a book for use in Study Classes, called "The American Negro," by Rev. S. J. Fisher, D.D. Attention was called to six books on the subject of Immigration: "Aliens or Americans," "The Challenge of the City," "Citizens of To-morrow," "The Incoming

Millions," "Our People of Foreign Speech," "Coming Americans," also to the book "Leaders in Conference," for leaders of Bands. This report was, on motion, accepted.

The report of the year's work was given by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Miles. Upon motion, this report was accepted and ordered sent, with the minutes of this meeting, to the Synod of New Jersey.

The work for the coming year was outlined by the President, Mrs. Honeyman. For work in the Freedmen's Department we are asked for \$1,600.00 for teachers' salaries in Harbison College; that the scholarships already undertaken in Harbison College be continued, and for \$500.00 for farm homes for colored families in the South. The usual sums are asked for the following: \$1,000.00 for the Asheville Farm School; \$500.00 for work in Alaska; \$500.00 for Good Will Mission, South Dakota, and \$750.00 for ten scholarships at Logan. As new work, we are asked for \$1,500.00 for the completion of the dormitory at the New Jersey Academy, Logan, Utah, and for \$1,000.00 for work among the foreigners in New Jersey. For the emergency fund one dollar is asked from each Auxiliary. Attention was also called to a Sunday-school program, with offering for San Juan Hospital, Porto Rico, recommended to be used in Sunday-schools on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett spoke of "How to Conduct Study Classes." First, catch your leader; then select the topic, one that can be grasped in the time given to it, something definite; prepare thoroughly until saturated with the subject; know the text-book; read widely on the subject; do not start with the Mission end, but with a sub-stratum of facts; show the needs, then the Mission work.

An address was given by Rev. Allan Douglas Carlile, D.D., of the Throop Avenue Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, touching on some of the civil and political problems of the day, and urging an effort to extend to the men of our Church information of the conditions and the needs and to enlist their interest in the work attempted. In closing, Dr. Carlile referred to the prayers of the Church in former days to remove the barriers, to provide the men, and said that these prayers have been answered, and that a special prayer of to-day should be for the money now needed to carry forward the work.

Dr. Richard Holmes, editor of the "Westminster," spoke earnest words concerning Home Mission work in the past and the needs of the future.

An offering was taken, amounting to \$16.71. Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. H. Owens.

Mrs. Cushing was called to the chair. The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the chairman, Miss Pond, presenting first a resolution, which was, on motion, accepted, as follows: *Be it resolved*, that as members of this Synodical Society of Home Missions we express our sincere gratitude to these our retiring officers, Mrs. Manning and Miss Harding, for the work they have done in the past,

and our deep regret that they can no longer serve us in this capacity, and we would assure them that our thoughts and prayers will follow them in their future work wherever they may be. The election of officers followed, resulting as follows:

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

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

MRS. HARVEY C. OLIN, East Orange.

MRS. JOHN HUTCHISON, Arlington.

MRS. D. C. BLAIR, Belvidere.

MRS. S. B. KETCHAM, Pennington.

MRS. H. L. ZANDT, Jamesburg.

MRS. M. J. PAULDING, Daretown.

MRS. A. S. CRANE, Elizabeth.

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

Recording Secretary—MISS E. D. PANTON, Princeton.

Secretary of Literature—MRS. WILBUR LA ROE, Perth Amboy.

Secretary of Young People's Work—MISS HARRIETTE R. HALLOWAY, Plainfield.

Secretary for Freedmen—MRS. DAVID HARVEY, Asbury Park.

Treasurer of Contingent Fund—MRS. D. W. VALENTINE, Englewood.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

Mrs. J. F. Pingry, Elizabeth.

Mrs. E. C. Miles, Roselle.

Mrs. E. B. Cobb, Elizabeth.

Mrs. W. E. Honeyman, Plainfield.

Miss M. Josephine Petrie, Plainfield.

Miss M. J. Peck, Elizabeth.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

Miss L. C. Pudney, Passaic.

Mrs. Charles D. Shaw, Paterson.

Mrs. William Nichols, Jersey City.

Mrs. Alexander Campbell, Jersey City.

Mrs. William Nelson, Paterson.

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Mrs. L. R. Somers, Burlington.

Mrs. David Kirkpatrick, Jamesburg.

Mrs. J. N. Husted, Freehold.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Mrs. Robert Aikman, Madison.
 Mrs. J. B. Beaumont, Morristown.
 Mrs. Albert Erdman, Morristown.
 Mrs. Harvey C. Olin, East Orange.
 Mrs. Richard Allen, Chatham.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Mrs. John Hutchison, Arlington.
 Mrs. Paul Babcock, Montclair.
 Mrs. J. P. Jones, Bloomfield.
 Mrs. Isaac Marshall, Newark.
 Mrs. John Maxwell, Montclair.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. S. B. Ketcham, Pennington.
 Mrs. Charles Brearley, Trenton.
 Mrs. Elmer E. Green, Trenton.
 Miss Margaret Sloan, Trenton.
 Miss E. D. Paxton, Princeton.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

Miss Isabel Stewart, Washington.
 Miss Frances McMurtrie, Newton.
 Mrs. William Morrow, Belvidere.
 Mrs. E. B. England, Asbury.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Mrs. M. J. Paulding, Daretown.
 Mrs. John M. Moore, Clayton.
 Miss S. M. Sheppard, Greenwich.
 Miss Alice Richman, Daretown.

The Minutes of the meeting were read by the Secretary. The roll-call by Presbyteries showed a number present from each one of the eight Presbyteries. The number present was about 150.

An invitation meeting was subsequently received and accepted to hold the next annual meeting in Rahway.

ELIZABETH D. PAXTON,
Recording Secretary.

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

Do Foreign Missions pay? This is a question that is sometimes asked. Is it worth while to give so much time, energy and money to the evangelization of the heathen? Well, do Foreign Missions pay? Why, they pay, if only the material benefits that have accrued from them are considered. The world owes a debt to Foreign Missions in a commercial way that it owes to nothing else. Foreign Missions have been the forerunner of commerce and civilization in Asia, Africa and the islands of the sea. They have made it possible for civilized countries to enter with their trade into the midst of the most savage tribes. They have made a highway over which the West has traveled to the hitherto inaccessible East. Missionaries have done more than all others to bring the different sections of the world together; and the material results of missions are worth far more than all the money the Church has put into them.

Dr. Brown says, in his recently published book, "The Foreign Missionary," that everywhere the missionary goes he "is the representative of a higher civilization. His teaching and his manner of living incidentally, but none the less really, create wants and introduce goods. He lights his house with a lamp, and straightway thousands of the natives become dissatisfied with a bit of rag burning in a dish of vegetable oil. So foreign lamps are being used by millions of Chinese, Japanese and Siamese and East Indians. The missionary marks time with a clock, and German, English and American firms suddenly find a new and apparently limitless market for their products. He rides a bicycle on his country tours, and the result is that to-day the bicycle is as common in the cities and many of the villages of Siam and Japan as it is in the United States. His wife makes her own and her children's dresses on a sewing-machine, and ten thousand curious Chinese, Japanese and Laos are not satisfied till they have sewing-machines."

Foreign Missions have made large and important contributions to science. It is the testimony of an eminent British writer that "indirectly and almost unintentionally missionary enterprise has widely increased the bounds of our knowledge, and has sometimes been the means of conferring benefits on science, the value and extent of which it is difficult for us to appreciate and compute. Huge is the debt which philologists owe to the labors of British missionaries in Africa! By evangelists of our own nationality nearly two hundred African languages have been illustrated by grammars, dictionaries, vocabularies and translations of the Bible. Many of these tongues were on the point of extinction, and have since become extinct, and we owe our knowledge of them solely to the missionaries' intervention."

But Foreign Missions are not carried on in the interests of commerce and science. Their contributions to commerce and science, though

valuable, are only incidental. We send out foreign missionaries to teach Christianity and make Christian disciples. Have Foreign Missions paid here? They have. Not to say anything about the success which other denominations have had in prosecuting their work of Foreign Missions, our own Church has made most gratifying progress.

Our Board of Foreign Missions was organized in 1837. In that year we had, all told, only 26 foreign missionaries, and not a single native worker. To-day we have 889 missionaries, not including those who have gone out this summer and fall, which would make the number about 925, and a native force of 3,018, in all a band of workers numbering more than 4,000. Then we had six principal stations. Now we have 139. Then we had no outstations; now we have 2,062. Then we had ten communicants; now we have 70,000, with 443 organized churches. Then we had no schools; now we have 1,145, with 36,924 scholars. Then we had no printing press; now we have seven presses from which there came last year 132,051,647 pages of Christian literature. Then we had no hospital; now we have 53 hospitals and 65 dispensaries, in which were treated the past year 442,756 patients. Then there were no contributions on the field from native sources. This past year the natives gave \$208,287.

And there are other successes which cannot be tabulated. Homes and communities have been transformed, woman has been elevated and has been given to see that she is a human being and not a brute, and the face of heathenism has been turned towards the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Do Foreign Missions pay? Ask the missionaries who have the unspeakable joy of leading hundreds of heathen out of darkness too awful to be portrayed, into the marvelous light of the Gospel. Ask the native Christians who have found the Saviour, and who have remained true to Him, despite the scorn and hatred and persecution of their friends. Look at the greater success that is attending the preaching of the Gospel in heathen lands than in our own land. Think of the doors that are open everywhere, and of the access that the missionary has to the hearts of the people. God is greatly encouraging His Church in her efforts to make disciples of the nations, and is thus calling her to fuller consecration to her divinely assigned world-wide work. It is too late in the day to ask whether Foreign Missions pay. Each passing year witnesses anew and with ever-increasing power to their value and success.

Evidently this Synod believes that Foreign Missions pay. Our Churches prove their faith by their gifts. The large amount of money that goes into the Board's treasury each year is indeed noteworthy; and especially so when we remember that there are but eight Presbyteries in this Synod, not including Corisco, and that there are many weak churches in each of them. The receipts from our churches last year, exclusive of those from the Woman's Boards, were \$56,865, a gain of 7,779 over the preceding year, nearly 73 cents per capita, the highest among all the Synods. It is interesting to note that of 36 Presbyteries in different parts of the church whose per capita gifts to

this Board were the highest, five of those Presbyteries are in this Synod. Shall we not continue to show that we believe that Foreign Missions pay by doing fully our part, as a Synod, in meeting the steadily increasing demands from the field? The mighty movements in China, the great revivals in Korea, the outpouring of the spirit of prayer in India, the signs of progress in Persia, the rapid growth in the Philippines, together with marked encouragement in almost every other field, give added emphasis to the Master's great commission and call to us not only to pray that more laborers be sent into the harvest, but also to devise new plans and methods for raising the money whereby they may be sent, that so the Lord's orders may not go disregarded.

Concerning the money required for the Board's work this year, the language of the report is as follows: "In making out its budget for the fiscal year of 1907-1908, the Board felt that some relief in several directions was imperatively necessary, and has ventured to incur financial liabilities to the extent of nearly \$1,600,000 in order to maintain our existing work and to provide for the work formerly carried on by the Cumberland Board, to increase the salaries of the missionaries in Japan, Siam, Laos and parts of China, and to add a little, in the missions where the emergency was most acute, to the inadequate appropriations for the native work."

That the Board's expectations may be realized, it will be necessary that the contributions be increased by twenty per cent. It is earnestly hoped that our churches will do their utmost to secure this advance.

The Committee submit the following resolutions:

1. That we heartily approve of the election by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Rev. Stanley White, D.D., as one of its secretaries to succeed Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D.D., now laid aside from active service by the infirmities of old age.

2. That we pledge anew our loyalty to the interest and work of the Board, and strive to realize the expectations of the Board in an increase of our contributions to the amount of twenty per cent.

3. That more attention be given to definite and systematic instruction in the subject of missions in the Sabbath Schools, and that an effort be made to secure from each school at least one offering to this cause; also that we welcome the appointment of Rev. George H. Trull as assistant secretary of this Board, whose specific work will be the cultivation of the missionary field in the Sabbath School.

4. That we congratulate the women of our Churches in this Synod upon their good work in this cause, as shown in their report, which has been placed in the hands of the Committee, and that there be printed for their use 250 copies of this report.

5. That we approve of the Men's Missionary Convention, to be held in Philadelphia in February, and that we send delegates through our Presbyteries.

JOHN F. PATTERSON,

Chairman.

IX. THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY FOR SYNODICAL FOREIGN MISSIONS IN THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

This quotation, taken from a day-book of selected readings, has seemed to express most beautifully the thought that has been in my mind as I have endeavored to prepare the report of the year's work.

"My child, thou mayest not measure out thine offering unto me by what others have done or left undone; but be it thine to seek out to the last moment of thine earthly life what is the utmost height of pure devotion to which I have called thine own self."

It has seemed not of so much importance that we record our gifts, as that we measure the consecration and spiritual power which prompted the giving; not so necessary that we review our foreign field as that we examine our methods of work. For "the gift without the giver is bare" is a truth in foreign missionary work as in the everyday deeds of charity at home. "A tithe of all that I possess" would be a good working text for us all for the coming year.

As money is the most obvious and ordinary meaning of "tithe," let us examine the collective offering for the year. The following contributions have been given from March, 1906, to March, 1907:

	<i>Study Classes.</i>	<i>Contribu- tions.</i>	<i>Loss.</i>	<i>Gain.</i>
Elizabeth,	47	\$5,634 90	\$781 15	.....
Jersey City, .....	..	2,815 95	.....	\$37 16
Monmouth, .....	..	2,171 24	385 70	.....
Morris and Orange, .....	..	5,650 32	1,477 68	.....
Newark,	14	5,899 18	423 52	.....
New Brunswick,	5	4,581 40	.....	530 15
Newton, .....	..	1,412 48	.....	149 08
West Jersey, .....	..	1,617 81	188 27	.....
Total, .....	..	\$29,783 28	\$3,256 32	\$719 39

Surely a goodly sum—\$29,000. Yes, but it is \$3,252.30 less than last year's offering. Can any secretary tell the reason.

If Presbyterian records are to be kept should there not be some more exact method of keeping them, or perhaps I should say more accurate figures should be sent to the Synodical Secretary for the compiling of her report.

We have thought, and have said, that mission study classes would bring increased knowledge, which would result in larger contributions. Three of the Presbyteries showing a decrease in their collections report mission study classes in number forty-seven, fourteen and five, respectively. The remaining five, including the three which report an

increase in their gifts, record no study classes. I say report no study classes. Would it not be interesting and valuable to know whether the decrease of \$780.* in Elizabeth Presbytery, for instance, which has forty-seven mission study classes—a fine record—is in those societies where missions are studied systematically, or in those which have not yet adopted that method of study.

Also, what is the cause for the falling off of \$1,477 in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Is our method of raising money the best possible.

The average gift last year was \$3.21 per member. Dr. Trumbull has said, "There has never been a time when it was right to give the Lord less than one-tenth of all one's income. There never has been since Jacob's day. Long before then, Jacob's grandfather had turned over one-tenth of the spoils of battle to the Lord's priests before he handed the remainder to the king of Sodom. The man who calls himself a Christian and gives less than one-tenth of his income to the Lord is a meaner man than Jacob, and has a lower standard than the king of Sodom, who was evidently accustomed to count the giving of tithes a duty." And, after the tithe, comes the thank offering.

Perhaps our methods of work need changing. The average woman to-day has far more missionary information than the intellectual women of a few years ago. "Woman's Work," and the many other church and religious magazines put the same information in the hands of the majority of the women in a congregation at the same time. Yet many missionary meetings are conducted on the same lines as when they first started—an hour a month on one country—twelve countries a year. And yet leaders and presidents of societies complain that "missionary interest is lessening." That is not a fact.

What is needed is accurate knowledge of foreign countries—not general information. One fact learned by personal study and investigation is worth an hour's lazy listening to a map-talk—a sketch of the religion, and an outline of the mission stations. This is the need that mission-study classes supply.

We have had second-hand missionary information for so many years that to many of us it seems the only kind. This is house cleaning time. Let us throw aside our second-hand methods and begin with earnest personal effort to become acquainted with conditions. Let us offer a titling of our minds to the Lord's work.

This week's issue of "Charities" says: "Increasingly there is a demand among people to know the world and the flesh in terms of life as great bodies of men and women are living it to-day." It is the method which fails to interest. To use a homely phrase: "We are tired of being stuffed."

The most important and significant item that I have found in the Presbyterial reports sent me is the appointment in Elizabeth Presbytery

* An apparent decrease only—\$500 went directly to the Board, \$200 came in too late to be counted in this year's report.

of a mission study secretary. Already forty-seven regular classes and eight irregular (meeting at irregular times) have been started. And these classes are composed of members who are to assume leadership of bands and C. E. Societies. This same method needs to be introduced into the Auxiliary Societies if they hope to claim the interest and efforts of the younger women, as they may outgrow their mission bands and younger societies.

Thirty missionaries depend upon our Presbyteries for their support. Time would fail me were I to mention them by name, with their stations and work. Their patience, bravery, faith, noble service are familiar to you all. At least I hope "you have them in your hearts," to make use of an expression of the great missionary Paul.

Let us tithe our pleasures and luxuries for these far-away friends, and learn to look at life from their standpoint that we may appreciate their needs.

Let us become intimate with one missionary and come into vital touch with one consecrated life this year. It makes no difference whether it be the one supported by our own money or not—the support is the most mechanical part of it all—we give our gifts for the Board to use as it thinks best. But let us have a personal acquaintance with one woman. And choose a lonely one—there are so many of them. When we have enjoyed a book, why not send it to her. Listen to this extract from the letter of a little woman spending her first summer in Canton. Her husband, a physician, too busy to take her on a vacation to the hills.

"It is boiling hot, and the oldest inhabitant says that it is the hottest summer he has spent here; that is a comfort to know that it has not ever been any hotter, of course. I simply boil; first, I decided that it is easier to sew, and I sew for a while, my needle sticking in the cloth and squeaking with every stitch; then I get tired of that and try to read, and have read everything readable on the campus, and some things twice, and then I bathe my face and hands and begin with a new needle."

"I have read everything on the campus, and some things twice." Think for a moment of our wealth of libraries, magazines, papers, and then of her, and she only one of the many starving for reading matter.

Why not try having two literature tables at our missionary meetings this winter. One to dispense to us tracts on foreign countries, the other to collect books for distribution in foreign lands. Have a mailing committee and use the prayer calendar for names. Book postage is the same the world over.

And just here we shall note the appeal of Mr. Snooks of Laguna Bay for Sunday-school papers for the 40,000 children learning English in the public school in Manila. Give a tithe of your time and write a personal letter to someone who may receive few.

And a tithe of our clothes and pretty things to wear—nothing is harder to get in those far away stations than collars and belts, and the little articles which add so much pleasure to our lives—children's hair

ribbons, or a game. Some missionaries in the inland stations must send three thousand miles for darning cotton and needles. Remember that they are of like passions as ourselves.

And let us not forget to tithe our prayers for our missionaries. That is necessary if their interests are to become a real part of our lives.

There are problems that we need to help solve. Missionaries home on furlough find it increasingly difficult to live on the salary allowed them while on furlough. The renting of a furnished house leaves little to live on. One of our finest missionaries must needs preach on Sundays to earn his living while at home to rest.

Can we help in this by offering our furnished houses during the summer months to the Board for the use of missionaries. Could our Synod own a furnished house that should be used constantly by them.

Away back in the days of Pilgrim's Progress, you remember there was a house by the wayside "called Beautiful, built for the relief and security of pilgrims." At Wooster, Ohio, there is one such house, I know, perhaps more.

Any of us who may have been entertained in foreign lands by these friends, would be glad to be able to return their hospitality in a way which would lighten some of the hard conditions of the year in the home land.

Another serious question, which is a most important one, is the necessity of finding some method of making the members of the younger societies, the Secretaries of Christian Endeavor and Bands interested and welcome at the Presbyterial meetings. That they should be trained as leaders, given charge of work and then allowed no opportunity to state their difficulties, discuss methods or exchange ideas is poor management or lack of forethought. One Presbyterial Secretary states that she is allowed ten minutes to make her report, give new suggestions, recommend courses of study or work for the year. It is no wonder that she does not urge her societies to send delegates to the Presbyterial meetings. As she says, "there is nothing there for them."

A word as to two changes that have come to the synodical Board during the year. The Presbytery of Morris and Orange has resigned, with a deep sense of personal loss, its president, that she might accept the presidency of the Synodical Society. It has welcomed with loyalty and cordiality her successor, the personal friend of many of the Board.

The resignation of Mrs. Walter Condit from the position of Corresponding Secretary is presented to-day. It will be received with deeper regret than she has expressed in her note to you. I am sure. The society loses much by her absence from its meetings.

With a few changes the missionaries on the field remain as last year. Mr. Goheen, supported by Bands, has been called to his eternal rest. Miss London, of Germantown, has been assigned to the Bands in place of Miss Moore, of Wei Hsien, married. Miss London will teach in the girls school at Tokio. Mrs. Wm. Hunt, formerly Miss Anna Lloyd, has written of the birth of a son.

Dr. Elizabeth Anderson is soon to start for Soochow to assist Dr. Cattell in her work, filling the place left vacant by Dr. Mary Litch, when she chose to change her dwelling place to the Tooker Hospital at Siangtan, as Dr. Tooker's wife.

Mrs. Boggs, the physician supported at Canton by New Brunswick Presbytery, wrote last January of her need for a new dispensary, the floor of the old being under water at the rainy season—the water standing 15 inches deep under the Bible woman's bed. It is a pleasure to report that money has been given by a friend for this very necessary building.

The great need in our foreign missionary work is the consecration of our whole selves in practical service. May I repeat the opening thought of this report—"My child, thou mayest not measure out thine offering unto me by what others have done or left undone: be it thine to seek out to the last moment of thine earthly life what is the utmost height of pure devotion to which I have called thine own self."

And close with the beautiful poem of Susan Gammon:

If I could live to God for just one day,
 One blessed day, from early dawn of light
 Till purple twilight deepened into night—
 A day of faith unfaltering, trust complete,
 Of love unfeigned and perfect charity,
 Of hope undimmed, of courage past dismay,
 Of heavenly peace, patient humility—
 No hint of duty to constrain my feet,
 No dream of ease to lull to listlessness,
 Within my heart no root of bitterness,
 No yielding to temptation's subtle sway—
 Methinks in that one day would so expand
 My soul to meet such holy, high demand,
 That never, never more could hold me bound
 This shrivelling husk of self that wraps me round.
 So might I henceforth live to God alway.

MARY R. TOOKER,
Secretary pro tem.

X.—THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S
SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN
THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of New Jersey was held on the afternoon of October 10th, in the First Church of Camden, N. J. The President, Mrs. Cushing, presiding.

The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Nelson.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Miss Tooker. It was moved and carried that it be accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Hall gave an excellent report of Young People's work, emphasizing again the need of organized Mission Study classes. On motion it was accepted.

The report of the Literature Department was given by the Secretary, Mrs. Coddington, in which she stated the fact that knowledge is the foundation of interest, and mentioned many of the sources of information in books, tracts, etc. On motion it was accepted.

Miss Van Meter, reporting for the Contingent Fund, stated that there was a balance of \$112.43 in the bank. This report was accepted.

Mrs. Cushing stated that the need for a Synodical Mission Study Secretary was becoming so urgent that the balance in the Contingent treasury would be held for that object if found possible.

Mrs. Cushing also made a few remarks as to the purpose of the Synodical Society, asking whether it was accomplishing the most possible. The officers and delegates present were asked to discuss this question in their Presbyteries, and report to the Synodical President any suggestions for changes.

* Mr. Fred Jansen spoke most interestingly of his work in Cebu, Manila, telling of the eagerness of the people for the Gospel, reporting a church of 15,000 members as the result of five years' work.

Mrs. Weitzel introduced to the meeting several members of the Philadelphia Board—Miss S. Elizabeth Jones, Secretary; Mrs. T. Elliot Patterson, Secretary of Bands and Junior Societies, and Miss Sarah E. Cattell, Treasurer.

Miss Cattell spoke for a few moments on the difference between the Land of Possession and the Land of Promise.

Mrs. J. Beattie Howell, one of the five Vice-Presidents of the Board, read from letters of Mrs. Thorpe, who is traveling in Japan.

Mrs. Weitzel told of the increased territory and work of the Philadelphia Board, resulting from a reunited Church, asking all to be cordial and generous to the new members and the new work.

* It was announced at the close of the meeting that a scholarship of \$50.00 had been given by three ladies from Succasunna for the use of Mr. Jansen.

After a most beautiful rendering of the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light," the Nominating Committee made its report as follows:

The Committee on Nominations respectfully recommend the following list as their choice of officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. G. W. Cushing, East Orange.

ELIZABETH PRESBYTERY.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. J. T. Kerr, Elizabeth.
Mrs. Samuel Milliken, Plainfield.

JERSEY CITY PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. William Nelson, Patterson.
Miss Caroline S. Pudney, Passaic.

MONMOUTH PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. Ella Stults, Cranbury.
Mrs. Charles B. Austin, Toms River.

MORRIS AND ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. A. J. Brown, East Orange.
Miss K. Storrs, Orange.

NEWARK PRESBYTERY.

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

NEW BRUNSWICK PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. Peter Stryker, Bound Brook.
Mrs. Walter B. Harris, Princeton.

NEWTON PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. E. B. England, Asbury.
Mrs. W. R. Scranton, Belvidere.

WEST JERSEY PRESBYTERY.

Mrs. F. J. Collier, Woodstown.
Miss J. Russell, Wenonah.

Recording Secretary—Miss Mary Roberts Tooker, East Orange.

Corresponding Secretary—(Mrs. Walter Condict, *resigned*.)

Secretary Young People's Work—Mrs. W. H. Hall, 565 High street, Newark.

Treasurer of Contingent Fund—Miss Van Meter, Salem.
Secretary Literature—Mrs. L. B. Coddington, Murray Hill.

The motion was carried that the report be adopted and the secretary be asked to cast the vote. The secretary declared the officers for the coming year to be as given above.

The resignation of Mrs. Condict, Corresponding Secretary, was read. The following resolutions were adopted:

"It is with deep regret that we are called upon to accept the resignation of our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Condict. Be it resolved, that this society records its appreciation of her long period of faithful, efficient service, her consecrated interest and loyal devotion to the society's work. Be it also resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Synodical society, and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Condict."

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported that Rahway had invited the Synodical Society to meet there for its meeting in 1908. The recommendation to accept the invitation was carried.

The following were offered by the Committee on Resolutions, and adopted:

Be it resolved, That we, "the strangers within the gates," to-day do hereby tender our hearty thanks to the good ladies of the First Church of Camden for all their kindness to us.

Resolved, That we make special note of not only the warmth of their welcome to us, but also of the warmth of the atmosphere which has made us so comfortable within these four walls, and for the bountiful entertainment which has refreshed and strengthened us.

Resolved, That we acknowledge our appreciation of the efficient work of our Presidents, Mrs. Cushing and Mrs. Honeyman, during the past year, and also thank them for this day's pleasure and profit derived from their carefully prepared programs which have been so ably carried through.

Resolved, That our thanks be also extended to the earnest, eloquent speakers, who have so edified us and awakened in us a stronger desire to do more and better service for our Master; also that we express our pleasure and enjoyment of the beautiful songs and for all the music of the day.

And be it further resolved, That we who know the joy of "dwelling in the house of the Lord" should remember the *source* of all our blessings and unite our hearts and voices in thanksgiving to the "Good Shepherd" who has led us in "green pastures," by repeating together the 23d psalm.

After a few closing remarks by the Rev. Samuel Price, the benediction was pronounced.

MARY R. TOOKER,

Recording Secretary.

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

A comparison of the reports of the past year with those of the previous year show a loss of 25 schools, 445 officers and teachers, and 93 scholars. The conditions are such as to demand more earnest work on the part of our churches in caring for the children and youth of our State, and especial effort is necessary to fill the depleted ranks of our officers and teachers. The loss of 445 during the year is so serious that we must needs pause and ask the question, how are we to increase the numbers and efficiency of our teaching force. We must not lose sight of the fact that the membership of our churches, and by far the largest part of our workers in the churches, come to us from our Sabbath-schools, and loss here means weakness all along the line of our work.

Statistics.—Other parts of our work are more encouraging. We have 442 schools, with 8,142 officers and teachers, and 67,387 scholars, making a total membership of 75,520. During the year 5,066 have been added to the schools. 15,290 of our scholars are reported as members of our churches, and there have been received into church fellowship during the year 1,947, or 997 less than last year, which was the banner year in the Synod's history. 4,451 infants are members of the Cradle Roll, a gain of 729; thus are we claiming the children for Christ and the Church. 8,723 adults are enrolled in Home Department classes, a gain of 765—by this means we are impressing the importance of Bible study in the home life. 667 persons are enrolled in Teacher Training classes, a gain of 237. This is a vitally important part of our work, and is growing in importance every year. The Shorter Catechism is taught in 235 schools, and 342 schools use the Westminster Lesson Helps.

Benevolence.—The schools of Synod contributed during the year to the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work \$5,670, which is \$17.19 less than last year. The offering of last year, \$7,389, was the largest in Synod's history, and was an increase of \$2,598 over the previous year. Aside from this record, our gifts for the past year show an increase over previous years. Add the gifts of our churches to the Board, and our offerings reach a total of \$14,451. The schools have given to other Boards of the church \$21,578, and to miscellaneous benevolence \$14,690, and have raised for the support of the schools \$45,528, making the total amount of money raised for all purposes \$87,466.

Mission Work.—During the past year 133 missionaries and 30 colporteurs have labored within the bounds of 30 Synods and 115 Presbyteries. They have organized 722 new Sabbath-schools and revived 247, a total of 969, into which have been gathered 3,191 officers and teachers and 30,029 scholars, making a total membership of 33,220. They have also encouraged and aided 2,317 Sabbath-schools, which are under their care, the membership of these schools being 96,346. They

have also held 4,838 Evangelistic services, in which 2,119 conversions came under their observation; and have conducted 976 Sabbath-school Institutes and Conventions. The missionaries have sold or given away 9,246 Bibles and Testaments, 18,774 volumes of good literature and 1,423,496 pages of tracts and periodicals, and visited 108,823 families. From the schools started and carried on by the missionaries of the Board there have been developed during the year 114 churches, of which 99 are Presbyterian, and 15 of other denominations. During the past 20 years 1,065 Presbyterian churches have grown from our mission Sabbath-schools, an average of 56 new Presbyterian churches every year.

Other denominations sharing in the fruits of the work have gathered 528 churches, making a total of 1,593, an average of 84 churches each year.

There are now but few States in which our Sabbath-school missionaries are not at work. To-day the Board has under its care 2,300 mission Sabbath-schools, and can point to 1,065 Presbyterian churches that have grown out of its schools. Many of these churches would not be in existence to-day—certainly the great majority of them would not be Presbyterian churches—had not the Sabbath-school missionary seized the strategic point and planted the blue banner of Presbyterianism there.

Foreign Population.—The Board's work among the foreigners in America has grown rapidly since the last meeting of Synod. The number of colporteurs, as well as publications in foreign languages, has increased. 30 colporteurs have been engaged in this work. They have visited 35,489 families, distributed by sale and gift 10,186 religious books, 508,611 pages of tracts, and 3,725 Bibles, Testaments and Gospels in at least twenty different languages. The work was carried on last year at an expense of \$22,000, and will require even more than this amount for the present year. This work for the foreigners will naturally develop year by year.

More than a million immigrants are annually flocking to our shores. God, in His providence, is giving us foreign mission work to do at home. Patriotism, philanthropy and Christianity, all appeal to us earnestly to undertake it; and surely they will not appeal in vain. The Board of Publication is prepared to go forward with its part of the work as rapidly as the Church will provide it with the necessary funds.

Teacher Training.—In view of the great loss of 445 from our teaching force during the past year, your Committee would call attention to the great importance of establishing Teacher Training Classes in all our schools. To aid in this important work the Board of Publication in 1905 published "The Westminster Teacher Training Course" in two volumes. This has been used in a large number of schools. In the light of two years' experience the first volume is now being revised, and will be ready for use this fall. This is a vitally important field of work. We must increase the efficiency of our Sabbath-schools; we must develop our teaching force. This we can do by grading the

schools, by adding new departments, by teacher training, by bringing the work to a new spirit of appreciation on the one hand, and of consecration on the other. The Board of Publication wishes to be a leader in this great work, and desires, by preparation of literature of various kinds, by the holding of conferences and institutes, by the suggestion of methods and plans of work, and by the encouragement and stimulation of our Sabbath-school workers, to be of service in this most important field of church activity.

During the past year the General Assembly has committed to the Board a new department, that of "Young People's Work," and the Rev. Willis L. Gelston has been elected its superintendent, and is already at work. The work of this department will be carried on in the interest of the young people of the Presbyterian Church, and incidentally of all the Boards and other missionary agencies, and will be planned for the accomplishment of three general objects—*Organization, Instruction and Inspiration.*

Your Committee would suggest the following recommendations for adoption:

1. That Synod urges in every Sunday-school the establishment of a Teachers' Training Class, and a Home Department.

2. That all our schools be urged to observe Children's Day and Rallying Day, and that liberal offerings be made on these days to the missionary and colportage work of the Board.

HENRY C. CRONIN,

Chairman.

XII.—FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PER-
MANENT COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S
SOCIETIES.

In the presentation of our report it has been our custom to hear first from the Presbyterian chairmen. They have all prepared a careful report of their respective fields, costing them much time and labor, three of which, especially, are presented herewith, to be read to Synod.

Rev. Wm. B. Hamilton, for Elizabeth, says: "I would emphasize the need of larger gifts to Home Missions, an increase of senior societies, more personal interest taken by pastors and elders in work for and with young people."

Rev. H. Iserman, for Jersey City, says: "There is needed some method or system that will arouse a deeper spiritual interest, both on the part of the Church toward the young people and among the young people themselves."

Rev. Frank Lukens, for Monmouth, says: "I would emphasize the need of our young people showing their faith by their works. The practical side needs developing. Also there is danger that pastors will unconsciously leave to them, as an utterly unfit and inadequate substitute, the fundamentally important work of training the young, which is supremely his work. He should see that he has them organized into study groups around himself."

Rev. Minot C. Morgan, for Morris and Orange, says: "I feel the need of a more systematic correlation of the Church's work for the young people, at present finding expression in such a diversity of ways."

Rev. Dr. William Y. Chapman, for Newark, says: "I emphasize the fact that as a rule the societies do not attract the more intelligent young people of our churches—high school and college young people. Pastors should make a special effort to bridge that chasm."

Rev. Henry A. MacKubbin, for New Brunswick, says: "The young people's work is in good shape in our Presbytery. It is up to the pastor to make the young people's work a success, and he must plan for it, and work with it, and push it."

Rev. Irvin F. Wagner, for Newton, says: "The majority of the societies are C. E. Societies, meeting Sabbath evenings. Closer attention was given by the churches this year in compiling the statistics."

Rev. Walter L. Steiner, for West Jersey, says: "Urge upon the various pastors and sessions the importance and the advantage of a junior society for the small children of every church and the formation of mission study classes."

We note that the last General Assembly transferred to our Synod the Presbytery of Havana, with its ten churches. We welcome their young people back to our field.

Also the last General Assembly noted "the condition resembling chaos in the administration of our young people's work," and recommended

that "some plan for a central bureau for the Christian nurture of the young be undertaken." The Board of Publication reported that it had appointed Rev. Willis L. Gelston, of Coldwater, Michigan, to be the new Superintendent on Young People's Work. We bespeak for him a cordial welcome, if he shall visit our societies. As yet no plan nor policy has been announced by the new department.

I. MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES.

We have often noted these various enterprises and must refer enquirers to to the reported details of two and three years ago. They are about the same now.

Comparing Presbyteries this year and last, we find the following Home Missions contributions, as reported by the Board, to wit:

Elizabeth, \$746; loss, \$34. Jersey City, \$492; gain \$68. Monmouth, \$514; loss, \$75. Morris and Orange, \$947; loss, \$481. Newark, \$1,469; gain, \$781. New Brunswick, \$292; loss, \$112. Newton, \$250; loss, \$81. West Jersey, \$392; loss, \$60. Total to Home Missions Board, \$5,104; gain, \$135. The largest amount was from the Young People's Societies of the First Church of Newark, \$633.

The contributions to the Foreign Board are: Elizabeth, \$1,971; loss, \$699. Jersey City, \$397; loss, \$19. Monmouth, \$463; loss, \$126. Morris and Orange, \$1,101; loss, \$241. Newark, \$528; loss, \$7. New Brunswick, \$1,044; gain, \$79. Newton, \$306; gain, \$21. West Jersey, \$430; loss, \$215. Total to Foreign Mission Board, \$6,240, a loss of \$1,207. The largest amount was from the Westminster Church Societies, \$633.

II. GENERAL STATISTICS.

In the same connection we note some of the leading statistical items, taken from the printed statistical blanks for Presbyteries. Elizabeth: societies, 68; membership, 2,223; conversions, 107; contributions, \$2,643. Jersey City: societies, 48; membership, 2,140; conversions, 146; contributions, \$3,739. Monmouth: societies, 70; membership, 1,867; conversions, 100; contributions, \$3,915. Morris and Orange: societies, 90; membership, 3,098; conversions, 73; contributions, \$7,640. Newark: societies, 59; membership, 2,279; conversions, 43; contributions, \$3,675. New Brunswick: societies, 79; membership, 2,386; conversions, 65; contributions, 3,059. Newton: societies, 58; membership, 1,804; conversions, 61; contributions, \$2,444. West Jersey: societies, 80; membership, 2,048; conversions, 75; contributions, \$2,717.

The totals compared with last year are: Societies, 552; loss 19. Members, 17,845; loss, 2,546. Conversions, 670; loss, 108. Contributions, \$29,832; loss \$4,081. Synod will notice that there is a loss in each of these main items.

III. MISCELLANEOUS.

There is nothing special to report concerning methods of study and training classes. Full reference to the final year of the Christian Study Course was made in our last report.

The historical celebration of our completed two hundred years of existence in America was arranged for according to the directions of the last Synod. A few of our churches and societies held celebrations. Synod asked the societies to give at that time \$1,000 for Synodical Home Missions, but they only gave \$125. The full amount could be obtained if anybody had time to go after it earnestly.

With the conclusion of this report, the chairman presents his resignation, after fourteen years of service at this post, and recommends that Synod elect Rev. Frank Lukens, the Presbyterial Chairman for Monmouth, to be the chairman of Synod's Committee.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod call the attention of all our Sessions and societies to the decrease, as compared with last year, in societies, members, conversions and contributions, and earnestly calls upon all our young people to advance their work and plan for much greater results.

HUGH B. MACCAULEY,

Chairman.

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

We have reached the time when it is no longer necessary to argue that it is right to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The Bible gives explicit commands and our statute books are receiving new laws on this great subject. We must either keep these laws, both divine and human, without any mental reservation, or become anarchistic. But while men and women have the liberty to do right, they seek license to do wrong from a lax public opinion. Stiffen this public opinion and the same result will occur that we are noting in the many "investigation's" into flagrant evils in public and corporation life. There is a remarkable work for a Sabbath Observance Commission to perform. Such a commission is already in existence in the very organization of the Christian Church. "Awake, thou that sleepest," is not an unseasonable cry.

New Jersey has been taking some steps in this Forward Movement during the past year. The enforcing of the Bishops' bill has accomplished much, and wherever it has been enforced it has been highly effective in keeping the saloon closed on the Lord's Day. The keeping of this law has produced a strong sentiment for the keeping of other Sunday laws. Many places throughout our State have brought honor upon themselves by closing various business houses on the Great Day. We especially recognize the good result, for a little while, of the concerted effort here in Atlantic City. In the preparation of this report each Presbyterial chairman was asked to assist by offering suggestions and by stating the condition in each Presbytery. A single reply was received and that is gladly quoted. Speaking of the effect of a concerted effort by the pastors of a community, he says: "It is another case of 'united we stand, divided we fall.' The public officials fear a united church sentiment, but have a contempt for the spasmodic utterances of an unorganized few." Then, this Presbyterial chairman tells how the prosecutor stopped Sunday base-ball in one of the towns, when appealed to by all the ministers, though he personally was in favor of the game on the Lord's Day.

A very bold insult to the Christians of our State was offered at Trenton this year when Mr. Daab, of Hudson county, fathered a bill in the House which would permit Sunday base-ball in cities of the first class. The bill was killed by the narrow margin of 28-27. This daring effort last March should make us alert to frustrate a possible repetition of the offense. Had this bill passed the House your Committee on Sabbath Observance would have been unusually busy at once.

What can be done to better the conditions in New Jersey is the one problem that concerns us in this report. Clear speaking on the subject is essential, and right here there are many failures. Very few of our ministers follow the repeated resolution of General Assembly

and Synod, requesting that a special sermon be preached in the month of April. After earnest prayer and a strict observance of the day on the part of the pastor, the next step is a powerful sermon on the question. As long as our people desecrate the day by staying away from church wilfully, taking Sunday excursions, reading the Sunday newspaper, giving too liberal hospitality on the rest day and by spending the day otherwise than even a liberal interpretation of the Shorter Catechism answer No. 60 suggests, it is of vital importance that the pulpit speak out fearlessly.

A yearly lament is heard from city and country pastors concerning the small summer congregations. If when the city pastor sees empty pews the country and seashore pastors told of crowded churches there would be great joy. Too frequently the remark overheard on the street last week is true of many: "I have not been to church since the strawberry festival." When our members observe the day during the winter season by attending church regularly twice each Sunday they will have developed a habit that will not leave them when away from their own church during the summer. A great stimulus to the abuse of the day is furnished by those churches that hold their Sunday-school session at any other time than Sunday afternoon. Satan always is ready to find some mischief for idle hands, and he readily accepts this great opportunity that is offered to him by the churches when they give him the Sunday-school, including both teachers and scholars, for the entire afternoon of Sunday.

We would respectfully call the attention of our churches and pastors to the resolutions passed by the last General Assembly, particularly the ones which "enjoin all ministers, officers and members of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. to exercise special care and faithfulness and to discourage the holding of funerals on the Sabbath." Forbidding the use of the Sunday newspaper: "the General Assembly reiterates its emphatic condemnation of the Sunday newspaper, and urges the members of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A. to refuse to subscribe for, or read it, or advertise in it."

The following resolutions are submitted for your adoption:

1. That the Committee on Sabbath Observance be directed to send a communication to each pastor in our Synod about March 15th, calling upon him, in the name of Synod, to preach a sermon on the subject of the strict observance of the Lord's Day, sometime during the month of April, 1908.

2. That this Committee be authorized to incur expense in its work not to exceed \$25.

3. That we most heartily commend and warmly endorse the work of the American Sabbath Union and the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, national organizations, in their efforts to preserve in its purity the Christian Sabbath.

4. That, in harmony with the General Assembly Resolution No. 10, we urge our churches to take an offering at the time of the Sabbath Observance sermon next April for the work of the American Sabbath

Union, Col. A. S. Bacon, Treasurer, 37 Liberty street, New York; or, in lieu of an offering, we recommend that the Union be placed upon the list of benevolences of the churches.

SAMUEL D. PRICE,

Chairman

XIV.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON
TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee are glad to believe and report that the outlook for the complete prohibition by law of the liquor beverage traffic throughout the entire territory of the United States is brighter to-day than at any time during the past century of the temperance crusade. The long continued process of education and agitation, carried on through many agencies, is now bearing a manifest and splendid harvest of good fruit in a widespread and determined effort by the temperance people of the land to organize their forces and to use all proper means and measures for the destruction of the liquor business. The tide of aggressive public sentiment and of awakened conscience in reference to the great evil and injustice of the liquor traffic is rising higher every year, in our Christian communities especially, and the Christian Church has grown more bold and outspoken in her denunciation of the saloon and the drink habit, and in laying upon the Christian voters of the country the responsibility for the continued existence of these great evils. As a result, the lawmakers in all our State Legislatures and in our National Congress have been compelled to deal with the liquor problem, and we may truly say that it is the most prominent and vital issue in politics and legislation in these days. Especially are the people of this nation demanding the privilege of home rule in the settlement of this problem, and they are getting it wherever they persist in their reasonable and righteous demand. In the aggressive and strenuous fight which is now waging against the liquor traffic, we see the cause of prohibition advancing so rapidly in our territory that even one of the leaders of the liquor champions likens it to the sweep of a prairie fire, and declares that it is too late now to stop it. Surely now is the time for all the foes of the liquor evil to unite and to push forward the cause of prohibition, with the faith that God is giving us the victory.

Since the last meeting of our Synod the State of Georgia has, by an overwhelming vote, placed itself in the column of prohibition States, along with Maine, Kansas and North Dakota. Oklahoma, having in September last carried prohibition by the decisive majority of 30,000 votes, will, we believe, soon be admitted into the Union, with Indian Territory, as another prohibition State. It is confidently believed by those well informed as to the situation that several other States, including North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas and Kentucky, in which a large part of the territory is already rid of the saloon, will, within a few years, follow Georgia in adopting prohibition as the law for the whole State. The State of Delaware, or most of it, will probably be carried for no license under a no-license privilege on the fifth of next month. In Ohio, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois the local option movement is gaining

ground, and, indeed, over most of the entire country progress is being steadily made in the direction of prohibition.

In New Jersey we are lagging behind in this movement, but are not content with present attainments. We purpose to go forward and not backward, and believe that the time is not far distant when our efforts to obtain a local option law will be crowned with success. We believe that the clamor of the liquor forces of our State for home rule on the question of an open Sunday for the liquor business will only help our cause in showing up the godlessness and un-American spirit of those who make it. We should insist upon the continuance and enforcement of the Bishops' Bill law, and by pledging individual candidates for our Legislature, regardless of party, we should press steadily toward the goal of the local option privilege, and then aim for State prohibition. Some progress toward this end has been made this past year in getting a vote in our State Assembly on the Local Option Bill and in securing the nomination of men for our Legislature who are pledged to vote for this bill when the opportunity offers.

In some parts of our State energetic efforts are being made to improve local conditions. In Atlantic City a strong Citizens' League has made effective warfare against gambling, selling liquor to children and selling liquor on Sundays. In Salem the temperance forces are aiming, through a Citizens' Reform ticket, to elect city councilmen who will refuse to grant liquor licenses. We are very sorry to report that an excise board, appointed by the city council of Asbury Park, has, since our meeting there last year, issued a license to retail alcoholic liquors to four hotel keepers in that city, which was founded as a temperance place, and we sincerely hope that this blot upon its fair name and this stumbling block in the way of its largest prosperity will soon be removed. We believe that the liquor traffic is a curse and blight to any city where it is tolerated, and we trust that the day is not far distant when Atlantic City, this great seaside resort of people from many States and lands, will also be rid of the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

We are sorry to note that many officers of the regular army are still urging the repeal of the Anti-Canteen Law, in face of the fact that the Judge Advocate General of the army reports a decrease of over two thousand cases of generals court-martial in 1906 as compared with the number reported in 1900, when the Anti-Canteen Law went into effect, and when, it is estimated from the records of his office, that in ninety per cent. of the cases before such courts the defendants plead drunkenness as an extenuating circumstance or defense. We are still of the opinion that the canteen should not be restored to the army posts or camps, and that if proper precautions were taken to safeguard the men against saloons, and stricter discipline enforced against drunkenness, the moral and physical condition of our soldiers would be greatly improved.

We would call attention to the fact that some legislation on the part of Congress is imperatively demanded to prevent the introduction of

liquors into prohibition territory under the provisions of the Inter-State Commerce Law, and we should all urge the members of Congress from our State to support the Littlefield-Carmack Bill, which aims at the cure of this evil. We would note the important fact that the decisions of several court judges in Indiana this year, refusing applicants for a license to retail intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes on the ground that it is contrary to the principles of the Constitution of the State and the United States, mark a new and strong form of attack upon the liquor business. It is expected that the Supreme Court of the United States will be required to give its decision in the matter by an appeal case, and, if so, the people of this nation, representing both sides of the liquor question, will await the decision with intense interest. The contention that the liquor business is detrimental to the material, physical and moral welfare of the people, and, therefore, subversive of the just aims of civil government, is, no doubt, true and proved true by the test of experience. We believe that the emphasizing of this argument against the licensed liquor traffic is called for at this time and must do great good.

We want to call attention to the very large and admirable work which has been done by the Permanent Committee of our General Assembly this past year in the preparation and distribution of temperance literature, fifteen million of pages of which have been supplied to a great variety of institutions, besides our own churches and Sunday-schools. Some of this literature has gone into every State and Territory of the Union, and much of it to many foreign countries in the languages of their people. Pledge cards, Sunday-school lessons and programs for temperance day have been freely furnished to our Sunday-schools. A year book full of most valuable information has been prepared to furnish temperance material to pastors and others in promoting the cause, and much valuable information has been circulated through the religious press. In addition to this important work of education and agitation through literature, the Assembly's Committee has also employed and paid for the services of three Associate Secretaries, one lecturer on Scientific Temperance and one colored evangelist, who have labored during the whole or part of the year, giving public addresses before many thousands of people in furtherance of the temperance cause, and all this work and much more has been done at the small expense of less than \$17,000.00. We believe that the work carried on through this committee is of incalculable and increasing value, and we believe that it should be encouraged and supported far more liberally by all of our congregations, especially since its scope and volume are ever enlarging.

We are glad to notice that the total contributions of the churches and Sabbath-schools of our Synod for the past year to the work of this committee were \$245.80 more than last year, but we are sorry that 245, or more than two-thirds of our churches, made no contribution whatever to this very efficient agency of our denomination for the promotion of righteousness and the progress of Christ's Kingdom.

Twenty-eight more churches and nineteen more Sunday-schools of our Synod, however, contributed this year to this agency than were reported last year, and we hope for a much larger increase next year. The Basking Ridge Church retains its honored place as the banner church of Synod in the amount contributed to this work, and the Sunday-school of the same church is the banner school of the twenty-two schools contributing. Our churches, as shown by the temperance column of the Assembly minutes, gave \$2,247.00 to further this cause, in addition to the \$693.00 given toward the work of the Permanent Committee. It appears from the minutes that a large number of our Sessions probably neglected to make use of the temperance column last year to report all offerings for the temperance cause, and we would urge all such Sessions to report their gifts to the Assembly next year. The banner church of our Synod for the largest amount given to the temperance cause last year is the Brick Church, of East Orange (\$293.00).

We desire to express our grateful appreciation of the splendid work that has been done in our State by the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League during the past year in arousing, stimulating, organizing and directing the temperance sentiment of our people for effective work along political and legislative lines. This league has now five men devoting their entire time to the work. It has, by its representatives, spoken in four hundred churches, ninety-six of them Presbyterian, during the year, and distributed a half million pages of temperance literature in our State bearing upon its special line of work. It has received and expended \$12,376.46 during the year in support of the temperance cause. We believe that it deserves the confidence and generous support of all our churches and of all our citizens who desire to see the liquor traffic banished from our State and land.

In conclusion, your Committee would say that we have abundant reason to praise God for the progress made in our State and nation, and over the world, indeed, in the temperance cause. It is sadly true that there has been no perceptible decrease in the amount of alcoholic liquor consumed in our country for drink as yet, and that this amount and the cost of it are appalling in their magnitude, but this lack of decrease is doubtless due to the vast influx of foreign population addicted to the drink habit. It is true that there is very much land to be possessed for temperance, and the conflict must be long and hard, but the time has come, we believe, when the majority of the people of this nation are fully convinced that the liquor traffic, under any form of restriction that can be put upon it, is a crippling, deadly and unscrupulous foe to the material, moral and spiritual welfare of men, and that its iniquity is so patent and so enormous that we must rid ourselves of the responsibility for its continuance, or else stand in peril of God's righteous judgment upon us and upon our nation. An aroused church can make the sentiment which will demand that this nation shall no longer frame iniquity by law in licensing and thereby rendering respectable and defending the murderous

and God-defying traffic. And it is the duty of all ministers of God's Word, which pronounces a woe upon him who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips to make him drunken, and declares that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, to lead on the people of God in a holy war against this great evil and crime of the legalized saloon, and to use all their influence and power to banish the liquor traffic and the drink habit from our land. This war is already waxing hot; the enemy is showing signs of dismay, and, by the signs of the times, God is calling us to rise up and go forward to larger victory.

We would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That this Synod, profoundly impressed with the sense of God's call to His people in this land to go forward and banish the liquor traffic from our midst, urges upon all of the ministers and laity under its jurisdiction to do their utmost in every lawful and judicious way to promote this righteous cause.

2. That this Synod again commends to all our ministers and people the excellent literature provided and freely furnished for their use and distribution by our General Assembly's Committee on Temperance and urges a larger use of the same for the promotion of temperance sentiment and work.

3. That this Synod, appreciating and approving the largely-expanded work of the Assembly's Permanent Committee and its need of increased funds to maintain this work, urges all of the Sessions of its churches to secure, by some method, an annual offering that we may contribute at least our proportionate share of the sum recommended by the Assembly, which for this year is \$25,000, of which our share is \$1,470.

4. That this Synod, recognizing the Anti-Saloon League of our State under its present management and policy as a safe and very efficient agency for the promotion of the temperance cause, and especially for the furthering of the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, heartily commends it to the support of the churches and people of our State, and pledges to give it such co-operation as is consistent with the constitution of our church.

5. That this Synod would approve of the selection by the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League of three Presbyterian ministers and three Presbyterian laymen as members of its Board of Control, to be a medium of conference and coöperation between that League and our Presbyterian churches in this State.

6. That we record and publish our strongest protest against any measures taken by Army officers, or others, for the repeal of the Anti-Canteen law passed by the United States Congress, while this law is so persistently upheld by such wise and honored veterans as Generals Miles, Daggett and others, and while the official reports of the War Department testify to its value in greatly improving the morals of the army.

7. That this Synod, through its Stated Clerk, urges upon our National Congress and the President of these United States the adoption of the "Littlefield-Carmack Bill," to prevent gross injustice

to those States and communities which have legally outlawed the liquor traffic, and urges its ministers and laymen also to use their personal influence with the members of Congress from our State to secure the passage of said bill.

8. That we are unalterably opposed to any legislation which contemplates the legalizing of the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, believing that such legislation is directly contrary to the expressed will of God, and would provoke His righteous judgments, and we believe that any man or party upholding or asking for such legislation is not worthy the support of God-fearing and patriotic citizens.

9. That we favor and pledge ourselves to support the Bishops' Bill law as now in force, but will strive to secure still more advanced restrictive legislation, and will persistently and steadily press forward to obtain a local option law which will give us the right of home rule for the settlement of the saloon question.

10. That we join with our General Assembly in recommending that the last Sabbath in October be observed as Temperance Day in our churches, Sabbath-schools and Young Peoples' Societies, and that we urge all Christians to make earnest supplication to God on that day for His blessing upon all efforts which are being made to promote total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages and the abolition of the liquor traffic.

WILLIAM V. LOUDERBOUGH,

Chairman.

XV.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON PRO- PORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Another year's record of our benefactions has been made up and your Committee sets itself to the task of review and emphasis of certain things the record contains. In the way of reproduction of the things that are written in our church Year Book, we cannot attempt so very much. We may, however, give certain summaries and comparisons which will aid us in telling the story of the past year's beneficence, and may incite us to larger things in the make-up of the record of the year now passing. To lead the members of our churches to look upon their material holdings as their loan from the Lord and to persuade them to administer their substance as good stewards, not forgetting the "storehouse tithes," is the ultimate object of this Committee. But we expect little good will ever come of our efforts save through the intermediary service of the Presbyterian Committees and through the pastors and ruling elders who—more than any other human agents—hold the key to the treasuries of the church. Moreover, if the subordinate Committees and the pastors and elders are content to bury the facts presented by your Committee in the shroud of inattention or the casket of many year's Synodical custom and not press them home in the Presbyteries and make them live down in the churches, then it were well that your Committee be dropped from its place on Synod's docket.

An examination of the Minutes of General Assembly yields the following comparative tables:

HOME PRESBYTERIES.	<i>Membership.</i>		<i>Gifts to Beneficence.</i>		<i>Per Capita Gifts.</i>	
	<i>1906.</i>	<i>1907.</i>	<i>1906.</i>	<i>1907.</i>	<i>1906.</i>	<i>1907.</i>
Newark,	13,960	14,176	\$100,753	\$81,076	\$7.22	\$5.70
Morris and Orange,	11,020	11,123	93,369	117,944	8.47	10.60
Elizabeth,	10,659	10,833	397,518	90,991	37.28	8.21
New Brunswick,	9,662	9,793	46,252	44,973	4.77	4.59
West Jersey,	8,899	9,105	22,220	27,530	2.50	3.02
Jersey City,	8,489	8,889	32,869	34,162	3.87	3.84
Monmouth,	6,840	6,848	21,416	21,742	3.13	3.17
Newton,	6,022	6,170	12,955	14,691	2.16	2.37

We here discover a gain in the membership of our churches of 1,005. The comparison reveals a falling off in gifts to objects outside of church support of \$294,243. If, however, for fairness of comparison we omit from 1906 the princely gifts credited to a single church in the Presbytery of Elizabeth, we shall find that 1907 shows a gain of \$10,807. Then, if we make the same omission from the estimate, we discover that while the per capita gifts to benevolence were in 1906, \$5.40, the average rose this year to \$5.48.

The relative standing of seven of the stronger Synods is seen in the following table:

SYNOD.	Total Beneficence.	Per Capita Gift.	1902.	
New York,	\$14,182.13	Illinois,	\$7.08	\$4.37
Pennsylvania,	11,099.58	New York,	6.68	5.54
Illinois,	5,937.88	New Jersey,	5.48	6.55
New Jersey,	4,332.35	Baltimore,	5.14	3.47
Ohio,	3,295.69	Pennsylvania,	4.47	5.46
Baltimore,	1,519.68	Ohio,	2.93	3.97
Indiana,	1,058.78	Indiana,	2.24	3.47

This table is presented not merely to show that our Synod has fallen from the third place in the aggregate of gifts to fourth place, and that instead of occupying the place of first honor in per capita gifts, which we held for some years, we have been outranked by both Illinois and New York, but our main object is to show that while membership has greatly increased and wealth multiplied in our churches, the per capita gifts in more than one-half of the Synods mentioned above have dropped below the rate of five years ago. Surely there is no ground for boasting here. Rather had we deck ourselves in the garments of humiliation.

Another showing of the records worth noting is that the various Presbyteries of the Synod presented to the Boards of Foreign Missions, Sabbath School Work and Ministerial Relief, larger gifts than the previous year, while the other five approved channels of our beneficence received less than the amounts contributed the preceding year.

Taking now the measure of the faithfulness of the church courts to contribute to every Board, we discover some things that encourage. Of our 336 churches, the Minutes of General Assembly indicate that last year 281 presented offerings to every one of the eight Boards. The number thus faithful the previous year was 255. It is thus observed that while in 1906 71 churches failed to comply with the admonition of their proper counsellor in the matter of offerings, only 55 were thus derelict the year for which we are accounting. Again, be it observed that 276, the number of blanks appearing in the Minutes of 1906, is reduced this year to 242. A glance back over five years will still better reveal progress in this matter of church loyalty. Then there were 102, or nearly one-third of our churches showing blanks in the statistical columns, now there are 55, or less than one of every six of our churches. Then there were in all 427 blanks, now there are 242. In the Presbytery of Jersey City the number of churches having blanks was reduced from 26 to 17. In West Jersey the reduction was from 30 to 14. The total number of blanks in Jersey City in this period of five years dropped from 120 to 79. In Newton from 53 to 15, and in West Jersey in four years, *i. e.*, from 1903, from 164 to 78. Your Committee commends to all the Presbyteries the splendid example set by Monmouth and New Brunswick in regularly presenting annual offerings to every Board. The progress toward this goal by most of our Presbyteries in recent

years, as shown by the figures just given, is evidence enough that it can be reached.

But if we are encouraged by such a showing; if a few dollars more than the year before have found their way into the work of Kingdom extension, and if a few more churches than in previous years came to the help of all the Boards, and a number of breaches in the columns of blanks were closed—what of it? Surely, that cannot content us! And how may we be at ease in our Zion, even if there are hopeful signs that next year will see as many, or a few more, dollars rolling into the treasuries and a few less blanks mar the pages of the Minutes? When it is realized that the weekly per capita gifts of the Synod of New Jersey toward the sending of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world last year was less than the price of a round trip fare on the street cars, and when with this it is remembered that New Jersey Christians are increased with goods as never before, is it not time for us pastors and elders to address ourselves to the matter of supporting the work of our boards with an interest and determination that are in keeping with the Church's mission?

Oftimes it appears that the last word has been said and the last act of devising done in the matter of method of securing from the church the money needed for her larger work. Our agencies of collection and distribution are, for the most part, above criticism. They touch each other without interference, forming a plan quite sufficient under God to meet the needs of a waiting world. And never was there a time when the men in charge of these agencies were quite so busy as now in pressing the churches for funds for the work. I suppose, too, that pastors have thrown more of their earnestness into this department of their work in recent years than ever before. And yet, with a membership growing in numbers and intelligence, and with wealth accumulating faster than our numbers, here is the humiliating spectacle of reduced per capita gifts and smaller aggregate of gifts these latest years than were given several years ago. The question presses, "What can be done to secure increased gifts from our members that will be commensurate with the growth in numbers, the prosperity that attends the people and our share in the work of evangelizing the world? It must be acknowledged that with all our splendidly-working machinery the giving of our people needs to be lifted to a higher plane. All too long have we been content to go after the "spare" cash of the people in any sort of "splutter and spasm" method. With due deference to the best things we have devised, is there anything so unbusinesslike as the proposition to evangelize the world's millions with only such funds as may be gathered in the occasional collection, or through such indirect and unsanctified means as have neither command or promise to warrant them. For years we have talked and written and resolved and done things looking towards improvement in the whole matter, but in the face of all that the conviction is gaining ground that something vital has been left out of the Christian's program. Now, the Lord has not left

His church to have its support at haphazard. As fully as He gave rules to govern in prayer, in organization and in government so surely has He given directions for the ministry of substance. From the first recorded act of worship in the annals of time, which was the presenting of offerings to the Lord, as noted in the story of the first human family, down to the last chapter of the sacred oracles, precept and admonition regarding the use of money have stood with other calls to service in equal, if not greater prominence. Yet, despite the fact that fruitful vineyards, laden orchards, bursting barns and overflowing measure are, all down Scripture, guaranteed the Christian who will properly administer his money, the divine rule has not been honored as it should be among those who have been made the stewards of the Lord's money. For four years this Committee has been urging the honoring of original principles touching this all-important matter, and again to-day we reiterate the conviction that if ever there is to be a substantial and permanent increase of gifts flowing into the treasuries of our boards there must be less dependence upon what the people are *in mood* to drop on the plates from week to week and more reliance upon such measures as will secure in a regular, systematic way a definite proportion of each Christian's weekly increase. These original principles are none other than those of "tithes and offering," and the most hopeful sign in connection with this whole subject of beneficence, stewardship or giving is the widening recognition of the obligation of the Christian disciple to make the tenth the minimum proportion to be taken out of one's wages or income as "holy unto the Lord." In 1895 the General Assembly gave indirect recognition to this by approving a table based upon the tenth, indicating the amount to be given for the support of one's own congregation, the amount each board should receive and miscellaneous objects also, from incomes ranging from \$125 per annum to \$10,000 per annum. The last General Assembly gave emphatic sanction to the tithe-principle by the adoption, among others, of the following recommendations: "That an effort be made in all our churches to increase the number of those who set apart a definite portion of their income for the Lord's work." And "That the portion thus set aside be AT LEAST a tenth, for, while under the Gospel dispensation no definite rule can be laid down as to the amount that should be set aside from one's income as the Lord's portion, yet the whole trend of the teaching of the Word would indicate that it should not be LESS than the tenth."

Last year Judge Lanning reminded us that it had taken the Presbyterian Church 200 years to incorporate "The Worship of God by Offerings" in her Directory of Worship. It has taken her still more years than 200 to adopt God's measure and order of "tithes and offerings," but, thank God, she has done it. Four days prior to this action of General Assembly similar action was taken by the National Baptist Association in session in Washington, D. C., which resolved "That inasmuch as our people need thorough instruction concerning God's

financial methods for His work, the pastors be urged to teach more systematically the Scriptural principles of Christian stewardship, and to enlist as many members as possible in a committal to lay aside at least one-tenth of their income for the Lord's work." Less than a month later the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church of America, in session in Albany, N. Y., declared in re-affirmation "That ministers be recommended to impress the duty of giving a definite proportion of one's income to God, as God has prospered everyone, the tithe principle being regarded as the norm, and indicative, in most cases, of the minimum." Surely these are inspiring evidences of "the new awakening."

Further recommendations of General Assembly have a rightful place in this report, viz., "We recommend to the careful consideration of the boards the wisdom of throwing the responsibility of raising the total amount expected from church offerings upon the Synods and Presbyteries, believing that such a course will increase the enthusiasm of our Synods and Presbyteries in our missionary and benevolent work by increasing their sense of responsibility. And we recommend that this Assembly direct the boards to apportion to the Presbyteries the amounts recommended for each board by the Finance Committee of the Assembly. We further recommend to the boards to submit to the Presbyteries a joint statement of the amount apportioned, to be in turn apportioned by the Presbytery to the individual churches."

The educational work of your Committee during the past year has consisted in sending to all pastors and some elders the leaflet entitled "The Christian Use of the Tithing System." In addition, about 2,500 copies of leaflets issued by General Assembly's Special Committee on Systematic Beneficence were distributed. This work used the appropriation made for the Committee. The remainder of the elders will receive the above-named leaflet shortly, which will take the expected appropriation for this year. It would help greatly in the much-needed educational campaign which was emphasized at General Assembly if Sessions were to see that a copy of this leaflet is placed in at least every family in their churches. The chairman of this Committee will gladly assist Sessions to procure them at lowest cost.

We present for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That the spiritual and financial value of the tithe principle be recognized and its practice recommended to all affiliated with our churches, and that pastors be urged to read to their congregations recommendations Nos. 2 and 3, page 225 of the Minutes of General Assembly, 1907.

2. That Sessions be urged to inaugurate and sustain an educational campaign in their respective churches by using the literature provided gratis by General Assembly's Special Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and such other on this subject which is easily procurable from many other sources.

3. That as a Synod we adopt the "Budget Plan" for the boards, and recommend its adoption by our Presbyteries.

4. That in order to preserve the purity of the motive for and the character of our contributions to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ, and to observe in spirit and letter Chapter VI of the Directory for Worship, the Worship of God by Offerings, Sessions be urged to discountenance fairs, bazaars, suppers and other commercial methods of procuring money.

5. In view of the universal prosperity with which God has blessed our land, a good share of which has come to the members of our Church, and considering the increased cost of living, which has advanced during the last decade at least one-third, thereby causing embarrassment and even suffering to some of the pastors of our Church, we do recommend that the sessions of the several churches throughout our Synod do seriously consider the matter of a proportionate increase in their ministers' support, thus fulfilling the covenant entered into at the time of their call to relieve them from all care and avocation about worldly things.

6. That Synod appropriates \$25.00 for the work of this Committee for the current year.

W. W. CASSELBERRY,

Chairman.

XVI.—REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD.

To the Synod of New Jersey:

At its meeting in October, 1906, the Synod appointed Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell, Rev. Robert S. Inglis, D.D., Rev. William I. Campbell, Elder Clarence C. Robinson and Elder Waldo C. Genung a Special Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood. This Committee called a Convention of the Brotherhoods of New Jersey, to be held in the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Trenton on February 12th, 1907. The Convention was attended by 73 ministers and 102 laymen, or a total of 175 men. Representatives were present from each of the eight Presbyteries in the State of New Jersey.

After a most interesting meeting, which lasted the entire day, a permanent organization was formed which took for its name "The Presbyterian Brotherhood of New Jersey." A constitution was adopted which created the officers of President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Council, the Council being composed of the above-mentioned officers and a minister and a layman from each of the eight Presbyteries in the State of New Jersey. A copy of the constitution is annexed to this report as a part thereof. The Brotherhood determined that the next annual Convention should be held on February 12th, 1908, in the Munn Avenue Presbyterian Church at East Orange. The officers elected under the constitution were as follows:

President—Mr. William M. Lanning, of Trenton.

Vice-Presidents—Mr. Elwood C. Harris, of Newark.

Dr. Stephen Pierson, of Morristown.

Mr. J. F. Tatem, of Haddonfield.

Secretary—Mr. John E. Gill, of Trenton.

Treasurer—Mr. Edward W. Dunham, of Trenton.

Mr. Gill having declined to accept the office of Secretary on account of the pressure of other duties, the Executive Council have elected Mr. Waldo C. Genung, of Newark, as Secretary.

In addition to the officers above named, the members of the Executive Council are:

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth—Rev. Dr. William Force Whitaker and Mr. Samuel J. Berry, Jr.

From the Presbytery of Jersey City—Rev. Dr. J. D. Steele.

From the Presbytery of Monmouth—Rev. Charles B. Austin, D.D., and Mr. S. C. Harris.

From the Presbytery of Morris and Orange—Rev. Dr. John F. Patterson and Mr. Harvey C. Olin.

From the Presbytery of Newark—Rev. Dr. Charles E. Granger and Mr. Archibald M. Woodruff.

From the Presbytery of Newton—Rev. J. deHart Bruen and Mr. William W. Woodward.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick—Rev. Dr. Henry C. Minton and Mr. Calvin Solliday.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey—Rev. William V. Loubrough and Mr. Thomas W. Synnott.

In response to a call sent out to the churches of the Synod, the Executive Council have received reports showing that there are in the Presbytery of Elizabeth, 13 men's organizations; in the Presbytery of Jersey City, 14 men's organizations, with a total membership of 660; in the Presbytery of Monmouth, 13 men's organizations, with a total membership of 180; in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, 17 men's organizations, with a total membership of 900; in the Presbytery of Newark, 23 men's organizations, with a total membership of 986; in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, 9 men's organizations with a total membership of 475; in the Presbytery of Newton, 6 men's organizations; and in the Presbytery of West Jersey, 15 men's organizations. This makes a total of 110 men's organizations, with a total membership of 3,201. We are satisfied that there are other organizations in the churches that did not report to us.

We find most of the organizations in a flourishing condition. Their objects are to promote religious work, to advance private and public moral standards, sociability, athletic and literary exercises, and to promote the usefulness of men generally in the churches to which they belong.

We do respectfully recommend—

1. That the Synod approve the formation of the Presbyterian Brotherhood of New Jersey and the constitution which it has adopted.

2. That the Synod appoint a Committee on Presbyterian Brotherhood, with whom the Presbyterian Brotherhood of New Jersey may, from time to time, confer in the prosecution of its work.

We also report that at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Brotherhood held on October 7th, instant, the following declaration was adopted and ordered to be embodied in our report to the Synod, with a recommendation that the Synod do approve the same, to wit:

"First. That we believe the history of our religious and civil institutions shows that the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, has been observed by our people in such a way as to make it, in a peculiar sense, 'the American Sabbath Day,' and we further declare that this precious heritage received from our fathers should be preserved as one of the crown jewels of the State.

"Second. That we protest against any legislation by the representatives of the people of the State of New Jersey, which shall render more lax than they now are the laws regulating the sales of intoxicating liquors."

All which is respectfully submitted, this twenty-first day of October, A. D. 1907.

The Presbyterian Brotherhood of New Jersey.

(Signed) WM. M. LANNING,

President.

WALDO C. GENUNG,

Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD OF NEW JERSEY.

I. ORGANIZATION.

This organization shall be called the Presbyterian Brotherhood of New Jersey, and shall be composed of the members of the men's societies of any name that are established in connection with the Presbyterian churches in the Synod of New Jersey and agree to abide by these by-laws.

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of this Brotherhood shall be a President, three Vice-presidents, being one each for the northern, central and southern sections of the State, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the Brotherhood at its conventions, and shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

III. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

There shall be an Executive Council, to be composed of the officers above named, together with sixteen others, being a pastor and a layman for each of the eight Presbyteries of the Synod, who shall be elected annually by the Brotherhood at its conventions. This Council shall be responsible for devising ways and means to advance the interests of the Brotherhood. All vacancies shall be filled by the Council.

IV. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be an annual convention, to be held on Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, or on such date as shall be determined by the Executive Council, which convention shall be composed of the pastor and one lay delegate from every Men's Society in the Synod that is a member of this Brotherhood, together with any other men as visitors that shall be in attendance.

2. Other meetings of the State Brotherhood may be held as the convention shall determine, or, in the absence of its action, at the discretion of the Executive Council.

V. REPORT TO SYNOD.

In accordance with the Form of Government, Chapter XXIII, this Brotherhood shall make an annual report to the Synod of New Jersey, in such way and to such extent as the Synod shall require, or, in the absence of such directions, as the Executive Council shall determine.

VI. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Executive Council shall at least one month prior to each annual convention appoint a Nominating Committee, consisting of the president and one member from each Presbytery, whose duty it shall be to nominate officers for the Brotherhood at the ensuing annual convention. Such nominations shall not exclude other nominations on the floor of the convention.

XVII.—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 placed in the Synod's depository during the past year:

From the Rev. Allen H. Brown, D.D.:

- Presbyterian Church, Woodstown, Rev. Francis J. Collier, D.D.
- Fiftieth Anniversary, laying of corner-stone of First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, 1906.
- Presbyterian Church at Waretown, near Barnegat, in 1766.
- Many pictures of West Jersey churches.

From the Rev. Allen H. Brown, D.D., and the Rev. Tillman S. Rush, D.D.:

- Historical Sketch, Green Creek Church, 1907.

From James Steen, Esq.:

- The Old Presbyterian Graveyard in the village of Middletown (not Middletown Point, now known as Matawan), 1902.
- "The Presbyterian Church of Freehold and Middletowne," containing a paper on the life and character of the Rev. Joseph Morgan and another on An Early Parochial School and Classical Academy at Freehold in 1766.

From the Rev. John E. Peters, Sc.D.:

- Manual, Presbytery of West Jersey, 1905.
- Dedication of Wells Memorial Church, Avalon, 1905.

From the Rev. J. Calvin Krause:

- History First Presbyterian Church, Janvier, 1906.

From the Rev. John T. Kerr:

- Memorial, Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., 1907.

From Adam R. Sloan, Esq.:

- Historical Sketch, Atco, Rev. Wm. L. Squier, 1907.

From Mr. Elias Vosseler:

- History Presbyterian Church, Flemington, 1894.
- Pictures of New Brunswick churches.

From the Rev. Henry C. Cronin:

- An Orchard in Harsimus, Second Church, Jersey City, 1906.

From the Rev. Julius H. Wolff:

- Manual, Presbytery of Newark, 1907.

From the Rev. Thomas Tyack, D.D.:

Jubilee, Presbyterian Church, Hightstown, 1907.

From the Session, Stewartsville:

Rev. William Thomson, 'Thirty Years' Pastorate in Stewartsville,
1907.

From the Rev. Minot C. Morgan:

Dedication of Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, 1907.

From the pastors and friends of the churches:

Pictures of church buildings and manses of many churches.

WALTER A. BROOKS,
JOSEPH H. DULLES,

Custodians.

XVIII.—REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS.

The Permanent Committee on Historical Materials has first to report the death of one of its oldest and most valued members, the Rev. Henry C. Cameron, D.D., who departed this life on October 25th, 1906, after a long and useful service as professor in the College of New Jersey. Dr. Cameron's interest in historical studies and his faith in and love for the Presbyterian Church made him one of the most efficient members of this Committee, and to him is largely due the Synod's present occupancy of its depository in the library of Princeton Theological Seminary. He was chairman of this Committee for its first four years.

The list of historical sketches, pictures, &c., deposited in the Synod's stores during the past year, as shown by the accompanying report of the custodians, indicates a considerable interest in our historical work and collection on the part of pastors and others. It seems to the Committee, however, highly desirable that a still more active interest should be taken in the important matter of preserving the history of the Synod and its churches, and the co-operation of pastors, sessions and all who have opportunities to contribute anything to our historical material is earnestly desired.

The chairman of this Committee has devoted very considerable time and study, during the past year, to the history of early evangelistic work by Presbyterians before the Revolutionary War along the Atlantic coast of New Jersey. Evidence of no little work is found in many localities.

A particular instance of the existence of a Presbyterian church at or near the present village of Barnegat is elaborated in a paper prepared by the chairman, and deposited in the historical collection, which shows, from journals of John Griffith, John Brainerd and the histories of Webster and Edwin Salter the probable location of a Presbyterian church building at Waretown, "near Barnegat," as early as 1766. The history of this and similar early beginnings of Presbyterian labor along the coast offers a fruitful and profitable field for study.

The deed of the Presbyterian Church of Quilhawken, or Penns Neck (now Pennsville), mentioned last year in the report of the Custodians, deserves further notice. This early church, together with the church of Aloes Crook (also extinct), had as late as 1803 eighty members. The deed of land was executed in 1748 and was not recorded until 1831, in the clerk's office of Salem county, where it was discovered by the antiquarian, James Steen, Esq.

This example is cited to stimulate members of Synod to discover deeds and documents which will give the history of other churches now extinct and little known.

Anniversary celebrations of events in the history of at least three of our oldest churches have taken place during the year.

The two hundred and seventeenth anniversary of Cohansey, or the "Old Stone Church," at Fairfield, was observed with appropriate exercises, with services morning and evening in the Presbyterian church at Fairton, successor of the original organization, and in the old stone church at Fairfield in the afternoon.

The two hundredth anniversary of the organization of the church at Greenwich was observed by a large gathering of people at the church on July 1st, the reading of an historical address and the serving of a dinner on the church lawn.

The re-dedication of the Deerfield church building, erected in 1771, greatly renovated and improved during the past year, was held on June 20th, with a service which occupied three sessions during the entire day.

Newspaper accounts of these celebrations are deposited in the Synod's collection, together with such more complete historical sketches as have hitherto been published.

Soon after the last meeting of Synod, on October 28th, 1906, the First Presbyterian Church of Atlantic City commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of its building, and the Rev. William Aikman, D.D., delivered an historical discourse, which has been printed and is deposited in the Synod's collections.

The custodians have been endeavoring to obtain suitable pictures of all the church buildings and manses in the Synod for proper preservation among our historical records. A beginning has been made, mostly within the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and West Jersey. The Committee would respectfully urge the pastors and sessions of the Synod to supply such pictures as they may already have, or may have made, as soon as possible.

The Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. That all ministers, sessions and church members of the Synod who may have in their possession records or material of any sort illustrating the history of the Presbyterian Church in New Jersey be urgently requested to deposit the same in the Synod's historical collection in Princeton.

2. That sessions contribute to the Synod's collection, as soon as convenient, suitable pictures of church buildings and manses for proper preservation.

3. That inasmuch as the former Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Corisco is now removed to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the present Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Corisco be added to this Committee.

4. That inasmuch as the General Assembly of 1907 (Minutes, p. 229) again annexed the Presbytery of Havana to the Synod of New Jersey, the Stated Clerk of that Presbytery, the Rev. Pedro Rioseco, be added to this Committee.

ALLEN H. BROWN,

Chairman.

XIX.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES.

ALLEN H. BROWN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF
NEW JERSEY.

1906.	<i>Dr.</i>		
Oct. 15.	To balance in the Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Co.—		
	In General Fund,	\$8 82	
	In Monumental Fund,	179 85	
		<hr/>	\$188 67
Dec. 31.	To accrued interest—		
	In General Fund,	27	
	In Monumental Fund,	5 19	
		<hr/>	5 46
	To interest on Beakey mortgage,	50 00	
	Interest on Barnegat mortgage,	36 25	
		<hr/>	\$280 38
1907.	<i>Cr.</i>		
	By payment to Forked River Church,	\$36 25	
	Care Monument, &c., one year,	10 00	
Oct. 21.	Balance in Camden Trust Co.—		
	In General Fund,	\$9 09	
	In Monumental Fund,	225 04	
		<hr/>	234 13
		<hr/>	\$280 38
	ALLEN H. BROWN,		
	<i>Treasurer.</i>		

NOTE.—The Monumental Fund, \$1,000, is in the Beakey mortgage; the Holmes Fund, \$725, is in the Barnegat mortgage.

Examined and found correct.

WM. P. FINNEY,
EDWARD SNYDER,
EDWIN J. ROSS,
J. NEWTON POWELSON.

XX.—REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

EBEN B. COBB, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

Dr.

To balance from previous account,	\$413 63	
To apportionments from eight Presbyteries,	700 00	
To advertising,	20 00	
To interest on deposits,	4 55	
		\$1,138 18

Cr.

By janitor's bill (Asbury Park),	\$10 00	
By salaries for year ending September 30th, 1907,..	210 00	
By expenses of Auditing Committee,	5 10	
By expenses of officers of Synod,	20 25	
By expenses of Evangelistic Committee,	14 68	
By expenses of Brotherhood Committee,	33 87	
By expenses of Systematic Beneficence Committee, ..	25 00	
By printing Minutes,	259 99	
By binding Minutes,	3 75	
By bond of Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions...	25 00	
By balance on hand September 30th, 1907,	530 54	
		\$1,138 18

Elizabeth, N. J., October 1st, 1907.

EBEN B. COBB,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

WM. P. FINNEY,
EDWARD SNYDER,
EDWIN J. ROSS,
J. NEWTON POWELSON.

XXI.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO consists of fourteen ministers and fifteen churches, and has under its care four licentiates, three local evangelists and nineteen candidates.

Ministers received—

December 17th, 1906, Rev. Frank O. Emerson, Rev. John Wright,
FRANK D. P. HICKMAN,
Stated Clerk.

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

Received—

December 19th, 1906, Rev. John T. Scott, from the Presbytery of Washington.
January 15th, 1907, Rev. Herman Blaschke, from the Presbytery of Hudson.
May 10th, 1907, Rev. John R. Sutherland, D.D., from the Presbytery of Iowa.
May 10th, 1907, Rev. William F. Whitaker, D.D., from the Presbytery of Albany.

Dismissed—

January 15th, 1907, Rev. Henry Ketcham, to the Presbytery of Minne-
waukon.
January 15th, 1907, Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., to the Presby-
tery of New York.
April 16th, 1907, Rev. Gilbert Lovell, to the Presbytery of Hu Kwang.
May 10th, 1907, Rev. Charles B. Condit, to the Classis of Newark,
Ref. Ch. in Am.
October 2d, 1907, Rev. Herbert K. England, to the Presbytery of
Brooklyn.

Ordained—

October 10th, 1907, Robert W. Mark.

Installed—

October 30th, 1906, Rev. Thomas D. Wesley, in the Pluckamin
Church.
December 19th, 1906, Rev. John T. Scott, Lamington Church.
February 1st, 1907, Rev. Herman Blaschke, First German Church,
Elizabeth.
May 10th, 1907, Rev. William F. Whitaker, D.D., First Church,
Elizabeth.
October 10th, 1907, Rev. Robert W. Mark, Woodbridge Church.

Dissolved pastoral relations—

November 12th, 1906, Rev. John E. Stuchell and First Church, Elizabeth, to take effect November 18th, 1906.

May 10th, 1907, Rev. Charles B. Condit and Liberty Corner Church, to take effect May 31st, 1907.

June 18th, 1907, Rev. Herbert K. England and the Madison Avenue Church, Elizabeth, to take effect July 28th, 1907.

Received licentiate—

May 10th, 1907, Robert W. Mark, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Received candidates—

January 15th, 1907, Harry Baremore Angus.

June 18th, 1907, Wallace H. Marsh.

Deceased—

December 24th, 1906, Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., at Woodbridge, aged 79 years.

SAMUEL PARRY,
Stated Clerk.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY consists of fifty ministers and thirty-eight churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates.

Ministers received—

December 3d, 1906, Rev. Thomas H. Amos, D.D., from McClelland Presbytery.

February 4th, 1907, Rev. George Coulson, from the Presbytery of New Castle.

April 16th, 1907, Rev. Orey M. Demcott, from Holland Purchase Ministers' Conference of the Free Baptist Church.

April 16th, 1907, Rev. F. Stanley Van Eps, from the Manhattan Congregational Association of New York City.

October 1st, 1907, Rev. Charles H. Trusty, D.D., from the Presbytery of Chester.

Ministers dismissed—

December 3d, 1906, Rev. Nicholas S. Becker, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

September 14th, 1907, Rev. David Chambers Stewart, to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Ordination—

November 2d, 1906, George Roberts, Jr.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

- October 31st, 1906, Rev. Nicholas S. Becker and the Grace Church, of Passaic.
 April 16th, 1907, Rev. William E. Griffin and the Lafayette Church, of Jersey City.
 May 1st, 1907, Rev. David Magie, D.D., and the Church of the Redeemer, Paterson.
 October 1st, 1907, Rev. J. Thompson Osler and the West Milford Church.

Installations—

- October 18th, 1906, Rev. DeWitt C. Snyder, as pastor of the Madison Avenue Church, of Paterson.
 November 2d, 1906, Rev. George Roberts, Jr., as pastor of the First Church, of Teaneck.
 December 27th, 1906, Rev. Thomas H. Amos, D.D., as pastor of the St. Augustine Church, of Paterson.
 May 9th, 1907, Rev. F. Stanley Van Eps, as pastor of the Grace Church, of Passaic.
 October 14th, 1907, Rev. Charles H. Trusty, D.D., as pastor of the Lafayette Church, of Jersey City.

Candidates received—

- June 3d, 1907, George Becker.
 October 1st, 1907, William C. Napier.

Ministers deceased—

- March 25th, 1907, Rev. Edwin A. Bulkley, D.D.
 June 8th, 1907, Rev. Dupuytren Vermilye.
 October 7th, 1907, Rev. J. Thompson Osler.

JAMES SCOTT YOUNG,

Stated Clerk.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF HAVANA consists of seven ministers and ten churches, and has under its care three licentiates and three candidates.

PEDRO RIOSECO,

Stated Clerk.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH consists of forty-nine ministers, and has under its care forty-eight churches, three licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received—

- September 24th, 1907, Rev. Samuel J. McClenaghan, from the Presbytery of Union.
 September 24th, 1907, Rev. Arthur Phillips, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.
 October 22d, 1907, Rev. J. Prentice Taylor, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidates received—

- June 24th, 1907, Rudolph F. Stier, from the Sayreville (German) Church.
 June 24th, 1907, Howard Job Smith, from the Tuckerton Church.
 September 24th, 1907, Gustav Thomas, from the Sayreville (German) Church.
 September 24th, 1907, William P. Finney, Jr., from the Moorestown Church.

Dismissed—

- October 26th, 1906, Rev. Robert P. Howie, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.
 February 28th, 1907, Rev. James M. L. Eckard, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.
 April 9th, 1907, Rev. F. E. Stockwell, to the Presbytery of North River.
 April 9th, 1907, Rev. Edgar C. Mason, to the Presbytery of Newark.
 June 24th, 1907, Rev. Spencer C. Dickson, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.
 October 22d, 1907, Rev. Warren N. Nevius, to the Presbytery of Genesee.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

- January 26th, 1907, Rev. Spencer C. Dickson and the church of West Mantoloking.
 February 28th, 1907, Rev. James M. L. Eckard and the Hope Church, Lakewood.
 April 9th, 1907, Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell and the church of Beverly.
 April 9th, 1907, Rev. Edgar C. Mason and the church of Jamesburg.
 June 24th, 1907, Rev. Spencer C. Dickson and the church at Point Pleasant.
 June 24th, 1907, Rev. Samuel W. Knipe and the church of Oceanic.
 September 24th, 1907, Rev. John L. Rushbridge and the church of New Gretna.
 October 22d, 1907, Rev. Alex. H. Young, D.D., and the church of Matawan.
 October 22d, 1907, Rev. Warren N. Nevius and the church of South Amboy.

Ordination sine titulo—

- October 22d, 1907, R. Spencer Young.

Installations—

- May 9th, 1907, Rev. Henry T. Graham, as pastor of church at Englishtown.
 October 4th, 1907, Rev. Samuel J. McClenaghan, as pastor of church at Jamesburg.

Candidates licensed—

June 26th, 1907, Wesley L. Hemphill.

Candidates dismissed—

April 9th, 1907, Frank E. Mason, to the Presbytery of Newark.

Death—

December 15th, 1906, Rev. Albert G. Bale, at Asbury Park, N. J.

BENJAMIN S. EVERITT,

Stated Clerk.

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE consists of sixty-five ministers and forty-four churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received—

October 16th, 1906, R. P. Howie, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

January 15th, 1907, P. D. Cowan, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

October 22d, 1907, George S. Mott Doremus, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Installations—

November 21st, 1906, R. P. Howie, over the church at Pleasant Grove.

September 30th, 1907, R. S. Steen, over the Hillside Church, of Orange.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

November 19th, 1906, G. L. Spining and the First Church, of South Orange.

January 15th, 1907, Albert Erdman and the South Street Church, of Morristown.

January 15th, 1907, H. P. McHenry and the church at German Valley.

April 9th, 1907, Stanley White and the Hillside Church, of Orange.

Ministers dismissed—

January 15th, 1907, H. P. McHenry, to the Presbytery of Chester.

April 9th, 1907, A. T. Tambllyn, to the Manhattan Congregational Association.

June 18th, 1907, J. D. Hillman, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

September 17th, 1907, E. D. Webster, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Ordinations—

February 10th, 1907, J. J. Moment.

March 17th, 1907, T. B. Ironside.

April 17th, 1907, J. McC. Henry.

September 30th, 1907, R. S. Steen

Licentiate received—

September 17th, 1907, R. S. Steen, from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery—

January 15th, 1907, J. J. Moment.

January 15th, 1907, T. B. Ironside.

Deaths—

February 20th, 1907, T. A. Reeves.

April 19th, 1907, S. B. Dod.

ROBERT HASTINGS NICHOLS,

Stated Clerk.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK consists of seventy-three ministers and thirty-eight churches and has under its care twenty-three candidates and one local evangelist.

Ministers received—

November 19th, 1906, Rev. William A. Berger, from the Presbytery of Zanesville.

February 6th, 1907, Rev. Pleasant Hunter, D.D., from the Presbytery of New York.

February 6th, 1907, Rev. Harold C. Harmon, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

February 6th, 1907, Rev. James L. Leeper, D.D., from the Presbytery of Chicago.

April 3d, 1907, Rev. Henry K. Denlinger, D.D., from the Presbytery of Shenango.

April 3d, 1907, Rev. William Hogarth Tower, from the Presbytery of North River.

May 8th, 1907, Rev. Edgar C. Mason, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

May 8th, 1907, Rev. Oravia M. Bonfield, from the Presbytery of McClelland.

May 8th, 1907, Rev. George Hauser, Ph.D., from the Classis of Orange, Reformed Church.

May 17th, 1907, Rev. Robert T. Graham, from the Presbytery of Northumberland.

May 17th, 1907, Rev. William T. Wilcox, from the Presbytery of Chicago.

October 2d, 1907, Rev. W. P. Van Tries, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

Ordinations sine titulo—

June 13th, 1907, Leonard V. C. Mytton.

June 20th, 1907, Franz Tomic.

October 17th, 1907, Arthur A. Fellstrom.

Ministers dismissed—

- November 19th, 1906, Rev. Harle W. Hathaway, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.
November 19th, 1906, Rev. Otto Lichti, to the Mennonite Church.
October 2d, 1907, Rev. Lewis Lampman, D.D., to the Classis of Green County, Reformed Church.

Names Dropped from the Roll from Union with other Religious Bodies—

- February 6th, 1907, Rev. John J. Bridges, from union with Protestant Episcopal Church.
April 3d, 1907, Rev. John H. Locklier, from union with Afro-American Presbyterian Church.

Installations—

- February 14th, 1907, Rev. Pleasant Hunter, D.D., as pastor of Second Church, Newark.
February 15th, 1907, Rev. Harold C. Harmon, as pastor of West Church, Newark.
May 2d, 1907, Rev. Henry K. Denlinger, D.D., as pastor of High Street Church, Newark.
May 15th, 1907, Rev. Edgar C. Mason, as pastor of the Few Smith Memorial Church, Newark.
May 22d, 1907, Rev. William T. Wilcox, as pastor of the Westminster Church, Bloomfield.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

- November 19th, 1906, between the Rev. Lewis Lampman, D.D., and the High Street Church, Newark.
November 19th, 1906, between the Rev. George A. Paull, D.D., and the Westminster Church, Bloomfield.
April 3d, 1907, between the Rev. Joseph Hamilton and the Memorial Church, Newark.

Candidates licensed—

- May 17th, 1907, Franz Tomic and William C. Kerr.
June 5th, 1907, Isaac C. Bates.

Licentiates received—

- May 8th, 1907, Leonard V. C. Mytton, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.
October 2d, 1907, Arthur A. Fellstrom, from the Presbytery of Springfield.

Candidates received by letter—

- May 17th, 1907, Frank E. Mason, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Candidates received on Examination—

October 2d, 1907, Stanley Chedister, John Azari, Gabriel Dokus, Stanislaus Zinckow, Max Schaff.

Minister deceased—

September 11th, 1907, Rev. George S. Hall, aged 59 years.

JULIUS H. WOLFF,
Stated Clerk.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK consists of seventy-three ministers, thirty-eight churches, besides the Italian Evangelical Congregation of Trenton, and has under its care eight licentiates and fourteen candidates.

Ministers received from other Presbyteries—

January 29th, 1907, Rev. James Oscar Boyd, from the Presbytery of New York.

January 29th, 1907, Rev. Isemu Lebby Watanabi, from the Presbytery of San Francisco.

July 1st, 1907, Rev. Spencer C. Dickson, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

September 23d, 1907, Rev. Paul F. B. Hamborszky, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Ministers dismissed to other Presbyteries—

January 29th, 1907, Rev. Frederick W. Loetscher, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

January 29th, 1907, Rev. Matthew F. Johnston, to the Presbytery of New York.

April 9th, 1907, Rev. Hironari Senouye, to the Presbytery of Tokyo, Church of Christ, in Japan.

September 17th, 1907, Rev. William Cory Meeker, to the Presbytery of Topeka.

Ministers dismissed to another Denomination—

April 9th, 1907, Rev. Charles E. Corwin, to the Classis of Raritan, Reformed Church of America.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

January 29th, 1907, Rev. Matthew F. Johnston, with Hopewell Church, to take effect March 4th, 1907.

Pastoral relations constituted—

July 9th, 1907, Rev. Spencer C. Dickson, installed pastor of Hopewell Church.

October 9th, 1907, Rev. Paul F. B. Hamborszky, installed pastor of the Magyar Evangelical Reformed Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.

Church dissolved—

April 10th, 1907. Second Presbyterian Church, New Brunswick, to take effect May 1st, 1907.

Church organized—

April 24th, 1907, enrolled June 25th, 1907, Magyar Evangelical Reformed Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.

Former Cumberland Presbyterian Churches received—

June 25th, 1907, Plainsboro and Monmouth Junction.

Candidates received from other Presbyteries—

April 22d, 1907, W. Ernest Montgomery, from Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland.

April 22d, 1907, Wallace H. Carver, from Presbytery of West Jersey.

Candidates received on examination—

January 29th, 1907, Robert Wilson Mark, John Bodry.

Candidates dismissed to other Presbyteries—

March 15th, 1907, Emanuel J. Kallena, to Presbytery of Cayuga.

March 28th, 1907, Frederic Parley Mudge, to Presbytery of Chester.

Licenses—

April 22d, 1907, Robert Wilson Mark, Sidney Zandstra.

September 17th, 1907, Giovanni Scarinci.

Dismission of licentiate.

April 22d, 1907, Robert Wilson Mark, to Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Minister deceased—

October 25th, 1906, Rev. Henry Clay Cameron, at Princeton, N. J.

A. L. ARMSTRONG,

Stated Clerk.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON consists of forty-six ministers and has under its care thirty-six churches, one licentiate and three candidates.

Ministers received—

April 9th, 1907, Rev. Ward C. Peabody, from the Presbytery of Utica.

April 9th, 1907, Rev. Irving P. Emerick, from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

September 24th, 1907, Rev. James Ferguson, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Ministers Dismissed—

November 5th, 1906, Rev. Henry Hansman, to the Presbytery of Troy.

June 25th, 1907, Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., to the Presbytery of Kingston, now the Presbytery of Chattanooga.

Installations—

October 24th, 1906, Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, as pastor of the church of Branchville.

April 12th, 1907, Rev. Luther B. Plumer, as pastor of the church of Franklin Furnace.

April 18th, 1907, Rev. Ward C. Peabody, as pastor of the church of Musconetcong Valley.

October 13th, 1907, Rev. James Ferguson, as pastor of the church of Stewartsville.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

November 5th, 1906, Rev. Henry Hansman, with the church of Franklin Furnace, to take effect November 11th, 1906.

April 9th, 1907, Rev. Luther B. Plumer, with the churches of Beattystown and Second Mansfield, to take effect at that date.

April 9th, 1907, Rev. William Thomson, with the church of Stewartsville, to take effect April 21st, 1907.

June 25th, 1907, Rev. Henry S. Butler, D.D., with the church of Blairstown, to take effect September 1st, 1907.

September 24th, 1907, Rev. A. MacShannon Higgins, with the church of Stillwater, to take effect November 12th, 1907.

Licentiate received—

September 24th, 1907, Richardson Gray, M.D., on examination.

Candidate received—

June 25th, 1907, Charles L. Phillips, on examination.

Church received and reorganized—

April 9th, 1907, Magyar church of Alpha, from the National Reformed Church of Hungary.

E. CLARKE CLINE,
Stated Clerk.

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY consists of sixty-eight ministers and has under its care sixty-three churches, one licentiate and nine candidates.

Ministers received—

April 16th, 1907, Rev. Charles A. Walker, from Presbytery of Lackawanna.

- April 16th, 1907, Rev. Edmund J. Gwynn, from Presbytery of Huntingdon.
- April 16th, 1907, Rev. Charles S. Barrett, from Presbytery of Baltimore.
- April 16th, 1907, Rev. John W. Bischoff, from Presbytery of Lackawanna.
- April 30th, 1907, Rev. James McLeod, D.D., from Presbytery of Lackawanna.
- June 18th, 1907, Rev. John W. Lawson, from Classis of Paramus, Reformed Church.
- June 18th, 1907, Rev. William Bullock, from Presbytery of Kansas City.
- September 18th, 1907, Rev. E. F. Sherman, from Presbytery of Philadelphia, of Reformed Presbyterian Church.
- September 18th, 1907, Rev. T. M. Nixon, from Philadelphia Association of Congregational Ministers.
- September 18th, 1907, Rev. John W. Keller, from Presbytery of Peoria.
- October 22d, 1907, Rev. Ralph Walsham Illingworth, from Presbytery of Baltimore.

Candidate received—

January 13th, 1907, John U. S. Tams.

Licentiate received—

April 16th, 1907, William W. Johnson, from Presbytery of Pittsburg.

Candidate transferred—

April 16th, 1907, Walter H. Carver, to Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Ordinations sine titulo—

May 14th, 1907, William W. Johnson.

September 24th, 1907, Howard Clark, William P. Blair.

Candidates licensed—

April 16th, 1907, Howard Clark, Arnaldo Stasio.

June 18th, 1907, William P. Blair.

Students' temporary permits—

January 15th, 1907, Asa Ferry, Herbert Smith, Herbert A. Gibbons, Wm. P. Blair.

Church organized—

January 29th, 1907, Presbyterian Church, of Barrington.

Ministers dismissed—

- November 8th, 1906, Rev. Julius A. Herold, to Presbytery of New Castle.
- January 15th, 1907, Rev. Maitland V. Bartlett, to Presbytery of New York.
- January 15th, 1907, Rev. Francis Berger, to Presbytery of Philadelphia.
- February, 19th, 1907, Rev. Irving P. Emerick, to Presbytery of Newton.
- February 19th, 1907, Rev. Arthur W. Spooner, D.D., to Presbytery of Philadelphia.
- June 18th, 1907, Rev. Arthur Richards, to Presbytery of New Castle.
- June 18th, 1907, Rev. Frank L. Snyder, to Presbytery of Siam.
- June 18th, 1907, Rev. Robert Westly Peach, to Synod of N. Y. and N. J. of Reformed Episcopal Church.
- September 18th, 1907, Rev. Howard A. Clark, to Presbytery of Arizona.
- September 18th, 1907, Rev. Frank Werner, to Presbytery of North Philadelphia.
- September 18th, 1907, Rev. Roland E. Crist, to Presbytery of Morris and Orange.
- September 18th, 1907, Rev. Arnaldo Stasio, to Presbytery of Philadelphia.
- October 22d, 1907, Rev. Homer W. Taylor, to the Presbytery of Baltimore, South.

Pastoral relations dissolved—

- November 8th, 1906, Rev. Julius A. Herold with the Logan Memorial Church, Audubon.
- January 15th, 1907, Rev. Homer W. Taylor with the Blackwood Church.
- February 19th, 1907, Rev. Irving P. Emerick with the Irving Avenue Church, Bridgeton.
- June 16th, 1907, Rev. Robert Westly Peach with the Second Church, Camden.
- June 16th, 1907, Rev. Horace P. Hill with the Grace Church, Camden.
- June 16th, 1907, Rev. Arthur Richards with the Fourth Church, Camden.
- September 17th, 1907, Rev. Roland E. Crist with the Pleasantville Church.

Installations—

- October 30th, 1906, Rev. Arthur Richards, as pastor of the Fourth Church, Camden.
- May 7th, 1907, Rev. John W. Bischoff, as pastor of Logan Memorial Church, Audubon.
- May 9th, 1907, Rev. Edmund J. Gwynn, as pastor of Elmer Church.

June 26th, 1907. Rev. James McLeod, D.D., as pastor of Cape May Church.

August 8th, 1907. Rev. John W. Lowden, as pastor of Cold Spring Church.

September 24th, 1907. Rev. William P. Blair, as pastor of the Third Church, Camden.

Ministers deceased—

October 22d, 1906, Rev. John Turner, of Bridgeton, aged sixty-eight years.

May 23d, 1907. Rev. Chester Bridgman, of Woodstown, aged seventy-five years.

ALFRED P. BOTSFORD,
Stated Clerk.

Standing Rules of the Synod.

- I.—The Synod shall meet annually, on the third Monday of October, at 8 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 the 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 and fifty 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. The Treasurer is authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the several committees of Synod, said bills to be forwarded to the Treasurer of Synod on or before October 1st of each year.

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 Permanent 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 all our Boards each year that may desire a hearing, the representatives of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions to have thirty minutes each, and the representatives of the other Boards to have twenty minutes each.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

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

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

2. ON HOME MISSIONS, eight members; the chairman of the Committee on Home Missions in each home Presbytery; the chairmanship of the Synod's Committee to pass annually in succession to its members in the alphabetical order of the Presbyteries represented.

3. 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.

4. ON HISTORICAL MATERIALS, ten members—one for each Presbytery.

5. ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK, eight members; the chairman of the Committee on Sabbath-school Work in each home Presbytery.

6. ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE, eight members; the chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Observance in each home Presbytery.

7. ON TEMPERANCE, nine members—one from each home Presbytery, besides the chairman.

8. ON NECROLOGY, three members—two Ministers and one Ruling Elder.

9. ON PROPORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE, eight members—one from each home Presbytery.

10. ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES, a chairman appointed by Synod and the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee on Young People's Societies.

11. ON PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD, a chairman appointed by Synod, the same to be a layman, together with the chairman on the same work in the respective Presbyteries.

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.—To facilitate the transaction of business, the following order shall commonly be followed, subject to such exchanges as may be made between chairmen of committees in consultation with the Committee of Arrangements:
1. The sessions of the Synod shall begin at 9 A.M., recess to be taken from 12:30 to 2:30 P.M., and from 5 to 7:30 P.M.; devotional exercises to occupy the last half hour of each morning session.
 2. Permanent committees shall report in the following order: *Tuesday morning*, Foreign Missions, Synodical Home Missions, Narrative; *Tuesday afternoon*, Historical Materials, Home Missions, Sabbath-school Work, Young People's Societies; *Wednesday morning*, Systematic Beneficence, Sabbath Observance, Temperance; the report of the Committee on Necrology to be presented usually in connection with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- XVIII.—All notices of, or calls for, meetings of Presbyteries or Committees, and all resolutions, shall be in writing and read by the Clerk.
- XIX.—The rules for Judicatories adopted by the General Assembly shall be the rules of the Synod, so far as they apply.
- XX.—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. SAMUEL McLANAHAN, *Chairman.*
REV. JOHN T. KERR, REV. FISHER HOWE BOOTH,
REV. THOMAS TYACK, D.D., REV. WM. W. HALLOWAY, D.D.,
REV. ROBERT S. INGLIS, D.D., REV. PERCY Y. SHELLY,
REV. RAYMOND HILLIARD GAGE, *Clerk.*

HOME MISSIONS.

REV. EDGAR A. HAMILTON, *Chairman.*
JOHN S. ZELIE, D.D., REV. C. RUDOLPH KUEBLER, D.D.,
REV. JAMES H. DUNHAM, REV. WALTER W. HAMMOND,
REV. NELSON B. CHESTER, REV. HUGH B. MACCAULEY, D.D.,
REV. JOHN McMILLAN, B.D.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REV. JOHN F. PATTERSON, D.D., *Chairman.*
REV. WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON, ELDER EDWARD P. TENNEY,
REV. WILLIAM I. STEANS, D.D., ELDER J. W. RANDALL,
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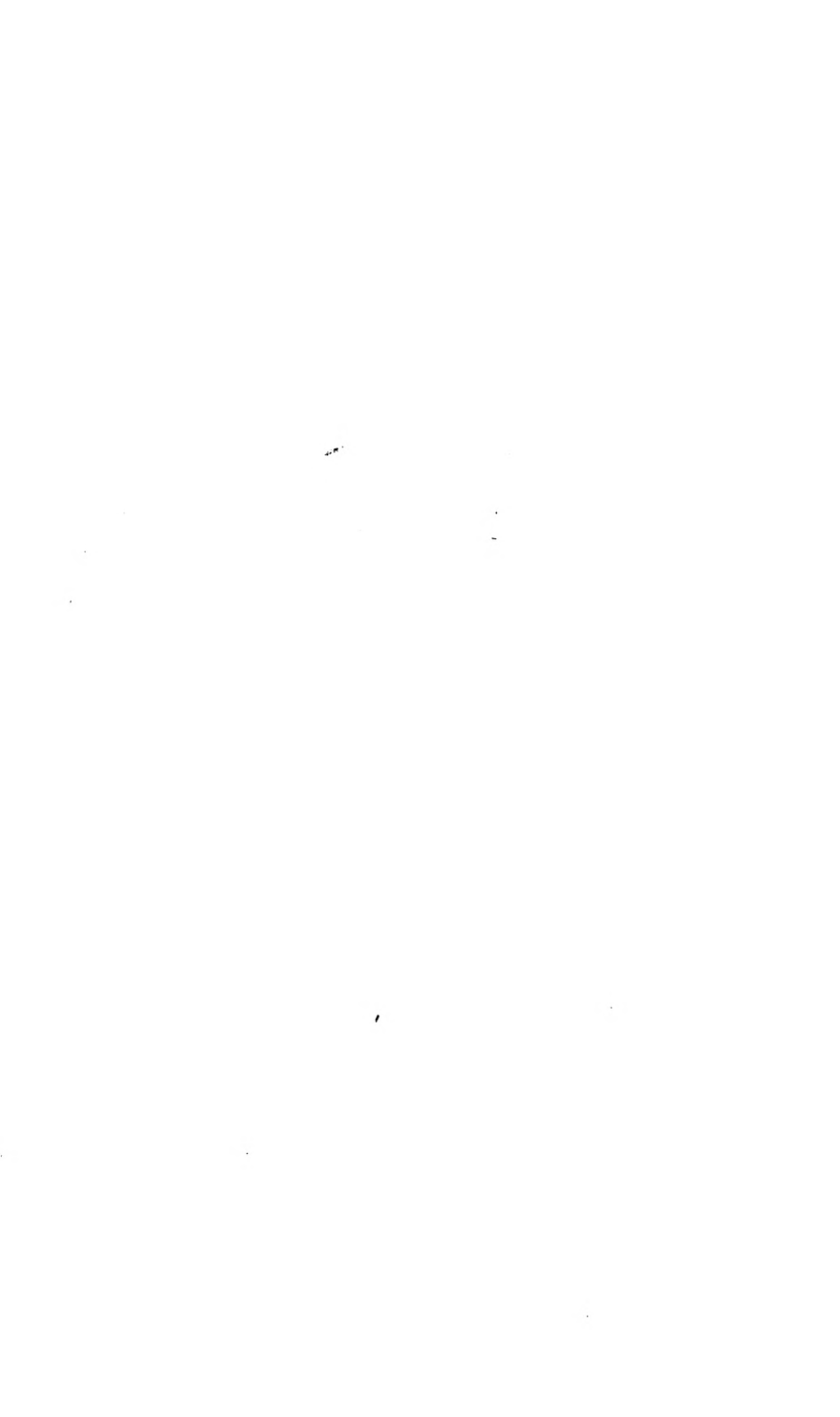
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Introduction.

The history of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey is the record of a noteworthy experiment in home mission work. Other Synods were considering somewhat similar proposals when the Synod of New Jersey established and set in operation its plan. They have accompanied this Synod in efforts to solve the difficult problems of home missionary enterprise. But it may be fairly said that New Jersey was the first Synod that actually assumed complete self-support; that in simplicity and effectiveness her plan has not been surpassed, and that her success has given encouragement and suggestion to others.

No two of the self-supporting Synods agree in all details of plan and operation. But the fundamental idea in all is that of providing for and managing all home mission work within the Synod by agencies within the Synod itself. At the same time, provision is made in some way for contributions to the Board of Home Missions for work in other parts of our country.

The carrying out of this idea has greatly benefited the weaker churches and has promoted aggressive mission work within the Synods. At the same time it has set free and enlarged the resources of the Board of Home Missions for the extremely important and ever growing pioneer work which has remained under its charge.

That the undertaking has passed from the stage of experiment to that of demonstrated effectiveness and adaptability, this sketch of twenty years of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey witnesses.

I.

Church Extension and Home Missions.

The Synod of New Jersey had always given much attention to its own home mission work. Immediately upon the reunion of 1870, steps were taken to supply the needy churches within the Synod with the preaching of the gospel, and to encourage the organization of churches where there had hitherto been a lack of church privileges.

A COMMITTEE FORMED.

In 1872 the Synod constituted its Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, composed of one member from each of the Presbyteries, charged with the general duty of overseeing and stimulating home mission work within the Synod. That Committee consisted of the Rev. Allen H. Brown, Chairman, Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D.D., Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. Samuel S. Sheddan, D.D., Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt, Rev. John Abbott French, Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., and Rev. Hugh Brown Scott. Two years later the Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., became chairman and served until 1884, when the Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., was appointed, and served until the dissolution of the Committee.

THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

In 1873 the Committee reported to the Synod a survey of the great field existing in this old and presumably well evangelized State, and exhibited the pressing need for mission work. It described the Presbyteries of Monmouth, West Jersey and Jersey City as covering territory demanding much and diligent missionary labor. Already the Presbytery of Morris and Orange had anticipated the future Synodical Home Mission plan, and was supporting its own feebler churches without aid from the Board of Home Missions. The Committee recommended the appointment of a Synodical Missionary, to oversee the details of the work to be done. The Synod approved the recommendation, and Rev. Allen H. Brown was appointed. He was supported by contributions from the Presbyteries, without aid from the Board of Home Missions. How ably Mr. Brown fulfilled his varied and absorbing duties for twelve busy years, many churches in Monmouth and West Jersey can testify.

The Committee inaugurated and carried to a successful conclusion the raising of a ten thousand dollar fund for church building along the seashore. In connection with this, it secured the incorporation of Synod and the members of the Committee were elected the first Trustees.

II.

Origin of the Synodical Home Mission Plan.

VICISSITUDES OF SUSTENTATION.

In 1871 the General Assembly adopted a "Scheme of Sustentation," modeled upon that of Scotland. It aimed, through the enforcement of certain conditions for aid, to provide larger salaries and to develop more self help in weak congregations than the usual home missionary methods secured. The scheme was at first managed by a separate committee. It attained only meagre success and was presently turned over to the Board of Home Missions, to be carried out as a separate department of the Board's work. After a few years' trial the Board in turn, in 1883, came up to the Assembly with the following suggestions:

"The West is opening up so rapidly, and the demands made by its destitute fields on our treasury are so great, that it would be well for the large and wealthy Synods of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and perhaps Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, to undertake the support of their own weak churches, by special contributions, called sustentation contributions. Without indicating how the details should be arranged, the Board is satisfied that the suggestion is worthy of the careful consideration of the Synods."

The General Assembly, adopting the report of its Standing Committee on Home Missions, in which this suggestion was favorably viewed,

Resolved, That this Assembly commend to the favorable consideration of the older Synods the suggestions of the Board of Home Missions in regard to Sustentation, as found on page 20 of the Annual Report."

NEW JERSEY'S PROMPTNESS.

The Synod of New Jersey, acting upon the proposal of the Presbytery of West Jersey, within whose bounds was the widest home mission field, was not slow to respond to this fraternal challenge from the Board of Home Missions. That Presbytery sent up an overture to the Synod, at its meeting in the autumn of 1883, praying the Synod "to consider carefully the suggestions of the Board and of the Assembly, and to adopt such a scheme of Synodical Sustentation as in its wisdom may seem to be expedient and feasible."

This overture was referred to the Synod's Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, whose work we have already reviewed. That committee reported to the Synod a carefully formulated plan for Synodical Sustentation, aiming to combine Synodical supervision, Presbyterial control, individual freedom and adequate support. The Synod did not feel itself ready, nor perhaps competent, to adopt so important

a measure at once, and the plan was therefore sent down to the several Presbyteries for consideration, action of the Synod being postponed until the next meeting.

A NEW IDEA INTRODUCED.

But during the consideration and discussion of the plan proposed, an idea, wider in its scope than that proposed by the Board of Home Missions, had formed itself in the minds of many of the Synod. The Board had suggested that the older Synods "undertake the support of *their own weak churches,*" meaning, of course, the operation of the old Sustentation plan. Why should not the Synod literally take over *the entire support of home mission work* within its bounds, relieve the Board of Home Missions of so much of the work of administration, and at the same time contribute for home missions as before? This great and stimulating idea was vigorously pressed in the Synod of 1884. It was expressed in the preamble and resolution by which the Synod determined to take care of its own, in the words:

"Resolved, That the Synod of New Jersey will undertake the work thus recommended, together with the mission work within its bounds, according to the following plan."

THE PROPOSAL DISCOURAGED.

But the idea had yet a long road to traverse before it should obtain its controlling place in the plan of the Synod of New Jersey. The plan recommended by the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, including this preamble, and its idea of Synodical Home Missions, was indeed adopted by the Synod of 1884, but it was only by a vote of 52 to 48. Obviously, there could be no hope that a scheme adopted by so small a vote and so bare a majority could be put into successful operation. It was therefore reconsidered and again referred to the Presbyteries with the expectation of final action in 1885.

The Synod of 1885 heard discouraging reports of the action of its Presbyteries on the proposed Plan for Synodical Home Missions. Three Presbyteries, those with the largest missionary fields, were in favor of it. Another favored it upon conditions. One opposed the Plan. The three largest Presbyteries, by which the bulk of the funds required for the great undertaking would have to be raised, reported orally that these Presbyteries were opposed to it. The Synod then laid the Plan upon the table and adopted a simple resolution which stated that it "approves of 'Synodical Sustentation' of weak churches, as it has been commended by the General Assembly to the attention of the older Synods."

RESCUE AND ADOPTION.

But at this critical juncture, the Rev. John Dixon, a member of the Synod who had recently come within its bounds (whose interest in

home mission work and whose administrative ability were afterward to make him a Secretary of the Board of Home Missions), proposed that the Plan and the resolution just adopted be referred to a special committee, to report at the next meeting. That reference was made. Rev. Mr. Dixon was appointed chairman.

The work of this committee was most successful. Upon the assembling of the Synod in 1886 its report was presented, embodying the Plan for Synodical Home Missions which it had carefully elaborated during the year. Previous to the final adoption of the Plan, the Synod repeated in substance the resolution adopted in 1884, namely,

"That, in addition to aiding, as heretofore, the Board of Home Missions in its work for the country at large, this Synod will now undertake the work of Home Missions within its own bounds, including the provision of aid for its own weak churches."

The Chairman of the Committee explained and defended the provisions of the Plan, meeting clearly the objections and anxieties still felt by many of the wisest members of the Synod. Finally, a practically unanimous vote was secured, committing the Synod to this new form of home mission work.

Through this long process of careful consideration and elaboration, Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey was established.

The Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, which, since 1872, had done such excellent work, was discontinued, and its books and papers were turned over to the new Committee on Synodical Home Missions, which contained many members of the older Committee.

III.

The Plan.

The salient features of New Jersey's Plan are:

1. *Loyalty to the Whole Church coupled with Local Independence.* Each congregation is expected to send a contribution every year directly to the Board of Home Missions, and also to make a separate annual contribution to the Synodical work.

2. *Synodical Unity and Oversight.*—This is secured through a single treasury for the whole Synod and a Permanent Synodical Committee. The Treasurer is elected by Synod and all money is sent directly to him by the churches. Synod's Permanent Committee is composed of the chairmen of the Committees on this work in the several New Jersey Presbyteries, eight in number. This Committee, after hearing applications in bulk from the Presbyteries, prepares an annual estimate of the total amount of money required for mission work in the Synod during the next Synodical year, the proportion of this which each Presbytery should raise and the part each Presbytery should be allowed to expend. This estimate is passed upon by Synod and, in the form finally adopted,

is regarded as morally binding on the Presbyteries. The Synod's Committee prepares the literature and other aids for collections and supervises their progress and the state of the treasury. Since 1903, Synod's Committee has also been given independent control of any special funds which may be appropriated by Synod or given by the donors to provide for new work or other emergencies arising in the course of the year. Appropriations from this "special" fund are made subject to the sanction of the Presbytery within which the grants are to be expended. The Committee meets quarterly and is also convened upon occasions in the intervals.

3. *Presbyterial Authority and Responsibility.*—It is left to each Presbytery to raise its quota in its own way, but it is expected to raise it. The Presbytery may distribute the sum allotted to it as the Presbytery or its Committee may decide, subject only to a few general conditions intended to stimulate the aid-receiving churches and secure proper reports and accounting. Money is drawn from the treasury upon orders from the Presbyterial chairmen. Checks are sent directly by the Treasurer to missionaries holding continuous appointments. The chairman may draw to his own order for occasional supplies and expenses, for which he receipts. The chairman in each Presbytery is furnished with a monthly statement of the receipts from the churches of his Presbytery and of the payments to them. He is expected to see that each church contributes the minimum, at least, which the Presbytery asks from it in order to make up the Presbytery's quota for the Synodical fund.

4. *Economy through Voluntary Service.*—No salaries are paid. Almost the only items of expense have been for traveling, printing and postage. They have averaged little more than one per cent. But while the work has been done almost without cost, it has not been poor work. Many of the ablest and busiest men in the Synod, both clerical and lay, have given and are giving valuable service without stint. Both the collection and expenditure have been wisely and effectively accomplished, because made by intelligent and interested men, thoroughly familiar with local conditions.

IV.

What Has Been Done in Twenty Years.

With a definite amount of money at their command, and with immediate knowledge of the condition of their own churches, the Presbyteries have been able to care promptly and wisely for their own needy fields.

FOR THE RURAL CHURCHES.

Older churches, depleted by removals and changes of population, have been regularly supplied with preaching and pastoral work. Churches that had been closed because the congregation had become

too weak to support a minister have been re-opened and the congregations built up. Thus, in a measure, the increasingly difficult question of the rural church, which must not be given up, and yet which has lost the ability of self-support, has been met.

The need for such work is abundantly demonstrated by comparisons made by the Hon. Elmer Ewing Green, the first treasurer. He finds that eleven rural churches have disappeared from the roll of Synod in twenty years, and that of 151 such churches compared, 34 are reported as growing weaker, according to the judgment of those making report; 51 show smaller contributions for congregational expenses and 58 fewer members in 1906 than in 1886. This is attributed to changes in the character of population rather than to decrease in population. In most instances, there are as many people to be reached as ever, but they must be won.

That there is good hope for the development of rural churches, however, is also proven by Judge Green's figures, for 90 churches report more members and 100 larger gifts for congregational purposes in 1906 than in 1886.

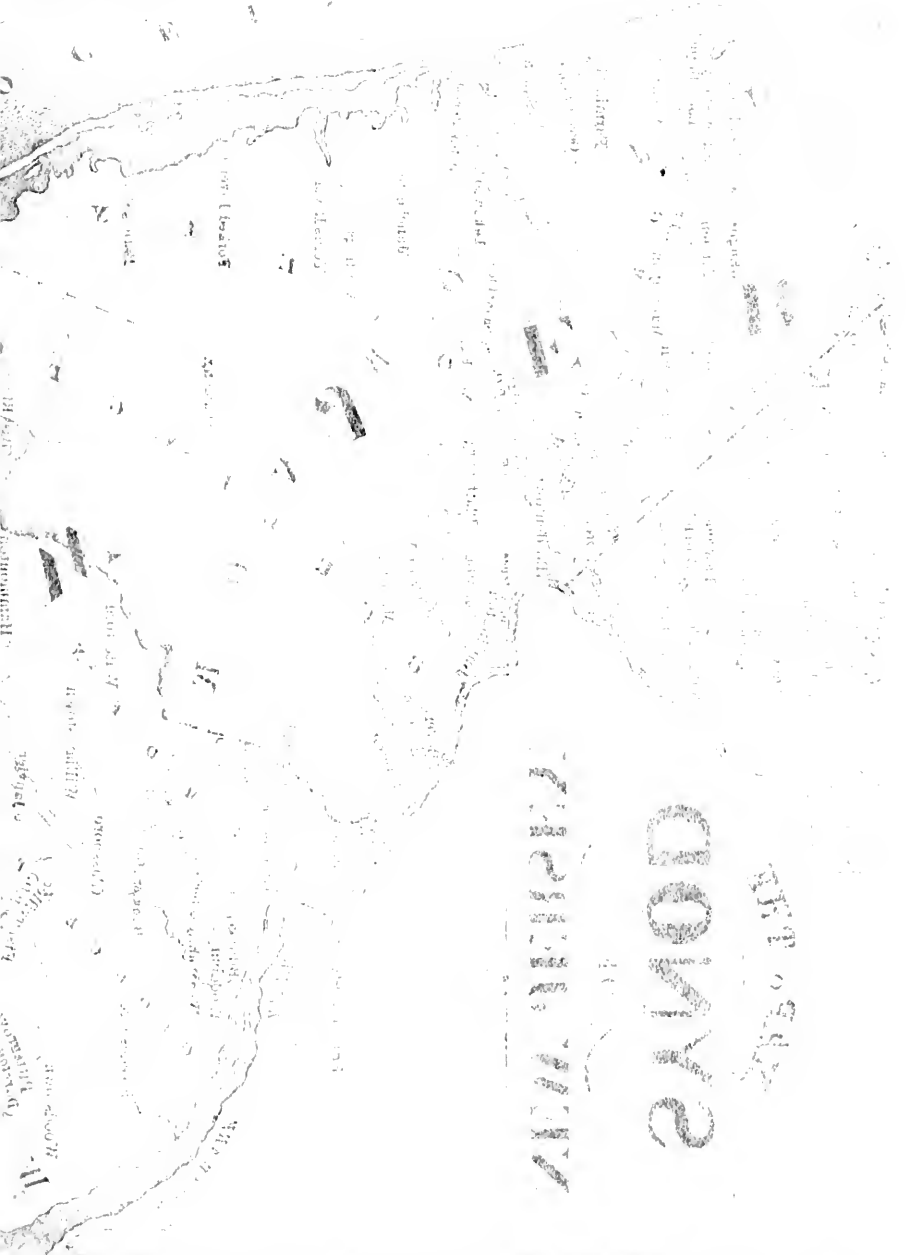
FOR STARTING CHURCHES.

But the extension of the Church, as we have seen, also held a foremost place in New Jersey's plan from the beginning. The Synod, as a whole, shows a splendid growth from 282 churches in 1886 to 335 churches and 9 missions, separately reported, in 1906, or 344 in all, a net gain of 62, and, allowing for the 11 churches stricken off, a total of 73 new churches and missions in twenty years—a gain of over 25 per cent. Not all of this has been directly due to Synodical Home Missions; but the greater part has been, and these figures do not fully represent the present results.

FOR SELF-SUPPORT.

That the spirit of self help has been developed and the denominational strength increased is shown by the fact that, at least, thirty-six churches, which had received aid under the Synodical scheme, have attained self support during the twenty years.

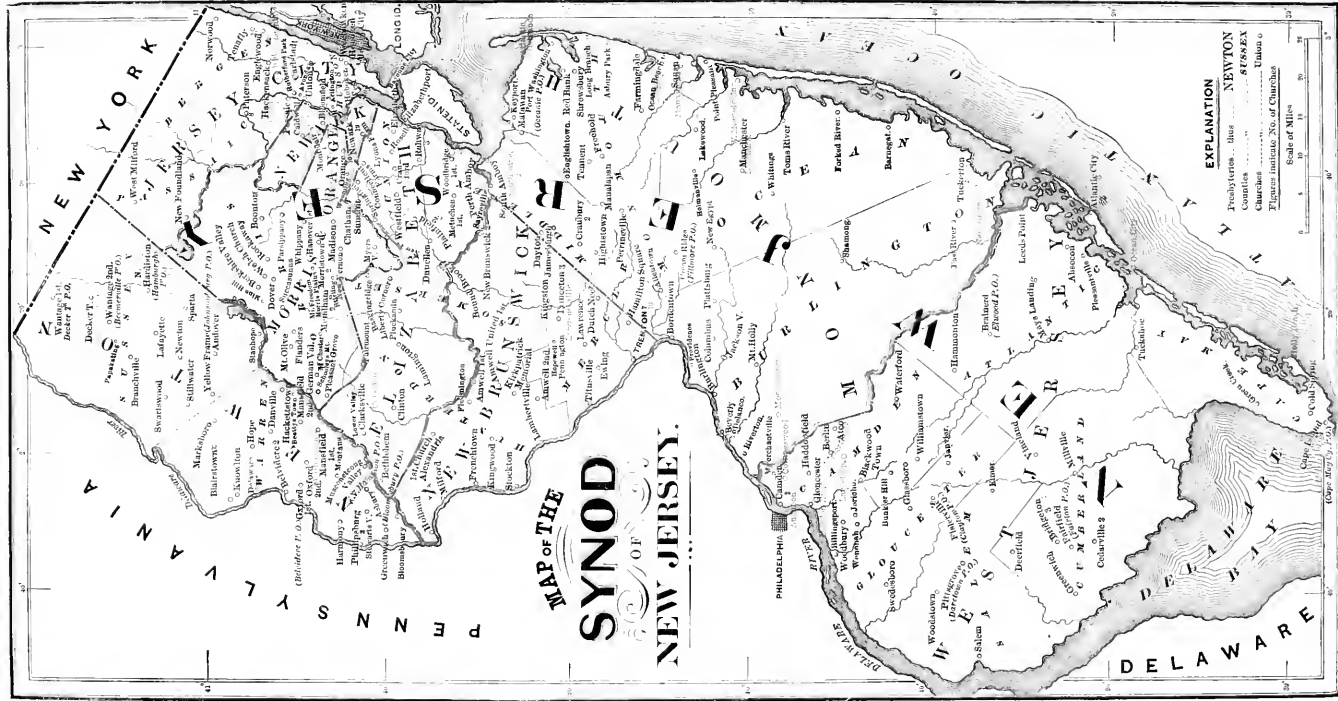
These are in the *Presbytery of Elizabeth*, Madison Avenue, Carteret and Liberty Corner; in the *Presbytery of Jersey City*, Paterson—First German, Claremont, Ridgewood, Garfield, Bayonne, Passaic—Grace, and Carlstadt; in the *Presbytery of Monmouth*, Moorestown, Atlantic Highlands, Long Branch, Delanco, Point Pleasant and Toms River; in the *Presbytery of Morris and Orange*, Morris Plains, Orange Valley (German), Schooley's Mountain, Wyoming, Whippany and Myersville; in the *Presbytery of Newark*, Lyons Farms, Kearney and Roseland; in the *Presbytery of Newton*, Westminster Phillipsburg, Oxford, Hamburg, Stanhope and Sparta; in the *Presbytery of New Brunswick*, Hopewell; in the *Presbytery of West Jersey*, Atlantic



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Names and figures in black show the location and number of organized Churches, 1888. Outlines in red show boundaries of Presbyteries. Names and figures in red show new organizations or changes in name or number up to 1907

City German, Bridgeton Fourth, Camden Grace, May's Landing, Ocean City, Woodstown and Pleasantville.

The management by the Presbytery itself of the fund allotted to it, has made it possible for some of the Presbyteries to make profitable use of the services of ministers who were not in such situation as to be able to undertake a settled pastorate, yet who were able and anxious to be at work. A number of these have supplied churches aided by the Synodical Home Mission fund with great acceptance and have done very efficient work both in the pulpit and in pastoral visitation.

FOR IMMIGRANTS.

The new feature of this period, and particularly of the last decade, has been the development of missions for immigrants of foreign speech. The German work previously begun has been maintained and developed. It is now carried on at twenty points. Work for Italians was next taken up, and there are now two handsome stone church buildings for them in Newark, another with a manse at Vineland, and less expensive ones at Montclair and Hammonton. An attractive and well arranged church is being built in Trenton. Work is also carried on for Italians in Bernardsville, Morristown, Princeton, Atlantic City and elsewhere.

For the Hungarians four church buildings have been recently dedicated, one each at New Brunswick, Newark, South River and Whar-ton; and services for them have been started at two or three other points. For the Syrians work is carried on at Summit and in West Hoboken, for the Armenians in West Hoboken, and for Ruthenians in Newark.

GROWING WORK AND GIFTS.

The Synodical work has grown along every line. The number of missionaries employed has increased from about fifty at the beginning to about one hundred recently, and the receipts from about \$10,000 in the first year to \$20,000 in that just closed.

A table, showing the amounts contributed by the several Presbyteries, the amounts expended within each of them, and the small expense of the operation of the plan is appended to this sketch.

At the same time the gifts to the Board of Home Missions for Evangelization have been maintained and increased and those for School Work greatly developed; so that the Board, which twenty years ago received less than \$40,000, now receives more than \$60,000 per annum from New Jersey, and has received during the whole period \$1,120,000.

THE WORK NEEDED.

This work has been not only warranted, but demanded by the great changes which have been taking place in the population and conditions

of life within the State of New Jersey. The movement of people from rural communities, in which they had been the supporters of religious work and worship, into the towns and cities, has gone steadily on. The country churches generally have been depleted. Some have been made incapable even of self-support, and much more incapable of the missionary labor needed to evangelize the people who have taken the places of those removed.

During these years the seashore, already in 1896 dotted with many summer resorts, has become an almost continuous line of settlements. Many of these have developed into towns and cities with a large permanent population.

The growth of the great cities between which New Jersey lies has stimulated highly the establishment of suburban villages along every line of railway. The suburban towns themselves have come to have their suburbs, so that the railways in the northern part of the State are even more closely lined with compact communities than the seashore.

Most of all, the immigrant population, of many diverse tongues, has increased with even alarming rapidity. The population of the State rose from 1,278,033, in 1885, to 2,144,134, in 1905, an increase of 67 per cent. Of the present population nearly two-thirds of a million (about 30 per cent.), are foreign born. Many of them are nominally Roman Catholic, but all of them need and thousands of them are accessible to immediate evangelization.

V.

Membership and Organization of the Committee.

The following list shows those who have represented the several Presbyteries. The dates appended indicate the term of service. Those last named under each Presbytery constitute the Committee at the date of publication, April, 1907:

Elizabeth.—Rev. John A. Liggett, D.D., 1886; Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, D.D., 1887-1894; Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D., 1894-1904; Rev. John T. Kerr, 1904-.

Jersey City.—Rev. David Magie, D.D., 1886; Rev. Charles D. Shaw, D.D., 1887-1898; Rev. Philo F. Leavens, D.D., 1898-1905; Rev. Fisher Howe Booth, 1905-.

Monmouth.—Rev. Alfred H. Dashiell, D.D., 1886-1902; Rev. William P. Finney, 1902-1906; Rev. Thomas Tyack, D.D., 1906-.

Morris and Orange.—Rev. William Durant, 1886; Rev. Theodore F. White, D.D., 1887-1898; Rev. William W. Halloway, Jr., D.D., 1898-.

Newark.—Rev. Isaac H. Polhemus, 1886-1890; Rev. J. Garland Hamner, Jr., 1890-1905; Rev. Robert S. Inglis, 1905-.

New Brunswick.—Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., 1886; Rev. John

Dixon, D.D., 1887-1898; Rev. Samuel M. Studdiford, D.D., 1898-1902; Rev. Samuel McLanahan, 1902-.

Newton.—Rev. William Thomson, 1886-1907; Rev. Percy Y. Schelley, 1907-.

West Jersey.—Rev. Augustus Brodhead, D.D., 1886; Rev. Frederic R. Brace, Ph.D., 1887-1899; Rev. Raymond Hilliard Gage, 1899.

The Rev. Abraham Gosman, D.D., was chairman of the Committee for a few months, but withdrew in order that Rev. John Dixon might be made a member of it, and the latter was immediately chosen chairman, and served from early in 1887 until he was made Assistant Secretary of the Board of Home Missions in 1898. Then the Rev. Eben B. Cobb, D.D., of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, was made chairman of the Committee, and by his enthusiasm, sagacity and unwearied perseverance did much to forward and extend the Committee's work. It is to him that the portion of the plan which provides a fund for new work, to be administered by the Committee, is due. Upon his resignation in 1904 the Rev. Philo F. Leavens, D.D., was chosen. He had been for many years a member of the Committee and the leader of home missionary activity in the Presbytery of Jersey City. But within a few months after his election he was called from labor here to reward on high. He was succeeded by the present chairman.

The first treasurer was the Hon. Elmer Ewing Green, of Trenton, N. J., now Judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey. His care and accuracy during the first ten years of the work greatly aided in its operation. The second Treasurer was the Hon. William M. Lanning, also of Trenton and now Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. He served from 1896 to 1901. He was succeeded by the present Treasurer, Mr. William P. Stevenson, of Roselle, Union county, New Jersey.

VI.

The Outlook

This is only the record of the beginning of Synodical Home Missions in New Jersey. The end is not yet. The opportunity and the need have grown even more rapidly than the splendid response of the Presbyterians of New Jersey. This growth has not ceased. More old mother churches in the country must, under the circumstances, come to depend upon the support of their daughters of the town and city. They deserve this filial help not only for the good they have done, but for the good they are doing, and the good they will do.

Growing cities and new towns will give birth to new churches which will demand fostering care to bring them to self-support and the power to help others.

The work for the men and women and children of foreign speech has only just begun. At the moment, it is more imperative, but it is more difficult, more expensive than any other form of our activity, because of the numbers to be reached, the agencies which must be employed and the relative lack of means among the people themselves. But this new field like the new land of the forest or the prairie hard at first to prepare and till, like that also promises abundant and excellent fruitage.

The record of what has been done in the past is the pledge that these great and growing responsibilities of the present and future will be met by ever clearer knowledge of the work, ever deeper interest in it, ever increasing gifts to it, on the part of pastors, sessions, churches and individuals.

Will not each reader help to realize this promise and prophecy?

Contributions and Payments for the Twenty Years of New Jersey Synodical Home Mission Work.
(Note that 1887 was not a full year.)

PRESBYTERY.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
<i>Elizabeth—</i>											
Contributions,	\$1,000 62	\$1,338 67	\$1,343 64	\$2,160 37	\$2,276 02	\$2,157 57	\$2,508 87	\$2,596 66	\$2,669 36	\$2,476 48	\$2,919 87
Payments,	0 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	300 00	337 50	523 00	725 00	900 00
<i>Jersey City—</i>											
Contributions,	1,127 44	1,037 49	1,173 01	1,400 68	1,412 95	1,367 08	1,297 63	1,366 29	1,709 82	1,298 95	1,912 06
Payments,	310 83	1,675 00	1,669 50	2,178 50	1,992 75	1,539 00	2,379 00	2,487 50	2,274 83	2,454 00	2,491 50
<i>Monmouth—</i>											
Contributions,	793 32	1,028 23	1,069 81	1,089 34	1,093 79	1,145 78	1,232 75	1,175 90	1,286 59	1,226 96	1,402 28
Payments,	1,478 73	3,314 03	3,577 52	3,609 57	3,822 68	3,690 60	3,935 22	4,093 32	3,678 84	4,069 98	3,960 95
<i>Morris and Orange—</i>											
Contributions,	1,301 10	2,182 97	2,450 92	2,471 63	2,548 81	2,774 38	2,817 64	2,787 30	2,946 87	2,908 42	2,933 92
Payments,	324 17	1,187 59	1,224 50	1,468 75	1,622 25	1,193 00	1,458 65	1,409 74	1,412 50	1,591 66	1,588 18
<i>Newark—</i>											
Contributions,	775 42	1,479 35	1,913 80	2,052 81	1,843 44	2,444 63	2,618 93	2,282 21	2,558 08	2,251 08	2,231 51
Payments,	34 94	907 68	850 00	744 16	1,316 66	1,610 00	1,625 00	1,596 25	1,556 25	1,731 25	1,762 50
<i>New Brunswick—</i>											
Contributions,	1,794 59	2,142 98	2,456 33	2,231 43	2,184 09	2,507 35	2,481 89	2,025 35	2,406 84	2,345 01	2,467 47
Payments,	100 00	420 83	470 95	450 50	544 25	885 21	781 66	630 50	578 00	473 00	413 00
<i>Newton—</i>											
Contributions,	446 14	1,001 48	893 95	905 88	819 33	1,063 36	969 49	881 41	1,229 94	1,143 69	1,160 29
Payments,	475 00	570 83	587 50	712 50	675 00	790 00	777 92	793 75	726 38	881 25	1,025 00
<i>West Jersey—</i>											
Contributions,	833 81	1,197 53	1,110 35	1,233 78	1,323 05	1,342 32	1,334 95	1,471 04	1,605 54	1,596 81	1,578 28
Payments,	1,099 00	3,809 19	3,309 95	3,389 56	3,633 47	3,927 96	4,060 61	4,300 89	4,005 63	4,122 49	4,124 56
Sums refunded, etc.,					85 76	80 04	37 50	25 00		149 66	18 00
Administration expenses,	22 42	135 35	128 90	115 54	115 23	113 41	133 99	134 70	170 40	133 90	257 08
Total receipts,	\$8,162 44	\$11,408 70	\$12,411 81	\$13,545 93	\$13,587 24	\$14,882 51	\$15,299 65	\$14,611 16	\$16,413 04	\$15,307 06	\$16,613 89
Total payments, ...	3,545 09	12,320 41	12,118 32	12,969 08	14,022 29	14,049 18	15,452 05	15,754 15	14,927 83	16,182 53	16,552 77
Balance October 1st, 1906,											

* From Corisco Presbytery.

Contributions and Payments for the Twenty Years of New Jersey Synodical Home Mission Work.—Continued.

PRESBYTERY.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	TOTALS FOR 20 YEARS.
Elizabeth—										
Contributions,	\$2,758 47	\$2,918 58	\$2,872 75	\$2,977 26	\$3,362 00	\$3,395 41	\$2,801 82	\$3,973 98	\$4,457 32	\$53,010 72
Payments,	975 00	931 25	1,145 84	1,250 00	1,437 50	1,125 70	1,228 30	1,773 50	1,780 00	17,141 39
Jersey City—										
Contributions,	1,549 84	1,800 00	1,673 54	1,901 42	1,879 55	1,925 10	2,019 16	2,102 78	2,104 02	32,058 81
Payments,	2,629 50	2,524 00	2,456 00	2,438 99	2,288 00	2,562 00	2,684 00	2,745 00	2,495 00	44,815 90
Monmouth—										
Contributions,	1,386 07	1,438 80	1,683 76	1,650 90	1,745 64	1,696 48	1,695 15	1,723 29	1,759 30	27,324 14
Payments,	3,991 25	3,599 82	3,982 00	3,804 16	3,915 66	3,877 66	3,481 25	3,525 50	3,513 50	73,956 42
Morris and Orange—										
Contributions,	3,015 00	3,018 96	3,078 30	3,104 80	3,112 01	3,030 90	3,189 30	3,208 47	3,391 93	56,272 73
Payments,	1,618 75	1,497 09	1,483 34	1,314 50	1,362 75	1,387 50	1,295 00	1,700 00	1,675 50	28,249 83
Newark—										
Contributions,	2,820 52	2,525 47	2,283 61	2,162 69	2,475 21	2,109 75	2,131 04	2,044 32	2,108 49	43,112 36
Payments,	1,750 00	1,850 00	1,750 00	1,850 00	1,766 66	1,925 00	1,988 33	2,369 92	2,427 50	31,784 60
New Brunswick—										
Contributions,	2,453 22	2,597 06	2,687 18	2,595 27	2,555 20	2,553 37	2,538 02	2,857 28	2,992 55	48,872 48
Payments,	437 00	859 00	1,200 00	1,170 76	1,200 00	1,300 25	1,202 92	1,963 78	2,008 17	18,202 28
Newton—										
Contributions,	1,095 23	1,055 79	1,133 00	1,077 59	1,256 42	959 42	1,113 02	1,033 23	998 71	20,237 28
Payments,	1,135 00	988 41	1,000 00	958 33	773 95	981 72	912 50	692 50	1,016 67	16,862 68
West Jersey—										
Contributions,	1,643 62	1,824 66	2,125 09	2,156 18	2,225 13	2,225 13	2,106 26	2,228 28	2,214 41	33,193 52
Payments,	4,224 75	4,190 52	5,130 37	4,124 10	4,084 69	4,052 70	4,137 31	4,192 41	4,135 21	77,851 30
Special receipts,	99 55	25 50	10 50	2 00	37 03	62 00	** 52 55	** 30 00	** 100 00	422 25
Administration expenses,	297 05	269 19	295 49	576 98	268 59	258 28	527 23	267 85	302 27	1,531 06
										4,463 85
Total receipts,	\$16,721 97	\$17,204 82	\$17,592 73	\$17,628 11	\$18,555 19	\$17,957 56	\$18,136 32	\$19,405 23	\$20,159 10	\$315,613 70
Total payments,	17,094 30	16,709 28	17,149 06	17,487 82	17,037 80	17,602 61	19,295 84	19,800 49	19,443 85	313,690 75
Balance October 1st, 1906,										\$1,922 95

* Includes sums refunded, interest, gifts of Corisco Presbytery and gifts for special objects.

** Includes also interest of Van Meter Fund belonging to Presbytery of West Jersey.

† Includes grants from Special Fund.

‡ Covers fifteen months, accounts re-adjusted.

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