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The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Mansfield Church, Washington, Warren County, on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1873, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the Benediction.

RAVAUD K. RODGERS, STATED CLERK.

MINUTES

OF THIS

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY,

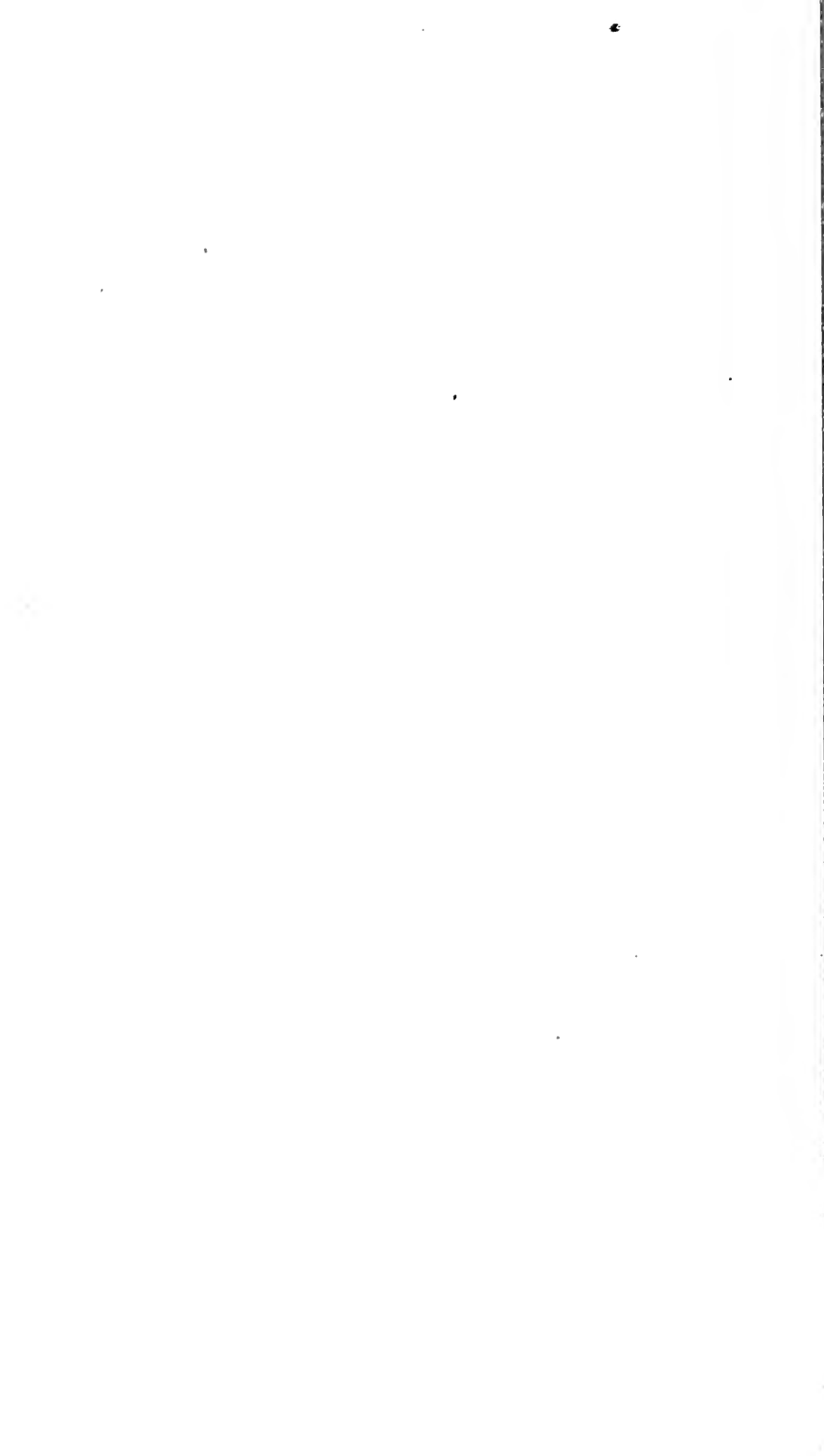
AT THEIR SESSIONS

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MINUTES.

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FIRST MANSFIELD CHURCH,

Washington, Warren Co., N. J., October 21st, 1873.

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment, in the First Mansfield Church, on Tuesday the 21st of October, 1873, at 3 o'clock, P. M. and was opened with a sermon from Matthew 28th chapter and 19th verse: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," by the Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTER.

Rev. R. HAMILL NASSAU, M.D.

ELDERS.

NONE.

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN C. RANKIN, D. D.,	Rev. AARON PECK,
" EDWIN H. REINHART,	" CHARLES A. BRIGGS,
" EVERARD KEMPSHALL, D.D.,	" J. DE HART BRUEN,
" GARDINER S. PLUMLEY,	" J. M. BRUEN,
" DAVID H. PIERSON, Ph.D.,	" EDWARD H. HARVEY,
" WILLIAM C. ROBERTS, D.D.,	" MARCELLUS BOWEN,
" JAMES B. PATTERSON,	" W. G. HENDERSON,
" JOHN EWING,	" GEORGE C. MILNE,
" KNEELAND P. KETCHAM,	" THEODORE S. BROWN,
Rev. SAMUEL PARRY.	

ELDERS.

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" A. B. Mc COLLUM,	"	Baskingridge.
" WILLIAM WOODCOCK,	"	Elizabeth Port.
" WESLEY BIRD,	"	Bethlehem.
" S. E. ARMS,	"	First Elizabeth.
" A. W. KINGSLEY,	"	Westminister Elizabeth.
" CORNELIUS JEWEL,	"	Second Rahway.
" E. BOSENBURY,	"	Clinton.
" SAMUEL MILLIKEN,	"	First Plainfield.
" A. D. HOPE,	"	Roselle.
" WILLIAM LITTELL,	"	Summit Central.
" R. M. BABBIT,	"	Springfield.
" JOHN COMPTON,	"	Liberty Corner.
" ADAM CRAIG,	"	Dunellen.
" JAMES G. KLINE,	"	Pluckamin.

From the Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS.

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" CHARLES K. IMBRIE, D. D.,	" DAVID MAGIE, D. D.,
" JOHN P. WESTERVELT,	" JAMES MARSHALL,
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" JOSEPH M. McNULTY,	" JOHN HEBERLE,
Rev. CLARENCE GEDDES,	

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" N. C. JAQUITH,	"	First Jersey City.
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" JAS. VANDERBEEK,	"	Englewood.
" GEORGE DENHAM,	"	Passaic.

Mr. GEORGE B. HOWELL, from . . Prospect Avenue.
 " G. W. DE MOTT, " Tenafly.
 " ROBERT SLATER, " Lake View.

From the Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS.

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" E. M. KELLOGG,	" JOSEPH W. HUBBARD,
" SAMUEL MILLER, D. D.,	" BENJAMIN S. EVERITT,
" A. H. DASHIELL, Jr.,	" EDWARD B. HODGE,
" JESSE B. DAVIS,	" HENRY R. HALL,
" J. HENRY KAUFMAN,	" A. P. COBB,

ELDERS.

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" THOMAS CURTISS, " Shrewsbury.
" JOSEPH COOMBS, " Tennent.
" WILLIAM DUNCAN, " First Cranberry.
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" JOHN VAN DOREN, " Manalapan.
" THOMAS W. SCHENCK, " Dayton.
" C. G. SNEDIKER, " Jamesburg.
" AARON HUTCHINS, " Burlington.
" H. R. TAYLOR, " Allentown.

From the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

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" DAVID MCGEE BARDWELL,	" JOHN A. FRENCH,
" NATHANIEL CONKLIN,	" J. W. COCHRANE,
" CHARLES C. PARKER, D. D.,	" JOHN H. WORCESTER,
" J. ALSTYNE BLAUVELT,	" JOHN REID.

ELDERS.

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" TITUS BERRY, " Dover.
" JOSEPH C. POTTS, " Madison.

Mr. E. R. FAIRCHILD,	from..	Whippany.
“ L. DRINKWATER,	“	New Vernon.
“ JOHN OGDEN,	“	Parsippany.
“ A. A. SMITH,	“	German Valley.
“ J. L. MERRILL,	“	Second Orange.
“ C. G. HAZELTINE,	“	South Street Morristown.
“ JOHN BURGESS,	“	East Orange.
“ JOHN HILL,	“	Boonton.
“ WILLIAM BARTLEY,	“	Flanders.
“ C. G. CASKEY,	“	First Morristown.
“ THEODORE A. HOPPING,	“	Hanover.
“ IRA TAYLOR,	“	South Orange.
“ DAVID NEIGHBOR,	“	Lower Valley.
“ F. P. HOFFMAN,	“	Fairmount.

From the Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS.

Rev. ISAAC McILVAINE,	Rev. WM. T. FINDLEY, D. D.,
“ DUNCAN KENNEDY, D. D.,	“ CHARLES T. BERRY,
“ JAMES P. WILSON, D. D.,	“ CHARLES E. KNOX,
“ J. H. McILVAINE, D. D.,	“ M. F. HOLLISTER,

ELDERS,

Mr. EDWARD NICHOLS,	from..	First Newark.
“ J. B. PINNEO,	“	High Street, Newark.
“ DAVIS N. MILLER,	“	Central Newark.
“ JOSEPH D. HARRISON,	“	Second Newark.
“ ROBT. S. GRUMMON,	“	Third Newark.
“ HIRAM B. LITTELL,	“	Montclair.
“ FREDERIC HEXAMER,	“	First German, Newark.
“ JOHN CONNERY,	“	Wickliffe Church.
“ FRANCIS K. HOWELL,	“	Park Church, Newark.
“ ASHER CRANE,	“	Caldwell.
“ ZOPHAR B. DOD,	“	Bloomfield.
“ JAMES C. BAKER,	“	Lyons Farms.
“ ISAAC OGDEN,	“	Sixth Newark.
“ PETER METZGER,	“	Third German.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS.

Rev. R. K. RODGERS, D. D.,	Rev. PETER A. STUDDIFORD,
“ J. M. MACDONALD, D. D.,	“ AMZI L. ARMSTRONG,
“ ELIAS S. SCHENCK,	“ SAMUEL HARRISON,
“ JOHN WOODBRIDGE, D. D.,	“ JOHN S. GILMER,
“ ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D. D.,	“ JAMES B. KENNEDY,
“ GEORGE S. WOODHULL,	“ GEORGE L. SMITH,
“ GEORGE S. MOTT,	“ JOHN D. HEWITT,
	Rev. JOHN MILLER, D. D.,

ELDERS.

Mr. R. F. GILES,	from	Bound Brook.
“ HENRY E. HALE,	“	First Princeton.
“ JOHN D. HOFF,	“	Kingwood.
“ PETER DAVIS,	“	Lawrence.
“ JOHN Y. YARD,	“	Flemington.
“ S. D. PIDCOCK,	“	Lambertsville.
“ D. C. ENGLISH,	“	First New Brunswick.
“ J. J. SNEDIKER,	“	Dutch Neck.
“ JOSEPH G. BREARLEY,	“	Third Trenton.
“ WM. W. FISHER,	“	Amwell, United First.
“ CHARLES T. HUNT,	“	Titusville.
“ GEORGE P. REX,	“	Amwell, First.
“ LEWIS WOOLEY,	“	Second Trenton.
“ S. S. COOLEY,	“	Ewing.
“ ENOCH TITUS,	“	Pennington.
“ DAVID WILLIAMSON,	“	Kirkpatrick Memorial.
“ THOS. McDONALD,	“	Second New Brunswick.

From the Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN B. KUGLER,	Rev. JAMES M. ANDERSON,
“ THOMAS A. SANSON,	“ DAVID CONWAY,
“ ALEXANDER M. JELLY,	“ WILLIAM H. BELDEN,
“ E. CLARK CLINE,	“ JOHN P. CLARK.

ELDERS.

Mr. H. R. RENNARD,	from . .	Bloomsbury.
“ SAMUEL JOHNSON,	“	Newton.
“ PAUL MERLETT,	“	Musconetcong Valley.
“ JOHN BUNNELL,	“	Blairstown.
“ JOSEPH ROSENBURY,	“	First Mansfield.
“ JOHN SCHOONHOVEN,	“	Second Oxford.
“ J. M. PAUL,	“	Second Belvidere.
“ J. W. CARTER,	“	Greenwich.
“ S. C. CASKEY,	“	Stanhope.
“ WILLIAM VLIET,	“	Asbury.
“ WILLIAM MATTISON,	“	Branchville.
“ ANDREW HULZIZER,	“	Stewartville.
“ JOHN DUNCAN,	“	Second Wantage.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS.

Rev. ALLEN H. BROWN,	Rev. JAMES H. CLARK,
Rev. ALEXANDER PROUDFIT.	

ELDERS.

Mr. JOSEPH D. REINBOTH,	from . .	First Camden.
“ W. A. SIMMONS,	“	Vineland.
“ JOSEPH REEVES,	“	First Bridgeton.
“ I. S. RICHMOND,	“	Pittsgrove.
“ ISAAC C. STEVENSON,	“	Wenonah.

The roll having been called, the Rev. Joshua H. McIlvaine, D. D., of the Presbytery of Newark, was unanimously chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. J. B. Davis and R. K. Rodgers were chosen Clerks.

Satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence from this meeting of Synod of the Rev. Dr. E. R. Craven and the Rev. R. B. Campfield of the Presbytery of Newark, the Rev. James C. Egbert of the Presbytery of Jersey City, the Rev. Drs. Nassau, Mann, S. M. Hamill, and Aiken of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the Rev. Dr. Reed of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

The Rev. J. B. Dally of the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Henry C. McCook of the Synod of Philadelphia, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The committee of arrangements presented the following report :

1. That the Synod sit each day from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 12 M. From 2½ o'clock, P. M., to 5 o'clock, P. M. and from 7 P. M. until the adjournment for the Evening, and that the half hour from 11½ A. M. to 12 M., be spent in devotional exercises.

2. That this Evening's Session be devoted, *first* to addresses by the Rev. J. A. French of Morristown and the Rev. Alexander Proudfit of Clayton on the General Assembly's Sustentation Scheme, and *second*, to addresses by the Rev. H. C. McCook of Philadelphia, and the Rev. W. C. Roberts, D. D. of Elizabeth, on the Sabbath School cause, as ordered by the last Synod.

3. That the Wednesday afternoon Session be devoted *first*, to the reading of the Narrative of the State of Religion, and *second* the administration of the Lord's Supper—the Rev. Dr. Macdonald administering the bread, and Elders Reinboth, Pinneo, Dusenbury, Hazeltine, Howell and Dod, distributing the same, and the Rev. Mr. Bishop administering the cup, and Elders Potts, Hill, Merrill, Drinkwater, Kingsley and Hale distributing the same.

4. That Wednesday Evening Session be devoted to the reading and discussion of matters contained in the report of the committee of systematic beneficence in connection with brief addresses in behalf of the Boards of our Church, together with short devotional exercises.

5. That the Secretaries of the Boards or their deputies who cannot remain, or who come after the Wednesday Evening meeting be heard for 15 minutes each, at such times as they may appear on the floor of the Synod.

6. That the exercises of all these special occasions be under the general direction of the Moderator.

The report was adopted.

It was made the order of the day for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, to hear the Rev. S. H. Hall, D. D., Secretary of the American Seaman's Friend Society in relation to the operations and claims of that institution.

Synod then took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod met and listened to addresses from the Rev. Mr. French and the Rev. Mr. Proudfit upon Sustentation, and the Rev. Dr. Roberts and the Rev. Mr. McCook upon the Sabbath School Work, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee of arrangements.

The following members of Synod appeared and took their seats. The Rev. Messrs. Robert Street, Samuel S. Sheddan, D. D., Hollis Read and Charles Milne, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth—the Rev. Messrs. L. M. Colfelt, Joseph G. Symmes, Joseph S. Vandyke, William G. Cairnes and E. J. Pierce, of the Presbytery of Monmouth—the Rev. Messrs. B. C. Megie, D. E. Megie, O. H. Perry Deyo, Eldridge Mix, Alfred Yeomans, J. L. Danner, A. J. Winterick, J. A. Ferguson and Thomas Carter, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange—the Rev. Oscar Kraft, Jas. R. Berry, D. D., Sam'l H. Hall, D. D., and George C. Pollock, of the Presbytery of Newark—the Rev. Messrs. George Sheldon, D. D., Daniel R. Foster, Samuel M. Studdiford, William Swan, J. D. Randolph and J. V. W. Schenck, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick—the Rev. Messrs. J. B. Woodward, E. Simanton, R. B. Foresman, H. Brown Scott, Thomas S. Long, Myron Barret and W. B. McKee, of the Presbytery of Newton—the Rev. Messrs. G. H. S. Campbell, R. Hamill Davis, W. A. Ferguson, E. P. Shields, F. R. Brace, W. W. McNair and L. C. Baker, of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

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

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK,
October 22d.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Present as before, together with the Rev. H. W. Hunt, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth and Mr. H. N. Demorest, Ruling Elder from the Church of Woodbridge and Mr. Amos Potter, Ruling Elder from the Church of New Providence, of the same Presbytery—the Rev. Albert Erdman, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange—the Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., and the Rev. Rev. Prentiss de Veuve of the Presbytery of Newark—the Rev. H. E. Spayd, Thomas McCauley and H. B. Townsend, of the Presbytery of Newton, with Mr. Wm. T. Smith, Ruling Elder from the Church of Bloomsbury, Mr. J. Kock, Ruling Elder from the Church of Harmony, Mr. John Lander, Ruling Elder from the Church of Phillipsburg, Mr. J. Reed Kerr, Ruling Elder from the Yellow Frame Church and Mr. J. Whitaker, Ruling Elder from the Church of Deckertown of the same Presbytery—the Rev. Messrs. B. Carrell, J. N. Scofield and A. D. F. White of the Presbytery of New Brunswick—the Rev. Messrs. J. B. Hopwood and David Winters of the Presbytery of Jersey City.

The minutes of the last session of Synod were read and approved.

Satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence from this meeting of Synod of the Rev. T. L. Byington and the Rev. John J. Crane of the Presbytery of Newton, and the Rev. M. L. Hofford of the Presbytery of Monmouth.

The Rev. J. Harris Jones of the Welsh Calvinistic Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., Rev. Mr. E. W. French, Rev. J. C. Rankin, D. D., Rev. Dr. Ogden, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Dr. Gosman, Rev. Mr. Brown and Rev. Mr. Conway,

Ministers, and Messrs. Pinneo, Kingsley, R. T. Westervelt, Coombs, John Ogden, Hale, Joseph Rosenbury and Reeves, Ruling Elders, were appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet at the call of the chairman.

The Rev. Messrs. Bishop, Briggs, Edwards, Chandler, Knox, Dr. Woodbridge, Messrs. Anderson and J. H. Clark, Ministers, and Messrs. Potts, Hope, Jaquith, Conover, Nichols, Cooley, Paul and Reinboth, Ruling Elders, were appointed a Judicial Committee to meet at the call of the chairman.

Messrs. Brearley and Owen were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Account, and to make an assessment upon the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Everitt and Cochran, Ministers, and Messrs. Thomas McDonald and McCollum, Elders, were appointed a Committee on leave of absence.

The Rev. Messrs. P. A. Studdiford and G. S. Mott, were appointed a Committee to draft the Narrative of the State of Religion for the next year.

The Rev. Messrs. J. A. French and Sanson were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterial Records :

The Rev. Messrs. Aikman and J. R. Berry, Ministers, and Mr. William Duncan, Elder, those of Corisco ;

The Rev. Messrs. Symmes and L. C. Baker, Ministers, and Mr. J. W. Condit, Elder, those of Elizabeth ;

The Rev. Messrs. Patterson and Plumley, Ministers, and Mr. Arms, Elder, those of Jersey City ;

The Rev. Messrs. Brace and J. P. Westervelt, Ministers, and Mr. DeMott, Elder, those of Monmouth ;

The Rev. Messrs. Hollister and Hodge, Ministers, and Mr. Craig, Elder, those of Morris and Orange ;

The Rev. Messrs. Armstrong and H. Read, Ministers, and Mr. Fairchild, Elder, those of Newark :

The Rev. Messrs. Mix and McNulty, Ministers, and Mr. C. P. Williams, Elder, those of New Brunswick ;

The Rev. Messrs. Ewing and Gilmer, Ministers, and Mr. Thomas McDonald, Elder, those of Newton ;

The Rev. Dr. Roberts and Mr. Pollock, Ministers, and Mr. Littell, Elder, those of West Jersey.

Resolved, That it be made the second order of the day to hear the report of the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, and that it be the third order of the day to hear the Rev. R. Hamill, Nassau, of the Presbytery of Corisco, in relation to the Mission Work in Africa.

At ten o'clock the first order of the day was taken up, and the Rev. S. H. Hall, D. D., Secretary of the Seaman's Friend Society, addressed the Synod in relation to the operations and claims of that institution. Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That the Synod recognizes with pleasure the efficiency of the Seaman's Friend Society in their work among 3,000,000 of Sailors, and they cordially include it as having a claim on the beneficence of our churches among the very first after that of our Presbyterian Boards.

The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer reported that they had discharged that duty and find the account correct as compared with the vouchers accompanying it, with a balance due the Treasurer of Thirteen Dollars and Forty-seven Cents. The same Committee having been appointed to make an assessment upon the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, they report that \$276 will be needed, and recommend that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows :

Presbytery of Elizabeth.....	\$32 00
“ “ Jersey City.....	32 00
“ “ Monmouth.....	32 00
“ “ Morris and Orange....	33 00
“ “ Newark.....	40 00
“ “ New Brunswick.....	45 00
“ “ Newton.....	32 00
“ “ West Jersey.....	30 00
	----- \$276 00.

Corisco Presbytery—No charge.

JOSEPH G. BREARLEY, *Chairman*.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions presented a report, which was accepted. Pending the consideration of this report, the Synod engaged, at 11.30 A.M., in devotional exercises for half an hour, agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements, after which Synod took a recess until two and a half, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and proceeded to business.

The Rev. Mr. Mix from the Committee appointed to prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion, presented the following report, which was adopted, and ordered to be read previous to the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Of the nine Presbyteries comprising the Synod, your Committee are happy to state, that all have reported the state of religion within their bounds. These reports are in the main, both encouraging and cheering. Revivals, some of them of unusual power, have occurred. Sabbath Schools have in some instances, been blessed, with the especial presence of the Holy Spirit. New church edifices and chapels have been built, and others have been enlarged or refitted. The cause of temperance has taken a deeper hold in certain localities. There seems to be a general awakening throughout the State upon the subject of Sabbath observance. Contributions to our Church Boards have largely increased. Greater attention than before seems to have been paid to Mission work at home.

It has not been, however, a year of large ingathering to the Churches, nor of very marked advance in any respect. Indeed, the Statistical tables of the Minutes of General Assembly show a slight falling off from the report of last year, in several particulars. There is a decrease of nine in the number of Ministers enrolled; of eleven in the number of Licentiates; and of 277 in Sabbath School membership. But there has been, on the other hand, a gain of eleven in the number of candidates for the Ministry; and of three in the number of Churches; and of 309 in Church Membership. The contributions for benevolent objects are in advance of those of last year by \$42,702. We may say, therefore, that on the whole we have as a Church somewhat more than held our own. Certainly we have not lost ground, and at least in one particular, and that not one of minor

importance, have made a decided advance. We have abounded more than ever before in the grace of giving.

Turning now to the several reports which have come into the hands of your Committee, to see what of particular interest they present, which ought to be brought to the notice of Synod, we find in the Presbytery of New Brunswick that nearly all the Churches have pastors, or are about settling pastors; that they are mostly free from debt; that two of them, Trenton 2d and Amwell 1st, have been blessed with special reviving. The interest felt in the Sunday School within the bounds of this Presbytery is particularly noticeable. The report says: "In almost every instance," referring to the narratives of the several churches, "the Sunday School is spoken of as increasing in numbers, in interest, and in efficiency. The Churches seem to be settled in the conviction that the Sunday School is one of the most important departments of church work." It also adds that one of the Churches which reports a revival, in speaking of the agencies which were blessed in bringing it about, says: "More than can be told is attributable to the great faithfulness of the Sunday School Teachers to the souls of their scholars." There is increasing interest among the women of the Churches of this Presbytery in woman's work for woman. About a thousand dollars have been raised for this object, and a Lady Missionary has recently gone forth from among them to labor as their representative on heathen ground.

The Presbytery of Newton reports especial endeavor on the part of Pastors of Churches to bring the Gospel to all classes by outpost preaching, and labor of other kinds among the poor and neglected; also a marked tenderness and prayerfulness in connection with this work. It also makes mention of the increasing interest of the Churches in Sabbath School work, naming the Church at Hacketts-town as prominent in its care for the children of the Church, and as being blessed in their ingathering into the Church; also the First Mansfield Church, in whose Sabbath School "two whole classes have been hopefully led to Christ and into the Church, through efficient teaching and an earnest working Elder." There is mentioned also a growth of interest in the cause of Missions, which is shown by enlarged liberality and the recent formation of Ladies' Foreign Mission Societies. The Church at Newton is supporting a Foreign Missionary, and has recently undertaken to support in addition, a Christian teacher in the Beirut Mission.

In the Presbytery of Newark there is evidence of "sound, healthful development, and fair progress in that which constitutes true growth." No especial seasons of revival have been enjoyed, and yet, the report adds, "all the Churches have received testimonies of the Divine blessing, and the old First Church has received special blessing in connection with its Mission work." Two of its Churches are building new houses of worship.

Four Churches of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange are reported as blessed with revivals, which began with the week of prayer in each instance. The Sabbath School has received unusual attention, and been fruitful of good results as a consequence. Probably no other Presbytery has so generally adopted in its Churches some plan of systematic beneficence. This has been attended with a marked, and in some instances surprising increase in contributions. In several Churches the offering is weekly, and is accompanied by a special prayer of consecration, and so is made a part of the Sabbath worship. This mode of giving has been productive of the happiest results wherever tried. A convention has been held for the single object of promoting benevolence, which was largely attended, and awakened great interest. Another is soon to be held, from which equally good results are confidently expected.

The Presbytery of West Jersey, in their report, make mention of one Church which has several large accessions, and of protracted meetings as attended with the presence of God's Spirit. The card system of benevolence is adopted by many of the Churches, with the gratifying result of a large increase of contributions. They speak particularly of Churches which have been aided by the Committee of Sustentation, as having increased largely their liberality; and say also that some of them have enjoyed special seasons of revival. They lament the prevalence of a disposition toward Sabbath breaking and conformity to the world. A general and lively interest in the Sunday School work exists in their bounds, which has been awakened in large measure by conventions and special meetings in the interest of this branch of Christian labor.

In the Presbytery of Elizabeth there is a very encouraging state of things, as evinced by increased liberality in many of its Churches; a great improvement in care for the temporal interests of the Church in several places; a marked advance of spirituality in most of its congregations; and the occurrence of revivals in three of its Churches, viz: Rahway, Plainfield and Summit, resulting in adding

considerable numbers to the Church in each of these places on profession of their faith. The Church in Summit has also this year, as it did last year, doubled its membership. It is now in the midst of another reviving, and many are inquiring, and some thirty conversions have recently occurred.

It is pleasing to see what evidence the Presbytery of Jersey City gives of faithful, well organized and patient work in its field, which is somewhat peculiar, in that its Churches are many of them young and require careful nurture; and they have much to do in the way of Church Extension. There is a healthy interest in the prayer meeting, much zeal in Sabbath School work, a growing interest in systematic benevolence, and withal a very earnest desire for the presence of the Holy Ghost to render their labor successful.

The Presbytery of Corisco, our Foreign Missionary Presbytery, though meeting with many discouragements and hindrances incident to work among the heathen, is yet rejoicing in signs of coming prosperity and success. The prejudices of the natives in the interior of the country are breaking down, and the way has opened recently more widely than ever before for carrying the Gospel into all parts of the country, where the Presbytery is located.

The Presbytery of Monmouth, in the opinion of your Committee, is deserving of more than a passing notice on the part of Synod. It has a very large extent of territory, covering as much ground as the five Presbyteries of Jersey City, Newark, Elizabeth, Morris and Orange, and New-Brunswick. Most of its Churches are dependent upon the general funds of the Church for support, only fifteen out of thirty seven being self-sustaining. The population is sparse, and ill-educated. Here and there new towns and villages are springing up, but they are populated with a very heterogeneous, changeable class of people. Some of these are *seaside* resorts, where evil influences rather than good abound. Our brethren of the Ministry and Laity in this Presbytery, have a very important but very difficult task laid upon them to accomplish. Their work is, as they say, at once conservative and aggressive. They must needs be watchful over those things which remain which are ready to die. And they must be on the alert to seize on new opportunities for planting and rearing Churches, and endeavor to lay broad and deep the foundations of these for many generations. They are cheered by signs of outward prosperity, such as the building of two new Churches and of several

Chapels, and yet cannot report any notable signs of inward spiritual life.

This is what they say of their discouragements, which are for the most part peculiar to that field which they occupy: "A large portion of our field is subject to the invasion of many forms of evil. The tide of Summer visitors, as well as the peculiar conditions of society among us, are fruitful of a gross materialism, which influences vast numbers. The running of Sunday trains by the Railroads has been a prolific source of evil, injecting upon our villages and sea-side resorts crowds of idle and profane people. The sanctity of the Sabbath, in the minds of the people, has been impaired by this legalized desecration of the day. The sale and use of intoxicating drink has been stimulated, and immorality in gross forms greatly increased."

Your Committee feel that in view of these facts, which our Brethren of this Presbytery bring to light in their narrative, they should receive the especial sympathy and the fervent prayers of all in the bounds of this Synod, and that as opportunity offers, a helping hand should be given them in this their arduous and difficult work.

The present condition of the Churches within the bounds of this Synod as now presented, is such as to call for gratitude to Almighty God for His great goodness to us as Ministers and Elders, and for His special tokens of favor to His people. And yet while we say this, it is equally evident that it is such as does not permit us to congratulate ourselves very much upon what we have done. It is certainly not to our credit that we have not grown more in numbers and influence. The net gain in membership is less than two to each Church. The pupils in our Sabbath Schools have in the aggregate decreased in numbers. These things are true in face of the fact that the population of the State is rapidly augmenting. We have but little more than held our own through another year of grace. Is this enough for a great, strong and wealthy Church like ours? Are we at this rate doing our part for the Evangelization of this State and for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom within its borders? A great responsibility rests on the Presbyterian Church in New Jersey both at the present time and in the near future. Our location and position as a State are very peculiar and very important. It is soon to be, if it is not already, commanding in its influence in this country. It is receiving the overflow in constantly increasing ratio of the two largest cities of the continent. It is gathering into itself from these cities, some of their very best elements for its material prosperity.

In its proximity to them and constant communication with them, it is in closest relation with what may be rightly called the commercial, intellectual and moral centres of our land. These are as it were, the very heart of the nation. We feel by our near relation to them, the mighty throbbing of the nation's life and powers. Indeed our State is now, and is to be in time to come, the gateway of the Continent, the main artery so to speak, through which flows the very life-blood of the nation from the heart to the extremities, and through which also it is to be returned again by the vast network of communication which ramifies through every part of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, like the vein system of the body.

It is therefore a territory which it becomes us to possess and hold for Christ and His kingdom. It may almost be regarded as the main strategic point in the conflict which is now going on, and is to wax fiercer and more determined in the immediate future between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. It is here that we are to meet a foreign population, already very large and constantly increasing, and solve the problem of both Americanizing and Christianizing them. We have the battle to fight on Jersey soil in a most practical and decisive way, in behalf of the validity and sanctity of the Sabbath. We are called upon to arm ourselves against materialism and infidelity in some of its worst forms and manifestations. We shall sooner or later have the question to settle, what place the Bible shall occupy in our public schools. As the State grows richer by the development of its great resources and the multiplication of its Railroads, and the increase of its inhabitants, it is going to be a question of growing importance and consequence to whom all this wealth shall be consecrated, whether to God or to Mammon.

We as a Church cannot shirk the responsibilities of the present and the future so close at hand without loading ourselves down with guilt and shame. We are the leading denomination of Christians in the State, and must do our proportionate share of the work of making it thoroughly Christian. Our privileges and opportunities in this regard are truly grand—are even magnificent beyond comparison almost. If, as was the case in defense of civil rights and liberties of the nation in Revolutionary times, when our little State was often the battle-ground for the whole country, it is again to be such in the defense of the spiritual rights and liberties of the land, let not our Presbyterian grand division of the Lord's army be found in the background. Rather let it be thoroughly armed and equipped in its

every regiment and company, and take its stand in the fore-front, and be the first to conquer and win the victory. The signs of the times are very auspicious for a forward movement along our whole line. The influence of the great Evangelical Alliance, which has just closed its sessions in New York, has been most happy in bringing Christians to see eye to eye and stand shoulder to shoulder. The recent disturbances in the money market have broken the power of Mammon somewhat. God is evidently drawing very near and showing His readiness to open the windows of Heaven and pour upon us a great blessing in the way of giving us His Holy Spirit. From the very heavens we seem to hear the voice of our great Captain saying, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Forward then be our movement in solid column until we see the overthrow and destruction of our enemies accomplished, and are put in possession of this our promised land.

The following persons among our Brotherhood of Ministers have, during the last year, heard the Master's call, "Come up higher," and gladly obeyed the summons: Rev. James McWilliams, of the Presbytery of Newton; Rev. James T. English and the Rev. Alexander A. McConnell, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth; Rev. James H. Dwight and the Rev. James V. Henry, of the Presbytery of Jersey City; the Rev. George Brayton, of the Presbytery of Newark; the Rev. M. Ayres Depue, the Rev. John Ford, the Rev. Daniel Sprague and the Rev. John R. Willox, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; and the Rev. Joseph McMurray, of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered in accordance with the recommendation of the committee of arrangements.

At the close of this service the Synod resumed business.

The Rev. W. E. Schenck, D. D., and the Rev. P. Q. Wilson of the Synod of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Abraham DeWitt of the Synod of Baltimore being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The unfinished business, which was the report of the committee on Church Extension and Home Missions was taken

up, when the report, together with the resolutions accompanying it, was adopted, and is as follows :

Report of the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions to the Synod of New Jersey.

Your Committee, believing that it is the province of the Presbyteries to prosecute the work of Church Extension, desire not to take this work out of their hands, but would rather incite them to renewed diligence. We beg to call the attention of Synod to several topics, and

1st, TO THE RAPID INCREASE OF POPULATION IN NEW JERSEY.—According to the census of 1870, the State of New York had increased in the preceding ten years a little less, and Ohio a little more than thirteen per cent., Pennsylvania twenty-one and a half, and New Jersey almost thirty-five (34.8). Surveying the whole country east of the Mississippi River, we find therein only three States which have increased more rapidly, viz :

Wisconsin at the rate of.....	37 4-10
Illinois “ “	42, and
Michigan “ “	58 per cent.

If, for the sake of the whole world, we should Evangelize our own country, then, for the sake of the whole country, we ought to Evangelize our own State. New Jersey is small indeed, but not the least among her Sister States, and should not be despised by us. While we do not ignore the fact that a great and new State like Michigan has received in ten years a population equal to nearly one-half of the whole population of New Jersey, neither should we shut our eyes to another fact, that in the same period more than two hundred and thirty-four thousand souls have been added to the population of our own State.

The overflow of population from the great cities, and especially from New York, devolves upon the Church a great responsibility, and happily some Presbyteries have awakened (yet none too soon) to appreciate its importance.*

* See the New York World of October 20, 1873, on the “Embryo Metropolis” of New Jersey. It says that since 1860, while the population of New York City increased 19 per cent., the population of the seven adjacent Counties of New Jersey increased 66 per cent., &c., &c.

2d, **THE RAILROADS OF NEW JERSEY.**—The growth of Railroads is so closely allied to the increase of population that it is at one time the effect and at another time the cause. One road is constructed to accommodate an existing population; another goes as a pioneer into lands which would *otherwise* be inaccessible and uninhabited, whereupon villages and cities spring up as if by magic along its track.

In the Southern half of New Jersey, until 1854 there was no railway other than that from Camden to South Amboy, but now railroads extend in every direction, both to the North and the South, with increasing rapidity, and yet the demand is for more.

In 1841 New Jersey had only 186 miles of railway. In the next nine years it added only twenty miles. In the next ten it added 294, making the total (in 1860) 500 miles; in the next ten years 625, making the total (in 1870) 1,125 miles, thus doubling in each of the last two decades. It had in 1872 1,378 miles.*

To occupy central points; to meet with the Gospel the increasing population; to gather them into congregations; to organize Churches; to erect houses of worship,—these are the pleasant features of Church Extension, and when accelerated by railroad impetus, many Churches become self-sustaining in a short time.

It is manifestly of very great importance to the moral and religious prosperity of the State that the great railroad power shall be in the hands of gentlemen who appreciate the command given in Leviticus 26: 2, "Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my Sanctuary."

3d, **THE MISSIONARY GROUND.**—The extensive Missionary field in New Jersey should be better known by the Synod. A glance at the map shows that the geographical territory of two Presbyteries exceeds that of the remaining six. On the sea coast and to some extent upon the rivers which empty into the sea, is a dense population, of whom very many consider it more profitable to plough the waves of the ocean than to cultivate the sandy soil of the mainland. An official statement gives the interesting information that among the twenty-three maritime States and Territories on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Coasts, New Jersey is the eighth in population, the eighteenth in area, the fifteenth in length of shore line, and the seventh in tonnage, which is valued at \$4,000,000, and we know that this tonnage is very largely engaged in the Coasting trade, and is largely owned

* See Poor's Manual of Railways.

by our fellow citizens above described. Westward of this belt of population on the Shore are hundreds of thousands of unimproved acres, and only recently made accessible by numerous railroads.

The Presbyteries of West Jersey and Monmouth have endeavored to occupy the important points of this missionary ground by itinerating labor and grouping of churches. They have accomplished a great work, but none regret more than those who have been most actively engaged in it, that for want of sympathy or laborers or financial support, the work has not been pushed as vigorously and successfully as otherwise it might have been. In *such* a field the Churches cannot be expected to become self-sustaining so speedily as in the *Northern* part of the State.

Measured by the amount drawn from the Board of Missions, Jersey City Presbytery also occupies Missionary ground, and the three Presbyteries, West Jersey, Monmouth and Jersey City, draw usually from the Board of Home Missions (and with good reason) about six-sevenths of the whole amount which is paid by that Board to the entire Synod.

4th, FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—Contributions to Church Erection for year ending April 30, 1873 :

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.	REPORTED IN MINUTES GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
CORISCO.....		81 00
ELIZABETH.....	1,293 94	2,043 00
JERSEY CITY.....	1,125 48	1,076 00
MONMOUTH.....	637 46	1,365 00
MORRIS AND ORANGE.	1,511 02	2,479 00
NEWARK.....	1,761 79	7,321 00
NEW BRUNSWICK....	1,146 53	2,147 00
NEWTON.....	679 98	1,091 00
WEST JERSEY.....	729 28	1,004 00
TOTAL.....	\$8,885 48	\$18,607 00

Account of money received from and paid to the Board of Home Missions, for the year ending March 31, 1873 :

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	RECEIVED FROM BOARD HOME MISSIONS.	PAID TO BOARD HOME MISSIONS.	REPORTED IN MINUTES TO HOME MISSIONS.
ELIZABETH.....	412 50	4,246 90	7,070 00
JERSEY CITY.....	3,979 19	1,654 14	2,692 00
MONMOUTH.....	2,220 50	1,412 67	1,997 00
MORRIS AND ORANGE.	162 50	4,963 77	11,388 00
NEWARK.....	300 00	5,111 61	13,098 00
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	81 25	3,669 82	7,491 00
NEWTON.....	00 00	2,045 62	2,712 00
WEST JERSEY.....	679 17	2,078 28	2,303 00
CORISCO.....	00 00	3 25	29 00
TOTAL.....	\$7,835 11	\$25,186 06	\$48,690 00

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.—When we learn from the Census that the Presbyterian Church has provided one sitting for two one-tenths of the population of Warren County, we are prepared to accept the following statement from Newton Presbytery: “We have occupied every important point in Warren County, and here is no room for Missionary operations. We are trying to unite the weaker Churches. We organized a Church recently at Delaware Station, where they are now putting up a Church. In 1869, (Nov. 4th) a Church at Montana was organized. They erected a building in 1870, and have just finished a parsonage. Blairstown last year completed a Church costing \$25,000. Others have made improvements.

No Church in the Presbytery is receiving aid from the Board of Home Missions. Three Pastors are on the Sustentation Fund. In Sussex County points are being developed by railroads and by the discovery of minerals. Presbytery is watching such openings for Church organization. We have one or two Church buildings and services regularly, where as yet are not separate organizations.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.—The work of the Committee of Church Extension of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange is twofold, embracing the general work of Church Extension throughout the bounds of our body, and also the care of the Mission Churches of the Presbytery. By this latter agency the Assembly's Board is relieved of all the burden of our feeble Churches.

The Committee consists of twelve members, of whom six are Ministers and six Laymen. It is empowered by Presbytery to organize

Churches, and it also acts as an incorporated body under special charter, with power to convey property and to hold title deeds. At the Spring meeting of the Presbytery an estimate is made of the amount needed for the ensuing year, which amount is apportioned among the Churches, and has hitherto been raised without serious trouble.

During the past year the Committee have supplemented the salaries of three of the Pastors of the Mission Churches to the total amount of \$1400; also it has, as in former years, carried the interest on a mortgage debt of \$5,000 on a German Church. On July 9th the Committee organized the First Church of Stirling, which has a beautiful Chapel. The Bethel Church of Orange, whose excellent edifice was secured at a cost of less than one-quarter of its real value, expects after this period to be entirely self-supporting. There are two other promising fields, to which the attention of the Committee is now directed.

NEWARK PRESBYTERY, with the smallest territory, has a very important field for Church Extension. Sixteen of its twenty-two Churches are in the City of Newark. The remaining six are in suburban communities, in which is a rapidly increasing and intelligent population. Five Churches, Calvary, Wickliffe, Woodside, Roseville, in Newark, and Westminster at Bloomfield, have been established within ten years. Good results have begun to appear in the German Churches, which had been previously organized. And the deep need of German Ministers, sound in the faith and adapted to the work, has brought into existence the German Theological School, a young and promising Institution. Aside from the German work relatively, our Church has not gained ground in the City of Newark during the past ten years.

THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH is traversed in one direction by the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, and in another by the New Jersey Central, each of which attracts a population well able to build and to sustain Churches. Ten years ago no less than six Presbyteries were represented in this field, viz: Philadelphia 4th, Newark, Brooklyn, Elizabeth, Raritan and Passaic, with 22 Churches and 4,801 Members. Within the territory of this Presbytery there have been organized in the last ten years seven Churches, Siloam, Westminster (Jan., 1866), Roselle (June, 1868), Clarksville (March, 1869), Summit Central (May, 1870), Summit West (——, 1870), and Dunellen (Sept., 1870), so that we now have 29 Churches and 5,568 Members.

Our Churches may be divided into two classes, the Farming and the Suburban. In 1863 there were in the *farming* communities 11 Churches, with 2,112 Members, and in 1873 there are 12 Churches and 1,750 Members.

In 1863 there were eleven *suburban* Churches, with 2,689 Members, and in 1873 there are seventeen Churches and 3,818 Members. This shows the character of our Presbytery and future prospects. The farming Churches are gradually declining; our suburban Churches are increasing in number and in strength. One Church draws aid from the Board of Missions, and another from the Sustentation Fund, but we have no Missionary field as such; we have only to care for our field and see to it that the Presbyterian Church is sufficiently represented in the population from the City of New York seeking homes in our bounds. We have from this point of view five prospective enterprises which we trust in a few years will produce healthy Churches.

The field of our Presbytery is divided into two parts by the Reformed Church, which outnumbered us in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties. On the line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey we have no Church from Dunellen to Clarksville; the field is entirely in the hands of our Reformed Brethren, with the exception of Bound Brook, which is in New-Brunswick Presbytery.

We cannot but feel that it would be of great benefit to us if our Reformed Brethren and Bound Brook Church should join hands with us so that we might cover our whole field with a strong Presbyterian element. Union County is one of the strongholds of the Presbyterian Church.

We have an efficient Committee on Church Extension meeting monthly in Elizabeth, which has likewise the care of vacant and Mission Churches, and of unemployed Ministers.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK occupies a central and commanding position in Synod and in State. All its Churches are self sustaining.

In spite of that interpretation of the act of reconstruction, which equalises our ecclesiastical age, we cannot cease to regard this Presbytery as in some sense, the Mother of us all, and must not forget her earlier zeal in cultivating a larger territory which extended from the river to the sea. Monmouth Presbytery now reaps the later fruit of those labors, and last among them the Church of Dayton, which was organized October 16, 1869. The Pastors in Trenton, with that liberal

spirit which scattereth and yet increaseth, are making arrangements to establish the Fifth Presbyterian Church at the Capital of the State.

MONMOUTH PRESBYTERY.—The Presbytery of Monmouth, with an extent of territory equal to the combined territory of four or five of our Northern Presbyteries, has struggled heroically, but has not been able to overtake the work which has been providentially committed to its care. And yet the movements of corporations and capitalists in that same region challenge the Church to enlarge her plans.

Of the thirty-seven Churches in the Presbytery of Monmouth, twelve have been organized within the last fourteen years; twenty-one report less than one hundred members each, and only fourteen are self-sustaining, while six Pastors draw from the Sustentation Fund.

Along the Sea Coast from Tuckerton to Toms River, is a dense and improving population. That district, extending thirty miles between the two flourishing villages above named, has been unoccupied by the Presbyterian Church except by occasional and intermittent efforts, but in June last the Presbytery organized a Church at Forked River, and has now a laborer to cultivate a portion of the field.

With a territory so large; with so many encouragements on the one hand and so many difficulties on the other, the hands of *Pastors* being filled, it is no wonder that the representative of that Presbytery says, "We need a Presbyterian Evangelist," and pleads for a special collection for Home Work.

CHURCHES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED recently at Farmingdale (Dec. 29, 1870), Jacksonville (Oct. 24, 1871), Delanco (Aug. 25, 1872), and Forked River (June 17, 1873).

HOUSES OF WORSHIP have been erected at Jacksonville, dedicated January 23, 1873; at Farmingdale, (cost \$5,000) August 28, 1873; Chapel of Shrewsbury Church at Eatontown, (cost \$6,000) September 10, 1873; Church and Chapel at Freehold, (cost \$60,000) —, 1873.

Burlington Church is now completing a very commodious Chapel at a cost of \$5,000. Bordentown Church, which seemed to be hopelessly overwhelmed with debt, has been redeemed, and the property is secured to the Church.

WEST JERSEY PRESBYTERY.—In this Presbytery there has been great progress since the Churches of West Jersey ceased to be an appendage to the Presbytery of Philadelphia in 1839.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.—Since the re-union, Churches have been organized at Atlantic City (Dec. 29, 1870), Haddonfield (Nov. 21,

1871, Merchantville (March 21, 1872), and at Wenonah, a new Town on the West Jersey Railroad, (Sept. 22, 1873).

BUILDINGS ERECTED.—A Church at Bunker Hill was dedicated Dec. 9, 1869, one at Berlin May 17, 1870. The First Church of Camden having sent forth one colony and enlarged its original edifice, has been compelled by providential prosperity to erect one of the most elegant houses of worship in South Jersey. It was dedicated June 1, 1873. At Wenonah a Chapel costing about \$4,000 was dedicated Sept. 22, 1873. Friends at Billingsport established a Sabbath School and erected a house, asking aid from Presbytery. Haddonfield also is now engaged in building.

It is instructive to recall the fact that nearly all of the Churches of the eighteenth century and down to 1820, are known to have sustained their Ministers at some period of their existence by grouping together two or more congregations. The only exceptions, if any, were Cohanzie, one of the oldest Churches in New Jersey and Cape May, now called Cold Spring. The West Church of Bridgeton, formed (March 16, 1869) mainly from the First Church, is the only one of those, which has been organized since 1820, which has not received aid from a missionary treasury. Woodbury and Blackwoodtown, belonging to the preceding century, would have become extinct without similar aid. The later Churches, which have been on the Missionary Funds but are now self-sustaining, are Millville, Salem, 2d Bridgeton, Cedarville, Gloucester City, Camden 1st, Camden 2d, Cape Island, Tittsville and Vineland. Four Churches, Williamstown, Woodstown, Cedarville 2d and Haddonfield, receive aid from the Sustentation Fund. Tuckahoe has a semi-monthly supply. It has been our sorrow and burden to know that thirteen other Churches, requiring at least five laborers, have had neither Pastor nor regular supply during many of the months of the last year or two, and some of the houses of worship have been closed. All these thirteen Churches have comfortable houses of worship, and free from any burdensome debt. We ask the sympathy, the prayers and co-operation of the Committee and of the Synod.

Since these sorrowful words were written, Presbytery at its late meeting appointed three faithful Ministers to supply seven of the above-mentioned thirteen Churches, and rejoiced to hear how one of them (Swedesborough) had been wonderfully blessed with a gracious revival.

JERSEY CITY PRESBYTERY.—This Presbytery is incorporated under a general law. It has a Committee on Church Extension which holds monthly meetings, and to these frequent meetings much of its efficiency is due. The Manual of Presbytery, printed semi-annually, is an admirable treasury of information. If, in the proportion of Church sittings to the population, the Presbyterian Church is strongest in Warren County, by a similar test it is weakest in Hudson and Bergen Counties, where instead of one sitting to two, it has provided one for only every twenty-five of the people. The effect of this statement will be modified when we take into account the Presbyterian element of the Reformed Church, which has more sittings in each of these two Counties than it has in any other except Somerset.

The Church Extension work of this Presbytery must be mainly northward on the line of the Erie, Midland, Northern Railways and their branches. Prior to 1863 thirteen of its twenty-seven Churches had no existence. The following condensed summary of work since the Presbytery was constituted will give some idea of its efficiency:

CHURCHES ORGANIZED.—In 1871 Presbytery organized the Church of Union (March 9), the Third Church of Paterson (May 9), Prospect Avenue Church, Jersey City, (June 13), Fort Lee Church (Nov. 5), and received (July 3), under its care the Reformed Church of Hackensack, and entered on the roll the Broadway German Church of Paterson.

In 1872 organized Lake View Church (July 5), and in 1873 the German Evangelical Church at Passaic (March 24).

EDIFICES ERECTED.—In the year 1871, (May 4), the Chapel of Prospect Avenue Church in Jersey City was opened; (May 28), 1st Church of Weehawken was dedicated; (Aug. 3), First Church of Passaic, and (Dec. 17), the Carlstadt German, and in 1873 (March 18), the Third Church Paterson. The Third Church, Jersey City, has already enclosed a new house of worship. The building of the Fort Lee Church was purchased from the Congregationalists for \$4,500 in (February) 1872. It had cost originally \$10,000. The Lake View Church had been completed by the Baptist Church in Paterson, but by an amicable agreement, and in consideration of \$2,500, the Presbyterian Congregation obtained possession of the property immediately upon the organization of the Church.

With such a record it is no disparagement to others to say that while some Presbyteries have a larger territory, no one has a more important field for church extension, and that no other is prosecuting

this work with more vigor and success than the Presbytery of Jersey City.

RESOLUTIONS.—In conclusion, your Committee recommend very respectfully to the consideration of the Synod the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, In the Southern and Southeastern portions of the State a large Missionary field exists, with many feeble Churches therein, as also in Jersey City Presbytery; and *whereas*, the hands of Pastors are full, therefore;

1. *Resolved*, That the labors of a faithful Synodical Evangelist and Superintendent of Church Extension would be very useful and desirable.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synodical Committee, without interfering with the usual collections of our Churches, use all diligence at once in the endeavor to provide means, and place in the field a capable and efficient Evangelist and Superintendent of Church Extension, whose duty it shall be to act under the general instructions of the Committee, and to pay special regard to the wishes of any Presbytery within whose boundaries he may particularly labor, and to report the results to Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That in case of the removal, resignation or death of any member of the Synodical Committee, the said Committee be and hereby are authorized to appoint one from the same Presbytery to fill the unexpired term of the aforesaid member.

4. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay the travelling expenses of this Committee.

5. *Resolved*, That if any members of Synod desire to spend one or more weeks in preaching tours among the feeble Churches and in destitute places of this State, they be recommended to correspond with the Synodical Committee so that arrangements may be made in an orderly manner for such voluntary Missionary labors.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

ALLEN H. BROWN, *Chairman*,
 E. R. CRAVEN,
 CHARLES K. IMBRIE,
 S. S. SHEDDAN,
 B. S. EVERITT,
 J. A. FRENCH,
 A. GOSMAN,
 H. B. SCOTT.

Resolved, That the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions be continued for the ensuing year, and that the Committee be constituted as follows :

REV. ALLEN H. BROWN, *Chairman*,
 REV. E. R. CRAVEN, D. D.,
 REV. C. K. IMBRIE, D. D.,
 REV. S. S. SHEDDAN, D. D.,
 REV. ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D. D.,
 REV. ROBERT AIKMAN,
 REV. A. H. DASHIELL, JR.,
 REV. T. L. BYINGTON.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, calling the attention of Synod to the recommendation of the General Assembly in relation to vacant Churches and unemployed Ministers, as found upon page 563 of the Minutes of the Assembly :

Resolved, That this matter be referred to the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions.

The Rev. R. Hamill Nassau of the Presbytery of Corisco, then addressed the Synod in relation to Mission Work in Africa.

Synod then took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted.

Pending the consideration of this report, the Rev. Dr. Speer, of the Board of Education ; the Rev. Dr. Schenck, of the Board of Publication ; the Rev. Dr. Kendall, of the Board of Home Missions, each addressed the Synod in behalf of their respective Boards, and the Rev. Mr. Bishop addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Church Extension.

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

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK,
October 23d.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the Sessions of Wednesday were read and approved.

Present as before, together with the Rev. N. S. Aller, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the Rev. V. D. Reed, D.D., of the Presbytery of West Jersey, who assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Rev. A. Craig McClellan, Secretary of the Presbyterian Committee of Missions for Freedmen, of the Synod of Pittsburgh, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The unfinished business, which was the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, was taken up ;

Pending the consideration of which, the Rev. Mr. McClellan addressed the Synod in relation to the work of the Committee of Missions among the Freedmen.

The Rev. I. N. Guenther, D. D., of the Presbytery of Newark appeared in Synod and took his seat.

Resolved, That during the remaining Sessions of the Synod members be limited in speaking to five minutes.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence, together with the supplementary resolution offered by the Rev. John Miller, D. D., was then adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence respectfully report that at a meeting held in Jersey City, March 18, 1873, they agreed to place the cause of Sustentation on the same basis as the other schemes of beneficence, and decided to recommend to the Churches of the Synod to raise for all the Boards of the General Assembly during the

present year, April 1, 1873, to April 1, 1874, a sum equal to at least \$4 per Communicant, divided as follows :

For the Board of Foreign Missions, an average, for each Communicant, of.....	\$1 30
For the Board of Home Missions, an average, for each Communicant, of.....	1 03
For the Board of Education, an average, for each Communicant, of.....	32
For the Board of Publication, an average, for each Communicant, of.....	18
For the Board of Church Erection, an average, for each Communicant, of.....	43
For the Ministerial Relief Fund, an average, for each Communicant, of.....	22
For the Committee on Freedmen, an average, for each Communicant, of.....	20
For the Committee on Sustentation, an average, for each Communicant, of.....	32
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Making for the whole, for each Communicant, an average of..	\$4 00

This schedule was arranged in accordance with the apportionment of the previous General Assembly. It was sent down to the different Presbyteries and adopted by each of them at its last Spring meeting with recommendation, to their Churches. Almost immediately after the meeting of the Presbyteries, the General Assembly in May last, very materially altered the proportions of their apportionments to the several Boards, and it was suggested to your Committee to change the above recommendation in accordance with the new arrangement of the Assembly. They declined doing so, for the reasons that the recommendation had been already adopted by the Presbyteries; that a change would only lead to confusion, and that those Churches which desired to follow the later apportionment of the Assembly are at liberty, of course, to do so.

In summing up the results of the previous year (April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873), your Committee have carefully framed a table, as they did in the last report, to exhibit the average receipts from each Presbytery to each Board and to all the Boards together, and also the average receipts from the Synod as a whole to the Boards in general and to each Board in particular. But we have been met by even

greater difficulties in the way of an accurate exhibit than were encountered last year. In our former report we referred to the wide difference in the sums of money reported by the Boards themselves, and the receipts for the same objects as recorded in the Minutes of the General Assembly, and we mentioned some of the causes which lead to this great discrepancy. This obstacle in the way of accuracy still continues. Indeed, as the Synod will see, this discrepancy is greater than ever. But there are now additional complications. In the first place, the moneys transmitted through the Assembly's Committee on Benevolence and Finance, do not always appear in the Reports of the Boards among the contributions of the Synod. The donations to one of the Boards through this channel have been gathered up by the Committee, and are included in the general result. But in one other case at least these contributions from the Committee on Benevolence and Finance are so exhibited that the attempt to segregate the proportion due to this Synod was hopeless. This has therefore been omitted in the estimate. In the next place, some of the Presbyteries, in obedience to the order of Synod, have forwarded to the Committee statements of their own benevolent operations, and, except in one case where this statement was taken bodily from the Minutes of the Assembly, the amounts reported as given to the schemes of the Church differ both from the Assembly's Minutes and from the Reports of the Boards also. Still further to perplex the reckoning, the sums contributed by churches to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Association, are seldom in the Reports credited under the appropriate places, and this presents a fair estimate of the individual liberality of the Churches.

Under these difficulties the Committee decided, as an approximation towards a true estimate, to present two separate statements, one derived from the Reports of the Boards, and the other from the Minutes of the Assembly. In these statements the Ministerial Relief Fund alone is the same in both cases, and for the reason that this Fund, as usual, presents no report of the contributions made to it. The statement is therefore in this case drawn from the Minutes alone.

It will be remembered that for the past year (April 1, 1872, to April 1, 1873) the Synod had recommended the raising of a sum for all the Boards equal to at least \$4 for each Communicant, besides a sum equal to one-twentieth of the Pastor's salary for the Committee on Sustentation, the average being divided as follows :

For the Board of Foreign Missions, an average of.....	\$1 56
for each Communicant.	
For the Board of Home Missions, an average of.....	1 25
for each Communicant.	
For the Board of Education, an average of.....	24
for each Communicant.	
For the Board of Publication, an average of.....	17
for each Communicant.	
For the Board of Church Erection, an average of.....	30
for each Communicant.	
For the Board of Ministerial Relief Fund, an average of..	24
for each Communicant.	
For the Board of Committee on Freedmen, an average of	24
for each Communicant.	
Making for the whole an average of.....	4 00
for each Communicant.	
For Committee on Sustentation, a sum equal to one-twentieth of the Pastor's salary.	

To obtain the results given below we have deducted one-tenth from the number of Communicants given in the Minutes of the Assembly, and divided the aggregate amounts of moneys given in the Reports and in the Minutes by the remainder.

The results have been as follows :

I. According to the printed REPORTS OF THE BOARDS, it appears that THE PRESBYTERIES have given to the *Boards altogether*, an average, per Communicant, as follows :

Corisco.....	\$1 15
Elizabeth.....	3 10
Jersey City.....	3 04
Monmouth.....	1 72
Morris and Orange.....	4 66
Newark.....	3 57
New Brunswick.....	2 95
Newton.....	2 24
West Jersey.....	2 32

According to the same Reports, the SYNOD as a whole, has given to *all the Boards* (excepting Sustentation) an average, per Communicant, of \$2.82 instead of the \$4.00 per member recommended.

II. According to the MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY, *the Presbyteries* have given to the *Boards altogether*, an average, per Communicant as follows :

Corisco.....	\$3.16	as against	\$1.15,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				
Elizabeth.....	4.98	as against	3.10,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				
Jersey City	3.77	as against	3.04,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				
Monmouth.	2.50	as against	1.72,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				
Morris and Orange	9.12	as against	4.66,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				
Newark.....	8.41	as against	3.57,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				
New Brunswick.....	4.57	as against	2.95,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				
Newton.....	2.88	as against	2.24,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				
West Jersey.....	2.56	as against	2.32,	according to
Reports of the Boards.				

According to the MINUTES, the SYNOD as a whole, has contributed to all the Boards together (omitting Sustentation) an average, per member, of \$4.89 as against \$2.82, according to the Reports of the Boards, or 89 cents more than the sum recommended.

III. Three Presbyteries have forwarded their own statements. One of these however is an exact reproduction of the amounts tabled in the Assembly's Minutes. Of the other two,

Elizabeth gives to all the Boards an average, per member, of \$4.03
West Jersey " " " " " " " 1.70

Upon which it may be remarked that Elizabeth exceeds the average derived from the Reports of the Boards 93 cents per member, while West Jersey modestly gives itself less credit than do the actually acknowledged receipts of the Boards by 62 cents per member.

IV. According to the printed REPORTS OF THE BOARDS, the averages given to the BOARDS SEPARATELY by the SYNOD AS A WHOLE, are as follows :

Foreign Missions . . .	\$1.05	instead of	\$1.56,	recommended by Synod.
Home Missions . . .	.74	“ “	1.25,	“ “ “
Education . . . . .	.29	“ “	.24,	“ “ “
Publication . . . . .	.14	“ “	.17,	“ “ “
Ministerial Support	.21	“ “	.24,	“ “ “
Church Erection . .	.26	“ “	.30,	“ “ “
Freedmen . . . . .	.13	“ “	.24,	“ “ “
Sustentation . . . . .	.21	“ “	$\frac{1}{20}$,	of the Pastor's Salary.

And, according to the same REPORTS, the SYNOD AS A WHOLE has given to all the Boards (*including* Sustentation) an average, per member, of \$3.03 instead of \$4.00, and $\frac{1}{20}$ of the Pastor's salary.

V. But if the calculation be made from the MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY, the average, per member, of the SYNOD AS A WHOLE to the Boards *separately* will stand as follows :

Foreign Missions	\$1.57	as against	\$1.05,	acknowledged by Reports, and	\$1.56	recommended by Synod.
Home Missions	1.43	as against	.74,	acknowledged by Reports, and	1.25	recommended by Synod.
Education . . . . .	.81	as against	.29,	acknowledged by Reports, and	.24	recommended by Synod.
Publication . . . . .	.18	as against	.14,	acknowledged by Reports, and	.17	recommended by Synod.
Ministerial Support . . . . .	.21	as against	.21,	acknowledged by Reports, and	.24	recommended by Synod.
Church Erection . . . . .	.54	as against	.26,	acknowledged by Reports, and	.30	recommended by Synod.
Freedmen . . . . .	.18	as against	.13,	acknowledged by Reports, and	.24	recommended by Synod.
Sustentation . . . . .	.24	as against	.21,	acknowledged by Reports, and	$\frac{1}{20}$	of Salary, recommended by Synod.

And, according to the MINUTES, the SYNOD AS A WHOLE has given to *all the Boards (omitting* Sustentation) an average, per member, of \$4.89 as against \$2.82, acknowledged by the Reports, and as against \$4.00 recommended by the Synod, and *including* Sustentation, an average of \$5.15 as against \$3.03 acknowledged by the Reports, and as against \$4.00 (together with $\frac{1}{20}$ of Pastor's salary) recommended by the Synod.

VI. In fine, the SUMS contributed by the SYNOD as a whole to the separate Boards, according to the Reports and according to the Minutes, stand in comparison as follows :

	ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS.	ACCORDING TO THE MINUTES.
Foreign Missions.....	\$35,917.....	\$53,178
Home Missions.....	25,186.....	48,890
Education.....	9,879.....	27,374
Publication.....	4,748.....	5,865
Ministerial Support.....	7,381.....	7,381
Church Erection.....	8,887.....	18,607
Freedmen.....	4,368.....	6,139
Sustentation.....	7,097.....	8,024
Total,	\$103,466	\$175,458

These tables of comparison show how very different the liberality of the Synod appears when viewed by these two different standards. On the basis of the Reports the Synod as a whole has fallen far below the proposed average, giving \$2.82 in place of \$4.00. On the basis of the Minutes it has gone considerably over it, giving \$4.89 instead of the \$4.00 recommended. On the basis of the Reports, only one Presbytery (Morris and Orange) has risen to the demand, giving \$4.66 for the \$4.00; three (Elizabeth \$3.10, Jersey City \$3.04, and Newark \$3.57) are getting on well towards it, and all the others falling considerably in the rear. Whereas, on the basis of the Minutes, two have exceeded the proposed sum, (Elizabeth averaging as high as \$4.98 and New Brunswick \$4.57) while two others have more than doubled the sum desired—Morris and Orange giving \$9.12 and Newark \$8.41 per Communicant. If the statements in the Minutes be at all exact, then surely the Synod ought to understand it and bestow due praise upon the Churches for their liberality. As matters now stand we seem to fall far below what is considered to be our duty. It *may* be that the Churches are more liberal than we suppose. And if not let us see to it hereafter that our Minutes do not convey a false impression of our liberality.

The ORDER in which the demands made for the different Boards have been preferred is, according to the published receipts in the Reports of the Boards, as follows: First in order is the Board of Education, which last year held the fourth place. This Board has received 29 cents per member in place of the 24 cents asked, or nearly one-fifth more than was proposed. Second comes the Ministerial Relief Fund, which last year held the first place. It has received 21 cents per member in the place of 24 cents, or seven-eighths of what was asked. The third place is held by the Board of Church

Erection. Last year it stood second on the list. It has received 26 cents per member in place of 30 cents, or thirteen-fifteenths of the sum demanded. The Board of Publication follows as the fourth, having received 14 cents per member for the 17 cents asked—a little over four-fifths. This Board stood third in the previous Report. The Board of Foreign Missions occupies the same place as last year. It comes fifth, and has received \$1.05 per member in place of the \$1.56 asked, or seven-tenths nearly. Home Missions likewise holds the same position as before, coming in as the sixth. It has received 74 cents per member in place of \$1.25, or three-fifths nearly. The Committee on Freedmen stands as it did in the previous year, last of the seven, having received only 13 cents per communicant instead of the 24 cents requested, or a little over one-half. Sustentation has received 21 cents per member instead of an amount equal to one-twentieth of the Pastors' salaries. What this proportion is cannot be stated.

According to the Assembly's MINUTES, the amounts given are *all* above the sums asked, except in the case of the Committee on Freedmen, in which the average is even there below the amount recommended. Church Erection on the other hand got, according to this authority, nearly double the amount requested.

Difficult as it has been for the reasons already stated, for us to estimate exactly the degree of advance made in benevolence, yet your Committee congratulate the Synod, that in any view of the case the signs of improvement among us in systematic beneficence are unmistakable. In the first place there is on either basis a gradual advance in every Presbytery as to the amounts contributed. This increase is, in some Presbyteries, very decided. Morris and Orange reports an increase in the year 1871-1872 over former contributions of \$1.82 per communicant; and in the year 1872-1873, an additional increase of \$2.65 per communicant. Elizabeth reports an increase in the year ending last April of 50 per cent. over former contributions. In the next place; throughout our Synod the number of Churches which contribute *systematically* is enlarged. We have a detailed report from the Presbytery of Elizabeth only. From this we are enabled to state that of seventeen Churches which thus contribute, eleven Churches use the envelope system and contribute to Church objects as one work. And thirteen Churches contribute through the Assembly's Committee of Benevolence and Finance; ten of which increased their contributions by this plan fifty per cent. in addition to what was given by them through the Woman's Foreign Missionary Association. In the

third place, the cause receives more and more the sympathies and cooperation of the Christian women of our Churches. Their energy during the past year in forwarding the cause of Christ in the Foreign field is worthy of all praise and encouragement. We hope that every Church in the Synod will have its working organization of Christian women fully enlisted in this work during the coming year.

In conclusion, your Committee offer for consideration by Synod the following Resolutions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod strongly urges upon the Presbyteries the propriety of requiring from each Church at every Spring meeting an *exact* statement containing, first; The account of its donations during the previous year to the Boards of our Church alone; and secondly, an account of the entire contributions of the Church towards all objects to which as a Church they have made donations; and that a report of the same be forwarded by each Presbytery to the Committee on Systematic Benevolence for their use; as such a statement is necessary to obtain accurate data respecting the growth of benevolence within our bounds.

2. *Resolved*, That it is to be understood, that the average per member recommended by Synod from year to year as the lowest sum to be raised by our Churches, has reference to the BOARDS of our Church and is not intended to include benefactions even to the same objects when given through outside agencies.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod repeats its recommendation to our Churches, that if they do not confine their gifts to the regularly constituted Boards of the Assembly, yet at least they assign a larger proportion of their donations to our own Boards, so that the work of our Church may be more satisfactorily prosecuted.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod approves very heartily the efforts of some of our Churches to systematize all the donations of the Church, including both the support of the Church itself and its benevolent work for others: and the Synod desires very kindly but earnestly to impress on the Sessions of all our Churches the great importance of instituting in every Church some effectual mode of systematic giving which shall present regularly to every member of the Congregation and Sabbath School, old and young, the opportunity to contribute regularly to the work of the Church.

5. *Resolved*, That the Synod hears with satisfaction of the increasing interest manifested among our Congregations in the Womans' Missionary Societies, and would hereby express to all such Associations its

cordial desire that their lists of members may soon include all the women of our congregations; and the Synod urges upon all the Presbyteries and all our Pastors to see that such associations are formed and kept in successful operation in all our Churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES K. IMBRIE, *Chairman*,
 V. D. REED,
 WM. C. ROBERTS,
 JAS. P. WILSON,
 JOHN T. DUFFIELD,
 J. G. SYMMES,
 ROBERT ALEMANN,
 THEODORE L. BYINGTON,
 WILLIAM HARRIS,
 CHAS. A. BRIGGS.

Pending the consideration of the report, the following resolution was offered by the Rev. John Miller, D. D., and after discussion was adopted as part of the report, viz:

Resolved, That this Synod employs all its proper authority to enjoin all its Sessions to take up, in some public manner, at least one collection annually for each Board of the General Assembly; and this Committee on Systematic Beneficence is instructed to, as certain, and report to this Synod and to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery that may be involved, the instances of the neglect of this injunction.

The committees appointed to examine the Presbyterial Records severally reported, and those of Elizabeth, West Jersey, Newton, Monmouth, Morris and Orange, Jersey City and Newark were approved—those of New Brunswick were approved with the following exception: On pages 306 and 314 records are made of dropping Licentiates from the roll who had been received by Presbyteries in Canada, and then ordained and installed without being formally dismissed. The Committee suggest that the Presbytery should not drop the names of these persons without

sending a protest against this irregularity and discourtesy to the ecclesiastical bodies which have been guilty of such action.

The Rev. F. F. Ellinwood, D. D., one of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Synod of New York, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A resolution to petition the Legislature to pass an act securing to our Churches the privilege of holding their property in the name of their ordained officers was presented, and after some discussion, the subject was laid upon the table of the Synod for consideration at the next Stated Meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Ellinwood addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been brought before them, and asked to be discharged; and they were discharged accordingly.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported to the Synod that they had been requested to ask the judgment of Synod as to the lawfulness of the rebaptism of an individual on confession of faith who had been baptized in infancy, and they recommended that the question be answered by reference to the Confession of Faith, Chap. 28, Section 7; and the report was adopted.

The Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries composing the Synod were presented, and are as follows:

The Presbytery of Elizabeth report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 49 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, 4 Licentiates and 7 Candidates.

They further report that on the 16th of October, 1872, they received the Rev. James M. Bruen from the Classis of Newark, N. J., and Mr. Marcellus Bowen, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Marion; that on the 24th of the same month they ordained Mr. Bowen to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the Church in Spring-

field, and on the same day dismissed the Rev. Timothy B. Jervis to join the Presbytery of Lackawanna; that on the 7th of December they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Thomas Carter to the Church at Pluckamin, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; that on the 13th of the same month they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Merrill N. Hutchinson to the Church at Dunellen; that on the 25th of March, 1873, they dismissed Mr. Jonathan A. Hill, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Knox, and on the 29th of the same month Mr. Charles J. Anderson, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North; that on the 15th of April they received the Rev. Henry R. Wilson, Jr., from the Presbytery of Chipewa, and Mr. Samuel Parry, a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 30th of the same month ordained Mr. Parry to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the Church at Pluckamin; that on the 16th of April they licensed Messrs. William ~~X~~ Henderson and Andrew Glendenning to preach the Gospel, and on the same day dismissed Mr. Glendenning to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Paris, Canada; that on the same day they received the Rev. George C. Milne from the New York Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and on the 1st of July installed him pastor of the Church of Liberty Corner; that on the 17th of June they received the Rev. Theodore S. Brown from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Dunellen, and that on the 19th of the same month they ordained Mr. William ~~X~~ Henderson, a Licentiate, under their care, to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him pastor of the Church of Clarksville; that on the 30th of April they dismissed Mr. William D. Thomas to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Peoria; that on the 7th of October they received the Rev. George W. Burroughs from the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Adrian Gory from the Presbytery of New

York; dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Edward B. Edgar to the Church of Westfield, and took under their care Mr. Henry S. Belcher as a Candidate for the Ministry.

The Presbytery further report with deep sorrow, that two of their pastors have departed this life since the last meeting of Synod, viz: the Rev. James T. English on the 10th of May, 1873, and the Rev. Alexander A. McConnell on the 17th of September, 1873.

By order of Presbytery,

JOHN C. RANKIN, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Jersey City report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 37 Ministers, and have under their care 27 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

They further report that they received,

I. THE CANDIDATE.

April 15th, 1873. Mr. James W. Munroe.

II. THE LICENTIATE.

July 8th, 1873. Mr. Clarence Geddes, from the Presbytery of New York.

III. THE MINISTERS.

Oct. 16th, 1872. The Rev. John Heberle, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Jan. 14th, 1873. The Rev. Dupuytren Vermilye, from the Presbytery of Albany.

April 15th, 1873. The Rev. Lawrence Mersereau, dismissed from this Presbytery to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, but returning the certificate unused.

That they Installed,

Jan. 22d, 1873. The Rev. John Heberle as Pastor of the Broadway German Church, Paterson.

That they Dissolved the Pastoral Relation,

April 15th, 1873. Of the Rev. Thomas G. Wall to the Church of Tenafly.

July 8th, 1873. Of the Rev. Joseph M. McNulty to the Claremount Church.

That they Ordained and Installed,

July 16th, 1873. Mr. Clarence Geddes as Pastor of the Church of Tenafly, and entered his name upon their roll.

That they Licensed to Preach the Gospel,

July 8th, 1873. Mr. James W. Munroe.

That they Organized,

March 24th, 1873. The German Evangelical Church of Passaic.

Finally they report the following Deaths,

Dec. 2d, 1872. The Rev. James H. Dwight at his residence Englewood, N. J.

March 14th, 1873. The Rev. James V. Henry at his residence Jersey City, N. J.

April 12th, 1873. Mr. Richard Paulison at his residence Hackensack, N. J., Ruling Elder of the Church in that place, lacking twenty-four weeks and three days, of being a century old.

Aug. 20th, 1873. Mr. David Hoadley, Ruling Elder of the Church of Englewood.

Sept. 13th, 1873. Mr. Thomas J. Carson, Ruling Elder of the 3d Church, Paterson.

By order of the Presbytery,

EDWARD W. FRENCH, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Monmouth report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 40 Ministers and have under their care 37 Churches and 1 Candidate.

They further report that on the 15th of April, 1873, they received the Rev. E. M. Kellogg from the Presbytery of Boston, and the Rev. Edmund McKinney from the Presbytery of Kingston, and on the same day dismissed the Rev. W. R. S. Betts to join the Presbytery of North River—that on the 26th of June they received the Rev. S. C. Lockwood from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Mr. J. Hall McIlvaine a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Newark, and on the same day dismissed the Rev. A. S. Vaughan to join the Presbytery of West Jersey—that on the 24th of July they received the Rev. George L. Hovey from the Hartford Central Association—that on the 15th of April they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. C. H. Holloway to the Church of Toms River—that on the 17th of June they organized the Church of Forked River—that on the 26th of June they ordained Mr. J. H. McIlvaine to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church at Beverly—that on the 24th of July they installed the Rev. E. M. Kellogg Pastor of the Church at Manchester—they also report the decease of the Rev. Lewis Thompson, which occurred in the City of Brooklyn, on the 19th of April, 1873.

By order of Presbytery,

J. B. DAVIS, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Newark report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 40 Ministers and have under their care 22 Churches, 7 Licentiates and 20 Candidates.

They further report that on the 25th of October, 1872, they installed the Rev. George Brayton Pastor of the Calvary Church, Newark—that on the 12th of November they received the Rev. Oscar Kraft from the United Evangelical Synod of the West, and on the 21st of November installed him Pastor of the 3d German Church, Newark—that on the 7th of February, 1873, they licensed Mr. J. Hall McIlvaine to preach the Gospel, and on the same day dismissed him to

put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Monmouth—that on the 15th of April they dismissed the Rev. Walter Condict to join the Presbytery of Utica, and received the Rev. Isaac M. See from the classis of Bergen, and on the 20th of April installed Mr. See as Pastor of the Wickliffe Church—that on the 16th of April they licensed Mr. Robert G. Williams and Mr. Isaac B. Ten Brook to preach the Gospel, and on the same day ordained Mr. Matthew G. Mann a Licentiate under their care to the work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist, and on the 6th of May, dismissed Mr. Mann to join the Presbytery of Oregon—that on the 17th of April they received under their care, as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry, Mr. John Richelson and Johann Rudolph, Students in the German Theological School—that on the 30th of June they licensed Messrs. Wm. A. Nordt, Frederic B. Hanle, George Lock, G. W. Landan and Rudolph Kuntz to preach the Gospel—that on the 15th of October they received the Rev. Charles H. Thebareth from the Presbytery of Albany, and on the same day withdrew the license of Mr. Rudolph Kuntz for a disregard of the instructions of the Presbytery at the time the license was given, and permitted Mr. Suvoong a Candidate under their care to withdraw his name from the list of Candidates—that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Daniel N. Grummon a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Binghamton, and ratified a dismission given by the Stated Clerk to Mr. L. F. Stearns a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Jersey City.

They announce with deep regret the removal by death in June, 1873, of the Rev. George Brayton, Pastor of the Calvary Church, Newark, in the 30th year of his age—also that on the 21st of December, 1872, the Rev. George Hulin departed this life, aged 68.

By order of Presbytery,

PRENTISS DE VEUVE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 38 Ministers, and have under their care 33 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 2 Candidates :

They further report that on the 2d of October, 1872, they ordained Chalmers D. Chapman to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of Mount Olive—that on the 15th of October, they dismissed the Rev. John Heberle to join the Presbytery of Jersey City—that on the 16th of October they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. O. H. Perry Deyo to the Church of Rockaway—that on the 3d of December, they received the Rev. Geo. S. Bishop from the Presbytery of North River, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the Second Church of Orange—that on the 12th of Dec'r, they received the Rev. Julius L. Danner from the South Classis of New York, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the Church of East Orange—that on the same day they received the Rev. Thomas Carter from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, and on the 3d of January, 1873, installed him Pastor of the Church of Boonton—that on the 8th of April, they received the Rev. John L. Chapman from the Presbytery of Highland—that on the same day they received Mr. John Reid a Candidate from the Presbytery of New York, and Mr. Allen F. DeCamp, a Candidate under the care of the late Presbytery of Passaic, and on the next day, licensed them to preach the Gospel—that on the 6th of May they ordained Mr. John Reid to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of Lower Valley—that on the 7th of May they received the Rev. Samuel Sawyer from the Presbytery of Alton, and on the same day installed him Pastor of the Church of Pleasant Grove—that on the 1st of July, they dismissed Mr. David M. Davenport a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Westminster—that on the 16th of September they dismissed the Rev. Charles A. Smith, D. D., to join the Central Presbytery of

Philadelphia—that on the same day they received the Rev. Henry M. Grant from the Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches of St. Louis—and that on the same day they received under their care the First Presbyterian Church of Stirling which was organized by their Committee on the 16th of July, 1873.

Since the last report the following Ministers have departed this life :

- Oct. 12th, 1872, the Rev. M. Ayers Depue, aged 32.
 Dec. 31st, 1872, the Rev. John Ford, aged 85.
 Jan. 11th, 1873, the Rev. Daniel Sprague, aged 76.
 Feb. 23d, 1873, the Rev. John R. Willox.

By order of Presbytery.

BURTIS C. MEGIE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 55 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, 10 Licentiates and 29 Candidates.

They further report

The following Ministers received :

- Sept. 30th, 1873. Rev. John Miller, D.D., from the Presbytery of Hanover.
 Sept. 30th, 1873. Rev. Isaac M. Patterson, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.
 Oct. 22d, 1873. Rev. A. D. White, from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Also, the following Pastoral relations constituted :

- Feb. 18th, 1873. Rev. Benjamin Carrell, installed Pastor of Kingwood Church.
 Oct. 14th, 1873. Rev. John Woodbridge, D.D., installed Pastor of the Second Church, New Brunswick.
 Oct. 16th, 1873. Rev. Isaac M. Patterson, installed Pastor of the Churches of Milford and Holland.

Also, the following Pastoral relations dissolved :

Feb. 5th, 1873. Rev. J. B. Adams, with the Second Amwell Church.

April 8th, 1873. Rev. John Burrows, with Churches of Milford and Holland.

April 8th, 1873. Rev. Joseph R. Mann, D. D., with Church of Kingston.

Also, the following Ministers dismissed :

Oct. 17th, 1872. Rev. N. L. Upham, to Presbytery of Phil'a Central.

Oct. 17th, 1872. Rev. J. B. H. Janeway, " " "

Feb. 4th, 1873. Rev. David J. Atwater, to Presbytery of North River.

Feb. 5th, 1873. Rev. J. B. Adams, " " " New Castle.

April 8th, 1873. Rev. John Burrows, " " " Northumberland.

Sept. 30th, 1873. Rev. Elias S. Schenck, " " " West Jersey.

Also, that they have dropped the names of the following Licentiates from their list, they having been ordained and settled over Churches in Canada :

Oct. 17th, 1872. Geo. M. Milligan and Geo. A. Yeomans.

Feb. 4th, 1873. John F. Forbes and Samuel Archibald.

They report also the following Candidates dismissed to the Presbyteries named :

Nov. 5th, 1872. James Menaul, to the Presbytery of Allegheny.

Aug. 9th, 1873. Simeon W. Fisher, to the Presbytery of Detroit.

Aug. 12th, 1873. G. G. McRobbie, to the Presbytery of Guelph, Can'a.

They further report the following Candidates licensed :

Feb. 5th, 1873. Horace C. Stanton, Charles H. Asay,

Feb. 5th, 1873. Asher B. Temple, David K. Millard,

April 9th, 1873. Thomas Parry, William Stuart.

Also the dismissal of the following Licentiates :

Nov. 26, 1872. B. C. Henry to the Presbytery of Allegheny.

Dec. 20, 1872. S. Miller Hageman to the Congregational Church.

Jan. 10, 1873. Thomas B. McLeod to the Presbytery of Troy.

Feb. 4, 1873. B. F. Patterson " " " Lehigh.

Feb. 5, 1873. Asher B. Temple " " " Geneva.

April 9, 1873. Samuel Parry " " " Elizabeth.

Apr. 18, 1873.	David K. Millard	to the Presbytery of Columbia.
Apr. 24, 1873.	James Roseborough	“ “ St. Johns, N.B.
May 5, 1873.	J.Q. Adams Fullerton	“ “ “ Westminster.
June 19, 1873.	John McColl	“ “ “ Chester.
Sept. 26, 1873.	J. Howard O'Brien	“ “ “ West Jersey.

Also that they have received the following students of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, under their care as Candidates for Licensure.

Feb. 4, 1873.	Simeon W. Fisher,	Henry N. Van Dyke,
“ “ “	Wm. H. Hubbard, Jr.	William H. Martin,
“ “ “	G. G. McRobbie,	Thomas McCrea,
“ “ “	Egbart C. Lawrence,	William C. Armstrong,
“ “ “	John A. McAlmon,	A. G. Russel,
“ “ “	E. S. Bayne,	M. S. Morgan,
“ “ “	W. B. Skillman,	
“ 5, “	Leigh Richmond Smith,	
Apr. 8, “	James Chambers and David M. McLeod.	
Sept. 30, “	John K. Battis, by Certificate from the Presbytery of Simcoe, Canada.	
“ “ “	Walter R. Frame and John Murray, from the Presbytery of Schuylcr.	

By order of Presbytery,

A. L. ARMSTRONG, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 37 Ministers, and have under their care 34 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 9 Candidates.

They further report that on the 16th of October, 1872, they received under their care Mr. William M. Ryerson and Mr. Clearfield Parks as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry—that on the 19th of November, they received the Rev. F. Reck Harbaugh from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and that on the 4th of December they installed him Pastor of the Church of Belvidere First—that on the 20th of February, 1873, they received the Rev. Robert B. Foresman from the Presbytery of Lehigh—that on the same day they dis-

solved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Edward Webb and the Church of Andover, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Chester—that on the 15th of April they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Alpheus H. Holloway and the Church of Danville, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Lehigh—that on the following day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Andrew Tully and the Church of Wantage Second, and the pastoral relation between the Rev. Daniel F. Lockerby and the United Churches of Knowlton, Hope and Delaware—that on the 15th of May they installed the Rev. Robert B. Foresman Pastor of the Church of Yellow Frame—that on the 1st of September they received the Rev. Bentley S. Foster from the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Andover—that on the 20th of the same month, the Rev. James McWilliam, a faithful Minister of Christ, and a brother beloved in the Lord, departed this life at Deckertown, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, and the thirty-second of his Ministry—that on the 15th of October, they received the Rev. William Thompson from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and the Rev. John P. Clark from the Presbytery of Huntington, and dismissed the Rev. Andrew Tully to join the Presbytery of Lehigh, and that on the same day they received under their care, Mr. Edgar A. Hamilton and Mr. Lawrence T. Shuler Licentiates from the Presbytery of New York.

By order of Presbytery,

E. CLARKE CLINE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 37 Ministers and have under their care 39 Churches and 3 Candidates.

They further report that on the 16th of October, 1872, Mr. Oliver B. McCurdy, a Licentiate was received under their care from the Presbytery of Carlisle, and that on the

6th of November he was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed Pastor of the Church of Woodstown—that on the 14th of November, the Rev. E. D. Newberry was installed Pastor of the Church at Haddonfield—that on the 16th of April, 1873, the Rev. George Warrington was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Northumberland, and the name of the Rev. Levi H. Parsons was restored to the roll as a member of this body, at his own request—that on the 12th of June the Rev. Joseph McMurray was removed by death at Gloucester City—that on the 7th of July, the Rev. S. Diefendorf, D. D. resigned the Principalship of the West Jersey Academy—the Rev. A. S. Vaughan was received from the Presbytery of Monmouth, and Mr. Winfield S. Stites, a Licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lackawanna—that on the 7th of October they dismissed the Rev. F. D. Austin to join the Middlesex Union Association of Massachusetts, and that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. C. R. Gregory, D. D., to the First Church of Bridgeton, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Chester—that on the 7th of September they organized the Church of Wenonah, consisting of 18 members—that on the 7th of October they received under their care Mr. J. Howard O'Brien a Licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 8th of October, the Rev. James G. Shinn was received from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central—that on the 14th of October, they ordained Mr. J. Howard O'Brien to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Churches of Wenonah, Glassborough and Bunker Hill, and on the same day received the Rev. James R. Campbell from the Presbytery of Otsego.

By order of Presbytery,

EDWARD P. SHIELDS, STATED CLERK.

No report was received from the Presbytery of Corisco.

Resolved, That the next Stated Meeting of Synod be held in the First Presbyterian Church, in the City of Camden, N. J., on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1874, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the Moderator of the Synod, the Rev. V. D. Reed, D. D., the Pastor of the Church, the Rev. L. C. Baker, the Pastor of the Second Church of Camden, with Mr. J. D. Reinboth, Ruling Elder of the First Church, and G. S. Woodhull, Esq., Ruling Elder of the Second Church, be a Committee to make arrangements for the Religious Exercises of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Committee to co-operate with the Directors of the German Theological School in the effort to complete the Endowment of the Institution, consist of the Rev. Drs. Roberts, Kempshall, Duffield and Reed.

The Rev. Dr. Reed addressed the Synod on behalf of the work of the Committee on Ministerial Relief, whereupon, it was

Resolved, That in view of the great importance of the work of Ministerial Relief and the deficiency in the Treasury of the Committee having charge of that work, the Churches be urged to make liberal contributions to that cause.

The Committee to whom was committed at the last Stated Meeting of Synod the matter of making application to the Legislature of this State for some further provision on behalf of the Deaf Mutes of the State, made a verbal report, which was accepted, and the Committee was continued.

The Committee on leave of absence presented a report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

The Committee on leave of absence reported that leave of absence, for reasons given, had been granted to the following members of the Synod:

After Wednesday noon, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Reinhart, Mr. Woodcock, Mr. Symmes, Dr. English, Mr. Heberle, Mr. T. W. Schenck.

After Wednesday, 6 o'clock, P. M., Mr. Erdman, Mr. Hazeltine, Mr. Owen, Dr. Woodbridge, Mr. Ferguson, Mr.

Glendenning, Mr. Howell, Mr. Peck, Dr. Kempshall, Mr. Ketcham, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Hope.

After Wednesday Evening Service.—Dr. Sheddan, Mr. J. A. French, Mr. Shields, Mr. J. H. Clark, Mr. D. E. Megie, Mr. Brace, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Belden, Mr. W. H. Megie, Mr. Hill, Mr. J. G. Brearley.

After 10 o'clock Thursday.—Mr. McNair, Mr. Colfelt, Mr. Foresman, Mr. Kerr, Mr. P. A. Studdiford, Mr. Richmond, Dr. Sam'l Miller, Mr. Hopwood, Mr. Thos. McDonald, Mr. Gilmer, Mr. Phillips.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Janitor's Bill amounting to Ten Dollars.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Washington and its vicinity, for the very kind hospitalities which they have extended to the Members of the Synod during their Sessions in this place—also to the Managers of those Rail Roads who have furnished to the members return tickets free of charge.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence was continued.

The minutes of Synod were then read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Camden, N. J., on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1874, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with Singing, Prayer and the Benediction.

RAVAUD K. RODGERS, STATED CLERK.

