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THE
SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

A. D. 1904.

THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church, Middletown, October 18, A. D., 1904, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the REV. WILLIAM M. JOHNSON, D.D., of the Presbytery of Troy, on Genesis XXXV. 3, "Let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went."

The Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries :

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.

Walter Scott Brown,
Alfonso R. Olney, D.D.,
Egbert C. Lawrence, Ph.D.,
Henry T. McEwen, D.D.,
Charles A. Richmond, D.D., (3).

Ruling Elders.

John T. D. Blackburn,
James Rodgers,
James A. Goodrich,
John H. Wilson,
Charles O. Cross.

II. BINGHAMTON.

A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D.,
Joshua J. Wolf,
Andrew M. Brown.

III. BOSTON.

James Todd, D.D.,
George C. Mueller,
Donald B. McLeod,
William Hogarth Tower.

William P. Nevins,
John P. McPherson,
Robert C. Habberley.

IV. BROOKLYN.

Ministers.

Charles T. Berry,
 Robert Bruce Clark,
 Daniel H. Overton,
 William J. Hutchins,
 Herbert H. Fisher,
 Frederick L. Brown, (3).

Ruling Elders.

Jens F. Bidstrup,
 James Mitchell,
 Nathan B. Roberts,
 Charles B. Pearson, (2).

V. BUFFALO.

Henry Ward, D.D.,
 Otis A. Smith, D.D., (2),
 Henry B. Master, (2),
 Frank E. Van Wie.

Horace Briggs.

VI. CAYUGA.

Frederick W. Palmer, D.D.,
 Arthur A. McKay, (2).

Charles G. Adams,
 Nathaniel W. Hoaglan.

VII. CHAMPLAIN.

Joseph Gamble, D.D.

Hiram W. Cady.

VIII. CHEMUNG.

R. Lew Williams,
 Frederick A. Alden.

IX. CHILE.

X. COLUMBIA.

Henry M. Dodd.

Platt O. Hitchcock,
 William R. Peck.

XI. EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. GENESEE.

James A. Anderson,
 Albert R. Crawford.

Harwood A. Dudley,
 Hiram Swezey.

XIII. GENEVA.

Howard Cornell,
 William S. Crane.

Cassius N. McFarren,
 Israel W. Comstock.

XIV. HUDSON.

Ministers,

Otto R. W. Klosé, (3),
 L. William Hones,
 William B. Johnson,
 Frederick A. Gates,
 John A. McCollum.

Ruling Elders.

Hawley J. Russell,
 J. Erskine Mills,
 Josiah A. Howell,
 Jasper N. Hardenbugh,
 Edward H. Seaman, (2).

XV. LONG ISLAND.

James B. Finch, D.D.,
 Jacob E. Mallman.

Gilbert H. Swezey, M.D.,
 John H. Hunt.

XVI. LYONS.

Vernon N. Yergin,
 Theodore S. Day.

XVII. NASSAU.

George T. Eddy,
 Harry B. Roberts.

Henry S. Jennings,
 Amos Denton, (2).

XVIII. NEW YORK.

Daniel S. Gregory, D.D.,
 Frederick E. Shearer, D.D.,
 Francis E. Marsten, D.D.,
 David G. Wylie, D.D. (2),
 J. Lloyd Lee, D.D.,
 John N. Lyle,
 William W. Coe,
 John C. Palmer, (2),
 Kin Huie,
 Daniel Russell.

Alexander P. Ketchum,
 George E. Sterry,
 Theodore E. Thomson,
 James Martin,
 Frederick G. Smedley,
 John H. MacDonald,
 John E. Heartt, (2),
 Edwin A. Young,
 H. Edwards Rowland.

XIX. NIAGARA.

Duncan Cameron,
 S. Dwight Waterbury.

Thomas W. Jackling, (2).

XX. NORTH LAOS.

Hugh Taylor.

XXI. NORTH RIVER.

Theophilus E. Montgomery.
 H. Bradley Sayre,
 Frank Werner.

Hoyt Sherriger.
 John B. Fleming,
 Charles E. Knapp.

XXII. OTSEGO.

Ministers

James H. Robinson, D.D.,
 J. Spencer Jewell,
 Sidney S. Conger.

Ruling Elders.

William R. Brink.

R. Cecil McAdie.

XXIII. PORTO RICO.*

XXIV. ROCHESTER.

Frank G. Weeks,
 George C. Frost,
 Dwight L. Parsons,
 Samuel B. Nelson, D.D.,
 Frederick N. Lindsay.

Edwin I. Stevens,
 Harry A. Tompkins,
 George V. Hahn.

XXV. ST. LAWRENCE.

William F. Skinner,
 Victor H. Lukens,
 David H. Craver,
 Robert S. Wightman, (2).

James M. Thrall.

XXVI. SIAM.

XXVII. STEUBEN.

Daniel Redmond, Ph.D. (2),
 J. Forbes Robinson,
 Theodore M. Carlisle.

Victor E. French,
 George R. Noxon, (2).

XXVIII. SYRACUSE.

Alfred H. Fahnestock, D.D.,
 Silas E. Persons,
 Edward A. McMaster,
 W. Courtland Robinson.

Henry L. Cowles.

XXIX. TROY.

William M. Johnson, D.D.,
 George Fairlee,
 James Boddy,
 Clarence W. Dunham.

Calvin B. Sims,
 Alfred W. McMurray,
 Edward Eckardt,
 M. Nelson Dickinson, (2).

* The Last General Assembly having transferred the Presbytery of Porto Rico from the care of the Synod of Iowa to the Synod of New York, the name of the delegate from that Presbytery was placed upon the roll.

XXX. UTICA.

Ministers.

Dana W. Bigelow,
Hiram H. Kellogg,
Charles G. Sewall,
Godfrey Chobot,
Stanley U. Mock.

Ruling Elders.

Hugh R. Evans,
Fred W. Easton,
Albert W. Robbins,
Fred R. Stone,
William M. Keene.

XXXI. WESTCHESTER.

Oliver S. Dean, D.D.,
Charles S. Lane,
Douglas P. Birnie,
John A. Ingham,
Benjamin T. Marshall.

William H. Parsons,
Ralph E. Prime, LL.D.,
John H. Dey, (2),
William W. Scofield.

The REV. DANA W. BIGELOW of the Presbytery of Utica was unanimously elected Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

The REV. SIDNEY S. CONGER of the Presbytery of Otsego, and the REV. DAVID H. CRAVER of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence were elected Temporary Clerks.

REV. WALTER R. FERRIS, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements reported the following recommendations which were adopted :

On Wednesday morning reports of Special Committees to be followed by addresses on the work of the Bible and Tract Societies and by reports on Temperance and Sabbath School work.

At two o'clock P. M. the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to be succeeded by the following reports : On Synodical Missions, Church Erection, Sabbath Observance and Elmira College.

At half past seven P. M. a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions and Freedmen.

On Thursday morning, General Business to be followed by reports on Young Peoples' Societies, Education, Ministerial Relief, and Evangelistic Work.

At two o'clock P. M., General Business to be followed by reports on Systematic Beneficence, and Aid for Colleges.

At half past seven P. M., a popular meeting in behalf of Foreign Missions.

That the devotional service Wednesday morning be led by Rev. Silas E. Persons.

The Rev. Aquilla Webb, Ph.D., pastor of the Second Church, Middletown, extended a cordial welcome to the Synod, to which the Moderator fittingly responded.

Adjourned until Wednesday at nine o'clock, A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 19, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Alfonso R. Olney, D.D.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 2) were reported present.

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

The Moderator announced the appointment of Hon. William H. Parsons, as Vice-Moderator, and also the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES :

Ministers—William M. Johnson, A. Cameron MacKenzie, Joseph Gamble, Henry T. Mc Ewen, James Todd, Howard Cornell, Samuel B. Nelson, Daniel Russell.

Elders—Ralph E. Prime, Hiram W. Cady, James Rodgers, J. Erskine Mills, Harwood A. Dudley, Victor E. French, John B. Fleming.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS :

Ministers—Alfonso R. Olney, James H. Robinson, Hiram H. Kellogg, John A. Ingham, George Fairlee, Duncan Cameron, J. Spencer Jewell, H. Bradley Sayre.

Elders—Gilbert H. Swezey, Calvin B. Sims, Horace Briggs, Harry S. Jennings, Henry L. Cowles, Josiah A. Howell, James Martin.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

Ministers—Silas E. Persons, Robert Bruce Clark, James B. Finch.

Elders—Fred R. Stone, Alfred W. McMurray.

4. FINANCE :

Elders—H. Edwards Rowland, James M. Thrall, Fred W. Easton, James Mitchell, Charles G. Adams.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE :

Ministers—Vernon N. Yergin, Frank Werner, L. William Hones, William J. Hutchins, Hugh Taylor.

Elders—Platt O. Hitchcock, Harry A. Tompkins, James A. Goodrich, William P. Nevins.

6. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO COLLEGES, ETC. :

Ministers—Henry Ward, Charles S. Lane, Alfred H. Fahnestock, Charles G. Sewall, Theodore M. Carlisle.

Elders—Edwin I. Stevens, Israel W. Comstock, Albert W. Robbins, William R. Brink.

7. NOMINATION OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS :

Ministers—Daniel S. Gregory, Frederic N. Lindsay, S. Dwight Waterbury, Theodore S. Day, George T. Eddy.

Elders—William W. Scofield, John H. Hunt, George E. Sterry, William R. Peck.

8. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD, ETC. :

Ministers—R. Lew Williams, Frederick W. Palmer, Henry M. Dodd, Sidney S. Conger, Andrew M. Brown.

Elders—Cassius N. McFarren, Hiram Swezey, Alexander P. Ketchum, Hoyt Sherriger.

9. TO COLLATE THE REPORTS ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES :

Ministers—Daniel H. Overton, Douglas P. Birnie, W. Hogarth Tower.

Elders—John P. McPherson, Nathaniel W. Hoaglan.

10. NOMINATION OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES :

Ministers—W. Courtland Robinson, William F. Skinner, James A. Anderson.

Elders—John T. D. Blackburn, Nathan B. Roberts.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES :

1. ALBANY : *Ministers*—William S. Crane, Frederick A. Alden ; *Elder*—Hiram W. Cady.

2. BINGHAMTON : *Ministers*—Frederick E. Shearer, Walter S. Brown ; *Elder*—John H. Wilson.

3. BOSTON : *Ministers*—Francis E. Marsten, Kin Huie ; *Elder*—Harry A. Tompkins.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—J. Lloyd Lee, Harry B. Roberts ;
Elder—John H. MacDonald.
5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—Egbert C. Lawrence, Henry M. Dodd ;
Elder—William R. Peck.
6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—Joshua J. Wolf, Donald McLeod ;
Elder—Robert C. Habberley.
7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—George C. Mueller, William B. Johnson ; *Elder*—Hawley J. Russell.
8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—L. William Hones, Theodore S. Day ;
Elder—Harry S. Jennings.
9. CHILE: [No Records.]
10. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—George T. Eddy, Frederick A. Gates ;
Elder—Jasper N. Hardenburgh.
11. EASTERN PERSIA: [No Records.]
12. GENESEE: *Ministers*—Douglas P. Birnie, John A. McCollum ; *Elder*—William W. Scofield.
13. GENEVA: *Ministers*—Andrew M. Brown, H. Bradley Sayre ;
Elder—William R. Brink.
14. HUDSON: *Ministers*—Hiram H. Kellogg, Benjamin T. Marshall ; *Elder*—William M. Keene.
15. LONG ISLAND: *Ministers*—J. Forbes Robinson, Stanley U. Mock ; *Elder*—Fred W. Easton.
16. LYONS: *Ministers*—Godfrey Chobot, James Boddy ; *Elder*—Hugh R. Evans.
17. NASSAU: *Ministers*—Clarence W. Dunham, J. Spencer Jewell ; *Elder*—John E. Heartt.
18. NEW YORK: *Ministers*—Oliver S. Dean, Edward A. McMaster ; *Elder*—Henry L. Cowles.
19. NIAGARA: *Ministers*—Charles G. Sewall, Theodore M. Carlisle ; *Elder*—Fred R. Stone.
20. NORTH LAOS: [No Records.]
21. NORTH RIVER: *Ministers*—Frank G. Weeks, Sidney S. Conger ; *Elder*—Edwin I. Stevens.
22. OTSEGO: *Ministers*—Theophilus E. Montgomery, Hugh Taylor ; *Elder*—Charles E. Knapp.

23. PORTO RICO : *Ministers*—William W. Coe, Vernon N. Yergin ; *Elder*—Theodore E. Thomson.
24. ROCHESTER : *Ministers*—R. Cecil McAdie, John N. Lyle ; *Elder*—Edwin A. Young.
25. ST. LAWRENCE :—*Ministers*—Daniel Russell, William B. Johnson ; *Elder*—James Martin.
26. SIAM : [No Records.]
27. STEUBEN : *Ministers*—Jacob E. Mallman, Frederick W. Palmer ; *Elder*—Nathaniel W. Hoaglan.
28. SYRACUSE : *Ministers*—Albert R. Crawford, Herbert H. Fisher ; *Elder*—Jens F. Bidstrup.
29. TROY : *Ministers*—Frank E. Van Wie, Charles T. Berry ; *Elder*—Charles G. Adams.
30. UTICA : *Ministers*—George C. Frost, Dwight L. Parsons ; *Elder*—Calvin B. Sims.
31. WESTCHESTER : *Ministers*—Victor H. Lukens, S. Dwight Waterbury ; *Elder*—James M. Thrall.

Overtures and other papers and the records of the Presbyteries were called for, and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

General Ralph E. Prime, President of the Board of Trustees of the Synod presented the following report :

The Trustees met in the city of New York, Nov. 27, 1903, and eleven of the Trustees were present.

Those who were present were of opinion that Synod had acted without authority of law in the appointment of the twelve Trustees not officers of Synod, and instructed a Committee to procure further legislation to conform the law incorporating Synod to the past practice of the Synod, and that Committee procured the enactment by the Legislature of the State of New York, in the year 1904, of two acts so amending the same, a copy of each of which is herewith reported to you. By these statutes, Synod is authorized to appoint Trustees and to remove them, or to reorganize the Trustees as often as Synod chooses so to do, and to adopt by-laws for the Trustees and change them as Synod chooses.

The Trustees organized by the election of Ralph E. Prime, President ; Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, Secretary ; and John T. D. Blackburn, Treasurer ; each for the term of one year.

We were not able to find that the Trustees had held any meetings for many years.

In the year 1886, the minutes of Synod show that certain Seminary property was to be conveyed to Synod, but we have not been able to ascertain what steps to that end were taken.

The Treasurer of the Trustees has been instructed to ascertain what funds or property belongs to Synod, but has not been able to secure any information whatever.

The term of office of the following Trustees expires in the year 1904. Rev. Messrs. George Alexander and Charles Cuthbert Hall and Elders James Yereance and James M. Ham. Elders William A. Wheelock whose term expires in 1905 and Thomas G. Ritch whose term expires in 1906, have resigned.

We recommend that the subject of the affairs of the Trustees, be referred to a Committee of Synod to consider and report to that body such recommendations as to changes, in view of the past and the changes by legislation, as seem desirable, and that the laws relating to the Trustees of Synod, as amended to this time, be printed in the appendix to the minutes of this meeting of Synod, all for the information of the churches.

The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

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

The Committee on Forms of Worship presented the following report which was accepted, and in accordance with their request the Committee was discharged :

At the meeting of Synod in Elmira, 1898, the following was adopted :

“Whereas, There is a great, growing, and confusing diversity in the forms of public worship within the bounds of the Synod,

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee to inquire what are the various methods of worship now in use throughout the Synod, and to make such suggestions for the consideration of the Synod, at its next meeting, as shall seem wise to the Committee after a careful study of the subject.” (Minutes, p. 47.)

In 1899, the Committee reported progress and was continued, with power to add to its number and increase it to fifteen.

In 1900 the Committee was again continued after reporting progress.

Two years were spent in corresponding with pastors and sessions, and the result was presented to Synod in 1902. This report may be found in the Minutes of 1902, pages 31-34. It was recommended,—

“That the Synod recommend to its Ministers and Elders the study of the subject of Public Worship and its forms, and that especial attention be given the subject in our theological seminaries, particularly commending the Directory for Worship.”

Synod also adopted the following :

“That the following Overture be sent to the Assembly of 1903:

The Synod of New York overtures the General Assembly to appoint a committee to prepare and distribute to pastors and sessions tentative forms for public worship on the Lord's Day.”

Last year the Synod continued the committee and instructed it to “Seek a conference or conferences with the Assembly's committee and present the facts gathered in the Synod of New York and our deductions from the facts, with the purpose of rendering any assistance possible to the Assembly's Committee.”

The chairman of this committee had such a conference at Philadelphia, was kindly received by the Assembly's Committee, and warmly thanked for the information gathered by Synod's Committee.

The subsequent history of this movement is known to all members of Synod; how that the matter was considered favorably by the General Assembly; a large and representative Committee appointed; a report presented at the Assembly of 1904; and the fact that it is now in printed form and to be secured from our Board of Publication.

The movement being thus under way and there being the best of reasons to suppose that ultimately we will have more harmony and orderliness in our forms of public worship, there seems to be nothing further for your committee to do and therefore we ask to be discharged.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary offered the following report which was approved :

The annual report of the President to the Commissioners and Trustees gave a summary of the condition and needs of the seminary. There were enrolled 63 students, four more than the year before. That they had received efficient instruction, by the members of the faculty, was shown in their satisfactory examination. Beside this, there had been given 64 lectures and addresses by 34 speakers, including twelve lectures by Prof. Sweet of Syracuse University on Religious Pedagogy, eight lectures on Archæological and Philosophical Subjects by Prof. Orr of Glasgow, five on Christian Ethics by Rev. John Q. Adams of Waterloo, five on the Church by Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D.D., of Watertown, three on Home Missions by Rev. Delos E. Finks of Orange, N. J., three on Evangelistic work by Rev. James B. Ely of Philadelphia and two by prominent business men on the Minister from the Business Man's point of view by Mr. Robert Cluett of Troy, and Mr. Donald Dey of Syracuse. These lectures were of great value in bringing the students into personal contact with thoughtful, able men, who are leaders in the thought and life of the people. The desire is expressed that in addition to such lectures, each year provision be made at a cost of 500 to 600 dollars, for the students to hear ten or fifteen of the great and virile preachers of the country and the world.

Of the faculty at Auburn, it may be said, President Stewart has the confidence and affection of the students. His conservative and aggressive administration of the affairs of the Seminary, his instruction in practical Theology, and his wide and increasing participation and leadership in every forward movement of the Church make his services, in his position, of the highest value. In the very front of the scholarship of the world, in his department of Hebrew and Old Testament criticism, Dr. Beecher by the thoroughness of his investigation and the fairness and impartiality of his judgment, commands attention and respect as a guide through the conflict and contradictions of the higher critics, and his fatherly interest in the personal welfare of each of the students, wins responsive affection and makes his instruction and influence, an abiding benediction. Associated with Dr. Beecher in the Old Testament department, by the liberality of a good friend of the Seminary in Auburn, Rev. Halsey B. Stevenson is doing excellent service as instructor in Hebrew. In Greek and New Testament Criticism, Professor Riggs con-

tinues to inspire the enthusiasm of all who come under his instruction. He was in Berlin through the summer in special work on the gospel of John, and his assistant, Professor Reed is now upon leave of absence, pursuing his studies in Berlin. In Theology, Dr. Darling has been doing double service while the needs of his department have grown beyond the ability of any one man. In response to an appeal by President Stewart, bearing the highest testimony to the faithful and able services of Dr. Darling, the boards of control appointed a committee to nominate an additional instructor in Theology who might divide the burden in that department, and to call a special meeting to act upon such nomination. Accordingly, Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D. D., of Watertown, N. Y., has been elected Professor of Theism and Apologetics, has accepted the position and begins his work, the first of November. Dr. Dulles by his special training and temperament is peculiarly fitted for the duties of this new chair.

Dr. Hoyt in his chair of Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral Theology has broadened the work of his department from his extended studies abroad, and has quickened the investigation of present day practical social problems.

Prof. Miller in Church History and Church Polity holds the interest and awakens personal study by the young men to attain a clear apprehension of the development of the church for a working appreciation of present conditions. The professors are alert to enrich their departments with the most recent and most helpful material, and while many seminaries exceed Auburn in the number of instructors, none excel Auburn in the quality of the work done or in the results attained. One reason of the high grade of the work done at Auburn is the maintenance of the high standard of scholarship and ability for admission in this seminary. It is held that those who are not qualified by previous study to keep position with men well prepared, should not be allowed to hold back to their requirement, those who are qualified for more advanced work and thus lower the standard of progress and attainment for the ministry. On this account, seventeen applicants, in the past year have been turned away. For the physical culture of the men there is need of a gymnasium that may be used in the winter. A ball ground and tennis court are helpful. One of the material additions of the year is the student Club House made possible by the liberality of Horace B. Silliman, I. L. D., a commissioner and generous benefactor of the Seminary. This house has been opened, fitted and furnished, and is proving a most valuable addition to the equipment of the seminary. Here the social life, of the students, centers. It not only furnishes an attractive place for the students to board, but it is unifying the student life and producing a comradeship and social culture that will be of great value to the men in their future work.

The administration of the finances of the Seminary assures the highest return consistent with safety for all investments, and invites the confidence of all who can give in any measure that which will more fully equip this institution "to send out into the church more endowed, trained and consecrated ministers for the leadership of the moral and spiritual forces of the world."

Auburn Seminary by what it has been, and is now, is worthy of the commendation of the Synod of New York. It should not lack in moral or material support.

It has been fitly said, "Her graduates are to be found in cities and towns all over the land, in numerous theological seminary professorship chairs and in mission

fields in almost every foreign land. The seminary has done—is doing, a world-wide service." But her immediate relationship and responsibilities are with the churches in this Empire State, thus deserving their sympathies, prayers and financial support.

A complaint from John E. Whitbeck against the Presbytery of Geneva, was received and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The Committee of Visitors to Hamilton College presented the following report which was accepted :

In fulfilling our pleasant duty of visitation only two members of your Committee could be present. We were cordially received by President Stryker who sacrificed a half day of valuable time in Synod's honor. We not only attended chapel devotional exercises, but visited every interesting spot on the Campus, including the athletic field, and lunched at the Commons, the splendid boarding hall of the students. The President assured us he counted the visit of Synod's Committee, each year, an honor.

We were pleased to learn that Hamilton College has no ambition to become a university, but rather to hold the highest rank among first class, classical colleges.

There is a marked growth in buildings and equipment as well as in the number of students.

We are particularly gratified that the period of instruction in the Bible and in the foundations of Christianity occupies ten terms of the course. A wholesome and dominating Christian influence pervades the College. It is the atmosphere of the place. It is evident in the chapel exercises each morning, in the service at the College Church on Sabbath, in the class prayer meetings and in the College Christian Association. The Faculty and about one half the students are professed Christians and about one student out of five is a candidate for the ministry.

The administrative and teaching ability of Dr. Stryker is of high order. The Faculty share in the community life of the students. Surrounded by such influences, your Committee did not discover anything which would not tend to a sane and sound culture of the whole man.

We would also mention the fact that students of moderate financial ability can take a Course of study there, but the standard of scholarship is so high that no young man can be graduated without hard study and rigid examination.

Sallust the Roman historian says that, "Certain great nations of antiquity were wont to build altars at the sources of their great rivers." Thus they expressed gratitude to the gods they worshipped, for the life and property these rivers brought to the State. Are we as wise as the ancients in discerning springs of spiritual life and blessing? Hamilton College is the head and source of such a stream of beneficent influences and had we half the piety of the ancient heathen, we would fill the Campus with altars of beauty, praise and worship, on which her choicest young manhood ought to be dedicated to the highest and holiest ends of an altruistic and missionary faith.

Adoniram Judson once said to a friend, as they were walking past a University, "If I had a thousand dollars, do you know what I would do with it?"

"Yes," said his companion, "You would give it to Foreign Missions." There-

upon Judson replied, "I would give it to a Christian college like that." "Planting such colleges and filling them with religious students is raising seed corn for the world."

Said a statesman to Queen Elizabeth when he had founded a college at Cambridge, "I have set an acorn, and when it becomes an oak, God alone knows what will be the fruit thereof."

Compare the Hamilton of today with the Hamilton of the past. Who shall despise the day of small things? Happy the man who has the wisdom to see and to praise the day of small things in the actual living present.

It certainly was a day of small things when the devoted Kirkland planned "to found and support a school or academy for the mutual benefit of the young men of the flourishing settlements and the various tribes of Confederated Indians." What shall we say of Princeton in 1812 when Dr Hodge entered it, having a President, one professor, two tutors and scarce students enough to constitute a fair sized Bible Class.

Dr. Howard Crosby once said, "why, more good was done in the old days of the College of New Jersey, nearly a century ago, than in some so-called great institutions now, and I don't suppose they had any apparatus at all, perhaps not even a black-board." Shall we turn a cold shoulder to thirteen small Presbyterian Colleges and many struggling academies, which in the real, living present time, constitute the source of religious life and influence for a century or more to come?

Who can forecast our loss, if deprived of these small colleges from which there came an increase of forty-two missionary and ministerial candidates last year? Who can prophesy the result, if our sons are trained in the great universities, some of whom are over cautious about taking a decided stand for the Christian religion and where in some departments, the influences are even hostile to a revealed and supernatural religion?

Your committee believes that Hamilton College has ever been a fountain of wisdom, patriotism and religion, and impressed with its incalculable value to the nation and the church during its long history, we urge upon the Synod, the opportunity of the present, to help our small colleges with your gifts, influence and prayers. Then shall they become streams of sanctifying influence to the home, the State and the Church of the Living God.

The Committee of Visitors to the University of the City of New York offered the following report which was accepted:

The Church has reason to be proud of New York University. She is awake to her opportunities, and through her able Faculty she is keeping pace with the growth of the great Metropolis. Her new home on University Heights was wisely chosen, twenty-four acres on the summit of the hill, with far reaching views of the Palisades and Long Island and yet easy of access from New York City. Your Committee received every courtesy from Chancellor MacCracken and his son. The morning was spent in thorough examination of the buildings and in attendance upon various classes. The superb library and dormitory, the gifts of Miss Helen Gould, are excelled by those of no University in the land.

We attended Chapel service and had the opportunity of seeing the undergrad-

uate body, a fine set of men. There is an athletic field, a gymnasium, and Young Men's Christian Association rooms on the campus and chapter houses of various fraternities. Two thousand, one hundred and seventy-nine students are registered this year. We would express our satisfaction with the tone and spirit of the University, as manifested in its faculty and students.

We call attention to the following points :

1. Ground has been purchased adjoining the campus, on which a Presbyterian church is to be built. An able pastor now ministers to the congregation now worshipping in a temporary home. Will not some generous Christian build a fine house of worship in this Strategic position? Who will do for our University what the Episcopalians are now doing for Columbia?

2. There is no other Presbyterian University, east of the Mississippi River, while the population of New York alone, combined with the people living within an hour's ride of the city, exceeds the entire population of Scotland. Surely here is opportunity.

3. The University has no formal connection with the Presbyterian and Reformed churches, though its support comes mainly from them. The President of Columbia must be a Communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church and the Prayer Book must be used in the chapel service, if she is to retain the gifts which she has received.

No such condition binds New York University. With the inauguration of the New College Board, has not the time come for the church to make an advance, to do for our students what the Methodists, Baptists and Episcopalians are doing for theirs? The hope of the church is in her educated men. Shall we win them during the college years when permanent impressions are made? There is abundant wealth in the Presbyterian and Reformed churches. Surely here is an opportunity for intelligent generosity.

A resolution, looking toward the instituting of a mileage system for the Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution relating to the establishment of a Church paper, was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Mr. George E. Sterry addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Bible Society.

It was Resolved, that the Synod heartily endorses the work of the American Bible Society, in its endeavor to secure the public circulation of the Holy Scriptures in all languages and in all lands. The Synod rejoices to know of the progress already made toward this end, and cordially reiterates the recommendation of former Synods to our Presbyteries to take more efficient measures to secure contributions from all our churches.

The Rev. Judson Swift addressed the Synod in behalf of the American Tract Society.

The following action was taken :

The Synod having listened with interest to the report of the American Tract Society, rejoices in its world-wide usefulness.

It provides large quantities of Christian literature in the languages or dialects spoken by immigrants, which is distributed among them by means of colporteurs. It believes, its preparation of Spanish Christian literature and the visits of its colporteurs, essential aids to the prosecution of Mission Work in the Island possessions.

It also recognizes the invaluable service rendered by the Tract Society in foreign lands, in providing the Christian Vernacular Literature, both for building up the Church and for aggressive work at Mission Stations.

The Synod renews its commendation of the American Tract Society and urges that the Churches make an annual offering for its support.

In lieu of the usual Report on Temperance, Rev. Charles Scanlon, the Field Secretary recently appointed by the Assembly's Committee on Temperance, addressed the Synod.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures the following recommendations relating to the trustees of Synod were adopted :

That in view of recent legislation the trustees of Synod be re-organized by the appointment of twelve trustees, four to serve three years, four to serve two years, and four to serve one year, all in place and stead of the present trustees.

That the by-laws of the trustees of Synod be amended to read as follows :

I. The trustees of this corporation shall consist of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk, and Treasurer, all ex-officio; and in addition, six Ministers and six laymen, a majority of whom shall live in and near New York City, to constitute three classes, to hold office, one, two and three years respectively, their successors to be elected by the Synod, and to hold office for three years each.

II. Seven trustees shall constitute a quorum.

III. The trustees shall choose a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, none of which officers shall hold office for more than the term for which elected as trustees; and the Treasurer shall not be re-elected for two successive terms.

IV. These trustees shall meet annually on the first week of October, and from time to time, on their own adjournment, or at the call of the President and Secretary, or of any five trustees.

V. The trustees are authorized and empowered to take and receive, on behalf of the Synod of New York, and in its name, for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes, such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances or real or personal estate, as in their judgment shall be proper, and to make such applications and provisions as in their discretion they may deem advisable, for the purpose of carrying out and performing the trusts upon which such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances may be received.

VI. The trustees shall present a report annually to the Synod. The office of the trustee who fails for one year to attend a meeting of the trustees, and is not for good cause excused by the trustees, is *ipso facto* vacated, and the Synod will fill the vacancy at its next session.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School work

presented its report which was accepted and Rev. Daniel Russell, addressed the Synod.

Pending further action on the report, a recess was taken until two o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, the Rev. Daniel H. Overton administering the Bread and Rev. Henry Ward, D.D., the Cup. Elders Alfred W. McMurray, William H. Parsons, John H. Hunt, Robert C. Habberley served the Bread and Elders James Rodgers, Charles G. Adams, H. Edwards Rowland and Nathan B. Roberts, the Cup.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath School work was placed on the docket, subject to call.

The report of the Treasurer of Synodical Missions was presented, accepted and is as follows :

In the Presbyteries co-operating under the plan there are according to the minutes of the General Assembly of 1904, 546 churches. Of these, 447 churches have made an offering to the cause of Synodical Home Missions during the past year. The largest single offering was \$1050.00. A few other churches in the allied Presbyteries have given small amounts.

Buffalo and Cayuga Presbyteries have each contributed towards the salary of the superintendent. Westchester Presbytery has maintained the same cordial and hearty support as in former years, at the same time liberally caring for its own work.

A statement of contributions received from Churches, Presbyteries and individuals accompanies this report.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1903.....	\$ 2,169 87
Total contributions for the year ending October 1st, 1904....	19,582 93
Interest	63 93
	<hr/> \$21,816 73
Commissions paid from October 1st, 1903, to October 1st, 1904.	\$19,353 71
Salary of Superintendent.....	1,500 00
Expenses of Permanent and Executive Committees.....	451 50
	<hr/> \$21,305 21
Balance on hand October 1st, 1904.....	<hr/> \$511 52

The accounts and vouchers having been audited and found correct were approved.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions, presented its report, of which the following is an abstract. The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted :

Under the continued favor and blessing of God, we have successfully completed another year of work in the interests of the Kingdom of God within the metes and bounds of our great Empire State. We began the year under glowing skies, bright with promise and big with hope, and while darkening clouds have from time to time arisen, the year has drawn to a close with forecasts of a yet brighter and better day.

Through the goodness of the ever faithful God, the grace of liberality abounding yet more and more, and the fidelity of our Presbyterial chairmen and executive officers, we can confidently and thankfully say, that the year has been one of sure and steady growth in the deepening and strengthening of confidence, in appreciation of worth and affectionate regard, as well as in results attained.

The goal of self-support for which we have ever been striving has at last been won. Without any equivocation, or juggling of figures, or favoring short year of eleven months, (as was the case last year through synchronizing the fiscal and Synodical years) our receipts and disbursements are balanced. We can lift up our heads and say, "We now are what we have long striven to be—self-supporting." But this dignity is not so much of our doing, as of Him and through Him, "whose we are, and whom we serve." And to Him be all the praise and honor and glory.

The receipts and expenditures as compared with those of last year are in some respects most gratifying. The total receipts for 1902-1903, exclusive of the balance carried over from the year before and the contribution from the Home Board, were \$21,436.92, and the total disbursements for the year were \$20,910.74; while our receipts from the same sources for the year now ending have been \$1790.06 less, and our expenditures \$394.44 more.

While there is no little satisfaction in having our receipts and expenditures balance each other, it must be remembered that we began the year with the sum of \$2169.87 to our credit. That convenient sum just enabled the Treasurer to meet promptly the salaries each quarter as they fell due. We will have no such convenient residue to fall back upon this coming year, and hence the need of more and earlier contributions.

If no new work is undertaken, and the old work is sustained on the same basis, or nearly so, as last year, we should have in the hands of our Treasurer at the end of the first quarter, December 31, 1904, \$5,500.00 and a like sum for each succeeding quarter. But during the summer months of June, July and August, collections are very small, and if the creditable record of quarterly payments for the year is to be maintained, the quarterly balance in favor of the Treasurer should not be less than \$1,000.00.

It can not be said too often or too emphatically that no real priority, such as Synod determined at the outset should be given to this work *can* be given until Presbyteries and sessions put this cause at the *head* instead of at the *foot* of their benevolences.

Essential, indispensable as is monetary support, there is another kind of support which we deem quite as important, and rejoice that the cause is receiving it each year in fuller and larger measure—the moral support of pastors, sessions and official boards of the churches. There is a much stronger and wider spread conviction today, that Synodical Home Missions have come to stay, because there is a feeling that the cause has justified its right to be. It is no longer, if it ever was, necessary

to apologize for their existence, nor to try to make converts to "the Plan." The day of indifference, toleration and criticism is left behind. The current of public opinion, we believe, has set in strongly in the other direction. The skies are clearing and men are seeing that support of Synodical Home Missions means the forwarding of two most worthy objects—the religious life of the community and the great national evangelization movement. The dollar contributed to Synodical Home Missions serves a double purpose. It helps maintain the ground already occupied, and lightens the responsibility of the Board of Home Missions in its wider sphere of winning this whole great country of ours to Christ.

It is a thing to glory in to have had a Marcus Whitman on the Pacific coast, saving the great Northwest to our national domain and for the Church of God, but the Northwest saved would not compensate for New England lost. We must keep what has already been won, while new conquests are waged, if there is to be any permanent gain. That is the motive of Synodical Home Missions. That is why far seeing minds everywhere today whether in city or in country, give their most cordial and hearty moral support to this cause.

We have a variety of missions, Home, Synodical, Presbyterian, City, and missions to exceptional populations, and to the slums, and they each stand for some definite idea or set of ideas. Synodical Home Missions, besides having for their primary and fundamental object the relief of the Home Board, stand for at least these three clear and clean cut ideas—the intrenchment of the Kingdom of Christ in the community; the preservation of the sanctity of the home; and the good order or well-being of the State.

A Scotch preacher of note recently said with reference to Great Britain: "We have a growing Home Mission problem. Churches ill-attended, thousands, millions utterly careless as to religion in town, and in country, where once there was a devout community." We might use similar language with reference to our own land, particularly that portion of it which constitutes the field of Synodical Home Missions.

So deplorably true is it, that a few years since, a Governor of one of our commonwealths (Governor Rollins of New Hampshire) was moved to issue a proclamation on the decline of religion in the rural districts, and appoint a day of fasting and prayer.

A Southern organ of our own denomination offsets this mournful wail which comes from the North with the statement that south of "Mason and Dixon's line" "Country churches are the backbone of living Christianity. Instead of the desolations of New England rural districts, the country churches of our Southern Zion are living, growing, fruitful, giving their children to the ministry and to mission work, and supporting them, and sending their streams of well nurtured Christian youth to be the life and strength of the town churches."

That is precisely what we are trying to do in this Northland, which our fathers with great toil and sacrifice evangelized—hold it for the gospel against alien forces of which the Southland happily knows nothing, and to do it by maintaining everywhere stated worship, the orderly observance of the sacraments, and all the ordinances of a pure gospel wherever a sacred fane lifts its finger of hope heavenward, having been dedicated to the worship and the service of Almighty God.

That is our work—to see that no child of our fathers' hopes and prayers and

tears and sacrifices is left to languish and die uncared for in a land so signally favored of the Lord. For that we stand and are not ashamed.

Pious homes and godly citizens mean a well ordered community. A good church member, faithful and loyal to all the duties and ordinances of religion makes a good citizen, just as an irreligious, law breaker and home wrecker makes a bad one.

In one of the Hudson River tier of counties recently occurred a double tragedy—a farmer killed his wife and then hung himself. Within the radius of a half-mile of that farmer's house inside of a half dozen years occurred three murders, two suicides, and one attempt at murder of a young lad by drowning. The frequent and brutal crimes of that little community were accounted for by the illiteracy and degeneracy of the people. They eked out a scant and meager living by basket-making. Seclusion and inter-marriage had greatly weakened their physical vigor and their moral sense.

Such things are not found in a community where the gospel is regnant in heart, home, and daily life. On the score of economy, the state would be the gainer if she should subsidize this type of religious work done within her borders.

In view of these facts, we claim that for us as good loyal Presbyterian church members, and lovers of good order, Synodical Home Missions come within the category of things commended by the scriptures: "These things ought ye to have done, and not to have left the others undone." What existing conditions urge the importance of this work? "Lift up your eyes and see." And what do you see? "Fields already white to the harvest?" Hardly any man would say that where the field of Synodical Home Missions comes into view.

On the contrary many thoughtful observers have seen what has suggested to them the idea of decline in at least the outward manifestations of the religious life—infrequent attendance upon public worship, empty pews, neglected sacraments and ordinances, the gospel meanly sustained, the springs of Christian benevolences drying up, and for all these things there is a cause or rather many causes.

So far as the country is concerned, one cause is the changing character of the population. The old stock with its Puritan type of religion is everywhere giving place to a new type with far different ideas, traditions and training. One of the conspicuous features of our Twentieth Century civilization is the marvelous growth of our urban population, while our rural population, according to the last census, is growing less in every North Atlantic state, except Rhode Island, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, and at the same time growing more and more alien in character. For example in the Hudson River tier of counties the increase in foreign born population in ten years has been sixty per cent; in the Southern tier, fifty-one per cent; and in the Central section, ninety-one per cent. Many of these people have no ties, traditions, affiliations or affections for the Church under whose eyes they have come to reside. That is of itself a sufficient commentary on the need of Synodical Home Missions. Another existing condition is the prevailing laxity in things spiritual. "Multitudes grown indifferent to the gospel, subverted by cheap sneers at its doctrines and principles as old-fashioned, traditional, unscientific, superstitious, lend a ready ear to palmistry, spiritualism, occultism, Christian science. They persuade themselves that science, criticism, evolution have exploded the historical basis for Christianity and so its day is done," and they offer themselves as easy marks for

every fraud and charlatan who poses as our "Mother-God," or Elijah III, or some new fadist.

Another existing condition is an insidious, shallow, jaunty scepticism, which assails the Bible, sneers at Christian faith, and slurs the claims of the Divine-man. As in the days of English Deism, so now, it is thought by some to be the mark of good breeding and the evidence of a superior mind to be sceptical.

For these and other reasons, such as the honor of religion, loyalty to the interests of our beloved Church, and love for country, the work of Synodical Home Missions is imperative.

While not all that could have been desired in these past seven years has been attained, we can point with pride and a degree of satisfaction to results for which we are grateful.

The gospel has been preached, and conversions have followed. Feeble churches have been helped and enabled to carry on their work in the community. Churches have been encouraged to become self-supporting and in turn to help sustain others. New churches have been organized in growing communities; missions of various kinds have been carried on and the general work strengthened. Public order and the general well-being of the several communities have been promoted. The National work of Home Missions has materially been aided not merely by lessening responsibility, but by actually deeper interest and larger offerings—and lastly self-support.

If the ground gained is to be maintained, we must have a definite policy and rigidly pursue it. Our policy is shaped by "the Plan," which Synod adopted as the basis of our Presbyterian federation in this work. So far as administration is concerned, our policy ought to be to give substantial aid to every needy church and be as cautious and conscientious in the use of the funds as though they were altogether of a personal and private nature. Presbyterian Committees should be more cautious in making appropriations, lest they by their generosity discourage giving, pauperize the people whom they would befriend, and hinder the general work. The needs of the whole field as well as local interests should be considered in every appropriation made.

As an illustration of what such a policy may accomplish, one Presbytery in six years has changed from being one of the most dependent—making the largest drafts upon the Treasurer—to be one of the more generous contributors to the general work. Like minded committees may accomplish kindred results, and place their Presbyteries in rank with those who find it "more blessed to give than to receive."

As reported by the Treasurer the gross receipts this year have been \$21,816.73, deducting the balance on hand October 1, 1903, \$2,169.87, and the interest accrued on deposits, \$63.93, leaves \$19,572.93, as our total contributions from Presbyteries, churches, societies and individuals. The allied Presbyteries gave \$1,000.29, Westchester \$760.00, Buffalo \$75.00, Cayuga \$75.00, Hudson \$37.56, Rochester \$26.21, Syracuse \$25.52.

The largest single contribution was from the Lafayette Avenue Church of Brooklyn—\$1,050.00.

The unusual severity of the winter made the gathering of church funds more than ordinarily difficult, especially in the country, where congregations were small and

services often interrupted, but there has been but slight, if any falling off in gifts from such sources. They are worthy of commendation because of their zeal and fidelity, as are also the weaker Presbyteries, which have earnestly striven to meet their quota of Synod's budget.

Five Presbyteries contributed more than their apportionment last year: Binghamton, Geneva, Niagara, St. Lawrence and Steuben. The following deserve honorable mention as contributing very nearly the amount apportioned to them: Champlain, Lyons, Otsego, Troy and Utica.

Special commendation is due to the following Presbyteries, St. Lawrence, in which every church made an offering to the cause of Synodical Home Missions; Geneva, in which every church but one contributed; and Lyons, Niagara and Troy having but two churches on their respective rolls which failed to contribute.

It is recommended:

1. That in view of the gratifying efficiency with which the Rev. George Fairlee, our secretary and treasurer has discharged the arduous duties of his two-fold office, during the past year, the Synod takes special pleasure in placing upon its records its high appreciation of his valuable services, trusting that he may be long spared to serve in this important position.

2. That the churches through the Presbyterian Committees be urged to make their offerings to the cause of Synodical Home Missions as early in the Synodical year as possible, so that our overworked and underpaid, faithful missionaries shall not be obliged to wait for their quarterly payments when they become due.

3. That the Presbyteries make every possible effort to render this work still more successful, by endeavoring to reduce the amount required; by encouraging aid—receiving churches to attain the enviable position of self-support and by grouping churches wherever possible.

4. That the Executive Committee be the same as last year with the substitution of Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin for Rev. Dr. Nichols and Elder Rush Taggart for Elder Alfred E. Marling. Also that the Committee be empowered to fill any vacancies which may occur during the year.

5. That the Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., be reappointed Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions and Rev. George Fairlee, Treasurer for the coming year.

The seventh annual report of the Superintendent of Synodical Missions, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., was presented, accepted and is as follows:

Again we come with words of cheer and sincerest gratitude to God for the results achieved. During another year every obligation has been promptly met and a substantial balance remains in the treasury and this in spite of a winter of unusual severity which depleted the congregations and consequently the offerings of many who contribute for this cause.

Several new Churches have been organized and three Churches, long aided, have reached the vantage ground of self-support.

But in our joy, we are called to mourn the loss of Rev. William H. Littell, of Long Island, one of the most efficient members of the Permanent Committee, whose wisdom and zeal are remembered by us all as we review the work of the past seven years.

All the Presbyteries, whatever may be their special plans of work, have aided the Superintendent in procuring the facts for his report.

Every Presbytery has dependent Churches and the interdependence of the strong and the weak seems to be conducive to their mutual welfare.

During the past year one hundred and nine missionaries have been commissioned by the Synodical Committee and thirty-seven more have been laboring under Presbyterian Commissions.

The following items summarize the year's work :

Missionaries reporting	146	Number of Sabbath Schools	175
Pastors	63	Number of Sabbath Schools organized ...	7
Stated supplies	83	Membership of Sabbath Schools	15,989
Churches served	170	Membership of Society of Christian	
Stations supplied at regular intervals.....	52	Endeavor	2,947
Annual amount granted.....	\$27,159	Church edifices (value of same, \$539,600)..	170
Additions on profession of faith	706	Church edifices built during the year (at	
Additions by certificate	408	cost of \$7,950).....	2
Total membership	11,099	Church edifices repaired (at cost of \$7,295)	29
Total average attendance.....	10,552	Church debts cancelled	\$3,600
Baptism, adults	271	Number of manses (value of same \$110,350)	92
Baptism, infants	566		

During the year, three churches have reached self support—Port Chester, Oakfield and South Church, Elmira. Irving Square, Brooklyn, has erected a new Church edifice. The Churches of Flatbush, New Hyde Park and Wanakena have been organized. Broad Avenue and Immanuel Churches, Binghamton, are procuring parsonages. Revivals of religion are reported at West Milton, Batchellerville, Irving Square (Brooklyn), Westville, Otego, Margaretville, Rochester Calvary, Mt. Hor, Brownville and Springfield, Mass. Guilderland, Bethlehem, West Milton, Mayfield, Broadalbin, Lordville, Afton, Cato, Peru, Westville, Montour Falls, Big Hollow, Hillsdale. East Bethany, Fairville, Huron, Wrights Corners, Chili, Plessis, Liberty Street (Troy), Northwood, North Gage, South Trenton, Dolgeville, Harrison, and others have been making needed improvements to their Church property. Church debts have been cancelled at Beekmantown, Westville, Breesport, Elmira South, Throgg's Neck, Ancram Lead Mines, Atlanta, Cohocton and Middle Granville. Carlisle is building a hall and sheds at an expense of \$650.

Many country Churches are trying to solve the problems of holding the young people, of enlisting the men in Church work, and in refilling pews which have been vacated by removal and by death. Some fearless, faithful ministers *are* solving these weighty problems, proving they are the men for the hour and the times. In the moral heritage, the promise of Scripture has been richly fulfilled, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." A few instances from many will illustrate this point. A Church closed two years, apparently hopelessly swamped with debt, was encouraged by a neighboring pastor to pay its debt, open its doors, resume its work, and the gospel is now regularly proclaimed to that people by this self-sacrificing man who travels twenty miles every Sabbath day to do this special work. Another, through similar hard work, has seen the communion roll advance from a membership of 20 to 56. Another country Church, apparently near extinction, has been so revived and strengthened as to become self supporting, increase the salary of its

minister and it is now building a parish house to cost \$1,500. Two other Churches still, which had been closed three years, within six months have come near self-support with eight added to their Church roll. Such concrete facts as these, culled from the many, are encouraging, with the additional fact that the annual increment to the dependent Churches of the state, notwithstanding all their difficulties, discouragements and frequent pastoral changes, still remains a little over ten per cent. Recognizing the self-sacrificing spirit of these weak Churches and their faithful pastors, and the rich blessing which crowns their efforts "for Christ and the Church," our stronger congregations should cheerfully heed their appeals for aid, knowing their gifts and their labors are not in vain in the Lord.

In most of our large cities, work is also being done among foreign people who are hurrying to our shores in constantly increasing numbers: in Buffalo among the Hungarians, in New York among the Bohemians, French and Italians. In Westchester Presbytery also, many Italians are coming under the influence of Christian truth, and all these missions seem to secure the rich approval of the Master. The extent of these missions seems only limited by the number of qualified laborers. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

No nobler men and women can be found than those who are guarding the interests of Christ's Church amid many discouragements, still faithfully raising high the banner of hope and carrying the blessed gospel to the poor and neglected in city and country. Verily they shall not fail of their reward.

The following items of personal service are hereby mentioned :

Visits to Congregations	65	Presbyteries visited.....	7
Sermons and addresses.....	153	Elders ordained.....	2
Lord's Supper administered.....	10	Installation services.....	3
Marriages solemnized	2	Ordinations	1
Funerals attended.....	13	Moderated Church meetings.....	8
Members received on profession.....	6	Churches supplied with pastors.....	46
Members received by letter.....	4	Letters written	2,403
Adults baptized.....	3	Miles traveled.....	16,252
Infants baptized.....	5	Salary and expenses.....	\$1,500

Rev. William F. Whitaker, D.D., addressed the Synod in behalf of Synodical Home Missions.

The following papers were received and on recommendation of the Stated Clerk were referred to the Committee on Bills and overtures :

1. A communication from the editors of the *Assembly Herald*.
2. An overture from certain churches in the Presbytery of Brooklyn, requesting to be transferred to the care of the Presbytery of New York.
3. A paper from certain ministers of the Presbytery of New York, relating to the Appendix to the Minutes of the Synod.

The Permanent Committee on Church Erection, Rev. John A. Ingham, chairman, presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted :

At the outset we express the gratification of the Committee, and no doubt of the entire Synod, that this Board has been so fortunate as to enjoy for nearly twenty

years, the faithful, efficient and painstaking service of the Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., one whose unflinching tact and courtesy, wise counsel and judicious administration, commend the cause he represents, to all our churches.

Sixty years ago this particular form of benevolent work was inaugurated by the Old School Assembly. Through these three score years, the work has grown in extent and complexity, and in favor with our churches and judicatories. Says the Assembly's Committee :

"The Board is to be congratulated on reaching its sixtieth birthday, with a past, vigorous and fruitful, and with a future that, by the grace of God, we believe will prove even more useful to the development of our beloved Church. In these three score years, over four millions and four hundred thousand dollars have passed through the treasury into some seven thousand and two hundred Presbyterian churches. This is a noble record with a spiritual significance that passes out into the eternities. For while we can count the dollars and enumerate the churches helped, yet the real value of this work, as an integral factor in Presbyterian Christianity and in the ultimate evangelization of our country, cannot be adequately computed. With God alone is there the possibility of measuring forces such as these with which we are dealing "

"The work of this Board acts as a spur to Christian giving. For every dollar contributed by the Board from three to six dollars are collected on the field. Nor is it at all true that the money would be collected on the field without the donation. In the majority of cases the inciting cause of church building is the expected help from this source. In many cases, the church at first feels unable to build at all, but the lure of \$500 from the Board of Church Erection leads it on to contributions that in the end triple and often quadruple the donation. Thus anywhere from twenty to twenty-five millions of dollars have been collected on the field through the stimulus of this Board."

Only four states of our union have been larger beneficiaries of this Board, than New York, viz. Iowa, Kansas, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania form a group upon which the Board relies for the larger part of its income from church offerings. Without strong and steady support from these three great Synods, the work would be sadly crippled. We appreciate the large share this state has had and now has in supplying the Board's Treasury. At the same time we note with apprehension, that the growth of this Synod in numbers and wealth has not resulted in a corresponding increase in offerings for this Board.

In 1884, when this Synod reported 136,337 communicants, its gifts to this cause were about \$17,000 or 12½ cents per member. The past year, reporting 189,515 communicants, the gifts were only \$13,009, or seven cents per member.

If not divided, this Synod may in five years more, reach the 200,000 mark in membership. If perchance we do mark the three hundredth anniversary of Hendrick Hudson's famous voyage in the Half Moon with a membership of 200,000, and if Gen. Prime and his associates in the Order of Founders and Patriots, should graciously invite us to celebrate the event as their guests at Yonkers, on the noble river of which our State is justly proud, would it be extravagant to hope that the 200,000 Presbyterians in the Synod of New York in 1909 would give to the cause of Church erection at least \$20,000, an average of ten cents a member.

Fourteen years ago, this Synod stood far ahead of her Keystone sister in contri-

butions to Church Erection. Five years ago, Pennsylvania surpassed us in giving. Since then, as one expresses it, the two Synods have been "Neck and Neck" with Pennsylvania slightly ahead. Can we not regain our former lead during the current year? Will not earnest efforts be made by presbyterial committees to secure offerings from some of the 300 churches which give nothing? Many of these have only a semblance of life, but other churches may be induced to give, if properly approached.

We would call attention again to the Barber Fund. A considerable unappropriated balance has accumulated in the hands of the Board which may legally be used in aid of "colored Presbyterian churches outside the field of the Freedmen's Board," in church building. Might not modest appropriations from this fund render timely and valuable aid in some of the cities of this Synod? Two valued members of the Board, who lived within the bounds of this Synod, have died during the past year, viz., Elders Ezra P. Hoyt, M.D., and Daniel J. Holden.

An effort should be made to stimulate our churches to secure manses where needed.

The work of the Committee cannot well be done by correspondence alone. Occasional meetings for consultation and conference are essential to thorough and effective work.

During the past two years the members of the Committee have been too scattered to hold such meetings.

It is recommended: That in the revision of the Permanent Committees of the Synod in accordance with the Standing Rules, the Committee on Church Erection, be so constituted, that its members shall be within easy reach of one another.

The Permanent Committee on Sabbath observance through its Chairman, Rev. William P. Swartz, Ph.D., presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

This year has been notable for the fact that the last and greatest of International Fairs, the St. Louis Exposition, has consistently kept its gates closed on Sunday, out of respect to the wish of the government and people of these United States, expressed in an enactment of Congress. The significant thing is, that the people and the government should make such an expression of their will; and that the directors of the Exposition were in hearty accord and sympathy therewith.

Buffalo and Chicago taught many things, but none more valuable to us, as citizens of a great republic, than a recognition of the popular respect in which the American Sabbath is held.

It is proper, also, among the Congresses assembling at the Exposition, to mention that important one just adjourned: The International Congress on Sunday rest to which the management of the Fair gave not only every courtesy but also generous financial aid.

There are not wanting evidences of a responsiveness to the claims of the Sabbath when they are courteously and frankly presented to those who can stop specific acts of desecration. The Pennsylvania railroad was improving its large station in Washington, D. C., and those in charge found Sunday with its lessened traffic "the best day for their work." But a Presbyterian minister of Washington

sent a letter directly to President Cassatt appealing to him to stop this desecration of the Lord's Day. President Cassatt replied, thanking the minister for his letter and saying: "Directions will be given to have this Sunday work stopped immediately." Many such cases might be given, but this one alone will suggest to Christian men, a method of work in behalf of Sunday rest, which may accomplish much good. Remember that "Evil is wrought for want of thought as well as want of heart."

The chief dangers we must face arise on the one hand from the excessive passion for gain and on the other from *the excessive passion for amusement*. To the former, we have long been awake, to the latter we must at once awake. At the National Capitol and in our great Metropolis, Sunday afternoons and evenings are being more devoted to social functions and dinners by many of the most influential people. Excursions to the lakes, the forests and the parks tempt the less influential and exclusive. The whole trend is away from God and the church, so far as these "lovers of pleasure" are concerned. And men sometimes demand entertainment as the price of their attendance on God's house. The time has come when the people must be roused to a higher standard of conduct and judgment. The supreme question should not be, Is it interesting, or entertaining? But is it truth, duty, the word of God?

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

It is recommended:

1. That both in private conversation and public ministry, all our ministers endeavor to secure a just consideration of the claims, duties and rightful privileges and blessings of the Christian Sabbath.

2. That in addition to all other times and opportunities, a Sabbath in April next be devoted entirely to this subject, and an offering be then taken for this cause.

3. That we heartily approve and endorse the following action of the General Assembly:

Resolved, That the General Assembly reiterates its strong and emphatic disapproval of all secular uses of the day, all games and sports, all traveling for pleasure, and all excursions, and urges upon all employers of labor and captains of industry, to recognize the need of the laboring man for his weekly Rest Day and thereby insure his greater efficiency and happiness and the greater prosperity of both Capital and Labor.

Resolved, That the General Assembly hereby reiterates its emphatic condemnation of the Sunday newspaper and urges the members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to refuse to subscribe for, or read, or advertise in it.

Resolved, That the General Assembly recommends, that a *Sabbath Observance Committee* be organized in each Presbytery to cooperate with similar committees of the other denominations within its bounds, in aiding the work of local Sabbath Associations, and where such organizations do not exist, to promote the formation of such associations in connection with the national organization, the American Sabbath Union.

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

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented the following report, which was accepted, after listening to an address by the President, Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D. :

Elmira College has entered on the fiftieth year of its existence. Did time permit, your committee would like to present to the Synod the story of this half century. Some well known Presbyterian clergymen, who believed in the higher education of women, sought to found a college for women, first in Troy, then in Auburn and, at last, through the generosity of Hon. Simeon Benjamin, of Elmira, secured for it a home in the latter city. The man to pioneer such an institution was found in Dr. Augustus W. Cowles, who planned out the work and worked out the plan for the first women's college in the United States. Like Mark Hopkins he was a college in himself. It is worthy of note in this connection, that ten years later, Matthew Vassar sent to Elmira for the model for Vassar College.

Last winter the Presbyterian Union of Elmira gave a reception to Ex-President Cowles in honor of his life work, filling for him a loving cup of appreciation while he was yet living. Your committee also bore to him the congratulations of the Synod.

During its life, the college has seen dark days. In 1896, it was a question whether it should live or die. Since 1897, when President Mackenzie entered on his administration, there has been a steady growth along all lines. The following figures will give a good idea of the changed conditions.

Then the student body numbered 126, now, 240; the number of classmen was 59, now, 140; the number of boarders was 33, now, 95; the graduating class numbered 10, the last class graduated 26. The class entering this year numbers 62. The courses of study offered have increased from 65 to 125. And the receipts for fees have increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

As an indication of the high scholarship of the college, we note that 35 are taking the full Greek and Latin classical course, 10 of these being freshmen, which is a larger proportion, than is found in some universities of the highest standing.

The college has gained the confidence of high school and academy boards to such a degree that they are asking, at a high salary, for more teachers than she can supply. In some cases, the college has furnished a succession of teachers for many years to such schools.

The large increase in the number of students demands an increase in the teaching force. Some of the classes are taught in three divisions, the plan of instruction providing that every student shall come into contact at every recitation with a fully qualified professor. The aim is to give personal instruction also where needed.

The social life of the college provides for personal intercourse with the instructors as well as personal fellowship among the students. The spiritual life of the college partakes also of these same features.

The courses of study are all that could be desired, indeed it is a question whether this college, as other colleges, has not gone too far in special courses and elective studies for students of college age, doing work which should be left to post-graduate study in universities.

Your Committee is to report to the Synod not only the condition of the college, but also its needs. That it is flourishing so well under its limited endowment is a marvel of good management. Of the millions that are invested in educational institutions by far sighted American philanthropists, there is no good reason why Elmira should not receive its share. The Presbyterians of the Synod of New York, particularly the Presbyterian women of wealth, should consider this college their special care and opportunity.

The relative value of co-educational institutions and separate colleges for women is still under discussion, and there seems to be a re-action towards the side of the Woman's college. Whatever may be the opinion on this subject, women are entering college even in larger numbers than men, and it is the fashion now for rich women to graduate at some college. This gives great promise for the future good of our country, specially for the blessing of the home and the school, the church and missions. Our Elmira Dr. Mary Niles is one of the strongest forces for good among the women of China. A college woman stands for culture, power and christian development. There will be an increasing demand for women's colleges, and Elmira, the pioneer, will have her share in this field. Among her freshmen are daughters of professors in Cornell, Ann Arbor and Yale, showing what is thought of the value of a woman's college at the very seats of co-education.

A college which has no needs would be dead. It must grow to keep alive. The large entering class presses upon the Synod the immediate necessity of enlargement in many directions. The dormitories are not sufficient to accommodate the number of students. Either cottages must be secured outside, or the class rooms, society rooms and the Library must be removed to new buildings, that the rooms thus vacated may be used as dormitories. There are two or three cottages adjacent to the college which should become the property of the college, and there may be found in the Synod those who will buy these and give them to the college with their names.

More room is needed for science work and laboratories. Scientific studies are now very popular. \$5,000 is needed immediately with which to fit the main part of the Astronomical Building into condition for this department. Something might be said on the ever growing needs of the library. It is imperative that the college possess an up to date reference library for the daily work of the students. Additions to this are always in order.

We note with pleasure the movement among the New York Alumnae of the college to endow a chair of Philosophy and Christian Ethics in honor of Ex. President Cowles.

Your Committee have been faithful in their examination of teaching done in the college and express their appreciation of its high quality and of the devotion of the professors who are in some instances doing double work.

They express their confidence in the President of the college and their admiration of the manner in which he is guiding it to success, and that with limited means; they urge the co-operation, specially of the ministers of the Synod, with him in raising endowments for the college and in providing aid for worthy students; also in calling the attention of young ladies, entering college, in their parishes, to the advantages of Elmira, as affording not only an education of a high order, but also one offering a superior social culture and christian development.

The Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years reported their recommendations, which were adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved.

A recess was taken until half past seven o'clock this evening.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod reassembled.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. James H. Robinson, D.D.

The Permanent Committee on Home Missions, through Rev. James Todd, D.D., presented the following report, which was accepted and after an address by Rev. Lyman Whitney Allen, D.D., its recommendations were adopted :

Home Missions form the mainstay of Christian Patriotism. The motto, "For God, and Home, and Nation," must ever blaze brightly on the banner of our Church.

The army of nearly 1700 missionaries, in the Home Mission fields, shows that our beloved Church is loyal to the idea of Christ as the rock of American civilization, and that the gospel must honey-comb the nation with virtue, hope, and peace. It is therefore in the broad attitude of Patriots, as well as Christians we should, as a Synod, renew our attention to the great work of Home Missions, carried on by our Presbyterian Church. The long line of these consecrated, and strenuous men and women have stood for over a century as moral guardians between the nation, and direst perils in many portions of the great new West. The story of their noble work should make the heart throb, and stir each to an exuberant enthusiasm. They are imbued with the true spirit of evangelism, which has inspired all great heroes of the cross, and most of them count no sacrifice too great, that the gospel may reach human souls, and win them for Jesus Christ.

As the result of their divinely honored labors, 7378 persons united with the Church on profession of faith, and 4759 have been received by letter, making altogether 12,137 last year. Also, we gratefully record that during the year, 115 Churches were organized, 67 Church buildings erected, and \$68,163 of Church debts were cancelled. The total membership of the Home Mission Churches is 61,813. There are 1627 Sabbath Schools belonging to them, 226 of which were organized last year. We should thank God and rejoice; for, all along the firing line from New Mexico to Skagway, victories for our Lord have been won.

The revenue of the Board last year for carrying on this great work was \$828,876.91 and the expenditures were \$825,696.65, leaving a balance of \$3180.26.

The amounts raised by the self-supporting Synods for their work augmented this amount to over a million dollars. We note with gratitude to God that the portion of the Synod within the limits of this state has attained self-support. For this home work the presbyteries of our state have contributed \$28,090.65, and in addi-

tion have given \$78,847.36 for the evangelistic work of the Board, an increase of \$2,495.36 over last year. For mission school work, it gave \$60,087.79 and for all Home Mission work last year, our Synod gave \$417,893. May this high water mark never be lowered is the earnest prayer of your committee.

The Presbytery of Boston, which is within the bounds of this Synod can report progress. Last year, one church, Haverhill became self-supporting, a general advance was made all along the line, a new mission opened in Maine and an increasingly large number added to the membership of the church. Still there is no room for boasting, for the apparent generosity of these gifts is less than 4½ cents per week, from each communicant, from this great center of wealth and spiritual influence.

There is great need of pressing the divine plan of systematic and proportionate giving to missions.

The need of more thorough consecration and intenser effort in Home Missions is paramount and we should respond with open ear and helpful hand.

Last year \$60,000 was asked for new work which had to be declined. In ten years Oklahoma's population has increased ten-fold. This is true to some extent of most western states.

The growth of population in our land has been going steadily on and the churches have not kept pace with this increase, and from the south to Alaska immortal souls are crying as of old, "Come over and help us." Therefore, let all arise by the help of the Master, to bear and do what in us lies in the glorious work of planting the blood-stained banner of the cross, with our blue flag of Presbyterianism, wherever waves the stars and stripes of our Republic.

Your committee recommend :

1. That the Synod call the attention of the Churches to the urgent need of the gospel, for the ever increasing foreign population massed in our large cities, and that special effort be put forth to evangelize our land for the sake of home and country.

2. That as \$900,000 is imperatively needed for the work of the Board this year, the Synod do its part, through its Presbyterial Home Mission Committees, sessions, and pastors by holding conferences, and planning for systematic contributions and increased offerings in securing the same.

3. That the Synod recognize the continued progress of the work of the Board in the New England States,—a part of our Synodical territory,—and commend it to the continued support of the Board.

4. That the Synod recommend to its Churches, so far as practicable, to observe Sabbath, October 30th, which has been named by the Assembly, as a day of thanksgiving, in memory of the centenary of the Louisiana Purchase, and for what the gospel has accomplished in bringing the West to Jesus Christ; and on that day, or some other adjacent Sabbath, a special offering be taken for the work of the Board.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The remaining Minutes of Wednesday's Sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on the place of the next meeting reported a cordial invitation from the Park Central Church, Syracuse.

The invitation was accepted with the hearty thanks of the Synod, and the session of that church was appointed the Committee of Arrangements with power to add to their number.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows, and its recommendations were adopted :

1. As to the following overture referred to it by this body, that the Moderator appoint a Committee of five ministers and five elders, who shall take into consideration the condition of our churches in reference to the supply of religious periodicals in our families and what may be done to better the situation, and report their conclusions to the next Synod, it is recommended that this overture be approved.

2. As to the paper from the publishers of the *Assembly Herald* relating to increasing the circulation of that periodical, it is recommended that the Synod urge its members to do all in their power to encourage the circulation of this magazine.

3. As to the overture from certain churches of Brooklyn Presbytery requesting to be transferred to the Presbytery of New York, it is recommended that the following action be taken: "Whereas the First Church of Edgewater of Stapleton, and Calvary Church, West New Brighton, Staten Island, have each requested to be transferred from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, to the Presbytery of New York, and whereas each of said presbyteries recommends that such transfer be made, it is hereby resolved and ordered that said churches be and are hereby transferred from the care of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, to the care of the Presbytery of New York, and that Rev. Theodore A. Leggett, and Rev. Edward J. Russell be and are hereby detached from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and united to the Presbytery of New York, and resolved, that the boundary of the Presbytery of Brooklyn be changed by detaching from said Presbytery, the territory in the Borough of Richmond, in Greater New York, commonly called Staten Island, and said territory so detached be and hereby is united to the territory in the present bounds of the Presbytery of New York.

4. As to a paper from Rev. J. Lloyd Lee and others relating to some proposed changes in the appendix to the Minutes of Synod, it is recommended that no action be taken.

The Committee appointed to nominate the Trustees of Synod and the Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College reported, and the following persons recommended were duly elected by ballot :

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., Nathan B. Roberts, E. T. Hanford, for the term expiring in 1905; Rev. J. Frederick Fitschen, Jr., Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D., Alexander P. Ketchum, Benjamin P. Wayne, for the term expiring in 1906; Rev. David G. Wylie,

D.D., Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D.D., Ralph E. Prime, LL.D., James Vereance, for the term expiring in 1907.

Trustees of Elmira College: John Brand, Henry G. Merriam, F. M. Howell, Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D., Herman A. Carmer, Esq., and Mrs. Helen B. Turner, for the term expiring in 1907; Mr. Elmer Dean in place of Judge Seymour Dexter, deceased, for the term expiring in 1906. Examiners: Rev. R. Lew Williams, Rev. Daniel MacKay, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, D.D., for the term expiring in 1907; and Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, D.D., in place of Rev. Newton L. Reed, resigned, for the term expiring in 1905.

Gen. Ralph E. Prime declining to serve as trustee of Synod at the present time, Col. John J. McCook was elected to serve in his stead.

The Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented its report which was accepted and the following is an abstract thereof:

With satisfaction and gratitude the Woman's Synodical Society of the Synod of New York reports its receipts from all sources, during the last ecclesiastical year as \$81,070.22 only a trifle less than the previous year. There was a slight falling off also in the receipts from the Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools. The Home Board has assigned special objects for the contributions of Sabbath Schools in connection with Thanksgiving and Washington's Birthday, and in December for colored people. If these days were observed by all the Sabbath Schools of our Synod, there would never be a decrease in their gifts. We have undertaken the erection of a testimonial building, in honor of Miss Mary A. Wells, the esteemed Freedmen's Secretary of our Society in this Synod, to be called by her name and to be connected with the Mary Potter School at Oxford, N. C.

With the consent of the Freedmen's Board, all monies, from all sources, (pledged work being fully met), are to be applied to this building and we hope to report next year that a large part of the ten thousand dollars needed, will have been paid in.

Good cheer and aid in the way of mission boxes to ministers' families, schools and individual workers on Home Mission fields reached a valuation of \$42,817.36, an advance of more than three thousand dollars over last year. Thus making our total contributions through our Synodical Societies amount to \$123,887.58.

With humility and thanksgiving we may well say, "What hath God wrought," for without His help, our efforts would have been in vain. To Him therefore we reverently bow and exclaim "To Him be the glory."

The Committee to nominate the Woman's Committee on Home Missions presented its report, which was accepted, and the appointments were made accordingly.

See Appendix.

The Committee to nominate visitors to colleges and seminaries presented the following report which was adopted:

Auburn Seminary: *Ministers*—David G. Wylie, A. Russell Stevenson, Alexander McGaffin; *Elders*—William A. Rogers, A. R. Conover.

Hamilton College: *Ministers*—William P. Swartz, Walter R. Ferris, Theodore M. Carlisle; *Elders*—Alfred W. McMurray, Edwin A. Young.

New York University: *Ministers*—William F. Whitaker, Cleland B. McAfee, William P. Stevenson; *Elders*—William W. Smith, John Aikin.

The Permanent Committee on Education presented the following report, which, after an address by Rev. Joseph Lyon Ewing, was approved:

The receipts of the Board of Education during the past year from Churches, Sabbath Schools, Young People's Societies and individuals amounted to \$49,344.50. The total receipts, from all sources, amounted to \$65,214.63, being an increase of \$293.19 as compared with last year's report. The economical conditions under which the Board is able to carry on its work made it possible to keep the expenses for administration down to \$7,637.99. The rate of aid of \$100 for college and seminary students and \$90 for those in academies was maintained.

The number of students within our Synod receiving aid was 47, a decrease during the year of nine. The number of churches within the Synod contributing was 522. 382 churches failed to give anything to this cause. The total amount given by our churches was \$7,332, a decrease for the year of \$484. The amount drawn from the Board in aid of our students was \$4,502, (being an average of \$95.78 to each man).

The total number of candidates enrolled under the Board the past year was 608. This is a falling off since 1896, the year when the number was the highest, of 429, and a decrease of three from last year's report. The number of negro candidates for the year was 92, an increase of five over the past year. Thirty German, seven Spanish-speaking candidates, several Hungarians and Bohemians and one or two Indians have been among those enrolled during the year.

The problem of providing a competent and sufficient ministry for the constantly increasing numbers of immigrants speaking strange tongues has continued to occupy the attention of the Board in consultation with the special committee of General Assembly on this subject, and with several of the theological seminaries. The Board secured the assent of the last General Assembly to a proposition that the two German Schools should become polyglot institutions, the Board undertaking, to give to Italians, Magyar and other candidates, other than German, a somewhat larger appropriation than others receive, in order to assist the seminaries to employ additional tutors. The matter has been taken up with much promise of success at the German Theological School of Newark, and quite a number of Italian and Magyar candidates have been found in our own country. The Board has also received special gifts to bring over two highly recommended young men from Budapest; and another candidate from abroad has been found with such high qualifications as to education that he can be employed to teach the Magyar language; and a tutor in Italian also has been secured.

As the cases of the new candidates of foreign extraction are quite exceptional and can only be brought within the province of Constitutional rule number 3 after some months of delay, the Board is needing money badly to advance, for the education of these candidates, until the time when the formal recommendations can be received. Your committee, therefore, would make an earnest plea for special contributions to the board at this crisis, for the new expenses coming upon it in the way we have described, will make a severe drain upon the treasury, which last year was overtaxed.

We cannot close our report without reference to a great sorrow that has come to the Board and the great loss to it and to our Church, in the death, December 17th, 1903, of the beloved and experienced president of the Board, the Rev. George D. Baker, D.D. He was exceedingly capable and faithful in the discharge of the duties of his office, and his loss is sadly felt.

We would call attention to the need of continued and earnest prayer to Him who reserves to Himself the prerogative of calling men into the ministry, that He will be pleased to incline the hearts of the choicest sons of the Church to devote their lives to the preaching of the gospel, and we would urge all parents and pastors to bring the calling of the ministry to the attention of young men, and to seek out such, as are adapted to the ministry.

We would urge also, in accordance with the recommendation of the last General Assembly, that the last Thursday in January, 1905, be observed in all our churches as a day of prayer for schools and colleges, and that special prayer be then made for an increase of suitable candidates.

The Permanent Committee on Young People's Societies offered the following report which was accepted and after an address by Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., its recommendations were adopted :

We find the organizations of young people quite varied in their names and character. Christian Endeavor Societies predominate. Beside the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, there are not a few Junior and some Intermediate Societies. King's Daughters Circles exist in goodly numbers, and there are Mission Bands, Leagues, etc.

It is impossible to give accurate figures as to the number of Societies, membership, etc., though from information within reach we may judge that the year has brought considerable gain in this particular.

The reports are encouraging, even more so than one year ago. Difficulties are mentioned. Problems are not ignored. Nobody believes that the ideal situation is at hand. But there is a disposition to meet the conditions as they exist, with faith, wisdom and zeal. This is our hope for the future. We are beginning to recognize the importance of this work. We are beginning to see its possibilities and to tremble in view of the loss which must inevitably follow, if we shall be recreant to our trust. We are beginning to grapple with the problem. When the entire church shall do this there is no uncertainty as to the result.

There is a general acknowledgment of weakness in the matters of oversight and leadership. Presbyteries do not keep in touch with the young people as they should. For the most part committees are content with collecting statistics at the end of the year. Many a society is unaware of the existence of such a body. Where suggestions are made, they often fail to reach their destination. There must be a more painstaking and persistent leadership before the day of better things can dawn. Sessions have been altogether too careless in their relation to the societies. No church can fulfill its obligation to its young people except by thought, prayer and sympathetic interest.

In some parts of the field there has been encouraging growth in the missionary spirit. Several Presbyteries rejoice in larger interest in mission study. One church

is mentioned where a class of 40 men are looking into the claims and needs of the Redeemer's Kingdom, week by week. One report claims an increase of 25 per cent in missionary giving. In spite of these items of progress, in certain quarters the gifts of our young people for both Foreign and Home Missions show decrease. The total contributions to Foreign Missions is \$16,424.59, which is \$1056.82 less than last year. They gave to Home Missions \$12,100.82 a loss of \$516.66. It is interesting to notice, however, that notwithstanding the total decrease, the Young People's Societies which bear the name of Christian Endeavor, increased their gifts to this work by \$345.26. Whether this is true of the contributions to the Foreign Board we have no information. It is evident that while the aggregate gifts of our young people form a considerable amount, they are far from what they might be. Here is a field which we have scarcely begun to work. We must cultivate it, else we shall have no harvests in days ahead. Faithful tillage now will bring large results.

There is a feeling of hopefulness as to the ministry of General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies. The appointment of such a committee has tended to lift the work out of the seeming insignificance to which it had been consigned, into its proper dignity and moment. The churches are waiting with expectancy for the help the Committee may offer.

We recommend:

1. That Synod reassert its belief in the strategic importance of the young people's work, and its unceasing purpose to foster and develop this department into its rightful efficiency by means of every agency within its reach.
2. That Presbyteries be exhorted to a closer relation with the Young People's Societies, and to greater intelligence and zeal in oversight and leadership, and that Presbyterial Committees be reminded that the Synod of 1903 requested them to report annually to Synod's Committee before September 1st.
3. That sessions be exhorted to give more attention to the young life of the church and with careful guidance, and tender sympathy, to seek its development in knowledge, spiritual strength and Christian activity.
4. That Synod express its hearty approval of the study courses which have been planned by General Assembly's Committee, touching upon the Bible, the History, Doctrine, Polity and Missionary Work; that Presbyteries and Sessions be requested to urge this important matter upon the churches and that the young people be asked to form classes for study wherever practicable.

The Permanent Committee on Ministerial Relief presented a verbal report which was accepted; Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., addressed the Synod on this subject.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee has examined the Annual report of the Treasurer of Synod, compared the vouchers with the charges and finds the same correct.

The following is the Treasurer's report for the year closing Oct. 1, 1904.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 876 56
Receipts from Presbyteries.....	1075 05
Sale of Office Furniture.....	15 90
Interest on Bank Account.....	8 59
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	\$1976 10

Against which the following bills have been audited by your Committee :

Temporary Clerks, Salaries.....	\$ 40 00	
Printing of Minutes and Postage thereon.....	256 25	
Bond Synodical Treasurer..	20 00	
Storage	6 00	
Elmira Examiners.....	53 20	
Stated Clerk's Salary.....	400 00	
Systematic Beneficence Committee.....	6 00	
Postage and Incidentals, Stated Clerk..	19 74	
Stationery and Incidentals, Treasurer.....	15 05	
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	\$816 24	
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1904.....		\$1159 86

We have also considered the resolution presented to Synod and referred to this Committee, relating to instituting a Mileage System for this Synod and recommend that this whole matter be referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Frederick E. Shearer, D.D., J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Henry M. Dodd, Alfonso R. Olney, D.D., and Elders William H. Parsons and Henry W. Jessup for consideration and that they report thereon at the next meeting of Synod.

The Permanent Committee on Evangelistic Work, through Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., presented the following report, which was accepted and after an address by Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D., its recommendation was adopted :

Our churches and pastors, in almost every community, are obliged to face three distinct phases of evangelistic work.

First the Evangelical work within the parish itself. Three methods are employed.

(a) Evangelists are sometimes called in with beneficial results. New voices and new methods have often been used of God for rich ingathering and blessed upbuilding.

(b) Neighboring pastors often exchange and co-operate with each other to the lasting benefit of both fields.

(c) Every pastor ought to be evangelistic as well as evangelical. In such cases a constant work of grace may go on throughout an entire ministry as was the experience of Rev. Dr. Cuyler, during his long and blessed ministry. There are men in our pulpits today, who, while not so conspicuously blessed as he, the conditions being different, still know the joy of accessions at every celebration of the Lord's Supper.

(2.) Regions in which churches are either wholly neglected or sadly crippled, the report of the Committee on Synodical Home Missions brought this work graphically before us. These people are mostly Americans, not foreigners, and in the course of a few years of neglect, whether in city or country, these once fertile fields will be overgrown with sin's rankest products.

(3.) Into the bounds of our Synod during the last few years, thousands of foreigners have poured, not only into our great cities, but also into the smaller ones, and into the rural districts. It is a problem how to secure pastors who can speak their language. One-tenth of Schenectady's population is Italian, about five thousand in number. Few of them ever attend the Roman Catholic Church, while the Protestants, so far, have no one to labor among them.

From whatever point we view the problem, a lack of men and means at once appears.

While commending all which has been done, and is being done in the securing of evangelists, the coöperation of neighboring pastors and the burning zeal of these ministers who are ever alive to their work, is not this truth as clear as the noon day sun, that an active, loving campaign for souls, should at once be inaugurated. This is needed for upbuilding as well as ingathering. From Korea learn a lesson. She today surpasses other mission fields because every convert seeks to convert others.

It is recommended that every pastor and session enter upon a campaign of personal evangelism during this coming year.

More we cannot do, less we ought not to do.

Recess was taken until 2.30 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod reassembled and was led in prayer by Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, D.D.

The following action was taken :

The Synod having listened to the report of Elmira College and noting the phenomenal growth of the institution during the past few years, a growth which calls for increased accommodations for pupils in residence, additional class-rooms and laboratories, and which also demands for the maintenance of its well-known high standard of education, considerable addition to the teaching force and consequent expense, therefore,

The Synod specially commends Elmira College to the most favorable consideration of the College Board of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted :

Certain papers purporting to be an appeal from John E. Whitbeck against the action of the Presbytery of Geneva have been referred to your committee :

We find the Appeal not in order, because written notice of Appeal with specifica-

tions of the errors alleged, was not given to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Geneva nor to the Moderator thereof, within ten days after judgment was rendered as required by the Book of Discipline, Section 96.

We therefore recommend that no action be taken.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that it had examined the Minutes and found nothing calling for the special action of the Synod. The report was accepted.

It was ordered that the necessary expenses of the Members of the Board of Trustees of Synod in attending the meetings of that body be defrayed from Synod's Treasury.

The Committee to collate the reports of the Committees on the records of the Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records of the following Presbyteries be approved :

Albany, Boston, Buffalo, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, New York, Niagara, North River, Otsego, Porto Rico, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester. The report was adopted.

The Committee further reported as follows and the report was adopted.

It recommends for approval the Records of the Presbytery of Binghamton with the following exception that on page 110 the Presbytery sustained exceptions to the records of the churches of Binghamton First, Immanuel, Afton and Preble, but in no case is the exception recorded by the Presbytery. The records of the Presbyteries of Cayuga, Chile, Eastern Persia, North Laos and Siam were not presented.

A Memorial from the Indian Territory Church Federation for prohibition statehood was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

On the recommendation of that Committee, the following memorial was ordered sent to the Congress of the United States as expressing the sentiment of this body: Whereas the Statehood bill, commonly known as the Hamilton Bill, now pending before the Senate of the United States after passing the House of Representatives does not provide for maintaining strict laws in that territory against the introduction, sale, barter or giving away of liquors and intoxicants, therefore we do hereby respectfully invite the attention of the honorable Senate of the United States to the omission from the said Hamilton Bill of any provision fulfilling the said pledge of the Federal Government, and beg to represent that such omission, if not cured, would seem to constitute an act of bad faith on the part of the Government toward a helpless people; and we do hereby most earnestly memorialize the Congress of the United States to include, in whatever form of State government which may be given to Indian Territory, (among the several other requirements already stipulated in said Hamilton Bill and which may be approved by Congress as conditions precedent to statehood) the incorporation of an effective provision in the

Constitution of the New State against the sale of intoxicating liquors within the borders of what is now known as Indian Territory, according to the terms and meaning of the sacred pledges, of the Federal Government to the said five civilized tribes.

It was also ordered that the Moderator and Stated Clerk of Synod prepare a letter to be transmitted to both houses of Congress in connection with above memorial, declaring and emphasizing the respectful will and desire of the Synod of New York, on the question presented, concerning the sale of liquor in the Indian Territory.

The Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. Charles A. Richmond, D.D., Chairman, presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted :

The Career of Systematic Beneficence during the past year has been more or less checkered. We have lost in some large ways, on the other hand, we have gained in a small but very significant way. The record will appear in the following tables :

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

BOARDS.	1902.	1903.	1904.	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions.....	\$379,478	\$418,469	\$417,893	.....	\$576
Foreign Missions.....	206,863	211,346	211,173	.....	173
Education.....	11,681	20,165	11,945	.....	8,220
Sunday-School Work.....	23,622	23,916	23,455	.....	461
Church Erection.....	23,006	59,272	21,734	.....	28,538
Ministerial Relief.....	21,591	21,538	19,468	.....	2,079
Synodical Missions.....	27,046	26,533	35,126	\$ 8,593	.....
Freedmen.....	26,691	33,960	26,150	.....	7,756
Aid for Colleges.....	15,743	17,182	28,225	11,043	.....
Total to Boards.....	\$ 735,121	\$ 823,327	\$705,169	\$19,636	\$47,794
General Assembly.....	14,225	17,195	16,702	.....	406
Congregat'l Expenses.....	2,728,562	2,739,469	2,417,229	.....	313,240
Miscellaneous.....	271,591	305,646	296,128	.....	9,518
Grand Total.....	\$3,749,499	\$3,876,640	\$3 525,228	\$19,636	\$371,048

Net Loss, \$351,412

II. A Comparison of Actual Receipts by the Boards.

BOARDS.	1902.	1903.	1904.	Gain.	Loss.
Home Missions.....	\$132,970	\$137,056	\$138,635	\$1,879	.....
Foreign Missions.....	108,347	100,640	109,995	9,346	.....
Education.....	10,216	7,816	7,332	.....	\$484
Sunday-School Work.....	16,738	17,520	17,371	.....	149
Church Erection.....	12,519	13,463	13,009	.....	654
Ministerial Relief.....	22,810	20,318	19,041	.....	1,277
Synodical Missions.....	26,691	24,768	25,763	995	.....
Freedmen.....	25,288	25,587	24,742	.....	845
Aid for Colleges.....	7,227	6,943	7,746	803	.....
Total.....	\$362,806	\$354,320	\$363,934	\$13,023	\$3,409

Net Gain, \$9,614.

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

BOARDS.	1902.	1903.	1904.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions.....	\$12,992	\$7,990	\$6,217	\$1,673	.....
Education.....	5,400	5,691	4,502	1,189	.....
Ministerial Relief.....	19,132	19,457	19,470	.....	\$13
Church Erection.....	9,400	2,200	5,775	.....	3,575
Total.....	\$46,924	\$35,338	\$35,964	\$2,862	\$3,558

Net Increase, \$726

IV. Comparison Rate per Member.

OBJECTS.	1903.	1904.	Gain.	Loss.
To all objects.....	\$20 56	\$18 71	.....	\$185
To Congregational and General Assembly.....	14 57	12 52	.....	165
To Benevolence at Large.....	6 04	6 24	20	.....
To Boards of the Church.....	1 89	1 94	05	.....

SUMMARY.

A.

Loss to all Objects, 1904 over 1903.....	\$351,412
Loss to all Objects, per Member.....	1.85
Loss to Congregational Expenses and General Assembly.....	313,736
Loss to Congregational Expenses and General Assembly, per Member.....	1.65
Loss to Benevolence at Large.....	28,158
Loss to Benevolence at Large, per Member.....	.14

The above is based upon Tables 1 and 4, figures taken from General Assembly Minutes.

B.

The following is based upon Tables 2 and 3, figures taken from the books of the Boards (actual receipts).

Gain to the Boards of the Church, 1904 over 1903.....	\$9,614
Gain per Member of the Church.....	.05

The Churches of Synod drew from the Boards \$726 more in 1904 than in 1903.

The only important loss of the past year has been in Congregational expenses, a loss of \$300,000, or more. This is not alarming, for we may count on our churches taking care of themselves without the direction or advice of Synod. This loss may mean some curtailment of expenditures on music, or repairs, or other incidentals. It may possibly mean a reduction of ministers' salaries, a thought we refuse to entertain, as it might cast a gloom over the Assemblage. The gain is on the sums given to the Boards. These figures we take from the books of the Boards and are the only really reliable figures for purposes of comparison. With scarcely an exception, for ten years, your present chairman has been obliged to report a falling off in gifts to the Boards. Jeremiah is not a congenial role, and it is with great delight that today

we may borrow Isaiah's voice and bid you rejoice and be glad. The gain has been small, only \$96.14, or five cents a member, but it is a gain and not a loss, and for this crumb of comfort, we are grateful.

But comparisons from year to year are hardly broad enough for the foundation of any large generalization or for the marking or measuring of a movement or tendency in beneficence. We have made therefore a comparison with fifteen years ago, that we may get some idea of the drift of Synod in the matter of gifts to the Boards of the Church.

C.

COMPARISON WITH 1889—FIFTEEN YEARS.

The actual receipts from the churches of New York Synod in 1889 were as follows :

Home Missions	\$162,768
Foreign Missions	110,230
Education	16,538
Sunday School Work	11,689
Church Erection	18,889
Relief Fund	29,302
Freedmen	22,282
Sustentation	9,683
Aid for Colleges	7,907

A comparison with the receipts in 1904 shows a loss to all the Boards excepting Sunday School Work, Freedmen and Synodical Missions, a net loss of \$25,359. In the meantime our list of members has grown from 157,906 in 1889 to 189,515 in 1904, a gain of 31,609.

In 1889 we gave to the Boards an average of \$2.53. In 1904 an average of \$1.93, a loss of \$.60 a member. If we gave today even at the rate of giving in 1889 we should add \$79,022 to our gifts to the Boards.

Taking Home Missions as a representative Board—In fifteen years the gifts to Home Missions from the Synod of New York, including the sums given to Synodical Missions, has fallen from \$172,451 to \$164,698, a loss of \$7,753. This in spite of the fact that under the new plan, gifts to Synodical Missions have increased from \$9,683 in 1889 to \$25,763 in 1904. In the same time every other large Synod, including Baltimore, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania, has increased its contributions to the extent of 50 per cent or more. In the same period the above Synods, including New York, have reduced the amounts drawn from the Board of Home Missions, Indiana, Ohio and New Jersey receiving nothing.

The study of these figures brings us to this inevitable conclusion, either the Presbyterian church in this Synod is not as *able* to give to the Boards of the church as it was fifteen years ago or it is not as *willing* to give. But if we are not as able to give, how is it we can afford to spend \$2,417,229 on congregational expenses in 1904, when we only spent \$2,044,801, for the same object in 1894. How is it with an enrollment larger by 31,609, we spend nearly \$400,000 more upon ourselves, and give \$25,000 less to the missionary and benevolent work of our own church. We

say we have lost some of our best givers and that is true. Observation of ten years in the Presbytery of Albany has revealed a fact, when one of the fathers in Israel who has maintained generously the work of the Boards is called home, his estate falls into the hands of the aliens, "The wind passeth over it, and it is gone and the place thereof shall know it no more." We have heard the same painful story from other presbyteries. But are there not young men growing up in our churches whom the Lord is blessing with wealth, who are strong enough to take the place of those liberal hearted saints who have gone to glory? It would be strange indeed if the Presbyterian church in this Synod should be poorer than it was 15 years ago. With all the wealth and prosperity, it would be strange, if taking the Synod, man by man, we could not give more now than we could then. Some churches have grown weaker but others have grown stronger in numbers, in ability, and we believe also in willingness to give. And yet, year by year, the gifts to the Boards are dwindling. We would not voluntarily take the other horn of the dilemma that we are less willing to give, nevertheless we cannot blame the facts. It is a condition and not a theory, that confronts us. To be sure there are now local charities to support, the calls on our purses multiply. "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." It is pertinent to ask, are we not making the mistake of substituting diverse and scattering charities for the more concentrated and more legitimate beneficence which our own church has organized, and which every loyal Presbyterian is bound to support, as God has prospered him? We love to talk about the greatness and the glory of our Presbyterian church, of the magnificent missionary work she is doing, of her liberality, her devotion. It is a seductive theme, we love to lose ourselves in glittering generalities, in contemplation of our achievements, in the large and expansive way. But is this not ludicrous like the St. Petersburg celebration. They are always winning victories, but then somehow are all the time retreating. Is this not true in our Synod's support of the Boards? Let us get down and look this humble fact in the face, in this Synod we are doing less to support the work of our Boards, than we did fifteen years ago, less not by an insignificant measure but less by a total of \$79,000. The church at large has advanced, the work has not stopped, but somewhere in this land some churches *are making good, must make good* the losses the Boards sustain in this Synod. We recognize gratefully, the sacrifices made, the liberality that has not failed, the devotion which lives in the heart of so many Christian souls in the churches of this Synod. But the time has not come, I pray God it may never come, when our church here or anywhere will be content to recede or even merely to hold our own. The Presbyterian is a progressive church, as Christianity is a progressive religion. And if there be one thing to which the life and spirituality of the church are painfully sensitive, it is to the slightest diminution of the streams of liberality. Systematic beneficence is a hard and unattractive subject. Statistics are proverbially dull. Figures sometimes lie and we may add, liars sometimes figure. But let us get back to the soul of the statistics, for statistics have souls, if corporations have not. Let us try to interpret the figures of the report. What do they mean? There are nearly 900 churches in this Synod, with an average of about 200 members. The \$363,000 given to the Boards for beneficence is made up of gifts ranging from one cent to large amounts. What lies behind these offerings? Not so much ministerial nagging,

forcing and begging, but so much devotion and sacrifice, so much gratitude and love for Christ and his blessed cause. You all know shining instances. In my own church, pardon the personal allusion, a washer-woman came to me a few months ago with five dollars for mission work. She is supporting a family of children and this gift meant not only the laying of five days more hard work on God's altar, but self-sacrifice on the part of all. And the beautiful thing about it was that it gave her so much pleasure to give it, God bless her. This is what lies back of this \$363,000. Now follow these gifts, where do they go, and what do they go for—they go to produce what Dr. Cuyler calls, "Sermons in Shoes" to care for needy souls in all parts of the world—to heal the sick and open the eyes of the blind and preach the gospel to the poor—to make wells in the valleys of Baca—to plant oases in the desert. And what does this loss of \$25,000 in 15 years mean? It means so much loss of devotion in the churches, at least to the work of the church. A falling off of interest, either in a few large givers or in many small ones. On the other side, it means withdrawing men from the field—closing doors—shortening cords and weakening stakes, abandoning the wells and gardens which our missionaries have dug and planted with such infinite labor. This is what the word loss, means, in a systematic beneficence report.

Men think there is something commercial in the very word and conception of money. But that is a vulgar error. We cannot think of anything with more heart and soul in it, more spirituality, more of Christ in it, than the penny the good Samaritan gave to the care of the man, who fell among thieves. The widow's two mites are an undying and potent spiritual entity. Let us raise the whole subject of Systematic Beneficence, out of the sphere of the Commercial, into the sphere of the Spiritual, where it belongs. If we only understood it, we should find just here, the surest test of church life. It is a test and a measure of a man's faith and love, for love in its essence is a longing to bless, a passion for giving itself. You cannot measure devotion, by religious speaking, for some have no gift of speech. You cannot measure it by visiting the sick, for some are sick themselves, or by teaching in the Sunday School, for all cannot teach. The only thing we can all do is to give, and every man can give in some degree, and if a man does not want to give, that man's religion is vain. The first impulse of a true disciple of Christ is to give: His service does not stop, but begins there, and so far giving is both a test and a gauge. Sometimes when deep wells become clogged, they shoot the wells, clear them of debris and drive them deeper. Then the water or the oil will gush forth in plenty.

It is in the hope of furnishing some small charge of dynamite that we offer this report today. There are stores of living water, at the heart of our Presbyterian Church, full enough to overflow and gladden the whole land. There are wells deep enough, if we will only clear them, to fill the cup of every thirsty child of God that comes to the well side hoping to find Jesus sitting there.

Or, if we call it oil, there are cisterns rich enough to supply the lamps for thousands of dark hearts and homes, that they may be set on high and give light unto all that are in the house, and either figure will do, for Christ is at once, the water of life and the light of the world.

May God give us grace, wisdom and power enough to reach these hidden streams. To that end we venture to name these practical suggestions or recommendations.

1. That each church in the Synod establish a personal relation with some specific work under the different Boards. The Boards themselves are urging this, recognizing the value of the personal touch that does so much to deepen and sustain interest.

2. The adoption of some form of the Pledge system in church beneficence. Those who have studied this subject deeply, approve this method as the best. The Secretaries of the Boards recommend it. Many of our most liberal churches practice it. Two churches are instances in point. Last year they adopted the pledge system for beneficences. One of them, increased its contributions to the Boards fifty and the other seventy per cent. This is the common experience of churches.

3. That every pastor be urged to preach a sermon sometime before Jan. 1st, on the privilege, duty and practice of Systematic Beneficence.

4. That the amount of six dollars be paid to the Committee to defray the expense of printing for the past year.

In connection with the above report, the following action was taken: That the facts contained in this report may be brought to the attention of the churches, we recommend that the report be printed and a copy sent to each Presbyterian pastor in the Synod.

The Permanent Committee on Aid for Colleges, Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., chairman, offered the following report which was accepted and after an address by Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin, D.D., its recommendations were adopted:

The Presbyterian Church must be loyal to The Board of Aid for Colleges, or she must go back on her history. When all other churches have brought their men up to the standard which she set and maintained, or are bringing them up to it as rapidly as possible, it is not the hour for halt or retreat. Precisely the work which was done in the East and middle West fifty or more years ago, needs to be done today in our rapidly growing West. We are giving, if at all, out of our superabundance, while our forefathers gave until they felt keenly the self-denial involved. Only in the newer parts of our land are men and women making sacrifices at all comparable to those made by our forefathers for this worthy cause. Only that Church can lead the hosts of Christ's workers whose key notes and clarion cry are sacrifice and service.

Not only had the Board of Aid for Colleges the approval of the General Assembly of our Church at its inception, but now that it has rounded out more than a score of years of service, it has received its most hearty and enthusiastic endorsement. Let any business man or preacher study the facts concerning the methods and work of this Board and he will be delighted, at every turn with the statesmanlike views, efficiency, and economy. I know of no field today in which philanthropic men and women can find richer opportunities for investment than here. In the large institutions of the East only large sums seem to count. In these newer fields men and women of moderate means can build dormitories, endow chairs, or even meet the annual deficiency of an entire institution without overtaxing their resources. The Synod of New York should especially arouse herself at this time. She has a splendid opportunity. The Board has removed to our own great Metropolis, and her

work will inevitably come more and more under the direction of men whose ability and fidelity we have proven over and over again.

These small Colleges have been our best recruiting ground for the ministry, these many years. The reason is apparent. When the annual expenditure of a student in one of our Eastern institutions, by far surpasses the average salary of ministers of our Church, it is not difficult to understand why a young man should conclude that it would be out of the question for him to maintain himself and a family on such a paltry sum. Their eyes and their desires naturally, almost inevitably, turn to more remunerative fields in which they may render honorable service. Where young men have been obliged to count every penny, or perchance, as is so often the case, earn every penny, they are not appalled at the modest income of the average pastor, and are able also to consider the worth of his service.

The Board of Aid for Colleges and the institutions under its care appeal to us especially this year. For the very best of reasons they have been bending every energy to securing new buildings and larger endowments. A considerable degree of success has attended their efforts, but there has been attendant, and almost inevitable difficulty. An increase in this particular, has meant a decrease in many cases for current or annual expenses. Without very much larger gifts from the Churches, deficiencies will be unavoidable. It is easy to say to the men in charge, you must not go into debt. The difficulty is to see how they can help it. It is another of those cases where concentrated burdens crush, and where distributed burdens are easily borne. If every pastor in this Synod would simply lay the facts before his people and give them an opportunity to contribute after they have been duly informed and aroused, the problem would be solved.

It is recommended :

1. That special efforts be made in all our churches in order that gain in endowment and plant may not mean deficiency for current expenses.
2. That Education Day be observed and emphasized in all our churches, a Sunday near the Day of Prayer for Colleges, to instruct Congregations regarding the principles of this cause. Two of the Churches which are today leading in number and power, lead also in the number of Colleges aided, and in the amounts contributed for their support. The connection is obvious and inevitable. He that sows bountifully reaps bountifully.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Schools was again taken up and accepted and its recommendations were adopted. It is as follows :

The importance of the faithful training and instruction of the young in religious things cannot be over-estimated by our churches.

It is now an accepted fact that no modern church is complete without its well-organized and well-conducted Sabbath School.

It remains for the individual churches to make the most of this, the most powerful agency for good known to the Church.

Cotton Mather, quaintly said in his day : " Hath the Lord set up churches only that a few old Christians may keep one another warm while they live, and then carry away the church with them when they die? No, but that they might with all care

nurse still successively another generation of subjects to our Lord, that they may stand up in His Kingdom when they are gone."

We should always remember that "There are two ways of building up the Kingdom of God: first, the method of conquest; second, the method of growth. Sometimes the Church has laid stress on one method, sometimes on the other. Sometimes it has won its victories from without, sometimes from within. Sometimes emphasis has been put upon revival methods—the widespread awakening, the winning of men hardened in sin and cased in indifference and worldliness. At other times the pendulum has swung to the other extreme, and the sole emphasis has been laid upon the method of growth; growth among the children of the Church, in the households of communicants. But the history of the Church proves that neither method is sufficient by itself, and that neither excludes the other."

The conversion of the young is the surest hope of the Church. To train, evangelize and educate them spiritually and doctrinally is the chief work of the adult followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In view of these considerations it is saddening for your Committee to report that during the past year there has been an actual falling off in the enrollment of membership of our Sabbath Schools, according to the latest reports, of 1221 in the regular Sabbath Schools, and, 910 in the Home Departments, making a total loss of 2131. But happily there has been a gain of 61 scholars received into full membership into the Church over last year's reports. There has also been a gain in contributions from the Sabbath Schools of this Synod to the various Boards of the Church of \$3684. This is a gratifying fact as it indicates a missionary spirit prevalent in our Sabbath Schools as well as the healthful exercise of the grace of giving.

We have 991 Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Synod, with an enrollment of 191,005 members. Five thousand three hundred and seventy-one scholars professed conversion during the past year, being more than 58 per cent of the whole number added to the churches on examination during the past year.

Our Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work located at Philadelphia reports enlargement throughout its three Departments.

The net profits from sales of the year by the Business Department were \$29,191.23. Of this sum two-thirds, or \$19,460.82, were placed to the credit of the Sabbath School and Missionary Fund of the Board, in accordance with the direction of the General Assembly. There were published during the year 1,694,548 copies of books and tracts and 46,502,713 copies of periodicals. The greatest increase is shown in the number of copies of *Forward* published over last year's report. There is a weekly circulation of *Forward* of 224,000 copies. Every effort is made to make it a paper of the highest class for young people. The Editorial Department besides issuing its popular and unexcelled regular Lesson Helps, is now furnishing also a most complete text-book for Teacher-Training Classes, called the "Sabbath-School Teacher Training Course." "The Westminster Beginners' Lessons" for children of the Kindergarten age, now issued quarterly in magazine form, being illustrated with the finest pictures that the photo-gravure's art can supply, cannot be too highly commended for use in all our Sabbath schools. It is well to note that one of our own number, well and favorably known throughout the State of New York in Sab-

bath-school matters, Rev. A. H. McKinney, Ph.D., has been added to the Editorial Department of the Board as an assistant to Dr. J. R. Miller.

The Sabbath School and Missionary Department of the Board attained by far its best success during the past year.

The past year's work has been marked by the fact that nearly twice as many Presbyterian churches have been organized from the schools planted and fostered by its Sabbath-school missionaries as were organized during any previous year. In the single State of North Dakota, no fewer than nineteen churches have grown from these mission Sabbath-schools during the year. The briefest review of the past year's work presents abundant reasons for thanksgiving and hope. In thirty-seven States and Territories of our Republic and in Cuba, the work of the Board has been prosecuted with vigor and zeal. One hundred forty-three missionaries and colporters, commissioned by the Board, have been pushing forward into the field, planting new Sabbath Schools. They have actually organized 797 and reorganized 355 Sabbath Schools, a total of 1152, with a membership of 40,283 teachers and scholars. Of these schools, as schools previously organized, 106 have grown during the year into Presbyterian churches, or twice as many as in any preceding year. There is a rate of over two Presbyterian churches a week. The missionaries care for over 2400 Sabbath Schools, old and new, with a membership of over 90,000.

Besides these direct results, there is a great unknown and unmeasured quantity which cannot be actually estimated—the result of colportage work (especially among the millions of our newly arrived and spiritually destitute immigrant class, whom the Board attempts to minister to by the special command of the General Assembly) and the evangelistic work, the house-to-house visitations made, and the circulation of Bibles, tracts, lesson helps and other Christian literature,—“leaves of the tree of life and for human healing, and seed corn cast in the furrows to spring forth in future harvests.”

The opportunities for missionary work in our land are vast. The cry for workers from many inviting and unoccupied fields and the cry for more workers in fields already entered, come from many quarters.

What shall be done for the 12,000,000 children in the United States untaught, religiously, for whose sake especially this work was conceived and organized, is a question for the Church at large to answer by its increased interest in, and gifts to, this great work. There is said to be even in our own State nearly a million children of school age who attend no Sabbath School.

It is recommended :

1. That greater effort be put forth by our churches to increase the membership and improve the efficiency and attractiveness and to deepen the spiritual life of our Sabbath Schools.

2. That the literature of our own Board be used in our Sabbath Schools and that the Missionary and colportage work of our Board be generously and enthusiastically supported by our churches and Sabbath Schools. We urge that each Church and each Sabbath School take up at least one collection a year in behalf of the work of the General Assembly's Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. There was an actual falling off in the collections to the Board from this Synod the past year of \$148,78.

3. That Decision Day, Rally Day and Children's Day be observed in our Sabbath Schools, as they emphasize the necessity of personal religion, renewed consecration and the missionary spirit on the part of the scholars.

4. That increased attention be paid to the organization and work of Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Classes.

5. That Teacher's training Classes be conducted.

6. That the Home Department of the Sabbath School be more generally introduced than it is at present.

7. That the Synod exhort the Presbyteries within its bounds to give earnest attention to the religious education of the children in our Sabbath Schools, by means of catechetical instruction, and also to ascertain whether the shorter Catechism is falling into disuse, and if so, to take steps for the revival and continuance, of this most efficient and time honored method of bringing up the young "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

The Permanent Committee on the Freedmen's Cause reported progress and the report was accepted.

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

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had been permitted for adequate reasons, to withdraw before the close of the Sessions, and the report was accepted :

Presbytery of Brooklyn: Ministers—Herbert H. Fisher, Robert Bruce Clark.

Buffalo: Minister—Henry B. Master.

Cayuga: Ministers—Frederick W. Palmer, Arthur A. McKay; Elders—Charles G. Adams, Nathaniel W. Hoaglan.

Champlain: Elder—Hiram W. Cady.

Chemung: Ministers—R. Lew Williams, Frederick A. Alden.

Genesee: Minister—Albert R. Crawford; Elder—Hiram Swezey.

Geneva: Elder—Israel W. Comstock.

Hudson: Minister—L. William Hones; Elders—Hawley J. Russell, Edward H. Seaman.

Lyons: Minister—Vernon N. Vergin.

New York: Ministers—Daniel S. Gregory, Daniel Russell; Elders—George E. Sterry, Frederick G. Smedley.

North River: Elder—John B. Fleming.

Otsego: Ministers—James H. Robinson, J. Spencer Jewell.

St. Lawrence: Minister—William F. Skinner.

Steuben: Minister—Theodore M. Cartisle; Elder—Victor E. French.

Syracuse: Minister—W. Courtland Robinson.

Troy: Minister—James Boddy; Elder—M. Nelson Dickinson.

Utica: Minister—Charles G. Sewall; Elder—Fred W. Easton.

Westchester: Ministers—Charles S. Lane, Oliver S. Dean, Douglas P. Birnie, Benjamin T. Marshall.

On recommendation of the Committee, the Minutes of the Presbytery of Brooklyn were approved, with the following exceptions :

1. That on page 258, under date of Feb. 22, 1904, the arrangements for the installation of Rev. L. O. Rotenbach over Bethany Church, are indefinite as to date and mode of installation; and that the meeting of March 10th at which Mr. Rotenbach was installed, is recorded out of its proper order; nor is it recorded whether said meeting of March 10, was an adjourned or a *pro re nata* meeting.

2. That with regard to the meeting of June 10th, 1904, (p. 288) there is no record of the authority for the meeting; nor of any roll call; and only two members of Presbytery are specified as being present.

3. That on pages 239 and 240 (Jan. 19, 1904) it is recorded that the Presbytery organized a church by Commission, only two members of the Presbytery being recorded as present.

4. That with regard to the meeting of June 7th, 1904, (p. 287) there is no record of the authority by which such meeting was held; nor is it expressly stated where the meeting was held.

5. That on April 25th, 1904, (p. 280) the Presbytery sustained exceptions to the records of the Glenmore Avenue and Franklin Avenue churches, but no statement of the nature of these exceptions is recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery.

6. That at the meeting held June 29th, 1904, (p. 294), the Presbytery received two persons as candidates for the Ministry in violation of Constitutional Rule No. 3.

7. That at the meeting on April 25th (p. 274) the application of Herbert H. Field to be taken under care of Presbytery was recorded as of improper date.

8. That in the meetings of March 28th and Oct. 3, 1904, candidates were received under the care of Presbytery without record that they had complied with the requirements of Constitutional Rule No. 3.

9. That the minutes of Oct. 3 and July 16th, 1904, were not approved.

The Synod directed the Presbytery of Brooklyn in the future to observe all the requirements of the Constitution.

Recess was taken until half past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod reassembled and was led in prayer by Rev. David H. Craver.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee to consider the question of the circulation of religious literature throughout the families and churches in this Synod and report at the next meeting :

Ministers—Henry Ward, William M. Johnson, Howard Cornell, Henry M. Dodd, George C. Frost.

Elders—Horace Briggs, Buffalo, George S. Lewis, Catskill, Thomas Dransfield, Rochester, James Rodgers, Albany, James McGregor, Utica.

It was ordered:

Whereas at the meeting of the Synod in 1903, at Ithaca, Rev. W. K. Hall,

D.D., Chairman of the Permanent Committee to collate Historical matters of the Synod, reported a recommendation that Rev. Frederic E. Shearer, D.D., be elected Historian of Synod, and asserts that said recommendation was duly adopted, and whereas it was inadvertently omitted from the record, from the minutes of the Synod of 1903, therefore Resolved that the Stated Clerk of Synod be authorized and directed to enter the fact, of said election in the records of the Synod *nunc pro tunc*.

The following Minute was unanimously adopted :

The Synod gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of the Trunk Line Association in granting reduced rates of fare to delegates, and records its appreciation of the arduous work of the Committee of Arrangements and Entertainment in their efforts for the comfort of this body.

It would express its gratitude to the pastors and sessions of these churches, to the choir whose service of song has been such an inspiration and to the people who have accorded to this body such Christian fellowship and social cheer, and it fervently prays that the divine blessing may be richly granted to them in all the future.

A fitting response was made by Mr. E. T. Hanford, chairman of the Committee of Entertainment.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions Rev. Newell Woolsey Wells, Chairman, presented the following report which was accepted, after listening to addresses on that subject, given by Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., and Rev. William H. Lingle :

Immediately after the last meeting of Synod, your Committee entered into correspondence with the Chairmen of the Presbyterian Committees calling their attention to the action of that body, and seeking through them to reach our churches and to stimulate them to renewed interest in the work.

In accordance with the further recommendation of Synod, your Committee also put itself in communication with the Rev. Thomas Marshall, D.D., Field Secretary of our Board, then visiting the churches on the Pacific Coast, and was arranging with him a plan of campaign for the coming season, when he was suddenly called to rest from his earthly labors and to enter upon his heavenly reward. We desire to record our appreciation of the work of Dr. Marshall among us during the summer of 1903. He was a consecrated and most loving toiler for the Master and His Church. The interests of the Kingdom of Christ were ever his first consideration. While felicitating him on the attainment of his fondest desire, the vision of the King in his beauty, we grieve over his removal from the earthly sphere of service, among us, and pray that his place may be speedily filled by one of like burning zeal with himself.

The death of Dr. Marshall, following hard on that of the beloved President of our Board, interrupted for some time the carrying out of your committee's plans. Subsequently, however, after correspondence with the Secretaries of the Board, arrangements were made for the visitation of some of our churches by the Rev. William H. Lingle, one of our missionaries to Hunan, at present on furlough. He is with us and you are to hear his voice tonight. His itinerary included many of the churches in Champlain and Troy Presbyteries, whose young people's Societies have contributed to his support, in his work in China. He needs no introduction to many of the breth-

ren present. He will be remembered by them as having been selected by our Board to organize the work in the Philippines shortly after their accession. And as the pioneer worker and founder of the first of our churches in the youngest of our missions—Hunan—but a few years since one of the most bitterly anti-foreign provinces of Central China, but now in part, at least, through his labors, one of the most accessible and progressive among them. It is your Committee's hope that his presence with our churches will both broaden their intelligence of and deepen their devotion to what should be regarded as the distinctive work of the body of Christ, the world's evangelization.

So much as to your committee's work during the year. Looking from the past into the future it is our desire to direct the attention of Synod to one or two considerations which we believe to be of moment.

We would commend to our churches through the delegates here present, a careful and prayerful consideration of what is known as the "Forward Movement," the policy of which is thus stated by Mr. David McConaughy, its Secretary, in the last Annual Report of the Board.

"First, a specific object in the field abroad connected by a living link with the Church at home.

Second, a scriptural method of maintaining the specific object by individual systematic and proportionate giving.

Third, a campaign of education.

Fourth, a Forward Movement Committee carefully chosen by the Session and charged with the carrying out of the Movement."

It is also the conviction of your Committee that nothing would tend to beget and foster an intelligent interest in missions among our churches more than the presentation of the work from year to year by some available representative of it, and we recommend that every pastor and stated supply seek to obtain at least once in each year, the services of such representative through correspondence with the secretaries of our Board. Our Presbyterial Committee might also render invaluable service by arranging itineraries for such representative in their respective Presbyteries.

Your Committee cannot close its report without emphasizing a fact which it believes worthy of the most thoughtful consideration of Synod. At the beginning of the last Assembly year, the membership of our 900 churches numbered 188,500; at the beginning of the present Assembly year that membership numbered 189,515, a net increase of 1015, the actual accessions on confession being 9,344. The number of ministers on our rolls was 1248. For congregational expenses the amount raised was \$2,417,229. In other words it took 20 of our ministers and members and an expenditure of \$258 to bring a single individual within the bounds of our Synod to the point of accepting and acknowledging Jesus as Saviour and Lord. What is the secret of this slow rate of progress? We believe it is to be found, in part at least, in one fact and that fact is the failure of our churches to realize and to obey the marching orders of our Great Commander.

In making our report a year since we called attention to the fact that Statistics seemed to indicate that in proportion to the Missionary zeal of our churches was the measure of the blessing attending them in their home work. At almost the same

moment, the Rev. Dr. R. F. Horton was uttering these words before the Congregational Union of England and Wales, of which he was Chairman.

“The history of the Church will show that in those periods when she has been vividly alive to her apostolic mission she has flourished in the land of her settlement; her home work has prospered while her hosts have been engaged in promoting the frontier, and each new province added to the kingdom has brought spiritual wealth and power to the heart of the Empire. On the other hand, when the forward impulse has flagged, and the main purpose has been forgotten, a certain paralysis has fallen upon all her efforts; her preaching has become insipid, missing the ring of world-conquest; her sacraments have become ritual; her heart has become cold; and her brain, using its agility to excuse herself from her great mission, has wasted its powers in idle and fruitless controversy, or settled into the torpor of the Eastern Church.”

It is a law of the Divine arithmetic that division is a condition of multiplication. The alabaster box must be broken, if the house is to be filled with the odor of the ointment. It is a law of the Divine agriculture that seed must be scattered, if one would fill his garners. “There is that scattereth and yet increaseth.” It is a law of the Divine economy, that hoarding means waste. The manna unshared becomes putrid. The fulfillment of the promise, “it shall be given unto you” depends upon obedience to the command “Give.”

Give what? Money? Money has been called a medium of exchange. Let us say that in its relation to the Divine purposes it is rather mainly if not merely, a medium of expression. The gift of money is simply a meter, a register of the depth of one's devotion. Purse strings will loosen with the loosening of heart strings, and the outflow of lucre will correspond with the outflow of love. He who made the world's salvation possible became poor, but gave Himself, and they who came after Him, baptized into His spirit, destitute of silver and gold gave themselves, and, while poor, made many rich. This is the gift which the Church of Christ is called upon to give today, putting into loving expression that which has found expression in its song—,

“My all is on the altar.”

Ourselves, our sons, our daughters, our wealth, all, whatever the Master calls for, let us give! and the blessing we pray for, shall come and come quickly.

The Several Standing Committees were called, and having no further business to present were discharged.

The roll having been called, the following members were recorded as absent without the permission of the Synod:

Presbytery of New York: Elder—Alexander P. Ketchum.

UTICA: Minister—Stanley U. Mock.

The remaining Minutes were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the Park Central church of Syracuse, N. Y., on Tuesday, the seventeenth of October, A.D., 1905, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON,

Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:

J. WILFORD JACKS,

Stated Clerk.

Appendix.

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. **The Presbytery of Albany** consists of 65 ministers and 51 Churches, and has under its care one licentiate and four candidates.

Ministers received :

- December 8, 1903, Rev. N. Foster Browne, from the Presbytery of Niagara ;
Rev. Robert I. MacBride from the Presbytery of New Brunswick ; Rev.
William A. Beecher from the Presbytery of Otsego ; Rev. Calvin H. French,
from the Plymouth Council of Congregational Churches, Brooklyn, N. Y. ;
April 19, 1904, Rev. Arthur T. Young, from the Presbytery of Genesee ;
Rev. Oliver Hemstreet, from the Presbytery of Baltimore ;
June 21st, Rev. James Kay Philips, from the Presbytery of Champlain ; Rev.
Philip N. Moore, from the Presbytery of Champlain.

Candidate licensed :

- April 19, 1904, Neilson C. Hannay.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

- June 16, 1903, between Rev. Charles McKenzie and the Sixth Church of
Albany ;
October 12, between Rev. Fred. N. Rutan and Bethany Church, Menands ;
April 19, 1904, between Rev. Jeremiah V. Wemple and the Ballston Centre
Church ;
June 21, between Rev. William H. Dodd and the Stepentown Church ;
September 20, between Rev. John H. Colborne and the Esperance Church ;
between Rev. Edward J. Abbott and the Church at Corinth.

Installations :

- October 8, 1903, Rev. John H. Colborne over the Esperance Church ;
October 13, Rev. Charles McKenzie over the Johnstown Church ;
May 4, 1904, Rev. Arthur T. Young over the Ballston Spa. Church ;
May 12, Rev. Jeremiah V. Wemple over the Sixth Church of Albany ;
July 14, Rev. Philip N. Moore over the Ballston Centre Church ;
July 21, Rev. William A. Beecher over the Rensselaerville Church.

Ministers dismissed :

- December 8, 1903, Rev. Jacob Klaasse to the Presbytery of Freeport, and
Rev. Frederick N. Rutan to the Mendon Association of Congregational
Ministers ;
April 19, 1904, Rev. William W. Curry to the Presbytery of Mahoning ;

September 20, Rev. Henry L. Teller to the Presbytery of Baltimore; Rev. Albert E. Weston to the Presbytery of New Brunswick; Rev. Oliver Hemstreet to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. Edward J. Abbott to the Presbytery of Hudson.

II. **The Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of forty-one ministers, thirty-two Churches, one Licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received :

October 8, 1903, Rev. David F. Bonner, D.D., from the Presbytery of Hudson; February 2, 1904, Rev. Robert B. Perine, from the Presbytery of Hudson; April 19, Rev. David D. Jenkins, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Baltimore; Rev. Orville T. Fletcher, from the Classis of Schenectady; Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe, from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. John F. Shaw, from the Presbytery of Niagara; Rev. Edward A. McAlpin, Jr., from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 19, 1904, Harry L. Crain.

Installations :

October 8, 1903, Rev. David F. Bonner, D.D., over the Church at Marathon; February 2, 1904, Rev. Robert B. Perine, over Immanuel Church, Binghamton; May 3, Rev. Orville T. Fletcher, over the Broad Avenue Church, Binghamton.

Died :

Candidate, Robert J. Carpenter, December, 1903.

III. **The Presbytery of Boston** consists of sixty ministers and forty churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received :

October 20, 1903, Rev. Nathaniel J. Sproul, from the Presbytery of Elizabeth; December 26, Rev. Donald B. MacLeod, from the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, Canada; March 24, 1904, Rev. George MacLennan, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Canada; October 4, Rev. Gerhart A. Wilson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Washington City.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

April 20, 1904, Samuel Turner Foster;
June 20, William B. MacNeil.

Candidate licensed :

June 20, 1904, Guy L. Morrill.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 1, 1903, between Rev. John Kirkpatrick and the Fourth Presbyterian Church, South Boston;

December 26, between Rev. William J. McDonald and the Church at Hyde Park ; between Rev. Simeon B. Dunn and the Church at Woonsocket ;
March 24, between Rev. Thomas A. Fenton and the First Church, Providence.

Ordination :

October 6, 1904, Malcolm L. MacPhail.

Installations :

October 16, 1903, Rev. Clare W. Nicol, over the Church at Lynn ;
November 5, Rev. John Sinclair, D.D., over the Church at Brookline ;
November 12, Rev. Nathaniel J. Sproul, over the Church at Quincy ;
January 13, 1904, Rev. Donald B. MacLeod, over the Church at Union Square, Somerville ;
June 10, Rev. George MacLennan, over the Church at Graniteville ;
October 6, Rev. Malcolm L. MacPhail, associate pastor, over the Scotch Church, Boston.

Ministers dismissed :

December 21, 1903, Rev. William J. Holly, to the Presbytery of Knox ;
February 8, 1904, Rev. William J. MacDonald, to the South Classis of Long Island of the Reformed (Dutch) Church ;
June 20, Rev. James A. F. McBain, D.D., to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Licentiate transferred :

June 20, 1904, Guy L. Morrill, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Names dropped from the roll :

December 21, 1903, Candidate Adolph N. Krug, appointed a lay missionary to Africa by the Foreign board ;
April 21, 1904, Candidate, John J. MacDonald.

Death :

October 20, 1903, Rev. Thomas Atkinson of Somerville, Mass., at Providence, R. I., suddenly, aged 56 years.

Miscellaneous :

December 21, 1903, Rev. Wm. Hogarth Tower, South Framingham, Mass., was elected treasurer.

IV. **The Presbytery of Brooklyn** consists of eighty-seven ministers and forty-one Churches, and has under its care nine licentiates and twenty candidates.

Ministers received :

January 25, 1904, Rev. John W. McCombe, from the Presbytery of Chester ;
February 22, Rev. Louis Oscar Rotenbach, from the Presbytery of Hudson ;
March 28, Rev. William M. Schall, from the Presbytery of Central Dakota ;
May 23, Rev. Edward J. Russell, from the Presbytery of Chester ;
September 26, Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D., from the Presbytery of Chicago.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

- December 28, 1903, Oscar Maddaus ;
- March 28, 1904, Alfred Ebeling ;
- June 27, Adrian Van Oeveren, William H. Gleysteen, Frank E. Field,
Henry Natch, Herbert H. Field.

Candidates licensed :

- March 28, 1904, Matthew F. Johnston ;
- July 16, William H. Gleysteen, Frank E. Field ;
- September 27, Adrian Van Oeveren.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

- January 25, 1904, Rev. Wilbur Fiske Wood, D.D., and First Edgewater Church;
Rev. Theodore A. Leggett, D.D., and Calvary Church, West New Brighton;
- April 25, Rev. David Gregg, D.D., and Lafayette Ave. Church ; Rev. Arthur
C. Watkins and Woodhaven Church.

Ordinations :

- October 11, 1903, Alfred L. Hall—Quest ;
- November 29, Eliphalet B. Terry ;
- April 5, 1904, Ira W. Henderson ;
- June 10, Matthew F. Johnston ;
- July 15, Fred. Leroy Brown ;
- July 16, William H. Gleysteen, Frank E. Field ;
- September 27, Adrian Van Oeveren.

Installations :

- March 10, 1904, Rev. Louis O. Rotenbach over Bethany Church ;
- May 6, Rev. John W. McCombe over Bensonhurst Church ;
- June 3, Rev. Edward J. Russell, over Calvary Church, West New Brighton ;
- June 7, Rev. Andrew J. Brucklacher over Lefferts Park Church ;
Rev. DeWitt C. Snyder over Franklin Ave. Church ;
- July 15, Rev. F. Leroy Brown over Woodhaven Church.

Ministers dismissed :

- December 28, 1903, Rev. George R. Lunn to the Classis of Schenectady ;
- January 25, 1904, Rev. Alfred L. Hall-Quest to the Presbytery of New York ;
- March 28, Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D.D., to the Presbytery of Albemarle,
Southern Presbyterian Church ;
- April 5, Rev. Ira W. Henderson, to the Presbytery of Buffalo ;
- June 10, Rev. Matthew F. Johnston, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick ;
- June 27, Rev. Alexander McGaffin, to the Presbytery of Niagara ;
- September 26, Rev. Powhatan Bagnall, to the Presbytery of Boston ; Charles F.
Shaw, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth ;
- September 27, Rev. Adrian Van Oeveren, to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Licentiate transferred :

- May 23, 1904, Licentiate Gurdon H. Eggleston, to South Bergen Classis of the
Reformed Church.

Deaths :

October 31, 1903, Rev. John D. Wells, D.D., at Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 88 years ;
 April 17, 1904, Rev. Wilbur Fiske Wood, D.D., at London, England, aged 64
 years ;
~~_____~~ ~~_____~~ 1904, Licentiate David M. Heydrick.

Church enrolled :

January 14, 1904, Flatbush Presbyterian Church.

Church dissolved :

January 13, 1904, Immanuel Church.

Miscellaneous :

January 25, 1904, Rev. Frederick Campbell, Sc.D., was elected Stated Clerk to
 succeed Rev. Newell Woolsey Wells resigned.

V. **The Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of fifty-three ministers, and fifty-
 one Churches, and has under its care three licentiates and six candidates.

Ministers received :

December 15, 1903, Rev. Chauncey F. Edwards, D.D., from the Presbytery of
 Peoria ; Rev. Bela Csekes from the Presbytery of Qu' Appelle ;
 April 11, 1904, Rev. Ira W. Henderson, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;
 October 4, Rev. James A. F. McBain, D.D., from the Presbytery of Boston ;
 Rev. Louis F. Ruf, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 12, 1904, Harry Hopkins Hubbell ;
 October 4, Arthur B. Fowler.

Candidate licensed :

April 12, 1904, Edward J. Ward.

Candidate received :

October 4, 1904, William P. Schell, from the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

March 1, 1904, between Rev. Herbert R. Burgess and the West Avenue Church ;
 between Rev. Newton L. Reed and the church at Olean ;
 April 12, between Rev. Charles E. Rhodes and Park Church ;
 June 8, between Rev. Edward P. Robinson and the East Hamburg Church ;
 between Rev. Charles F. Hubbard and the Bethany Church ;
 July 11, between Rev. S. Horace Beshgetour and the Allegany Church ; between
 Rev. Samuel S. Mitchell, D.D., and the First Church ;
 October 4, between Rev. John A. Black and the Walden Avenue Church.

Installations :

December 15, 1903, Rev. Richard Earle Locke over the Calvary Church ;
 April 12, 1904, Rev. Ira W. Henderson over the West Avenue church.

Ministers dismissed :

March 1, 1904, Rev. Herbert R. Burgess to the Presbytery of Philadelphia ;
 June 8, Rev. Charles F. Hubbard to the Presbytery of Minneapolis ;
 October 4, Rev. Charles E. Burd to the Presbytery of Clarion ; Rev. William
 D. Jones to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Churches enrolled :

March 1, 1904, Magyar Presbyterian Church ;
 April 12, Faxon Avenue Church.

Miscellaneous :

October 4, 1904, Rev. William C. McGarvey was elected Stated Clerk to succeed
 Rev. William Waith, Ph.D., resigned.

VI. **The Presbytery of Cayuga** consists of thirty-three ministers and
 twenty-three churches and has under its care four licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received :

September 28, 1904, Rev. Elliott L. Dresser from the Presbytery of Cleveland.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

November 17, 1903, Charles C. McLean, from the Presbytery of St. Clairsville ;
 April 11, 1904, Marion B. Palmer ;
 April 12, Harris B. Stewart ;
 September 27, Manley F. Albright, Lansing B. Bloom, Joel D. Hunter, Nor-
 man C. Schenck, Frederic L. Mendenhall from the Grafton Presbytery.

Candidates licensed :

April 12, 1904, Charles C. McLean, Henry T. Babcock.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

August 23, 1904, between Rev. Oliver T. Mather and the Dryden Church ;
 September 28, between Rev. Almon R. Hewitt and the Weedsport Church ;
 between Rev. Wm. C. Brass and the First Church, Genoa.

Ordination :

May 2, 1904, Edwin C. Hawley.

Ministers dismissed :

August 23, 1904, Rev. Oliver T. Mather to the Presbytery of Olympia ;
 September 26, Rev. E. Hubert Broyles to the Presbytery of Kingston ; Rev.
 Harry G. Romig to the Presbytery of Chinan.

Licentiates transferred :

November 6, 1903, Edward J. Humeston to the Presbytery of Utica ;
 June 28, 1904, Charles C. McLean, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;
 September, 26, John W. Berger to the Presbytery of Olympia.

Died :

September, 1904, Rev. Hugh Ivey.

VII. **The Presbytery of Champlain** consists of nineteen ministers and twenty-four churches.

Ministers received :

- April 13, 1904, Rev. John J. Cameron, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;
Rev. Aaron W. Maddox, from the Manhattan Association of Congregational Ministers ;
Sept. 20, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, D.D., from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Candidate transferred :

- April 12, 1904, D. Alton Davis, to the care of the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Ordination :

- October 13, 1903, Harry E. Coombs.

Ministers dismissed :

- January 11, 1904, Rev. George Brauer, to the Presbytery of New York ;
May 27, Rev. James Kay Philips and Rev. Philip N. Moore, to the Presbytery of Albany.
October 20, Rev. Peter A. Walker to the Presbytery of Montreal, Canada.

Installations :

- October 27, 1903, Rev. John B. Kelly, over the Church at Saranac Lake ;
June 21, 1904, Rev. John J. Cameron, over the Churches at Constable and Westville ;
October 24, Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, D.D., over the Church at Port Henry.

Ministers deceased :

- October 4, 1903, Rev. Francis Bloodgood Hall, at Plattsburg, N. Y., aged 76 ;
April 19, 1904, Rev. Albert C. Bishop, at Keeseville, N. Y., aged 64.

Churches dissolved :

- September 13, 1903, Black Brook.
April 12, 1904, Port Kent.

VIII. **The Presbytery of Chemung** consists of twenty-one ministers, twenty-three churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

- September 20, 1904, Rev. William Wyllie from the Presbytery of Iowa.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

- December 6, 1903, between Rev. Isaac Jennings, D.D., and the First Church, Elmira ;
September 20, 1904, between Rev. Louis F. Ruf and the Church at Watkins.

Installation :

- October 9, 1903, Rev. Hamilton B. Williams over the Church at Big Flats.

Ministers dismissed :

April 19, 1904, Rev. Charles T. Henry to the Presbytery of Utica ;
 September 20, Rev. Thomas H. Peatchell to the Presbytery of Erie ; Rev.
 Louis F. Ruf to the Presbytery of Buffalo ; Rev. Louis M. Lawrence to the
 Presbytery of Lyons.

Placed on reserved roll :

April 19, 1904, Rev. Rufus S. Green, D.D., Rev. William M. Langdon, Rev.
 John T. D. Francis.

Honorably retired :

April 19, 1904, Rev. John Cairns.

IX. **The Presbytery of Chile** consists of eleven ministers, ten churches and has under its care one licentiate and eleven local evangelists.

X. **The Presbytery of Columbia** consists of seventeen ministers and nineteen Churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 26, 1904, Rev. Esta E. Grosh, from the Presbytery of Utica ;
 April 27, Rev. James B. Campbell, D.D., from the Presbytery of North River.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

July 5, 1904, between Rev. Edward Scofield and the Durham Church ;
 September 21, between Rev. J. Calvin French and the Cairo Church.

Ministers dismissed :

April 26, 1904, Rev. Fenwick B. Fraser, to the Presbytery of Rio Grande ;
 Rev. Albert B. Judson, to the Presbytery of Madison ;
 September 21, Rev. J. Calvin French, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

XI. **The Presbytery of Eastern Persia** consists of eleven ministers and five Churches.

XII. **The Presbytery of Genesee** consists of twenty-one ministers and nineteen Churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 12, 1904, Rev. George J. Searles and Rev. Arthur J. Langlois, from the
 Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

June 16, 1904, Emory D. Webster.

Installations :

October 21, 1903, Rev. J. Addison Jones, over the Church at Perry ;
 June 16, 1904, Rev. George J. Searles, over the Church at East Pembroke.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

September 20, 1904, between Rev. Louis M. Sweet and the Church at Warsaw.

Ministers dismissed :

May 9, 1904, Rev. J. Alexander Cowan to the Presbytery of Clarion ;
 September 20, Rev. James S. Root to the Presbytery of Kansas City.

XIII. **The Presbytery of Geneva** consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-one Churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 20, 1904, Rev. Seymour C. Ferris, from the Presbytery of Rochester, and
 Rev. Albert Livermore from the Presbytery of Steuben ;
 June 21, Rev. John McColl, D.D., from the Presbytery of Rochester ;
 October 5, Rev. J. Van Kirk Wells, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiate received :

September 12, 1904, Charles C. McLean, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

March 14, 1904, between Rev. Charles W. Hanson and the Church of Romulus ;
 April 20, between Rev. Arthur J. Waugh and the Church of Phelps ;
 May 3, between Rev. Peter Mc Kenzie and the Church of Naples ;
 October 5, between Rev. Arthur Dougall and the Church of Canandaigua.

Ordination :

September 12, 1904, Charles C. McLean.

Installations :

June 21, 1904, Rev. John McColl, D.D., over the Church of Gorham ;
 September 12, Rev. Charles C. McLean, over the Church of Naples.

Ministers dismissed :

March 14, 1904, Rev. Charles W. Hanson, to the Presbytery of St. Cloud ;
 April 19, Rev. David A. Newell, to the Presbytery of Chicago ;
 May 3, Rev. Peter McKenzie, to the Presbytery of Lyons ;
 June 21, Rev. Arthur J. Waugh, to the Presbytery of Hudson ;
 September 12, Rev. William S. Carter, to the Presbytery of Rochester ;
 October 5, Rev. Arthur Dougall, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

XIV. **The Presbytery of Hudson** consists of forty-seven ministers, forty-six Churches, and has under its care one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received :

April 19, 1904, Rev. Perry W. Sewell, from the Presbytery of Baltimore ;
 September 19, Rev. Arthur J. Waugh, from the Presbytery of Geneva ; Rev.
 Kenneth M. Craig, from the Presbytery of Caledonia ; Rev. Aquilla Webb,
 Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Los Angeles ; Rev. Frederick A. Gates, from
 the Presbytery of Omaha.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 19, 1904, William C. Isitt.

Candidate licensed :

April 19, 1904, William C. Isitt.

Licentiate received :

April 19, 1904, Mr. Arnold J. Sauerbrum, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 23, 1903, between Rev. Robert B. Perine and the Church at Monticello ;

January 26, 1904, between the Rev. Louis O. Rotenbach and the Stony Point Church ;

March 14, between the Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe and the Hempstead Church ;

April 19, between Joseph Mc Carrell Leiper and the Greenbush Church ;

September 19, between the Rev. John K. Wilkie and the Church at Unionville.

Ordinations :

September 29, 1903, John A. McCallum ;

April 19, 1904, Arnold J. Sauerbrum ;

May 11, William C. Isitt.

Installations :

September 29, 1903, Rev. John A. McCallum over the Church at Washingtonville ;

December 8, Rev. Edward C. Wiley over the Scotchtown Church ;

May 11, 1904, Rev. William C. Isitt over the Church at Florida ;

September 27, Rev. Aquila Webb, Ph.D., over the Second Church of Middletown.

Ministers dismissed :

November 23, 1903, Rev. Robert B. Perine to the Presbytery of Binghamton ;

January 26, 1904, Rev. Louis O. Rotenbach to the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;

March 14, Rev. Wallace W. Thorpe to the Presbytery of Binghamton ;

May 11, Joseph McCarrell Leiper to the French Broad Presbytery ;

September 19, Rev. John R. Wilkie to the Presbytery of Emporia ; the Rev. Arnold J. Sauerbrum to the Presbytery of Butler ; and Rev. Paul Martin to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Deaths :

December 29, 1903, Rev. Wm. Ferrie at Monticello, N. Y., aged 88 years ;

February 8, 1904, Rev. John Service at Passumpsic, Vt., aged 81 ;

April 13, Rev. Charles Beattie, D.D., at Middletown, N. Y., aged 64.

XV. **The Presbytery of Long Island** consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-three Churches.

Minister received :

September 20, 1904, Rev. Geo. Clements Edson from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Installation :

September 29, 1904, Rev. Geo. Clements Edson over the Amagansett Church.

Minister dismissed :

August 11, 1904, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender to the Presbytery of North River.

Minister deceased :

August 6, 1904, Rev. William H. Littell, aged 64, at Setauket, N. Y.

Honorably retired :

April 26, 1904, Rev. James B. Finch, D.D.

September 21, Rev. James Bassett.

Miscellaneous :

Mr. William J. Post, Southampton, N. Y., was elected Treasurer in place of Rev. Mr. Littell, deceased.

XVI. **The Presbytery of Lyons** consists of twenty-four ministers, and eighteen Churches.

Ministers received :

June 2, 1904, Rev. Peter McKenzie from the Presbytery of Geneva.

September 21, Rev. Louis M. Lawrence from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 21, 1903, between Rev. George C. Noetling and the East Palmyra Church.

September 21, 1904, between Rev. John Chester Ball and the Newark Presbyterian Church.

Installation :

June 2, 1904, Rev. Peter McKenzie over the Palmyra Church.

Minister dismissed :

December 21, 1903, Rev. George C. Noetling to the Presbytery of Indianapolis.

Name dropped from the roll :

Rev. Marcus Carver.

XVII. **The Presbytery of Nassau** consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-eight Churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Minister received :

October 11, 1904, Rev. William Mager, from the South Classis of Bergen.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

October 11, 1904, Charles Schienk, Ferdinand Chieverea.

Licentiate received :

February 11, 1904, Robert G. Leetch, from the Presbytery of Washington City.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

April 17, 1904, between Rev. Rockwood Macquesten and the Ravenswood Church ; between Rev. Benjamin F. Parliman and the Church of Mineola.

Ordination :

February 11, 1904, Robert G. Leetch.

Installations :

October 26, 1903, Rev. Augustus C. Espach over St. Paul's Church ;

October 28, Rev. Edward W. Abbey over the Smithtown Church ;

February 11, 1904, Rev. Robert G. Leetch over the Far Rockaway Church ;

October 23, Rev. William Mager over the Church of New Hyde Park.

Ministers dismissed :

December 16, 1903, Rev. George P. Noble to Westchester Presbytery.

Church enrolled :

October 27, 1903, New Hyde Park.

XVIII. The Presbytery of New York consists of one hundred and seventy-eight ministers and has under its care fifty-one Churches, and two candidates.

Ministers received :

November 9, 1903, Isaac H. Polhemus, from the Presbytery of French Broad ;
Alois Bohuslav Koukol from the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;

December 3, Robert Johnston, D.D., from the Presbytery of London, Canada Presbyterian Church ;

December 14, John Grant Newman, from the Presbytery of Union ;

February 8, 1904, John Taylor Britan, from the Presbytery of Utah ;

March 14, George Rutger Brauer, from the Presbytery of Champlain ; Alfred Lawrence Hall-Quest, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn ;

April 11, Frederick Jonte Stanley, D.D., L.H.D., from the Presbytery of West Jersey ; Wilbert Webster White, D.D., from the United Presbyterian Presbytery of New York City ; James Cromie from the Presbytery of Troy ; Andrew Alexander Dinsmore, D.D., from the Presbytery of Newark ;

June 11, Percy B. Wightman, from the Presbytery of Syracuse ; Alfred Nicholson, from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

June 13, 1904, Amos Isaac Dushaw.

Candidate licensed :

May 9, 1904, George Power Merrett.

Licentiate received :

May 9, 1904, John Edwin Triplett, Jr., from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 9, 1903, between the Rev. Abbott L. R. Waite and the Woodstock Church ;

September 30, 1904, between the Rev. Spencer L. Hillier and the First Church of Morrisania.

October 1, between the Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D.D., and the West End Church.

Ordinations :

January 1, 1904, Allen Woodend McCurdy ;

June 19, George Power Merrett ;

17, John Edwin Triplett, Jr.

Installation :

June 19, 1904, George Power Merrett, Co-Pastor over First Church of Morrisania.

Ministers dismissed :

November 9, 1903, Rev. Arthur C. McMillan to the Presbytery of Westchester ;
Rev. William D. Grant, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Northumberland ;

February 8, 1904, Rev. William B. Floyd to the Presbytery of St. Louis ; Rev.
William Hughes, D.D., to the Presbytery of Fort Worth in the Presbyterian
Church in the United States ;

June 11, Rev. Thos. Davidson Christie, D.D., LL.D., to the Hartford Associ-
ation of Congregational Ministers ;

October 3, Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D.D., to the Presbytery of Chicago ; Rev.
Alfred Lawrence Hall-Quest, to the Presbytery of Westminster ; Rev. Herbert
Spencer Harris to the Presbytery of Havana ; Rev. William B. Bebb to the
Presbytery of Puget Sound ; Rev. Robert Gordon Mackay to the Presbytery
of Brooklyn.

Licentiate transferred :

October 3, 1904, Louis Edwin Hess to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Ministers deceased :

January 2, 1904, Rev. William Christie Stitt, D.D., at New York City, in the
71st year of his age ;

January 17, Rev. Francis Patrick Mullally, D.D., at Pelham Manor, in the 74th
year of his age.

Church dissolved :

December 14, 1903, Knox Church.

XIX. The Presbytery of Niagara consists of twenty-five ministers and
twenty-one Churches. and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received :

March 8, 1904, Rev. William Sangree, from the Presbytery of Alton ; Rev.
Alexander D. D. Fraser, from the Presbytery of Lake Superior ; Rev. Orlando
B. Pershing, from the Classis of Saratoga ;

May 10, Rev. Andrew W. Ashley, from the Western New York Congregational
Association ;

July 5, Rev. Alexander McGaffin, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Licentiate received :

May 10, 1904, Hubert S. Lyle, from the Presbytery of Union.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

March 31, 1904, between Rev. Benjamin M. Nyce and the First Church, Lockport.

Ordination :

June 6, 1904, Hubert S. Lyle.

Installations :

May 10, 1904, Rev. Orlando B. Pershing, over the Pierce Avenue Church, Niagara Falls ;

June 6, Rev. Hubert S. Lyle, over the Church at Youngstown ;

October 6, Rev. Alexander McGaffin, over the First Church, Lockport.

Ministers dismissed :

March 8, 1904, Rev. Edwin D. Hardin, to the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. John F. Shaw, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Ministers deceased :

October 10, 1903, Rev. John McMaster, at Youngstown, N. Y., aged 64 ;

October 15, Rev. Theron L. Waldo, at Prattsburg, N. Y., aged 63.

XX. **The Presbytery of North Laos** consists of twenty-two ministers and sixteen Churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

XXI. **The Presbytery of North River** consists of forty-three ministers and thirty-two Churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

June 7, 1904, Rev. Joseph Z. Faivre from the Presbytery of Chester ;

October 3, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender from the Presbytery of Long Island ;

Rev. Mortimer Smith from the Hudson Classis of the Reformed Church.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 19, 1904, Rufus Stanley Johnson (Colo.) of the South Amenia Church ;

Francis Whitmore Cowles of the Amenia Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 14, 1903, between Rev. James A. Matheson and the Freedom Plains Church ;

January 22, 1904, between Rev. Plato T. Jones and the church of Matteawan ;

May 31, between Rev. James A. McGowan and the church of Pine Plains ;

June 7, between Rev. Ray S. Hubbard and the church of Milton.

Installation :

June 7, 1904, Rev. Joseph Z. Faivre over the Church of Freedom Plains.

Ministers dismissed :

December 14, 1903, Rev. James A. Matheson to the Presbytery of Monmouth ;

January 22, 1904, Rev. Plato T. Jones to the Presbytery of Lehigh ;
February 22, Rev. Marvin Custer to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh ;
April 19, Rev. James B. Campbell, D.D., to the Presbytery of Columbia ;
May 31, Rev. James A. McGowan to the Presbytery of Erie ;
June 7, Rev. Ray S. Hubbard to Suffolk West Ministerial Association.

Ministers deceased :

March 4, 1904, Rev. Thomas H. Johnson at Newburgh, N. Y., aged 81.
June 3, Rev. J. Napier Husted at Freehold, N. J., aged 77.

XXII. The Presbytery of Otsego consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty-eight Churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 27, 1904, Rev. Darius D. Lindsey, from the Presbytery of Chemung ;
September 28, Julius F. Wolff, from the Presbytery of Newark.

Licentiate received :

September 28, 1904, Alfred J. Sadler, from the Amherst Association of Congregational Ministers.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 27, 1903, between Rev. James D. Cameron and Meridale Church ;
March 21, 1904, between Rev. Geo. J. Searles and East Meredith Church ;
April 27, between Rev. Raymond H. Stearns and the New Berlin Church.

Ordinations :

October 27, 1903, Oscar E. Shaffer and Arthur J. Langlois.

Installation :

May 4, 1904, Rev. J. Spencer Jewell over the Otsego Church.

Ministers dismissed :

February 29, 1904, Arthur J. Langlois to the Presbytery of Genesee ;
March 21, George J. Searles to the Presbytery of Genesee ;
April 27, Raymond H. Stearns to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

XXIII. The Presbytery of Porto Rico consists of ten ministers and twelve Churches, and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received :

April 13, 1904, Rev. R. Cecil McAdie, from the Presbytery of Austin ;
September 14, Rev. William L. Roberts, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Minister dismissed :

April 13, 1904, Rev. John Knox Hall to the Presbytery of Pueblo.

Churches enrolled :

April 13, 1904, Moca, Cabo Roja, San Juan Second, La Pica ;
September 14, Corozel.

XXIV. **The Presbytery of Rochester** consists of sixty-five ministers and forty-nine Churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

June 2, 1904, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., from the Reformed Classis of New York ;

September 27, Rev. William S. Carter, from the Presbytery of Geneva ; Rev. Robert Hughes, from the Presbytery of Flint.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

September 27, 1904, John S. Wolff.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 3, 1903, between Rev. Albert Evans and Westminster Church, Rochester.

January 18, 1904, between Rev. Henry H. Stebbins, D.D., and the Central Church, Rochester ; between Rev. John McColl, D.D., and the Brighton Church ;

April 12, between George V. Reichel, Ph.D., and the Church at Brockport ; between Rev. Seymour C. Ferris and the Church at Ogden ;

September 27, between Rev. Alfred K. Bates and the Church at Lima.

Installations :

November 10, 1903, Rev. Paul Moore Strayer over the Third Church, Rochester ;

June 2, 1904, Rev. George V. Reichel, Ph.D., over the Church at Brighton ;

June 7, Rev. Charles B. Chapin, D.D., over the Westminster Church, Rochester.

Ministers dismissed :

November 3, 1903, Rev. Albert Evans to the Presbytery of Washington ;

April 12, 1904, Rev. Seymour C. Ferris, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;

June 2, Rev. John McColl, D.D., to the Presbytery of Geneva.

XXV. **The Presbytery of St. Lawrence** consists of thirty-eight ministers and thirty-nine Churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received :

September 27, 1904, Rev. William H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., from the Classis of Philadelphia, of the Reformed Church in America ; Rev. Foster L. Crissey from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Candidate licensed :

September 27, 1904, Robert Warren Anthony.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

May 29, 1904, between the Rev. J. VanKirk Wells and the Church at Dexter ; between the Rev. Charles M. Dodge and the Church at Carthage ;

July 17, between the Rev. Frank W. Townsend and the Church at Canton ;

October 10, between the Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D.D., and the First Church, Watertown.

Installations :

October 20, 1903, Rev. Leonard T. Cole over the Church at Evans Mills ;
September 28, 1904, Rev. Charles A. Riley over Oswegatchie Second Church ;
October 5, Rev. William H. Stubblebine, Ph.D., over the Church at Canton.

Candidates transferred :

September 27, 1904, Albert Leslie Evans to the Presbytery of Syracuse ; James Albert Melrose to the Presbytery of Utica.

Ministers dismissed :

April 12, 1904, Rev. John J. Cameron to the Presbytery of Champlain ;
April 13, Rev. William Lloyd Roberts to the Presbytery of Porto Rico ;
May 16, Rev. Charles M. Dodge to the Presbytery of Utica ;
September 26, Rev. J. VanKirk Wells to the Presbytery of Geneva ; Rev. John Edgar Parke to the Andover Association of Ministers.

Church enrolled :

September 27, 1904, The Mount Lebanon Church, Wanakena, organized July 12, 1904.

XXVI. **The Presbytery of Siam** consists of twelve ministers and nine Churches and has under its care one local Evangelist.

XXVII. **The Presbytery of Steuben** consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-five Churches and has under its care five candidates.

Ministers received :

June 7, 1904, Rev. Edwin Dodge Hardin, from the Presbytery of Niagara ;
September 20, Rev. John E. Fray, from the Presbytery of Muncie.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 19, 1904, Roy C. Crouch and Leo A. Gates.

Installation :

June 7, 1904, Rev. Edwin D. Hardin, over the Church at Cuba.

Minister dismissed :

April 18, 1904, Rev. Albert Livermore, to the Presbytery of Geneva.

XXVIII. **The Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of thirty-six ministers and forty-five Churches, and has under its care two candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received :

April 12, 1904, Rev. Thomas A. Fenton, from the Presbytery of Boston ; Rev. James B. Dare, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 12, 1904, Messrs. D. Alton Davis and Evan M. Jones.

Candidate licensed :

January 4, 1904, William J. Lonsdale.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

April 12, 1904, between Rev. Percy B. Wightman and the Fayetteville Church.

Installations :

November 5, 1903, Rev. Anthony N. Petersen, over the Mexico Church ;

April 26, 1904, Rev. Thomas A. Fenton, over the Fourth Church Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed :

April 12, 1904, Rev. Percy B. Wightman, to the Presbytery of New York ;

July 4, Rev. Frank W. West, to the Presbytery of Utica ;

September 19, Rev. Foster L. Crissey, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licentiate transferred :

September 19, 1904, William J. Lonsdale, to the Classis of Montgomery.

Deceased :

May 26, 1904, at Canton, China, Rev. Edward M. Scheirer, aged thirty-one years ;

August 24, at Skaneateles, N. Y., Rev. Orson L. White, aged forty-six years.

XXIX. **The Presbytery of Troy** consists of forty ministers and forty-one Churches, and has under its care one local evangelist and one candidate.

Ministers received :

April 19, 1904, Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, from the Presbytery of Westchester ;

May 24, Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery :

April 18, 1904, Ray C. Donnan.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

January 1, 1904, between Rev. George Dugan and the Ninth Presbyterian Church of Troy ;

January 18, between Rev. Hugh B. McCrone and the Schoonmaker Memorial Church, Stillwater ;

March 2, between Rev. James Cromie and the Church at Schaghticoke.

Ordinations :

June 9, 1904, John McNab ;

October 11, John S. Laing.

Installations :

June 21, 1904, Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D., over the Ninth Presbyterian Church of Troy ;

May 4, Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller over the Schoonmaker Memorial Church Stillwater;

June 9, Rev. John McNab over the Church at Schaghticoke.

Ministers dismissed :

January 1, 1904, Rev. George Dugan to the Presbytery of Chicago;

January 18, Rev. James Cromie to the Presbytery of New York; Rev. John B. McCreery to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Deceased :

February 1, 1904, Rev. John Anderson;

June 9, Rev. Prof. H. Humphrey Neill.

XXX. **The Presbytery of Utica** consists of fifty-eight ministers and forty-four Churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received :

November 2, 1903, Rev. Huston Taylor, from the Presbytery of St. Paul;

April 12, 1904, Rev. C. Otis Thatcher, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

September 7, Rev. Frank W. West, from the Presbytery of Syracuse; Rev.

Charles M. Dodge, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

September 27, Rev. Charles T. Henry, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Licentiate received :

November 5, 1903, Edward J. Humeston, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 21, 1903, between Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock and Bethany Church, Utica;

January 25, 1904, between Rev. George B. Van Dyke and the Church at Lowville;

April 12, between Rev. Esta E. Gosh and the Churches at Williamstown and West Camden;

May 2, between Rev. Cuthbert C. Frost and the Church at Sauquoit.

Ordinations :

November 5, 1903, David Yule;

December 18, Edward J. Humeston.

Installations :

November 4, 1903, Rev. Godfrey Chobot, over the Church at Turin;

December 16, Rev. Huston Taylor, over the Church at Waterville;

December 18, Rev. Edward J. Humeston, over the Church at Vernon;

June 10, 1904, Rev. Cuthbert C. Frost, over the Church at Lowville;

September 7, Rev. Charles M. Dodge, over Bethany Church, Utica;

October 12, 1904, Rev. Frank W. West, over the Churches at Williamstown and West Camden.

Ministers dismissed :

December 21, 1903, Rev. Walter A. Hitchcock, to the Presbytery of Puget Sound;

April 12, 1904, Rev. Esta E. Grosh, to the Presbytery of Columbia.

Licentiates transferred :

April 12, 1904, David C. Davies, to the care of the Presbytery of Platte ;
September 7, Bevier Smith to the care of the Classis of Schenectady.

Name dropped from the roll :

April 12, 1904, licentiate William W. Chambers.

Deceased :

July 31, 1904, at Utica, N. Y., Rev. Thomas Jefferson Brown, D.D., for almost thirty-three years pastor of the Westminister Church of Utica.

Miscellaneous :

Rev. Oliver A. Kingsbury was elected Stated clerk in the place of Rev. Dana W. Bigelow resigned.

XXXI. **The Presbytery of Westchester** consists of seventy ministers and forty Churches, and has under its care five licentiates, four candidates and one local evangelist.

Ministers received :

December 3, 1903, Rev. Arthur C. McMillan from the Presbytery of New York ;
Rev. Benjamin H. Everitt from the Presbytery of New Brunswick ;
January 19, 1904, Rev. George P. Noble from the Presbytery of Nassau ;
June 21, Rev. Frederick A. Hatch from the Omaha Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers ;
October 4, Rev. Herbert E. House from the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

Licentiate received :

October 4, 1904, John Froschl from the Classis of New York of the Reformed Church in America.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery :

October 3, 1903, Irving Tonlinson Raab.

Candidates licensed :

April 19, 1904, Thomas J. Elliot, Irving Tonlinson Raab and H. Arthur Kernen.

Local evangelist licensed :

April 19, 1904, Vincenzo Cigliano.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

April 19, 1904, between Rev. Walter M. Grafton and the Sound Beach, First Church ;
September 12, between Rev. Cornelius S. Stowitts, D.D., and the South East Centre Church.

Ordinations :

May 4, 1904, H. Arthur Kernen ;

May 26, Thomas J. Elliott.

Installations :

December 3, 1903, Rev. Arthur C. McMillan, over the Westminster Church ;

December 17, Rev. Benjamin H. Everitt, over the Peekskill First Church ;

May 26, 1904, Rev. Thomas J. Elliott, over the Darien Church.

Ministers dismissed :

December 3, 1903, Rev. George R. Cutting, to the Presbytery of Hudson ; Rev.

Charles H. McCaslin, to the Presbytery of St. Louis ;

April 18, 1904, Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson, D.D., to the Classis of Westchester of the Reformed Church in America ; Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller to the Presbytery of Troy ; Rev. Edwin A. McAlpin, Jr., to the Presbytery of Binghamton ;

June 18, Rev. Walter M. Grafton, to the Presbytery of Southern Dakota ;

June 21, Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D.D., to the Presbytery of New York ;

September 12, Rev. Cornelius Stanton Stowitts, D.D., to the Presbytery of Champlain.

Deceased :

March 9, 1904, at Salmas, Persia, Rev. Benjamin W. Labaree, aged 38 years.

SUMMARY.

Ministers.....	1235	Licentiates and Local Evangelists	39
Churches.....	926	Candidates.....	85

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Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D.D.,

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Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams, A.B.

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Elmer Dean,

Arthur Clinton,

Ray Thompkins,

William S. Truman,

Mrs. Howard Elmer, A.B.,

Alexander Davidson.

Term Ending in 1907.

John Brand,

Rev. David J. Burrell, D.D.,

Henry G. Merriam, A.B.,

Herman A. Carmer,

F. M. Howell,

Mrs. Helen B. Turner, A.B.

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Term Ending in 1905.—Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, D.D., Rev. Samuel T. Clarke, Horace Briggs, Ph.D.

Term Expiring in 1906.—Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Ezra J. Peck, LL.D., Rev. Charles A. Richmond, D.D.

Term Expiring in 1907.—Rev. R. Lew Williams, Rev. Daniel Mackay, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, D.D.

III. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

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Champlain—Miss Williamine Childs, Mrs. Charles S. Judd, Mrs. Charles L. Knapp, Mrs. Laura M. Nye, Mrs. John McIntosh.

Chemung—Mrs. Courtland F. Carrier, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. George J. Magee, Mrs. William Pellett, Mrs. Albert V. Wilcox.

Columbia—Mrs. F. S. Henderson, Mrs. Truman Johnson, Mrs. George C. Veisley.

Genesee—Mrs. O. L. C. Arnold, Mrs. Arthur E. Brigden, Mrs. Augustus Frank, Mrs. Butler Ward.

Geneva—Mrs. Anna Herendeen, Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Mrs. H. Grant Person, Mrs. Benjamin F. Pritchard.

Hudson—Mrs. George H. Bonnell, Mrs. Mary S. Marsh, Mrs. Francis Stoddard Haines, Mrs. Alexander Thompson.

Long Island—Miss Sarah J. Adams, Mrs. Mary Hubbard Howell, Mrs. William H. Littell, Mrs. Epher Whitaker.

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coln, Mrs. John C. Martin, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. Charles L. Thompson, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. James Yereance.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clark, Mrs. Ruth A. Frost, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag, Mrs. Robert Norton.

North River—Mrs. Morgan Carpenter, Mrs. LeRoy C. Cooley, Miss Anna S. Ludlam.

Otsego—Miss Mary L. Abell, Mrs. J. J. Clute, Miss Sarah Crandall, Mrs. Leonard F. Richards, Mrs. James H. Robinson.

Rochester—Mrs. J. B. Adams, Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. E. D. Chapin, Mrs. Thomas Chester, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Levi Parsons, Mrs. W. B. Sylvester, Mrs. E. A. Webster, Mrs. William Alling, Miss A. C. Barton.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. A. Macy Dulles, Mrs. Alonzo A. Smith, Mrs. G. Howard Craver, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. D. G. Griffith.

Steuben—Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. Russell M. Tuttle, Mrs. Francis A. Williams.

Syracuse—Mrs. James O. Bennett, Mrs. Donald Dey, Mrs. Nancy E. Dow, Mrs. Francis Hendricks, Mrs. Charles Hubbard, Mrs. John T. Roberts, Mrs. Irving G. Vann, Mrs. Orson L. White, Mrs. Barker O. Wright.

Troy—Mrs. William V. Baker, Mrs. Norman Cole, Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Mrs. J. M. Qua, Mrs. W. E. Marden, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Robert B. Stiles, Mrs. C. L. Wells.

Utica—Mrs. Ralph W. Brokaw, Mrs. Anna L. Greenman, Miss Ann Parmelee, Mrs. L. Y. Sherrill, Mrs. H. H. Allen.

Westchester—Mrs. A. F. Avery, Mrs. C. N. Cate, Miss M. C. Foster, Mrs. R. P. Gibson, Mrs. James Gibson, Jr., Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Mrs. George W. Knox, Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Mrs. D. E. Provost, Miss J. Sanders, Mrs. P. P. Van Vleet, Miss M. K. Truesdale, Mrs. O. B. Walsh, Mrs. A. W. Parsons.

IV. CHANGES IN OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERIES.

BOSTON: Rev. William Hogarth Tower, *Treasurer*, South Framingham, Mass.

BROOKLYN: Rev. Frederick Campbell, Sc.D., *Stated Clerk*, Brooklyn, N. Y.

BUFFALO: Rev. William C. McGarvey, *Stated Clerk*, Tonawanda.

LONG ISLAND: Mr. William B. Post, *Treasurer*, Southampton.

UTICA: Rev. Oliver A. Kingsbury, *Stated Clerk*, New Hartford.

V. INCORPORATION OF SYNOD.

Chapter 340 of the Laws of 1884 as amended to 1904.

“An act to incorporate the SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

The People of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. By the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the Synods of Albany, Central New York, Geneva,

Long Island, New York and Western New York, with the several Presbyteries under their charge, having been united, and as united, having been continued under the name of the Synod of New York, Henry J. Van Dyke, John Hall, Erskine N. White, Charles Hawley, Henry A. Nelson, James B. Shaw, Tryon Edwards, T. Ralston Smith, Archibald McClure, Louis Chapin and Edward Wells and their associates, as members of the said synod, and their successors, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the Synod of New York. (As amended by Section 1 of Chapter 215 of the Laws of 1904.)

§ 2. The said corporation shall in law be capable of taking, for religious, educational, benevolent and charitable purposes, by gift, devise, bequest, grant or purchase, and of holding, conveying and otherwise disposing from time to time of real and personal estate, provided that it shall not hold for its general purposes real estate, the yearly income produced by which shall exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

§ 3. The said corporation, by this act created, shall be vested with all property belonging to the several Synods united as aforesaid in the Synod of New York or to either of them, to be held by it for the purposes and upon the trusts for which such property has been or now is held by them. The said Synods so united as aforesaid in the Synod of New York are hereby empowered to turn over such property to the said corporation by this act created, and to execute all instruments necessary for the purpose. (As amended by Sec. 2 of Chapter 215 of the Laws of 1904.)

§ 4. All real and personal property heretofore or which shall be granted, given, devised or bequeathed to any Presbytery under the charge of the Synod of New York, which Presbytery shall not be separately incorporated, may be received and held, conveyed or otherwise disposed of for such presbytery by the corporation by this act created, and the said corporation shall in law be capable of taking real and personal property, and of holding, conveying and otherwise disposing of the same as trustee, for any of the presbyteries under the charge of the Synod of New York, provided that it shall not hold for any one presbytery real estate, the annual income produced by which shall exceed Twenty-five thousand dollars.

§ 5. The management of the affairs and property of the said corporation by this act created shall be vested in the officers of the Synod of New York, constituted as such in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations and usages of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as trustees, and by such other trustees as may be provided by by-laws which the Synod of New York hereby created is hereby authorized to make, and to change and to amend from time to time; and which by-laws may provide for the appointment of such other trustees by the said Synod of New York, the united Synod aforesaid, and for the division of such other trustees into classes, the term of office of one class to expire each year, and also for the regulation of the business of such trustees, and their duties and powers and fixing a quorum of said trustees. Such Synod, united as aforesaid, may from time to time remove any such trustees from office, and may fill all vacancies in the office of any such other trustees. The said corporation hereby created, shall, for all purposes under any of the statutes of the state of New York, be deemed a religious corporation (as amended by Sec. 3 of the Laws of 1904).

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAP. 216.

AN ACT to ratify and confirm the appointment of trustees by the Synod of New York, and the acts of such trustees.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The action of the Synod of New York heretofore taken, in appointing from time to time, trustees of said Synod, and in dividing them into classes, and in making by-laws relating to such trustees as well as the action of such trustees heretofore taken, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

VI. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

President.—Alexander P. Ketchum.

Secretary.—James Yereance.

Treasurer.—John T. D. Blackburn.

Term expiring in 1905: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., Nathan B. Roberts, E. T. Hanford.

Term expiring in 1906: Rev. J. Frederick Fitschen, Jr., Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D., Alexander P. Ketchum, Benjamin P. Wayne.

Term expiring in 1907: Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D., Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D.D., John J. McCook, James Yereance.

Ex-Officio: Rev. Dana W. Bigelow, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Rev. Daniel A. Ferguson, John T. D. Blackburn.

By action of Synod, the Trustees are authorized and empowered to take and receive on behalf of the Synod of New York, and in its name, for religious, educational, benevolent or charitable purposes, such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances or real or personal estate, as in their judgment shall be proper, and to make such applications and provisions as in their discretion they may deem advisable, for the purpose of carrying out and performing the trusts upon which such gifts, devises, bequests, grants or conveyances may be received.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of _____ dollars, to be held or expended by the trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws and the By-laws of said Synod.

VII. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	HENRY A. NELSON, D.D.,	<i>Convener</i>	Geneva.....Utica
1882.	*HOWARD CROSBY, D.D.....	New York.....	Utica
1883.	JAMES MCLEOD, D.D.....	Buffalo.....	New York
1884.	JOHN McC. HOLMES, D.D.....	Albany.....	Buffalo
1885.	*L. MERRILL MILLER, D.D.....	St. Lawrence.....	Troy

1886.	*JOSEPH E. NASSAU, D.D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*CHARLES C. WALLACE, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	*T. RALSTON SMITH, D.D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	SAMUEL JESSUP, D.D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND, D.D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	ASA S. FISKE, D.D.	Cayuga.	Watertown
1892.	*LEVI PARSONS, D.D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*JAMES GARDNER, D.D.	Albany.	Rochester
1894.	GEORGE C. VEISLEY, D.D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	HOWARD DUFFIELD, D.D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	RALPH E. PRIME, LL.D. (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	JOSEPH GAMBLE, D.D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. CAMERON MACKENZIE, D.D.	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	JAMES H. ROBINSON, D.D.	Otsego	Troy
1900.	DAVID G. WYLIE, D.D.	New York	Geneva
1901.	WILLIAM WAITH, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo
1902.	WILLIAM K. HALL, D.D.	North River	Albany
1903.	WILLIAM M. JOHNSON, D.D.	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	DANA W. BIGELOW	Utica.	Middletown

*Deceased.

VIII. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half-past seven o'clock, p. m. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator, to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting; a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such Temporary Clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or from membership of a Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, *ad interim*, a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod shall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness, absence, or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a Minister or Elder shall in like manner be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

IV.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and, if possible,, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

“The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose Ministers and Churches added together is

not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder; and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: Provided, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

XI.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XII.

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XIII.

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XV.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

No appropriation shall be made from the Synodical funds without first being referred to the Committee on Finance, and reported upon by that committee. And all appropriations shall lapse if not called for before the close of the Synodical year.

XVI.

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

IX. NECROLOGY.

During the Synodical year the Necrological list has again been a long one and includes the names of a large number of eminent and useful ministers. Pre-eminent among the twenty-three we mention, Rev. John D. Wells, D.D., for fifty years a member of the Foreign Mission Board and for thirty years its President, Rev. Benjamin W. Labaree first American Martyr of our Church in Persia, and Rev. Edward M. Scheirer a young Missionary in China. The active pastorate has been frequently invaded by the death angel and the Rev. Charles Beattie, D.D., Rev. William H. Littell, Rev. Thomas J. Brown, D.D., Rev. George R. Cutting, Rev. John McMaster, Rev. Orson L. White, Rev. Francis B. Hall, Rev. Albert C. Bishop, Rev. Hugh Ivey have been called home to their reward. And we could not forget Rev. H. Humphrey Neill for thirty years a professor in Amherst College. An unusually large number of veterans, retired from active service through age and physical infirmities, have listened to the Divine call and entered the mansions prepared for them above, Rev. John Anderson, Rev. Thomas H. Johnson, Rev. J. Napier Husted, Rev. William C. Stitt, D.D., Rev. Francis P. Mullally, D.D., Rev. John Service, Rev. William Ferrie, Rev. Wilbur Fiske Wood, D.D., Rev. Thomas Atkinson, Rev. Theron L. Waldo. Brave soldiers of the Cross, the Synod will cherish their names in loving remembrance, rejoicing that the Lord put them into this Ministry, tendering to their stricken families and churches the Christian sympathy of their brethren who loved and honored them for their works sake, all in the name of the Master whom they so loyally and faithfully served.

X. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE: *Ministers*—Edward A. McMaster, Frederick W. Palmer, Silas E. Persons, Charles G. Sewall; *Elders*—Thomas McVickers; Lucius M. Kinney, Douglas N. Green.

II. HOME MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Rice V. Hunter, Albert S. Bacon, Henry R. Fancher, Otis A. Smith; *Elders*—Horace Briggs, Henry G. Trout, Stephen M. Clement.

III. FOREIGN MISSIONS: *Ministers*—William F. Whitaker, A. Russell Stevenson, Albert C. Sewall, John J. Henning; *Elders*—A. J. Pitkin, James McKinney, William J. Milne.

IV. EDUCATION: *Ministers*—William F. Skinner, David H. Craver, James Robertson, Daniel A. Ferguson; *Elders*—Samuel F. Bagg, Rufus L. Sisson, Dr. Samuel W. Close.

V. PUBLICATION AND SABBATH SCHOOL WORK: *Ministers*—William W. Weller, Alfred H. Fahnestock, H. Grant Person, Arthur S. Hoyt; *Elders*—Dr. Whitman H. Jordan, Charles K. Scoon, Herman A. Carmer.

VI. CHURCH ERECTION: *Ministers*—Cleland B. McAfee, Warren H. Wilson, George T. Eddy, N. Woolsey Wells; *Elders*—Henry E. Ide, Andrew W. Kendrick, Stephen G. McNary.

VII. MINISTERIAL RELIEF: *Ministers*—J. Ross Stevenson, George Alexander, Daniel Russell, George S. Webster; *Elders*—H. Edwards Rowland, M. Linn Bruce, Hamilton Odell.

VIII. FREEDMEN: *Ministers*—Edward M. Deems, Charles N. Frost, R. Lew Williams, Daniel Mackay; *Elders*—Dr. Braisted, Victor E. French, George R. Noxon.

IX. AID FOR COLLEGES: *Ministers*—Howard Agnew Johnston, Howard Duffield, William P. Stevenson, John F. Carson; *Elders*—John Marshall Stuart, Homer Lee, J. Cleveland Cady.

X. YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES: *Ministers*—Robert Clements, J. Frederick Fitschen, Jr., Walter R. Ferris, Murray H. Gardner; *Elders*—F. M. Howell, Alexander Davidson, Herman A. Carmer.

XI. TEMPERANCE: *Ministers*—George B. Stewart, Charles P. Coit, William R. Taylor, David Wills, Jr.; *Elders*—Ralph E. Prime, Dr. John Fisher, Charles P. Mosher.

XII. LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE: *Ministers*—Alfonso R. Olney, Herbert M. Gesner, John R. Mackay, Richard Turnbull; *Elders*—W. H. Doughty, Horace B. Silliman, A. M. Sherman.

XIII. EVANGELISTIC WORK: *Ministers*—Wilton Merle Smith, Charles S. Lane, Douglas P. Birnie, Ford C. Ottman; *Elders*—Henry W. Jessup, Benjamin L. Amerman, Howard McDougall.

XIV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SYNODICAL MISSIONS: *Elders*—William H. Parsons, Theodore S. Hubbard, Albert P. Stevens, Benjamin P. Wayne, Horace B. Silliman, Charles B. Pearson, Rush Taggart, James Talcott; *Ministers*—Dana W. Bigelow, Henry Sloane Coffin, George Fairlee, J. Wilford Jacks.

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